



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Dear Classmates,

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Classmate News

Thanks to everyone who wrote us. We appreciate your interesting comments.

But, we're never satisfied, so please send us more – Wabash stories, your current activities and news, anecdotes, pictures, whatever!

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From **Tom Brown:**

Hi Duane and Earl,

I've had some great email exchanges with Dennis Henry. I wonder how many know that he had his own TV-radio repair service by 8th grade and that he collected used pinball machines in his parents' basement and studied their circuitry. I recommend his three articles in Pingame Journal and also his article on a summer during his Wabash years in the Signal Department of Northern Pacific Railroad in Trains Magazine. Many have probably seen his Wabash on Film 1963-1967.

Cordially,

Tom

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From **Phil Coons:**

I was particularly struck by David Decker's memoir which appeared in our most recent Class Agent Newsletter.

I've been to many places where I used to live. Many are still standing and used as residences. One is entirely remodeled. My favorite home away from home, my grandmother Coons' home south of Crawfordsville, burned down. Many fond memories were stored here...my



grandmother's cooking, her gardens, both vegetable and flower, family reunions, hikes in the woods, my bedroom upstairs, the lights of the cars passing the house at night, tweeting birds, the big barn and it's wonders. both inside and outside. This is where a fraternity brother and I housed our dates on weekends while we attended Wabash College.

I was blown away by David's description of the war and its attendant horrors in South Vietnam. It left me speechless. Thanks, David, for your poignant memories.

Phil

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From **Paul Robinson**:

Nerd,

We are still in Montana this summer; since May 3. May stay here until a vaccine shows up. Congrats on getting your knee done! Tough surgery. Another thing about your Class Letter - the letters are so well written. I'm envious... Decker and Henry are very skillful writers. Impressive.

Robbie

More from **Robbie**:

Hi Nerd,

I hope you and MaryAnn are doing well. We are pretty good up here in Montana.

While cleaning out a closet, I stumbled upon a number of Wabash Annuals in my closet, most of which I don't need. So if you could announce, in our Class Agent letter, that I have the following years available (for free): 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965.

If anyone would like one(s), let me know where they want it shipped (also for free), and I will get it out to them fairly quickly, once I get back to Arizona in early December.

Thanks, Robbie

WAF

Paul J. Robinson's email: pcrobbie@gmail.com cell #480-620-9980

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Exchange between **John May and Duane**:

Duane,

As usual, fine job given the reticence nature of our contemporaries in sharing thoughts and deeper insights that age has and will fostered. Geographic dislocation is part and parcel for a majority of college grads and Wabash is probably more prone than most. The percentage of classmates going for advanced studies is an omen of further adventures away from "home".

To return to your old neighborhood is truly a two edge sword. The breath and width of the fields and yards that were our playgrounds and sites of exploration and individual education are so much less in reality than in the recalling in mind and storylines. It is fact of maturity that life was

not a five mile trek to school - uphill and in snow - both ways. Be that as it may, memories are forever no matter the revisions imposed by actuality.

Shared experiences are always funnier and scarier in the retelling with a brother or another of the rat pack that we all, in some form or another, had been affiliated with. Tales and legends are the product of those escapes and in some small way the kernel of our ethos and heritage.

Granted playing Spud or Red Rover is not the Iliad, but in OUR memories - your bravery or cunning in putting a bully in his place - MAGNIFICENT!

All of this is really just a long means of complementing your choice of words - PERIPATETIC damnation and hell fire - just GREAT

Enough from this old hack - Be healthy and enjoy the rides - Best to all
WAF
John

John

Thank you for reading the class letters, taking the time to respond with a nice compliment, and giving me a reason to use my dictionary (PERIPATETIC)!!

I really appreciate your thoughtful comments. Perhaps we all have a bit more time now to reflect on history, our lives, and "do you remembers". I treasure my Wabash memories, both during time on campus and experiences with alumni involvement. (The West Wabash house I lived in junior and senior years, with four others, was "gutted" and scrubbed and returned to inhabatability!)

I've returned to Findlay a number of times, mostly for HS class reunions. Each time I think about how cloistered my pre-Wabash years were and that I never imagined "the places I'd go and the things I'd see". Forty-nine foreign countries on four continents is a lot of "going and seeing".

Be well; all the best to you and Laura, and the rest of your family. I hope you have a future Wally in the group! I'm working on both my grandsons.

