

### Class of 1977

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## NEWS FROM THE CAMPUS

### IMMERSION TRIPS

Back when we were students, we'd be grateful for James Buchanan Elmore Day and then a few days off for Thanksgiving. Today Wabash students go on nine or 10-day fall immersion trips. Groups of Wabash men traveled to Europe to see and study some of the classic architecture there, to California as part of a "Chemistry and Wine" experience, and most significantly (in my humble opinion) a Civil Rights Immersion Trip. On the latter, students and faculty visited and learned about the U.S. Civil Rights movement through stops in Memphis, Birmingham, Sumner Mississippi, Atlanta, and other places. Students returned to Indiana on November 28, and resumed classes on November 29. It's certainly a memorable and educational way to spend Thanksgiving.

The college's Communications & Marketing Dept. produced a terrific podcast about the Civil Rights Immersion Trip. You can access it here:

[https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/immersion-civil-rights-pre-trip-](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/immersion-civil-rights-pre-trip-2021/id855321475?i=1000542733732)

[2021/id855321475?i=1000542733732](https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/immersion-civil-rights-pre-trip-2021/id855321475?i=1000542733732). Remember that you can always check in with the college's communications activities via this website: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/>



### STEPHENSON INSTITUTE

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. 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.

## MONON BELL TRIUMPH

### 45 years later, DePauw still Eats Zucchini

We were thrilled when, led in part by GARY NONDORF's running, we won back the Monon Bell in a 14-7 contest our senior year. Who back then would have imagined that 45 years later, the Wabash-DePauw game would bring back more alumni back to the campus than Homecoming, and that the game would be nationally telecast? KEVIN CLIFFORD brought Archie Manning (Peyton and Eli's father) and Chris Ballard, general manager of the Indianapolis Colts to the November 13 contest. Dozens of other members of the Class of '77 made their way to the new Little Giant Stadium to watch Wabash come from behind (shades of 1976) to upset DePauw 42-35 on Frank Navarro Field. It was a great end to a less-than-thrilling season for the Little Giant footballers, who were pre-season favorites to win the North Coast Athletic Conference title. DePauw took that honor, but they left the Monon Bell where it belongs back at Wabash.

It was especially sweet for our classmate RANDY RIPPY, who came back and visited with his Phi Gamma Delta fraternity brothers AND his son Andrew, who is a senior on campus! (At right.) See more photos from the Monon Bell game on the next page. Thanks PAUL VAN NESS and TED FERGUSON for sending photos to us from the weekend. Wabash's chief of staff Jim Amidon took the action photograph which is on the fifth page of the letter, by the way.



## REUNION PLANS CONTINUE

Greg, Herm and I are talking regularly and moving along with plans to celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion at the Big Bash in June 3-5, 2022. Circle those dates on your calendar and plan now to attend. We'll have a lot more details about some of the plans and Reunion Weekend activities in our next communication to you in early January.

If you want to check up on other classes and their activities, or revisit past class letters, or learn more about alumni at the college in general, you can do so through this link (It is easier than the other route):

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/>



## AT END

Remember Wabash as you make your year-end charity and non-profit contributions.

Greg and Carroll, Herm & Kitty, and Kathy and I wish you health, safety, and the best of times as you gather with family and close friends for the Holiday Season.



## 2021 MONON BELL PHOTOGRAPHS











