

Pactoracles

Class Agent's Letter For The Wabash College Class of 1971 May 2, 2016



See The Big Picture And Join Our Reunion



Here we are singing *Old Wabash* at the Chapel Sing at our 40thth Reunion. We displayed a wide variance in the key, the tune, and the lyrics, but we, including Dean Moore, had a jolly good time. The big picture is that we had a wonderful, though not easy, shared experience in college days, and that we have wonderful, and easy, shared experiences at our reunions. I hope that we will have lots of fellows in this year's photo at the chapel sing. Time marches on. Two of our classmates in the photo have passed away.

Register For Our Reunion, June 3-5. It's Easy.

1. Our reunion is titled *An Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion—Keep On Spinning,* June 3-5. 2. (1) Go to the college website; (2) hit the alumni button at the top; (3) hit the "Big Bash Reunion" button toward the left, and (4) scroll down and hit REGISTER NOW. Many guys so far are planning to come with their spouses or significant others.

3. Our special class banquet will be Saturday night, and our class photo will be at 1:06 p.m. Saturday afternoon. We will have plenty to do every day.

4. Go to the next page for more details just for the Class of 1971.

5. Keep on spinning and register now.

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Reunion Details

The college has planned several activities for alumni and wives. There is the ability to pick and choose, but there will be several things that we as a Class will do as a Class. **On Saturday we need to do the following as a class:**

- 1. Chapel Sing at 11 a.m.
- 2. Class photo at 1:06 p.m.
- 3. Class Banquet at 5:30 p.m. at a location on campus to be determined.

We will sit as a class at the Friday night meal and the Sunday brunch.

Sock Hop At Our Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion

If we have enough RSVPs, I may go ahead and plan a sock hop with music of our era. There may not be that much hopping. The idea is to have a d.j. playing music from our era and mingle. It will probably be Saturday night after our class banquet.

Class of 1971 Polo Shirts

Order a special Class of 1971 polo shirt by sending me your size. I do not have a quote yet, but I estimate the cost will be around \$35. The shirt may be an update of the popular shirt for the 40^{th} and may read as follows:

Wabash 71 That's My Class, Not Quite My Age

Or it might say something else. Order now because I have to place the order soon.

Casual attire is appropriate for the entire weekend.

Scarlet Yarns

Some of us have some great stories—funny, tragic, heroic, etc.—of our Wabash days, professors, fraternities, dorms, etc. At Scarlet Yarns, which is optional, students will interview us as we tell these yarns to be recorded for posterity.

Some of the Events That Are Not-Class Specific

<u>Friday:</u> Golf (at 10 a.m.), fitness center, campus tours, alumni lunch, colloquia, reunion reception, and Big Bash Banquet for all reunion classes.

<u>Saturday:</u> Fun Run/Walk, fitness center, campus tours, colloquia, Chapel Sing (11 a.m.), picnic lunch, class photos (ours at 1:06 p.m.), tours of fraternity houses, and class banquets (Ours will be at 5:30 p.m.).

Sunday: Big Bash Awards Brunch at 11 a.m.

You can learn more about the specific topics of the colloquia, Scarlet Yarns, bookstore, archives, and other things on the college's alumni webpage or in the brochure that the college recently mailed to us.

Someone Says It At Every Reunion

Someone says at every reunion. "I never have been to a reunion, but I should have come sooner." Or, "I have not been back to campus in a long time, and I should have." Don't put it off. You don't want to be saying either at the 50th.

News From Campus & Why Wabash Is Still An Amazing School

1. **Wabash Spirit**. Wabash raised more than \$550,000 with more than 3,000 donors on a single day on April 27. Thirty members of our class contributed on that day.

2. **Wabash Journalism.** Though Wabash has no journalism program, *The Bachelor* won 25 awards from the Indiana



Collegiate Press Association. Twenty students were winners. *The Bachelor* finished second to Goshen for best newspaper. Collin Thompson '17 won first place for this photograph, taken when some protestors appeared on campus last fall.

3. **Delts Return**. Delta Tau Delta has successfully started its recolonization this semester. They have close to 70 men lined up. Some are seniors, and one was formerly the president of the independents. It is not expected that they will regain their chapter house for the next academic year.

