

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE CLASS OF 1966!

During the holiday season it's always nice to hear from some of you, and this year two special Christmas cards were received that I thought you would enjoy.

The first is from Squier and Peggy Neal that features their wedding 50 years ago on 11/30/73 and then a beautiful photo of their family today. Their son Davey '01 was a co-chairman of the Wabash Beta 175th reunion in October. At the banquet on Saturday he served as the MC and was quite surprised when he received a national award from Beta that had only been bestowed upon twenty-two other Betas. Congratulations to the entire Neal family- a true Little Giant family!



WEDDING RECEPTION AT THE
COLUMBIA CLUB FOLLOWING THE
CEREMONY AT
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
NOVEMBER 30, 1973

WISHING YOU A BLESSED HOLIDAY
AND NEW YEAR 2024
PEGGY AND SQUIER



John and Patti Flanagan are some of the most faithful Wabash fans we know, and their loyal and generous support of the College is truly inspirational. They dated in high school and all four years of college. Patti went to DePauw, and even though John traveled to Greencastle during the week sometimes he still had a GPA that sent him to the University of Michigan for an MBA. They have traveled all over the world, and the experiences they share about these travels are remarkable. John has a great sense of humor, and if things ever get boring John can entertain the gathering! Here is the card from the Flanagans.



Milan Vydareny sent a beautiful video with music that he produced of Zoo Lights at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. The creativity and variety of the displays are amazing and fascinating to view. Milan was quite careful to point out that the video was for private use only and not for social media dissemination. Thank you Milan!

Several of you wanted to know how John Lennes is doing after his injury and surgery. Here is John's response:

Coming along. I get around now with a "walker", and sometimes use the wheelchair when I will need to be sitting, like if we go out to a party or for dinner. Getting up from a sitting position still requires use of my arms to push off, and that means having firm armrests on the chair. Leaning on the table for support can result in a tipped over table and guests covered with shrimp cocktail dip -- trust me, I know.

There is hope to transfer to a cane for walking around in the next month or two, and I am now released to head to the Y and use the stationary bikes and other devices. I would love to get back on the rowing machines, but they are so close to the ground that I could never stand up after using them; not yet anyway. Can drive an SUV (regular sedans and sports cars are too low to get in and out of easily, as of now), no problem. It's my left leg, an unused appendage in the modern automatic vehicle.

As we enter into 2024, let us remember we are now the "old guys" that we used to thank when we were undergraduates for their generosity that allowed us to attend Wabash. It is also not too soon to think of how our class might honor our Alma Mater at our 60th reunion in 2026. So, if you have some thoughts please send them on so they may be presented to the College for consideration. Again, thank you to each of you for your continued loyalty and support of our Alma Mater.

"Thou Counselor in College days, thou guide in riper years,"

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