



## Class Agents Letter

Class of 1966

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Dear men of '66,

The 2019-2020 school year has begun, and it looks to be another terrific year at Wabash.

On 7/27 the football staff hosted a recruiting day for high school juniors and seniors. Only those students with a 3.3 GPA and higher were invited. Ninety-six prospects and two hundred parents and friends attended. A football highlight video was shown, and there were numerous shots of the Ken Keuffel single wing teams of our era. Lynn Garrard, Allan Anderson, Bill Ferguson and John May were in some of those plays. I served as a tour guide for about forty players and parents that ended up on the football field with a huge speaker playing the broadcast of last year's Bell victory. Our coaches do a tremendous job of recruiting.

On 8/14 one hundred and twenty-nine young men reported for football camp. We have a veteran group returning and some great looking freshmen. Spirits are high, and the team is looking for a great year. I try and attend practice each afternoon and really enjoy getting to know the players. It is interesting to listen to them as their conversations are more about the classes they are taking, internship opportunities, summer experiences and career plans.

On 8/17 President Hess rang in the class of 2023 in the Chapel. There are two hundred and thirty-five new students this year. That number is somewhat smaller than hoped for, so the administration will work very hard (as they always do) on student retention. The student body population will be around eight hundred and fifty. The fraternities all seem to have gotten the number of pledges they hoped for, and I believe the Greek population will be around sixty-two percent as in past years.

Crawfordsville is a great place to be in the Fall, and a Saturday home football game makes it very special. Our first home football game is on 9/28 and this is also Homecoming. We play Denison, and they were the only team that beat us last year.



Our players are hungry for this game! The weekend starts with Freshman Chapel sing on Thursday 9/26, and if you haven't seen this for a while you will really enjoy watching the Rhynes belt out Old Wabash. There are no "W" haircuts anymore, and instead the Rhynes (now called Wallys) are rewarded with a red "W" spray painted on their white T-shirts if they know the words. They earn their first letter! Check out the Fall sports schedule on the Wabash web site and plan to attend some events of interest to you. By the way, we still have a queen contest at Homecoming (still as charming as ever!), but the queens are now raising money for charity.

Bill Summers has been in touch with Joe O'Rourke, and Bill's email follows:

Greetings all,

Joe O'Rourke is now in Des Moines and I'm just back from a short visit to his room at Wesley Acres and we will be spending an afternoon or two going forward. Just now he indicated that he would be delighted to receive letters, cards from you all and any other alums you know who might like to share memories or life stories.

The mailing address is simple:

**Joseph O'Rourke  
Wesley Acres  
3520 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50312**

Robin and I live just 5 min away from Wesley Acres. Joe chose Des Moines because his son lives in Davenport. Joe seems in good health but is currently in the nursing wing right now...hopefully to return to his room.

I expect to spend afternoons with Joe for the foreseeable future. Life in DSM is slow and I have time on my hands and visiting with Joe will be good.

His eyes lit up when I asked if would like mail from alums. Don't hold back.

Cal, I did mention to Joe that you and Marsha were missing him this late summer/fall. Past the word on.

With best regards,

WS

Please reach out to Joe as it would be very meaningful for him.

Jay and I would love to hear from you so we have more information for our class letters. Tell us about your family, hobbies, retirement activities, etc. that we may share with our classmates.

"These fleeting years...."

Cal