4. **Wabash Theater.** The theater program at Wabash is astounding. *Princeton Review ranked* it seventh in the country. Yale was eighth. Andrea and I try to make each production. Try to attend next year.

5. **Wabash Wrestling**. The Wabash College wrestling team captured fourth place at the 2016 NCAA Division III National Championships.

6. **Wabash Student Achievement #1**. Daniel Purvlicus '16 was named MVP of the team for the fourth time. He is graduating with a GPA close to 4.0 and was a leader in his fraternity Beta Theta Pi and on campus. The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men awarded him its scholar-athlete award. I am not sure any Wabash athlete has been MVP four times in one sport.

7. **Wabash Student Achievement #2**. Running back Mason Zurek '16 was named as a first-team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America for its Division III football. He rushed for 2,011 yards this year, setting a new Wabash single-season record.

He is a rhetoric and history double major with a GPA close to 4.0. He is a Sigma Chi. He plans to attend law school in 2017.

8. **Wabash Student Achievement #3.** Three seniors will be heading to prestigious law schools next fall. Derek Andre, an independent, is going to Duke. Matthew Binder, a Kappa Sig, is going to Michigan. Adam Alexander, a Phi Gam, is going to Northwestern. It is my honor to know all three of them.

9. Wabash Wrestling Student Achievement #4. Wrestler Riley Lefever '17 was an NCAA national champion in the 184pound class for the third time. He became the 16th wrestler in NCAA Division III history to win three consecutive national titles. He has another year to go. Devin Broukal '18 won the 133-pound title. The team placed fourth nationally.

10. Wabash Track Student Achievement #5. Adam Togami '16 was ¼ of a second off of the Wabash record in the Steeplechase. He has the second fastest time for a Div. III athlete in that event this year.

11. **Wabash Student Achievement #6.** A.J. Clark '16 was a powerful linebacker on the 12-1 football team in the fall and a dynamic actor with the lead role in *Our Town* in the spring play. He is a strong student, too, as a physics major. He is pictured below with Dean Scott Feller who presented him with the Stephens-Hall Senior Scholarship Award on April 27 and, in his performance in *Our Town*.



News Of Classmates & Why The Class of 1971 Is Amazing

Bruce Bradway will start a new job at Dine' College (formerly Navajo Community College) in Tsaile, AZ in August. "I will be initiating the new four-year degree in Psychology in 2017," he writes. "Since we will be living on the reservation we will have to snowbird it back to Iowa in the summer and over Christmas break. They have faculty housing in the shape of hogans (octagonal buildings made of logs). We will be an hour away from getting off the Rez, what an adventure! Since I have worked at a tribal college, I am not really worried about the job - treat everyone with respect and you become a student's favorite professor."

Russell Dart passed away from colon cancer on March 17, 2016. He was 66. He was an independent at Wabash. He earned a master's degree from Indiana University in 1976. He had a long career as a teacher at North Daviess High School near Washington, IN. He was survived by his wife Sue Dart and two sons, to whom the Class of 1971 offers its condolences. We will miss Russell. He was a regular at our reunions and led our class in *Old Wabash* during the chapel sing. Below, he is leading us at, I believe, the 35th reunion.



Andy Dziubinskyj is retired. His son Andy '93 teaches at DePauw. Their daughter has relocated from Illinois to Carmel-area, which is not far from Andy. Wife Marta and he reside in

Lafayette, IN. For high adventure, they took their grandson Mathias to Disney World. "One week chasing around an 8-yr-old was PLENTY!!! Actually, he's a DELIGHT!!!, BUT,... we're no spring chickens anymore." When they are not traveling with or without Mathias, Andy plays golf.

Kirk Eichenberger reports: "We are overseas for few months (UK & France). Will be moving to the Seattle area (Bainbridge Island) when we return in late May so I won't make the reunion."

Fred Haase will be inducted the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the Golf Club of Indiana in Zionsville, IN in June. He retired from Culver Academies as teacher and golf coach in 2015. However, in his retirement, he will be coaching golf at the Webb School in Knoxville, TN.

