



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

### *Class Agents Letter*

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**Class of 1966**

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Cal Black

Stan Walker

December 2012

Dear Men of 1966,

I am sorry to report that we have lost another classmate, Tracy Hill. Tracy was a great friend and fraternity brother. He loved Wabash and Beta even though he transferred to the University of Denver after his sophomore year. Charlie Bell and I met with Tracy a number of times in the last several years, and Tracy returned for our 45<sup>th</sup> reunion and had a wonderful time. Tracy was very generous to Wabash and Beta as he felt the impact of both were very instrumental in his personal and professional lives. See the obituary at the end of this letter. Tracy Hill-Some Little Giant!

I received the following in an email from Ken Schild in June:

Dear Cal,

This email is in response to the class agents' letter. My daughter blessed us with a granddaughter in late February. Now my wife is providing day care for both grand kids.

I recently (June 8<sup>th</sup>) had emergency surgery for a detached retina in my right eye. It happened about 10 days after cataract surgery on the same eye. My wife and I think it was caused by severe coughing. My travel is currently restricted and I have to look down most of the time, including sleeping on my stomach. Guess it just goes with being very near-sighted and in the 60's. I've been a LA Kings season ticket holder since moving here in 1969. Did have to skip the victory parade, but enjoyed watching 45 years of frustration come to an end.

There has been a deal to sell my employer since 2000, but it has been held up by litigation. It looks like an armistice is going to be declared so the sale can be concluded in July. I will then at age 69 have to choose between being retired or unemployed. If rationality had prevailed, I would have been looking for a new job 6 years ago. Thank God for dumb politicians needlessly prolonging litigation.

Best regards,  
Ken

In August I received a nice note from Harry "Hobby" Elliott who advised that he and Barb had moved and now reside at 300 Cass Plaza Drive, Apartment 327, Logansport, IN 46947. In October I received another nice note from Hobby and he enclosed a cartoon of "old" Wally Wabash. You can see it at the end of this letter. Hobby is a very accomplished artist and, as I recall, did a lot of work for the City of Logansport.

In September I received a letter from Lee Cline, and he enclosed a copy of a section from the Jackson, MS Clarion Ledger newspaper about James Meredith: 50 Years Later. Lee knew that I worked civil rights cases in Mississippi, and he always remembers to send me articles of interest that refer to the FBI investigations during that volatile time. Some of you may recall that David Kendall was a civil rights worker in Mississippi during those dangerous and difficult days.

In October Charlie Bell visited Marsha and me at our "tailgate home" in Crawfordsville. We bought a small house across the street from the Wabash athletic complex and spend the fall in C'ville--can't be too far from Little Giant action! Charlie brought former president Andy Ford with him as John Goodrich '67 was to be honored at halftime of the football game. Goodie made a very significant gift to the College and in the spring the new Wabash baseball field will be named Goodrich Ballpark to honor the Goodrich family. I met with Goodie prior to the game, and he did not want any recognition for his gift. The following Sunday morning Charlie, Andy Ford, Marsha and I had breakfast together, and it was nice to catch up on Andy and his family.

This same weekend I ran into Ned Luce and his wife, Betty, at the Allegheny football game. He was also celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion and had a chance to stop in Crawfordsville.

Marsha and I saw Stan and Peggy Walker regularly during the fall and at Homecoming we saw Bill Berry who was back for the Glee Club reunion and was staying with the Walkers. Bill Berry was president of the Glee Club for two years. I heard that Jim Lowery was back for that reunion, but I did not see him. Squier and Peggy Neal were also at Homecoming and we had a mini-reunion with Dudley and Judy Burgess '64, Stan and Nancy Sibell '64 and Ron and Connie Nichols '64. We also saw Morrie Adams '65.

After I sent the notice of Tracy Hill's death to my pledge brothers, I had a nice email from Robert "Clark" Allen. He recalled the days of pledgship and how we all became such good friends and brothers in such a short time. Clark is a judge and lives in South Carolina.

