

Class of 1967

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Greetings Classmates,

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A wide range of subjects for this letter. Please sit down with your favorite TWR and read, hopefully enjoy, and please send us your news..

We Appreciate our Veterans

Here is a wonderful message that was sent from campus on November 11:

Subject: Veterans Day

Hello Wabash!

If you are able, please join us on the mall at 1100 to honor the veterans of our armed forces. The song or hymn for five of the branches will played after the clock strikes 1100:

Army: "The Army Goes Rolling Along"

Marine Corps: "The Marine's Hymn"

Navy: "Anchors Aweigh"

Air Force: "Official U.S. Air Force Song"

Coast Guard: "Semper Paratus"

Space Force: "Invincible Eagle" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Neu3lLSK8I>

CPL Koppelman, US Army, 13M20, 2001 – 2004

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Many thanks to all our veterans!!

Stephenson Institute

Wabash College President Scott Feller has announced that a \$10.6 million gift will enable the College to launch the Stephenson Institute for Classical Liberalism, which supports the College as a forum for understanding the foundations of a free society.



Richard J Stephenson and
Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson

The Stephenson Institute is made possible by the support of Richard J Stephenson '62 and his wife, Dr. Stacie J. Stephenson, along with his family, including Wabash alumni Dr. Christopher ('87) and Jamie Stephenson and Shawn ('98) and Morgan Stephenson.

The Stephenson Institute will complement the work of Wabash's existing co-curricular initiatives, providing a student-centered forum that asks important questions about personal responsibility, individual rights, freedom of speech, and the indispensability of freedom.

"At Wabash, we educate students to 'act responsibly' and to 'lead effectively' with the understanding that they will go out into the world to act and lead in ways that support human flourishing—and the work supported by the Stephenson family will reinforce these efforts," President Feller said. "At a moment when people are questioning higher education's commitment to open inquiry, the Stephenson family's gift is a strong endorsement of Wabash College as an institution that continues to discuss and debate big ideas rather than ideology."

President Feller joined the Stephenson family and over 130 guests at the Hotel Carmichael in Carmel, Indiana to celebrate the launch of the Stephenson Institute on October 15. George F. Will, America's foremost political columnist, provided the evening's keynote address, "Why I (Still) Believe in Classical Liberalism."

Mr. Stephenson grew up with modest means in small-town Sheridan, Indiana. Between his parents' positive attitude and his own personal initiative, Mr. Stephenson became convinced of the importance of the individual in maintaining a free society. As he was working his way through school while attending Wabash College, Mr. Stephenson met the late Economics Professor Benjamin Rogge, and became immersed in the principles of a free and open society.

"Early on, Ben Rogge introduced me to the leading lights of an important generation of scholars—Milton Friedman, Friedrich Hayek, Ludwig von Mises—and they became my teachers," Mr. Stephenson said.

After graduating from Wabash, Stephenson would go on to become an entrepreneur and merchant banker. While studying at Northwestern University's Law School, he established International Capital Investment Company, for which he still serves as chairman. He's a member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, a philanthropist, and the founder of Cancer Treatment Centers of America, Gateway for Cancer Research, and numerous other businesses and charitable organizations. For his service to others, the National Association of Wabash Men bestowed upon him the Clarence A. Jackson Distinguished Career Achievement Award.

For Mr. Stephenson's lifelong dedication to promoting classical liberalism and entrepreneurial freedom, he received the Hayek Lifetime Achievement Award from the Austrian Economics Center and Hayek Institute, and the Leonard E. Read Distinguished Alumni Award from the Foundation for Economic Education.

Mr. Stephenson was shaped by Wabash's legendary Gentleman's Rule, which states that a student must "conduct himself at all times, both on and off campus, as a gentleman and a responsible citizen." This simple rule for student conduct celebrates personal responsibility. As Mr. Stephenson explains, this sense of moral responsibility led him to give back, including to Wabash students who are just getting started: "When you see someone less well off than yourself, and you are in a unique position to do something about it, you step into the opportunity," said Mr. Stephenson.

Thanks to Mr. Stephenson's generosity, the entire Wabash College community will benefit from new lectures and workshops organized by the Institute, as students engage in conversations with world-class thought leaders. Professors will be able to accelerate their research projects, improve course offerings, and plan more student immersion trips. More students will be supported in summer internships with national and international public policy organizations aligned with the mission of the Stephenson Institute.

In a pre-launch phase of the gift that began last fall, funded by Dr. Christopher Stephenson '87 and his wife, Jamie, many students have already benefitted from paid internships they held last summer. Bryce McCullough '23 explained the value of his stipend: "I was able to live in D.C. without rent or food costs hanging over my head... It was one of the best experiences of my life—filled with networking and learning, including connecting with Wabash alumni living in the nation's capital."

"The College began expanding its public-policy offerings under the Wabash Public Policy Project (WPPP) last fall," said Acting Director Lewis McCrary. "With the launch of the Stephenson Institute, we will be able to extend the range of programs the College offers to students."

This continued expansion also includes renovating a historic home near the center of the campus, which will house new offices for the Institute's staff and student fellows.

"Thanks to Dick Stephenson's leadership and generosity," said McCrary, "the new programs of the Stephenson Institute will contribute to Wabash's robust intellectual life, bringing our students additional opportunities that change lives."

Photos of the Plaza

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On a Related Note

“Merit, Fairness and Equality (**MFE**) whereby university applicants are treated as individuals and evaluated through a rigorous and unbiased process based on their merit and qualifications alone.” -- University of Chicago professor Dorian Abbot.