Sam Kazdan and wife Phyllis are fine, still living in Bloomington, IN, "the longest we have ever stayed in one place—22 years. We are both in retirement—sort of. . . I still operate my consulting firm solo now, mostly performing executive coaching and communication training for a small clientele. I am also a board member of the Community Justice and Mediation Center in Bloomington which focuses on conflict resolution, a strong passion of mine." Their daughter Delyn graduated from Indiana University with her MS in Counseling Psychology with a specialty of working with women in crisis.

Tom Martella was featured in the winter issue of *Wabash Magazine*.

Tom Runge retired after a stellar career of service to Wabash, mostly as the head of alumni relations. Wife Carol and he reside in Lafayette, IN.

We can't clone, but we can recruit. We always need to be thinking about referring good students to become the next great Wabash Men like those in the Class of 1971. Consider students as young as high school freshmen. To refer a student, simply mail the name and contact information of your recruit to the Dean of Admissions, P. O. Box 352, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or go online at wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer.

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This year will be the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500, and, no, Qualifications are not being held at the Mall at Wabash College. In April, *The Bachelor* sponsored a symposium on auto racing and the liberal arts. The panelists were Mark Miles '76, CEO of the Speedway; Chris Denari '83, the voice of the Indiana Pacers and turn-four announcer for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network; Curt Cavin, the reporter who covers auto racing for the *Indianapolis Star* and whose son is a freshman; David Byrd '98 and Jonathan Byrd '97 of the Jonathan Byrd's Hospitality and Restaurant Group, which sponsors of the Dale Coyne Racing Team; and their driver Conor Daly, a two-time Indianapolis 500 veteran.

Ladies Are Welcome At Our Reunion

A 500-car on the mall is not your everyday occurrence. And neither is the 45th anniversary of the Class of 1971. So register to join us on June 3-5. Bring your lady.

Ten classmates have made two reservations, so there should be many ladies present, too.



Twenty six ladies attended the 40th. At left are Alex and Brenda Miller at that reunion. The classmates who have signed up for Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion through April 30 are:

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Bruce Bradway Jim Bromley Jack Gould Dave Gray Ron Flynn Bill Hausmann Dan Holderbaum Trey Holland Bruce Julian Jim Kamplain Sam Kirtley Jon Pactor Jim Rendel Martin Schaap Orlo Shoop Steve Wildman

Thanks To Classmates Who Have Donated To The Annual Fund

These gentlemen have contributed to the annual fund which will end June 30, 2016. Thanks to each classmate. When we contribute, we say "thanks" for our own good fortune, for our great Wabash professors, and our Wabash friendships. If you are not on the list, join the 61 brothers of the Class of 1971 and three widows who are on the list, which is current through January 10. Please contribute by mailing a check to Wabash College, Annual Giving, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or by contributing online at wabash.edu/egift, or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.

Skip Adams Jerry Anderson Jim Ball Bruce Bradway Jim Bromley John Brown **Rufus Burton** Steve Covev Sue Dart, widow of Russell Mike Dill Andy Dziubinskyj Jeff Eaton Nelson Flynn Dave Graham Dave Gray **Rick Gregory** Gary Hansen Bill Hausmann Pete Hawley Gordon Hayes Trev Holland Ken Huff

Ron Israel Clark Johnson Brad Johnson Bruce Julian John Kalb Jim Kamplain Allen Kepchar Gene Kepple Sam Kirtlev Judy Lammering, widow of Dean John Lathrop Mike Lemon Cathy Long, widow of Skip Dave Main Tom Martella Alex Miller Dick Morford **Dennis Myers** Keith Nelson Jon Pactor Garrett Paul

Jim Peters Dave Pfanschmidt Larry Phelps Ed Pitkin **Bob Prentiss** Mark Ramey Mark Randak Vic Ransom Greg Rasmussen Jim Rendel Phil Rifner Carl Royal Tom Runge John Rvder Martin Schaap Orlo Shoop John Street Pete Toft Steve Weliever Steve Wildman Andy Young

Thanks for reading *Pactoracles*. It is my honor and responsibility to serve the Class of 1971. Please contact me with news, comments, questions, or beauty tips. If you are receiving this missive electronically, please print it and share it with your family and friends.

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