## Wabash.

## **Class Agents Letter**

**Class of 1959** 

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Wabash 42—DePauw 35. At the end of first quarter DePauw led, 21—0. Then the miracle happened. The brand new Little Giant Stadium was rocking. It is the best stadium in Division III. <a href="https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news">https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news</a> ID=11828





Homecoming on September 18 was a big event with about 600 at Homecoming Lunch. Roger and Craig were there along with Hoyt Miller and John Horner. About 3,500 people were at the football game.

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news ID=11788

October 8 saw the formal Inauguration of Scott Feller as the 17th President of Wabash College. A formal Gala dinner in the Field House followed. Roger, Bob, and Craig were in attendance. https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news ID=11795







At the November 6 class agents meeting Michelle Janssen, Dean for College Advancement said, "We raised more money per student than any other college in the nation and Wabash has a \$400 million endowment." President Feller talked about student loyalty. Taking a visiting Lilly Foundation representative into the Lilly Library, explaining what makes the College special, told the visitor, "I'm going to stop a student and ask him to recite the College Mission Statement. The visitor looked skeptical, but I knew it would happen. The student said, "A Wabash man thinks critically, acts responsibly, leads effectively, lives humanely".

To attract students, we have improved our messaging. It is outcome based, that is, it emphasizes what a Wabash education does for young men. A 100% first destination job or graduate school within six (6) months of graduation. We have a superb placement office called Career Services. Of note is that 88% of graduates participated in a college sponsored internship. Our biology majors earn a higher starting salary than Purdue University. Remarkably, in this age where 60% of college students are women, Wabash is 100 applications ahead of their record for five (5) years.

Wabash did not miss a single day of in-person classes during the pandemic. Try to find another College with a record like that! President Feller said, "You can't tell at Wabash which students are rich and which are poor because they all dress poorly! Eating is one of the things we do best". Many students would like a central place for food on the weekend.

We are sad to report the loss of our classmates,

- Sherm Franz <a href="https://www.barkesweaverglick.com/obituaries/Dr-Sherman-G-Franz?obld=21474377">https://www.barkesweaverglick.com/obituaries/Dr-Sherman-G-Franz?obld=21474377</a>
- Marvin Buck https://www.burtonquinnscott.com/obituaries/obituary/marvin-buck
- Dave Bechtold <a href="https://www.hahnfuneralhomes.com/obituary/DrDavid-Bechtold">https://www.hahnfuneralhomes.com/obituary/DrDavid-Bechtold</a>
- Art Fontanes Art's obituary will be printed in the next issue of the "Wabash Magazine."
- Ray Riddle passed away on September 27, 2020 according to information provided by his son.

Wabash needs information on potential recruits. Call or email us and we will get the information to the Admissions Office. Or follow the link below to refer a student <a href="https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer">https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer</a>

Everything you want to know about Wabash can be found at <a href="https://www.wabash.edu/www/">https://www.wabash.edu/www/</a>. www="Wherever, Whatever, Wabash"

Roger, Bob and Craig