

Class of 1961

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Dear Many Miler:

Well, here I am! Having renewed my contract with the Alumni Office after a very long absence. I wish you best greetings in hopes that you and yours have managed to work your way thru the pandemic without serious issues.



Wabash College is just completing a spectacular year. Academically, Athletically and Financially. Wabash faculty continue to receive special grants to further their desired work. Wabash students continue to achieve superior awards. Cooper Smith '23 earned a Truman Scholarship. On the athletic front, where over 60% of the student body spends time, the record book is full of success.

After an up and down fall of football, the Little Giants found themselves down 21-0 to DePauw in the first Monon Bell game in new Little Giant Stadium. Coach Morel called the boys over and made some offensive changes. Against an undefeated North Coast Athletic League, our guys kicked butt and pulled out a win 42-35, thus returning the Bell to its proper place in the Bowerman Lobby of the Allen Center.

The basketball team lost three games early, then ripped off 24 straight wins (a record). They were very fun to watch as the team worked together as a team. The Little Giants made it to the Div III Final Four in the newly renovated Ft. Wayne Coliseum. Wabash lost to Elmhurst University who has been a frequent visitor to Final Four. A flagrant foul against our only big man, Kellen Schreiber resulted in his ejection from the game. Certainly not intentional, it was a disaster to Wabash. They double teamed Jack Davidson the rest of the game which kept him to 29 points! Davidson is the Jostens Trophy winner as the most Outstanding Div III player. Jack posted over 2000 points in his career, including 95 consecutive free throws. Congratulations to Coach Kyle Brumett and his staff for a great year. Wabash won the Final Four in 1922 and 1982. We were hoping for a third!!!

The Wabash wrestling team finished second in the team race for a national championship at the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships, finishing just one point behind Wartburg. Wrestling at 197 pounds, National Runner-Up Jack Heldt '23 won the Elite 90 award. He's a biology and rhetoric double major from Carmel, Ind. with a 4.0 GPA.

The Clyde Morgan coached track and field teams have dominated the NCAC League for the past two years. We have a string of outstanding track & field coaches! Owen Huntsman, Rob Johnson and now Clyde Morgan. WOW! Congrats, Coach.

Big Bash was held on campus June 3-5. The Class of 1972 received their 50 year medallions, and it was a gorgeous weekend. The Class of 1961 was represented by Aus & Lucy Brooks, Sam & Susie Hildebrand and your newly contracted Class Agent! President Scott Feller spoke of the great year with optimism about the year ahead. There is no denying the fact that demographics of 18 year old boys heading for college is not good! Wabash now has full time recruiters in Chicago, Phoenix and Dallas. Currently, around 270 young men are set to join the Class of 2026 this fall.

'Sorry to report the tragic death of my son, John Bryant Bachman II, age 54 on May 10. His wife came home from teaching and found him on the kitchen floor. He was a great son, and I miss him. He was lead bartender at the Grandview Golf Club in Anderson (500 yards from where he grew up!) After the funeral the bar was opened to all who came, and a high school buddy picked up the bar tab for the whole bunch.



Many Miler: please check to see if you have sent your support to Wabash this year. We are nearing a possibility of 40% alumni participation this year, but every one of us needs to be on board. This is one factor that keeps Wabash at the top for Best Alumni Network each

year. Check to see whether your name is on the Honor Roll here:

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Many Miles Before the Night....

J B



Many Milers meeting for lunch!



Bowermans celebrate their 62nd anniversary



Birdy got flowers from '61



John always wore shorts!