



C a A e L e e

Class of 1981

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Greetings Class of 1981

Peter's Report

Mike and I hope that 2023 has been a good year for you and yours. Maybe you have had the opportunity to come back to Wabash sometime over the last 12 months and if not, then in 2024. If you came back on a certain Saturday in November, as I did, for a football game, at least the weather was very pleasant and for the first time in history the game went into overtime. Mike has a bit more to say about that below.

Our class had its first ever class Zoom call and we had the opportunity to hear our classmate John Hilbrich talk about the process of writing and publishing his book **Get to CEO: Chart Your Path, Learn the Skills and Avoid the Mistakes to Get There Faster**. The book has all 5 star ratings on Amazon. This book provides practical career advice and does so succinctly and effectively. I am sure John would tell you it makes a great Christmas gift for family and friends who aspire to be future CEOs. It was great to get a number of classmates together to discuss this very interesting project of one of our own.

Just this past week another classmate Bill Macon had the pleasure of reading Saturday, December 9, 2023's *Wall Street Journal's* Off Duty Section, that on its front page contained a fold and a half sized

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While any of us that enjoy cookies, especially at the holidays, may have appreciated the article, it was special for Bill as the recipes included in the article were from his daughter, Georgia Macon, executive pastry chef at Portland, Maine's restaurant Twelve. The recipes and more incredible photos are on page D9. These are big cookies indeed.

We are always glad to share news about our classmates and welcome your ideas for opportunities to get together in person or virtually in the coming year. Please share your news and ideas with us.

Peter Wright
Co-Class Agent



Mike's report

Wabash didn't win the Bell this year. As the great Kurt Vonnegut wrote, So It Goes.

It was a good game to watch though. We just needed a better OT. From the Minnesota restaurant, where I was among the local alums convened to watch, I texted Doug McKay to see if he was at the game and, sure enough, he was there and texted a picture to let me know what a spectacular Autumn Day it was in Indiana.

And I must add a huge shout out to Charlie Crowley '70 who is the glue for the Minnesota based alums. He is THE unfailing great Son of Wabash. Kudos to his work on getting us together!

It made for such a wonderful conversation, and made me think, Class letters cut across classes. My goal for 2024 is to figure out how to bring those perspectives to these conversations.

On November 20th I attended my first "After the Bell" session. These are sessions that offer alumni the opportunity to "come back to Wabash" for discussion by faculty on a variety of topics. The one I attended was entitled "After the Bell – Founding Wabash". It was a presentation by Wabash Archivist Nolan Eller '11 who provided a glimpse into the founders, and the creation of Wabash, via materials contained in the Robert T. Ramsay, Jr. Archival Center at Wabash College. It was fascinating to see how much original material is found in the archives, particularly Edmund Hovey's materials. Nolan did a masterful job with the presentation.

There were 39 attendees including Rolland Strasser: