



## Class Agents Letter

**Class of 1967**

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### *Greetings Classmates*

There has been so much happening at Wabash recently, that Earl and I feel it is time to send another class letter to draw your attention to many “positives”.

You may have seen headlines and supporting stories regarding the subject “By the Numbers”. I won’t repeat all the details, but what our College’s students and alumni continue to accomplish is amazing! Please take a look at some recent facts -----

#### **WABASH RANKINGS BY PRINCETON REVIEW**

[https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11454](https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11454)

- 2 Best alumni network
- 2 Best internship program
- 3 Most accessible profs
- 4 Lots of Greek life
- 5 Everyone plays intramural sports
- 10 Profs get high marks
- 10 Best college newspaper

#### **CAREER SERVICES**

87% of 2018 grads landed in first destination choice at graduation

100% landed in a position within six months (national average is 64%)

87% of grads would choose Wabash again



## **BIG BASH 2019**

293 alumni attended; 20 from Class of '59 for a new 60 year record

Class of '69 donated \$12.7 million

## **DAY OF GIVING 2019**

\$1,165,444 total, 5238 gifts, 3805 donors

## **ANNUAL FUND**

\$3,403,071 donated

43.5% participation (45% will put us in Top 15!)

Class of '67 tied with '69 and '51 with 56% participation

***THANK YOU, CLASSMATES!!!!***

## ***Homecoming 2019***

As always, this was a weekend of athletic contests and tailgates, numerous campus events, living unit competition (Lambda Chi won the overall trophy), and coming HOME to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

There was extensive tailgating activity, with the traditional Wabash camaraderie that transcends all eras. I met a number of students and parents before and after the game and was reenergized by their enthusiasm for Wabash.

As for the games, the soccer team beat Wooster 3-0, improving to 5-3-1 and starting 1-0 in the NCAC. The football team came alive in the second half to beat a previously unbeaten Denison, 34-20, and stay unbeaten in the NCAC at 2-0. The game was close until the 4<sup>th</sup> Q when an interception and long run put us ahead to stay. More details below:

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/9/28/football-two-late-touchdowns-lead-to-wabash-homecoming-win-over-denison.aspx>

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/10/1/kelly-named-to-d3football-com-team-of-the-week.aspx>

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/9/30/general-thompson-wunderlich-named-ncac-athletes-of-the-week.aspx>

<https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/9/28/soccer-opens-ncac-play-with-3-0-homecoming-win-over-wooster.aspx>

### ***More Football***

John Kerezy '77 spearheaded an effort to get NE Ohio and Western PA alums together for a tailgate at the Allegheny game, the week prior to Homecoming. We joined with Wabash football parents/families and amazed the 'Gheny tailgaters with our numbers and enthusiasm.

One of the attendees was **John Newport '67**. We had not seen each other since graduation and we spent an insufficient amount of time trying to catch up. Also in attendance was Walter Henry, one of Bullet Bob's sons. He is several years younger, but still had many Wabash stories of our era to share.



*Duane and John*



*Several of our tailgaters*



*Here is a current picture of the Henry brothers.  
**Dennis**, one of our classmates, is on the left.*

### ***Max Servies' Book***

One of the Homecoming weekend highlights, especially for me, was the book signing event for Max Servies. On Friday, The College celebrated the publication of a long-awaited book, *Some Little Giants: A Brief Wabash College Athletics History, 1866-2017*, written by alumnus and long-time Athletic Director and multi-sport coach, Max Servies '58. The reception included remarks from Max and editor David Phillips H'83.

The book is an enjoyable read and is available on line from the bookstore.

<http://www.wabash.edu/bookstore>



*Duane and Max at the celebration*

I met with Max, again, on Saturday morning to retell many old stories. As always, our wives rolled their eyes and laughed at the appropriate times!

Link to more photos from the book signing event:

[https://www.wabash.edu/photo\\_album/home.cfm?photo\\_id=76323&photo\\_album\\_id=5163](https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_id=76323&photo_album_id=5163)

*The event drew a large crowd, filling much of the main floor in the library. At the conclusion, many current and former wrestlers posed for a group photo.*



### ***Giant Steps Campaign***

The initial announcement was made last fall:

[https://wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news\\_ID=11306](https://wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11306)

The campaign will focus on four specific areas: further endowing Wabash's generous scholarship programs; funding faculty professorships, chairs, and academic programs; providing immersive learning experiences for all Wabash students; and funding capital projects and the Annual Fund.

President Hess also announced the single largest gift ever given to Wabash. Paul Woolls '75 and his wife, Betty O'Shaughnessy Woolls, have made a \$40 million unrestricted gift to Wabash.

In our Class Agent Forum on Saturday, President Hess informed us that we continue to march closer to the goal. He described the key facility enhancements in the Plan: Lilly Library, Sparks Center, Morris and Wolcott halls, and Center Hall. You may recall that all of these buildings, except Center Hall, were new about the time of our arrival on campus. It makes sense that these structures require some physical attention, just as many of us do!



There are many ways to support the Giant Steps Campaign:

<https://www.wabash.edu/giantsteps/> **PLEASE PARTICIPATE.** Whether through an outright annual contribution or an estate provision, your gift will have a direct impact on Wabash students and will help move the College forward.

### ***Little Giant Stadium***

On a separate, but related note, the College has received funding for a new football stadium that will open when the Little Giants host Rose-Hulman on September 5, 2020. Wabash President Gregory Hess made the announcement of the \$13 million Little Giant Stadium, which will include seating for 3,550 fans in the main grandstand, suites, and the W Club Lounge. The new facility will also include game operations and media booths, relocated scoreboard, a new playing surface, all-weather track, and expanded restroom and upgraded concession areas. Ground will be broken on Saturday, November 9.

"An anonymous group of donors has pledged substantial funding for the construction of Little Giant Stadium and we are grateful for their passion, enthusiasm, and commitment to our students," President Hess said. "This project and a complete renovation of Lilly Library constitute phase one of our Campus Master Plan implementation."

For more details: <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2019/9/25/football-wabash-college-to-build-new-little-giant-stadium.aspx>

### ***mybash***

There is so much positive happening on campus. Here is a link to keep yourself current: <https://www.wabash.edu/mybash/>

### ***News Pirated From Class of '66 Letter***

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."

Once again I encourage you to read letters from other Class Agents for more news and another way to stay in touch with alumni. <https://wabash.edu/alumni/notes>

### ***Your News***

**PLEASE SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!!** The more news we have from you all, the less space we have in these letters for my "jokes"!!!

***Duane***