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Big Red and the little corvette

When I attended WKU from 1985-1990, my memories of Big Red were mostly associated with seeing him at football and basketball games. Before college, I attended Warren Central High School. My freshman year, 1981 I think was the year that the Corvette Plant moved to Bowling Green from St. Louis. At least, that was the year I made new friends, and many were from St. Louis, MO.

When I started college at WKU in 1985, the football stadium only had bleachers on one side and the football field was surrounded by a running track. Students enjoyed running laps and walking on the track. I thought Big Red was so cool, cute and entertaining. He wore the coolest Nike tennis shoes. I always wanted a pair like those, but my foot was too wide to wear them.



When WKU scored a touchdown back then, the cannon would be fired to celebrate and most importantly, Big Red would jump into his little red corvette and drive a lap around the track. Go Big Red! It was so cool. I could not image another university having such a loveable mascot who had his own custom corvette.

It is kind of sad to me that the football stadium has been updated and there is no longer a track around the field. So no more victory laps in the little red corvette. I recently learned that it is in storage at the Kentucky Museum. Big Red, his shoes, and corvette will always be strong memories for me.

Now I am a professor at WKU and I continue to love Big Red!



Me and Big Red, August 2015,
my very first week of teaching at WKU.



I was asked to make a
cape for Big Red Fall 2019.