Duane

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From **Rick Helm**:

A truck loaded with thousands of copies of Roget's Thesaurus crashed yesterday losing its entire load. Witnesses were stunned, startled, aghast, taken aback, stupefied, confused, shocked, rattled, paralyses, dazed, bewildered, mixed up, surprised, awed, dumbfounded, nonplussed, flabbergasted, astounded, amazed, confounded, astonished, overwhelmed, horrified, numbed, speechless, perplexed.....

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Wabash Rankings

Wabash Ranks Prominently in U.S. News Rankings

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The College was ranked No. 21 nationally by *U.S. News* as a Best Value School, a measure of both academic quality and cost, which was the highest value ranking for any school in the state. Further, Wabash was ranked 23rd among all National Liberal Arts Colleges for Best Undergraduate Teaching.

These rankings come on the heels of Wabash being named one of U.S. News places Wabash in the top tier of national liberal arts colleges, the best institutions for undergraduate education by *The Princeton Review* in its 2021 listing of the top 386 schools nationally, ranking No. 4 for the “Most Accessible Professors” and No. 8 for “Professors Get High Marks.” The College also received high marks for “Great Financial Aid (No. 17),” “Best Class Experience (No. 19),” and “Best-Run Colleges (No. 20).”

Additionally, Wabash was one of 40 schools nationally included in the bestselling book, *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*.

Complete article: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11621

Update on the Stadium

Little Giant Stadium construction, September 2020 update, with AD Matt Tanney '05.

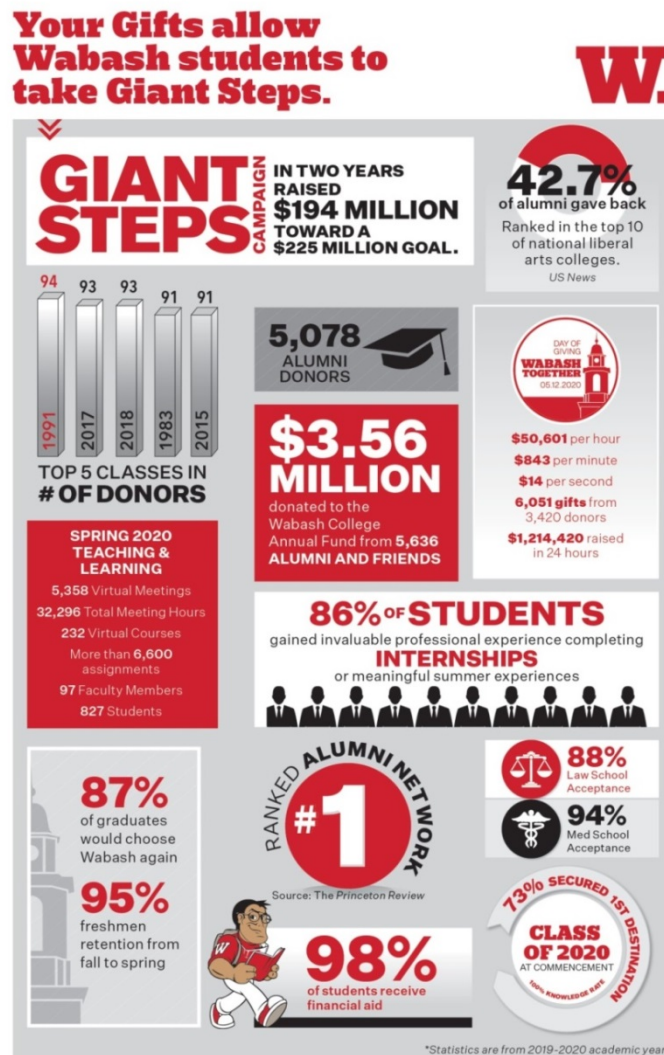
VIDEO <https://youtu.be/cHr1QMEMfTQ>

I look forward to the REAL opening of the stadium and tailgates!! This seems like an “open” autumn, with little to do on Saturdays but watch tv football that holds little interest for most everyone, except the SEC and ACC folks. At last, the Big 10 is supposed to have a few games starting in late October.

Other Class News

I hope you all explore other class letters, on the Wabash website, after you finish the '67 letters. Two others in particular. My former teammate and friend, Jim Roper '68, writes fantastic class letters, with lots of news AND pictures! (HINT!!). And, even tho they harassed us our freshman year, friends Cal and Jay do a great job with the '66 letters.

Thank You for Your Gifts



All the best to everyone!

Stay healthy!

Duane