

Class of 1959

Class Agents

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Dear 59ers,

Perhaps some of you may have heard by now that after all of my prodding to get attendees at our 65<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, I contracted Covid-19 and was unable to attend. However, you will be hearing from Craig and Roger about what a success our Class had at the Big Bash.

I was pleased to see this photo of my teammates, Duane Axel and Mike Costello alongside Bob Williams.



You may not be aware that there are five of the players of our era in the Wabash College Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball.

Fellerhoff (58), Wedgeworth (59), Bennett (60), Bowerman (61) and Cumming (61). From 1958 through 1961 Wabash received four consecutive invitations to NCAA Division 3 postseason tournaments, a feat that has not yet been equaled.

Another highlight of our senior year was the English department invited a number of literary superstars to the campus. They included noted poet Marianne Moore, James Joyce and Ezra Pound scholar Hugh Kenner, Boswell and Johnson scholar William Wimsatt, Proust scholar Henri Peyre, Mark Twain scholar Leslie Fiedler and literary critic Northrop Frye (who no one understood)!

**Another highlight of our senior year illustrated the international influence of our economics department. At the invitation of Dean Rogge and his colleagues, Ludwig Erhard, Economics Minister and later Chancellor of West Germany, visited Wabash. He spent several days discussing the post-war policies that led to the economic reforms and subsequent recovery of his country.**

**Leading up to our reunion I communicated with several classmates who were unable to consider attending. Judge John Mitchell had surgery last fall and is still recovering. Roger Paluska had conflicts with the wedding of a grandchild. Bill Herman has moved from Florida to California to be near grands and could not make the trip back. Dave Krizman is still working as a physician specializing in longevity issues and sent his regrets. Jack Yerkes fell last December and is still recovering. He and his wife have just relocated into senior housing but still living independently. He was Tony Dowell's roommate. Bob Charles says back problems limit his ability to travel. And finally, Burt Ofsaiof is in a nursing home in Evanston, Illinois but enjoys getting news of his classmates.**

**As you know Roger, Craig and I did not press you for a class gift to celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup>. However, we hope that you have contributed to helping us reach the 40% goal for alumni giving this year. Wabash needs 398 more alumni to make a gift to reach 40% alumni participation for the 11th consecutive year. If you haven't yet, please make a gift to the college by mailing a check to Wabash College Advancement Office, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, by contributing online at [wabash.edu/give](http://wabash.edu/give), or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.**

**If not, it is not too late!**

**All the best,**

**Robert (Bob) Wedgeworth  
for Roger and Craig  
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