The Monon Bell game always brings out a great crowd, and the Class of 1966 was well represented this year. Jay Fisher always sets up red and white tents, brings his grill, firepit, boombox and food and beverages to feed anyone who is hungry. This year Bill Steger, Charlie and Janet Bell, John and Patti Flanagan, Roger and Sue Lumpp, Jay and Marty Fisher, Stan and Peggy Walker and Marsha and I tailgated before the game and after the victory over the Dannies. It was a beautiful fall sunny day in Crawfordsville.

It is nice to send out a class letter that has information about so many of our classmates. Stan and I would like to hear from more of you so we can include your information in the next class letter. We have all walked many different paths since our days at Wabash, and it is so interesting to see what we have done/accomplished. Don't be shy-let us hear from you!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to each of you and your loved ones.

In Wabash,

Cal

Here's his obituary:

Tracy Hill

Cary, Illinois

October 2, 1944 - October 14, 2012

Tracy Hill of Cary

The funeral service for Tracy Hill, 68, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, October 19, at the Cary United Methodist Church, 500 N. First St., Cary, where there will be visitation from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca will officiate. Burial will be in Windridge Memorial Park, Cary.

There will also be a visitation from 3-9 p.m., Thursday, October 18, at the Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Route 176), Crystal Lake.

Born October 2, 1944, in Evanston to the late David "Kimball" and Elizabeth Brewster (nee Tracy) Hill, he died Sunday, October 14, 2012, at the Pepper Family Hospice Home in Barrington surrounded by his family.

As a son of professional homebuilder Kimball Hill, Tracy was born into a family with a strong understanding and devotion to the Illinois housing market. Tracy and his older brother David grew up on construction sites, assisting in both the business and labor side of the industry. For almost 100 years, the Hill Family has worked to build and maintain vibrant communities throughout northern Illinois. While David went on to eventually operate Kimball Hill Homes, Tracy decided to take another route and establish his own niche within the Chicago housing market. In 1975, Tracy formed Property Specialists, Inc., at that point a small boutique firm managing only a handful of properties in suburban Cook County. Under Tracy's guidance, PSI grew from 10 communities to over 250. The firm is currently one of only five Illinois firms to have obtained the coveted Accredited Association Management Company (AAMC), the highest designation awarded by Community Association Institute.

A firm believer in continuing education, Tracy received his Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) designation, the highest designation afforded to an individual property manager by the Community Association Institute (CAI).

Tracy served on the Illinois Board for epilepsy research and donated heavily to Harper Community College for the purposes of establishing a center for the hearing disabled, both afflictions suffered by members of his immediate family.

In 2001, then Governor George Ryan appointed Mr. Hill to the Joint Energy Advisor Commission of the Illinois General Assembly, where he reviewed proposed legislation for setting residential and commercial industry standards, while also serving as President of the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago.

Tracy was inducted into the Home Builders National Hall of Fame; 1989-2012 National Alternative and Life Director of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB); and was a founding member of the National Housing Credit Certification Board, a member of the Multi-Family Mortgage Finance Committee; as well as numerous other committees.

Through the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago (HBAGC), Tracy served three terms as president; was a past president of the Multi-Family Housing Council of Illinois; was an inductee to the 2003 Court of Honor, and remains a life member of the HBAGC.

Tracy also served as the director of the Home Builders Association of Illinois for 10 years. In 1996, Mr. Hill was appointed to the Legislative Review Committee and concurrently served as a State Director for the Home Builders Association of Illinois.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Community Association Institute, Illinois Chapter; as President of the Apartment and Condominium Council of Greater Chicago; as a past Chairman of the NAHB RAM Board of Governors and as a founding member of the Housing Credit Certified Professional organization.

Tracy is survived by his wife Sandi (nee Wiarda), whom he married May 9, 1992; children, T.K. (Stella) Hill of Rolling Meadows, Andrew Hill of Rolling Meadows, and Morgan Hill of Cary; granddaughters, Ashlee, Emma, and Lia Hill; sister, Georgia Walter of Elgin; father and mother-in-law, Dean and Ferne Wiarda; sisters-in-law, Diane Hill of Inverness and Judy (Larry) Buchan of Waterloo, IA; brother-in-law, Dennis Wiarda of Loveland, CO; nieces and nephews, Beth (James) Baranski, Kate (Ron Jones) Walter, Laura (Wes) Crain, Anne Roark, David Hill, and Shannon Buchan; and many great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Tracy was preceded in death by his brother, David Hill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Tracy's name may be made to the Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois, 405 Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington, IL 60010, or [www.hospiceanswers.org](http://www.hospiceanswers.org).

