



Pactoracles
Class Agent's Letter For The Wabash College Class of 1971
October 13, 2009



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Wabash Reaches 600 Football Wins With Little Help From The Class of 1971

Wabash became one of a handful of colleges with 600 career football victories when its nationally ranked team defeated Allegheny on October 3. The team of our era, 1967-1970, posted 11 victories, 22 defeats, and two ties, averaging fewer than three wins a season.

I found a football program from 1968, and I am comparing the positions and weights of our classmates, then sophomores, with today's counterparts. But, first read a snippet about this year's team.

The Little Giants are 5-0 going into a critical game versus unbeaten Wittenberg, October 17. This game could determine whether we go to the play-offs. Although the game will be in Cville, the students will be on fall break. Another tough contest will be DePauw at Greencastle, November 14. The Tigers have lost only one game, and it will be match-up of two of the most prolific quarterbacks in Division III. Come to the game or watch it on a Monon Bell telecast near you.

The Little Giants were ranked 11th in D3football.com last week before their convincing win over Washington. Take a look at that website to see the excitement of Division III football. Speaking of excitement, take a look at these comparisons between our classmates as sophomores with current players who are sophomores or freshmen:

1968

Today

T	Jim Bromley	5' 10"	173	Devin Kelley	6' 5"	226
T	Joe Chetnik	6' 1"	210	Will Dettman	6' 2"	284
End	Lee Fouts	6' 2"	185	John Holm	6' 2"	258
LB	Paul Gearhardt	5' 9"	185	Jacob Shaffer	6' 2"	244
FB	Mike Gephart	6' 0"	200	Isaac Baker	5' 10"	196
RB	Pete Grills	5' 8"	165	John Jurkash	5' 7"	199
G/LB	Joe Lavalley	5' 11"	180	Conor Frame	6' 0"	234
T/G	Charles Metzler	5' 9"	195	Josh Linthicum	6' 3"	315
T	Alex Miller	5' 11"	210	Tyler Buresh	6' 1"	228
End	Tom Olds	6' 4"	200	Adam Miller	6' 3"	195
RB	Dennis Reid	5' 8"	150	Nathan Walters	5' 11"	197
T	Marty Schaap	6' 0"	245	Jack Ruddy	6' 1"	278

News From Campus...

Wabash Scores High In Forbes, Best Buys Rankings. Wabash College is the only Indiana institution to be named to the Top 40 in *Forbes.com's* Best Colleges and also in Best Buys College lists for 2009. Only 23 schools made the top 100 in both lists. Wabash ranks 32 on both lists.

Swine Flu. While colleges, including Wabash, are working to keep their balance in the wake of the recession, they will be facing problems with the upcoming flu season, especially the swine flu. The college has been taking considerable precautions. Purell is everywhere. Wabash has acknowledged two confirmed cases of Type 1 flu, which could be H1N1, at the Sigma Chi house. If the swine flu lives up to its billings, it could disrupt a lot of college life, including athletics, at Wabash and campuses around the country.

Coffee Shop Opens In Lilly Library. Good To Go Xpresso, a coffee shop, opened on the main floor of the library, August 17, through the collaboration of the staff at the library, Wabash's administration, and a local business. Students and others can purchase coffee, espresso, teas, iced coffees, and fruit smoothies.

Kappa Sigma & Phi Gamma Delta. Kappa Sigma dedicated a new fraternity house on September 26. It stands on the site of the old one. A large crowd gathered on the front yard for the dedication ceremony. I do not know whether any classmates attended. The college has recently razed the old Phi Gamma Delta house. I do not know the plans for the site.

Fraternity Chefs Have Cook-Off. The chefs at the Wabash fraternities competed in a cook-off for charity on October 11. While I cannot speak for other houses, the food at TKE is far superior in quality and choice than what we chowed down.

Changes In Our Athletic Conference. Earlham has announced its intention to leave the Northcoast Athletic Conference. There is some speculation that DePauw may want to join the conference. Years ago, DePauw opted to joined a southern conference with schools in Texas, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Colorado. DPU is said to want to change conferences.

Intramural Sports. Wabash students have many options for many things, including intramural sports. Here is a listing, which may not be complete:

Basketball	Horseshoes	Tennis Singles
Bowling	Indoor Carnival	Track, outdoor
Canoe Race	Pocket Billiards	Ultimate Frisbee
Chess	Racquetball	Volleyball
Corn Hole	Soccer, indoor	Wallyball
Cross Country	Softball	Wrestling
Darts	Swimming	
Flag Football	Table Tennis	
Golf Tournament	Tennis Doubles	

Voices From The Freshmen Class

Enjoy the following insightful comments by four freshmen to their former high school teacher, who had encouraged them to attend Wabash.

Freshman 1: "Wabash is great. I am loving every minute of it here. I play soccer..., and I am a pledge... I feel like this was the perfect fit for me. I am currently taking Greek (language), Greek Art and Archaeology, Comp, and my tutorial, and so far I am pleased with my work load. I am still finding the balance and time management but so far I am on the right track...I am proud of my choice, and my parents couldn't be happier."

Freshman 2: "Wabash is going great so far! I'm liking all of my classes (even the probability class though I have little interest in mathematics). So far the year's gotten off to a quick, but good start."

Freshmen 3: "Yes I am very happy at Wabash. It was definitely the perfect choice. My classes are going very well. Though there is definitely more work [than] high school."

Freshman 4: "All is well for me...I am...laughing as I think of what you used to tell me all the time, "DO THE READING!" Haha. I am doing my best to finish my reading and to finish my assignments. Time management, as I am coming to know, is a tough task. This place is tough, but I am doing my best to keep my head above the water."