That is a basic concept, along with single sex environment, that attracted me to Wabash. As our previous generation commented about those they admired: “He is a Gentleman and a Scholar”.

Lilly Contribution

Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded an \$8.5 million grant to Wabash College to support programming for the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (Wabash Center) through 2025.

Established in 1996, the Wabash Center is committed to enhancing teaching in theology and religion in North American theological schools, colleges, and universities. Through workshops in Crawfordsville, webinars and other online seminars, resource creation and curation, and a re-granting program, the Wabash Center offers faculty in higher education a space for conversation about critically reflective and socially responsive teaching in the fields of theology and religion.

“Throughout its nearly 200 years, Wabash College has valued the work of religion teachers, scholars, and theologians,” said Dr. Scott E. Feller, Wabash College President. “The high quality and longstanding influence of the Wabash Center continues our foundational endeavor: excellence in teaching and learning. We thank Lilly Endowment for 25 years of support for the Wabash Center.”



With this newly awarded grant, the Wabash Center will continue to offer both on-campus and hybrid workshops. Since its founding, the Wabash Center's operations have been fully funded by Lilly Endowment with a total support of nearly \$68 million. Awards come in three-year cycles with this grant covering the 2022-25 term. Here is the link to the full article:

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11799

Classmate News

Come on, guys! There must be something going on in your lives you'd like to share. But, since we've had no input I'll skip to our sophomores.

Class of '66 Donation

On October 16 the Class of '66 held their 55th reunion and made a gift of nearly \$3.3 million to dedicate The Class of '66 Lodge.

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I was on campus that weekend and spent time with many from '66, renewing friendships and sharing old stories. I must tell you, the hazing was not nearly as nasty as in '63! Perhaps there is still hope for this class.

If you know the Charlie Daniels Band rendition of *The Devil Went Down to Georgia*, then this will resonate particularly well. If not, it is still a priceless piece of work by John Lennes '66. https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/GENESIS_OF_OLD_WABASH.pdf

Admissions and Athletic Recruiting

There were 219 new freshmen this year with 42 legacies. It is always interesting to see how many students participate in varsity sports out of the entire student body of approximately 870 students. These are the numbers for each sport:

Baseball-41	Basketball-19	Cross Country-23	Football-125
Golf-14	Lacrosse-25	Soccer-38	Swimming-30
Tennis-13	Track and Field-50	Volleyball-13	Wrestling-61

The fall sports did not fare very well, despite the significant numbers in athletic participation. However, the bright spot was the football team beating **TTDS** (That Team Down South) to return **The Bell** to its rightful home.

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2021/11/13/football-grit-and-monon-bell-magic-bring-the-bell-home.aspx>





Now on to winter sports! The wrestling team is ranked **#2 nationally** in the preseason poll and the basketball team is picked **#2** in the NCAC.

Additional remembrances of Max:

Max Servies

The service for Max on October 17 was standing room only, as the Burkhart funeral home filled quickly. There have been a number of comments on the funeral home website about Max, all with the same theme of what a caring person he was and his impact on others. I received several notes from classmates and former wrestlers of our era, all with the same theme of treasured memories. I would like to add my comments and those of a few other alumni.

Duane What a great man Max was. To me he was a brother, coach, mentor, and just a damn good friend. I treasure the remembrances of our times together, during college and after. Max was the personification of Wabash.

Max was always supportive and very seldom got angry. But he did with me only once and it was a life lesson. After a tough match I attempted to alibi my loss saying "I couldn't." He said, "Don't tell me you can't; that means you won't."

Max helped me significantly stay at Wabash and with my career search senior year – he found financial assistance, provided superb recommendations for my job applications, and kicked my butt when necessary (which was more than once!).

Every trip to Crawfordsville, or Florida when Max and Nancy lived there, included a visit with them. Max and I retold our wrestling stories so often that Nancy and Mary Ann usually finished them for us!

John May What a loss for the Wabash Community. Duane, knowing of your close relationship, wish that I could say more to comfort you in particular and all the others to whom Max was more than a coach and teacher. Max was the ideal representative of Wabash; larger than life, unpretentious, a keen intelligence, and able to communicate with his men, both on and off the wrestling mats or the football field. Having a mentor is a gift, but I truly think that Max was much more to so many. Be of good spirits, you knew him well.

Dick Gray '66 Max was one of the most influential people in my life. As wrestling coach, he was humble, tolerant, and always supportive. He was a big man with a matching memorable laugh. His delivery was country-genuine. Unforgettable!! He had a heart of gold and a golden personality. As many of us know, the wrestling room wasn't always fun and was never easy. And through it all, Max would never let us get our dobber down. I can hear him saying that to this day. "Now, Rooster, don't get your dobber down. It'll be ok". And I guarantee there'll be no dangling dobbers in heaven either. He is some Little Giant!!!

Mark Sutton '68 Max was the consummate caring coach whose focus was always more on the kids who wrestled for him than on what his final coaching record would read. If one of Max's wrestlers needed to miss practice in order to keep up with his studies, so be it. No other discussion required because Max always had his (and our) priorities straight. He leaves behind a big legacy but a bigger hole in the hearts of those of us who wrestled for him and now send our love to Nancy and his family.

Mark your calendars for our 55th reunion, June 3 – 5, 2022.

Best wishes to all for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Duane