CAL: Just wanted to share this with you.

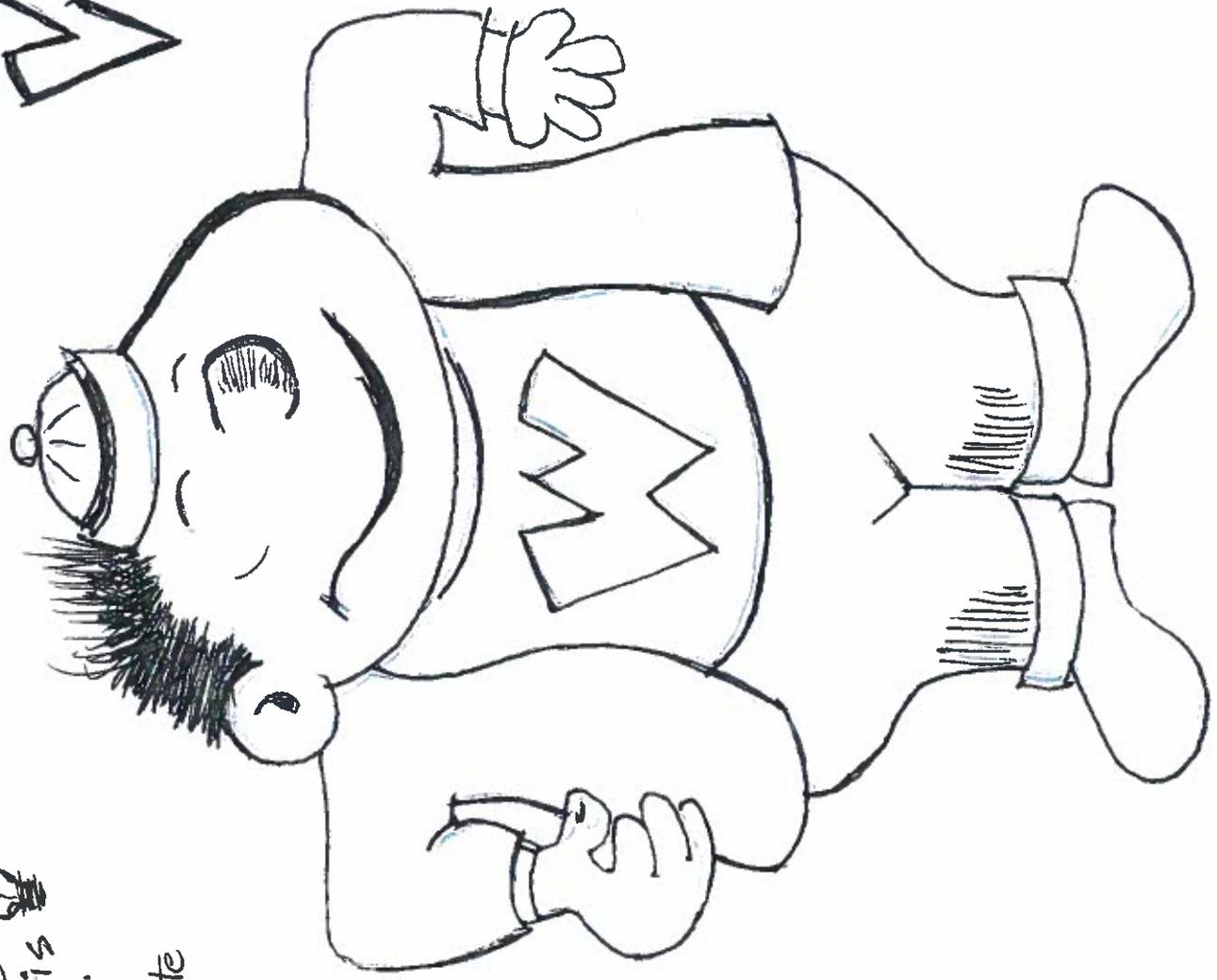
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