Let's continue to refer students to Wabash. It is easy and important, and as those quotes reveal, it is rewarding. We can refer a student—especially juniors, sophomores, and younger--by mailing information to the Dean of Admissions, P. O. Box 352, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or online at: www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer.

One Voice From The Class of 1971

I received a warm letter from Lee Fouts last summer. I am using it as a kick-off for all of us to start planning to attend for our 40th reunion of friends and memories the first weekend in June 2011. Lee and wife Becky celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary this June.

"We had our first date in February of 1968 at a dance in the Campus Center a couple of days before Valentines Day. We went to Pan Hel that spring in the old gym and danced to Skitch Henderson's band...In the summer of 1970, Becky and I were wed in the Wabash Chapel followed by a reception at the old Phi Delt house. The clean-up at the Phi Delt house prior to the reception was an exercise in controlling the gag reflex as it was quite a mess. A couple of my fellow Phis'...had spent a few extra days after school was out at the house, and they left it a wreck. The dining room had spoiled food on all the tables. Maggots were crawling everywhere. Come to think of it, things weren't that different from our normal meal times."

After Wabash Lee spent 30 years with "Ma Bell," first in Indiana and then moving to Southwestern Bell in Searcy, Arkansas in 1982, where he worked as an engineer for 19 years. He took an early retirement in 2001. They have five kids who have produced four grandchildren each, 10 grandsons and 10 granddaughters, all under the age of 12. Becky and he live in a log cabin located on 172 acres, with a make-shift water slide, diving raft, rope and swing, so they must be very special grandparents.

"I've missed being more involved with Wabash and my Phi Delt brothers. When we moved to Arkansas, we put all of four children in Harding Academy for a Christian education

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Join Classmates Who Support The Annual Fund; Our Help Is Needed

Like many colleges, Wabash has felt severe pain by the economic downturn. It has serious ramifications epitomized by the fact that several faculty and staff accepted offers for early retirement. Thus, our help as financial contributors is needed now more than ever.

I get to campus more than most, usually at least once a week. This past weekend, I attended the football game and the play *Bacchae* and talked with students and their parents. In my judgment, Wabash still provides a challenging education and a strong community. It is not just my observation. Read Voices From The Freshmen Class on the previous page.

When we alumni contribute, we are not just saying “thanks” for our own good fortune but are also saying that we believe in a strong liberal arts education and, in particular, the Wabash liberal arts education.

We had 73 donors last fiscal year, ending June 30. We dipped to just south of 37%, whereas we are usually around 40%. Our classmates who donated last fiscal year are listed below with my thanks. Those with an * have already donated this year. Two fellows who did not contribute last year have done so this year already, and thanks to them--Bill Braun and Ron Israel. We can contribute online by mail at P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or at www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift. Thanks.

Skip Adams
*Greg Allen
Jerry Anderson
Jim Ball
Bob Bogigian
Bruce Bradway
Jim Bromley
John Brown
Rufus Burton
Kai Chin
Ed Corley
Russell Dart
*Mike Dill
*Andy Dziubinskyj
Jeff D. Eaton
Kirk Eichenberger
Nelson Flynn
Ron Flynn
Lee Fouts
Dave Gray
Rick Gregory
Fred Haase
Gary Hansen
Bob Harlan
Bill Hausmann

Pete Hawley
Cloyce Hedge
Dan Holderbaum
Trey Holland
John “Hubie” Hubert
Dave Husted
Tom Jennings
*Clark Johnson
Brad Johnson
Bruce Julian
Jim Kamplain
Sam Kazdan
Marv Keffer
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John Lathrop
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Skip Long
Dave Main
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Alex Miller
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Dennis Myers
*Keith Nelson
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Scott Parker
Garrett Paul
Jim Peters
Larry Phelps
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With Our Classmates...

Kai Chin and wife Charlotte volunteered at the fifth annual Wabash Day in Denver on October 3.

Mike Dill and his wife Shelly were on campus the weekend of October 10-12 for a trustee's meeting.

Trey Holland received the Clarence A. Jackson Career Service Award from the NAWM at Homecoming, which recognized Trey's work as a urologist and surgeon and as past-president of the United States Golf Association.

Howard Irish is the proud father of Patrick, a recent graduate of Boston College, who is now in Teach for America.

Brad Johnson is a new board member of the NAWM. He is also an advisor to the Chi Omega sorority at Purdue. It took him nearly 45 years, but he is finally welcomed in a sorority.

Steve Kennedy is still practicing law in Munster and coaching the debate team at the local high school. His son Paul '02 is teaching at North Central High School in Indianapolis.

Steve Meisenheimer participated on Wabash Day in Knoxville, TN.

Jon Pactor will receive the Spirit of the Monon Bell Award from DePauw alums at the Monon Bell Stag, November 12. This puts me in an awkward position with my past jousting that DePauw can never get anything right.

Ed Pitkin and wife Judy attended Homecoming.

Steve Weliever remarried a few weeks ago. I have not received the details.



Wabash hosted Wabash lawyer-alumni over Homecoming. Five classmates attended. From left to right in the front row are Bill Kovacs, Jon Pactor, and Nelson Flynn. Steve Kennedy and Brad Johnson are in the back.

Lee Fouts' Voice From The Class of 1971

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and from there they all went to Harding University. Obviously, that's where our time and money went. But my heart's always been at Wabash and my memories of my four years there are almost all good...

"Please pass my greetings on to the '71 bunch. Our home is always open so if anyone is passing through Arkansas and needs a bunk for the night, they are welcome. We're located about one hour and 15 minutes north of Little Rock." If you want to reach Lee, try his phone as Becky and he check e-mail once a month or two. And come to the reunion on the first weekend in June 2011.

Thanks for reading *Pactoracles*. It is my honor to serve the Class of 1971. Please contact me with any news, comments, and questions.

Kind Regards

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