

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

The 2024-2025 school year has started and here are some numbers that may be of interest to you:

Total number of students-882

New students-267 which includes 24 international (record), and 60% of students are Greek.

Legacies in the new class-47

Athletes out for each sport:

Baseball-51

Basketball-19

Cross country-22

Football-145

Golf-17

Lacrosse-40

Soccer-38

Swimming-41

Tennis-17

Track and field-69

Volleyball-19

Wrestling-45

Our class continues to give back to Wabash in many different ways. Here is a great example of that as Dennis Whigham developed an innovative program that supports internships for our students.



This summer Rob Rudicel '92, Max's son, was on campus for new trustee orientation and

attended early morning summer football team practice. Rob said that his father had delivered a baby on his birthday when he (Max) turned 75 and also when he turned 80. Max Rudicel-Some Little Giant!

Charlie Bell was here for the first weekend of the football season and watched the Little Giants beat St. Norbert (WI) by a score of 31-0. Charlie and Janet plan to return for the Denison game on 11/2/24, and he loves driving his new Tesla from Geneva, IL to C'ville! You may not know this, but after a distinguished career in education in St. Charles, IL he now has a grade school named for him. Charlie Bell-Some Little Giant!



Homecoming is always a great time at Wabash, and this year several classmates attended. Stan Vogel emailed and said he would attend as his brother, Gordon '72, was to receive his Honorary Bachelor's Degree. Gordon left Wabash after three years to enter medical school so had never officially graduated. The College reviews these special circumstances and honors those who obviously would have earned the Wabash sheepskin.

John and Patti Flanagan drove from their home in Flossmoor, Illinois and attended the Homecoming festivities. They dated throughout high school and college (Patti attended DePauw) and are true

Wabash fans and devoted supporters of the College. John has had a distinguished career as president of

a major publishing company in Chicago and is now retired. He continually looks for new ways to support Wabash in addition to his already significant contributions to our Alma Mater. John Flanagan-Some Little Giant!

Brent Smith attended Homecoming and had a great time with his Beta brothers. Brent attended Wabash one year and then transferred to Yale. He has said that move was not what he envisioned and perhaps should have stayed at Wabash. Brent's father was in the class of '36 and was also a Beta.

Jay and Marty Fisher drove from their home in Michigan and attended the Kane Society reception prior to Homecoming Chapel. The Kane Society is for those who have made planned gifts to the College. Jay and Marty were in the W-Club for the football game. The W-Club is the enclosed top level of the new football stadium that has suites, broadcast booths, etc. It is a wonderful facility and enhances the Wabash game day experience.

Stan Walker has promised to provide a glimpse into his family life and distinguished military career for an upcoming class letter. He is a true patriot and loyal supporter of our country and Wabash.

The Wabash athletic department has two new hires. The first is David Williams who is the new strength and conditioning coach. David has experience at the high school, college and NFL levels. He can be seen at 6am putting our athletes through rather rigorous workouts. This is a great addition to our athletic department and will certainly enhance our programs going forward.

The second addition in the athletic department is Mac Lozer who is the pitching coach for baseball. Mac pitched for the University of Michigan and was drafted into the pros. An injury caused him to retire from MLB and Wabash is now fortunate to have him on the baseball staff. Mac knows Wabash very well as his grandfather is Alan Stanford '63.

The school year is off to a great start, and it is just fun to be around all of the activities. Perhaps some of you will return yet this Fall to witness how Wabash continues to educate young men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively and live humanely. Wabash-a very special place!

“Dear Old Wabash...”

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