

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

In September of 1962 we assembled in charming and cultural Crawfordsville, the Athens of the Midwest, to embark on a four year adventure/journey with little insight into what those years would bring. We had been recruited and assured that we had made the right decision to continue our education. The ringing in bell ceremony in the Chapel was inspiring and created a positive enthusiasm among all of us. Then we left the Chapel and found the following message posted on almost every tree and telephone pole on campus:



RHYMNIES!



Read and Reading Tremble!

So much for the cheerful welcome, now reality started to sink in! Further, we were handed this two page document from the Senior Council that further welcomed us to campus and explained how we were to behave for the first semester. Now many of us wondered what we were doing here, after all we were the best of our high school classes and needed to be treated as such!

Freshman Rules

Purpose

The Senior Council, the student governing body of Wabash College, is required by the Constitution of the Student Body to enforce a Freshman Indoctrination Program. This indoctrination program is not enforced for the sake of indoctrination itself, but is enforced as a means to instill a spirit of respect for and active participation in certain Wabash traditions and customs. Every new Wabash freshman will go through this indoctrination period, and it is the Senior Council's hope that as a result of this program, every freshman will emerge as an active member of the community of Wabash men.

The rules for freshman conduct are:

1. Secure and wear a "pot." Pots are red and green caps which may be purchased at downtown clothing stores. Pots must be worn at all times, with two exceptions: (1) outside the city limits of Crawfordsville; (2) on Sundays.
2. Sophomores traditionally steal pots. If your pot is mutilated so that 50 per cent or more of the original is gone, you must buy a new pot.
3. Pots must be tipped to:
 - a. All faculty members.
 - b. Students wearing yellow senior cords.
 - c. Students wearing scarlet "W" sweaters or jackets.
 - d. Students wearing Sphinx Club caps.
 - e. Senior Council members.
4. When attending football games at Ingalls Field, freshmen must sit together in the section that will be designated.
5. Don't sit at the round tables in the Scarlet Inn.
6. Don't wear high school pins, emblems, etc.
7. Don't wear scarlet sweaters or letter jackets other than "W" awards.
8. Enter and leave the Chapel by the side doors only. When leaving Chapel, wait until all of the faculty and upperclassmen have left.
9. Memorize "Old Wabash" and "Alma Mater."
10. Don't step on the college seal which lies on the floor, just inside the entrance to the Lilly Library.

Violations:

For violation of rules 1 through 8, you will be called before the Senior Council, at which time your offense will be heard and you may give your defense. (The person making the accusation must appear in person at the Council meeting.) On first offense, you will be given a warning; on second offense, you will be given green underwear to wear over your clothing for a prescribed period, usually a week; for third offense, you will be given a "W" haircut. For violation of rule 9, the Council will administer the "W" haircut on first offense. For violation of rule 10, green underwear will be given out.

Freshman Cheerleader Tryouts:

Three freshman cheerleaders will be chosen from your class to lead you in the two sings and to work with the varsity cheerleaders at all sports events. Spirit rather than talent is what the Council looks for. Tryouts are on Thursday, September 27, at 4:00 on the football field.

Freshman Sing:

On October 19, the freshman class will assemble on the steps of the Chapel to sing "Old Wabash." On November 2, the freshmen will again assemble on the steps of the Chapel to sing "Alma Mater." At both times Senior Council members will check to see if all the freshmen know the song, and will pull aside for penalty those who are offenders of rule 9.

Homecoming:

At the Homecoming football game, October 20, freshmen are required to wear pajamas over their clothing. This is also the case at the bonfire the night before.

Freshman-Sophomore Fight:

On November 19, the Freshman-Sophomore fight will be held. If the freshmen win, they may burn their pots. If they lose, they must wear their pots for a further specified time. The winner must win the fight and one of the other **two** events.

Period of time these rules are in effect:

Rules 5 through 8 will be enforced during the entire school year. The enforcement period of rules 1 through 4 will depend upon the outcome of the Freshman-Sophomore Fight, as specified in the above section

The Senior Council of Wabash College

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But we were a stiff-necked band of Little Giants and we would make our mark on this great little college as undergraduates and alumni. We participated in Chapel sing, the greased pole fight, the Homecoming bonfire and the snake dance through downtown C'ville and many other events that are now precious memories. Yes, several classmates did receive "W" haircuts when they were unable to sing Old Wabash at Chapel Sing. That rite of passage still happens every fall on Thursday before Homecoming which will be on 9/21 this year at 11AM. Now the freshmen all wear white T-shirts, and if they can sing Old Wabash correctly they receive a spray painted red "W" on the front of their shirt-their first official Wabash letter! Here are the words to Old Wabash-can you still sing them from memory?

From the hills of Maine to the western plain, or where the cotton is blowing;
From the gloomy shade of the northern pine, to the light of the southern seas;
There's a name held dear and a color we cheer wherever we find it glowing;
And the tears will rise to our longing eyes as it floats on the evening breeze.

When the day is done and the western sun is painting in flashing glory;
Across the skies with gorgeous dyes the color we love so well;
We love to sit as the shadows flit and praise it in song and story;
We love to shout as the light dies out a good Old Wabash yell.

Our prayers are always thine, our voices and hearts combine,
To sing thy praise when future days shall bring thy name before us.
When college days are past, as long as life shall last,
Our greatest joy will be to shout the chorus.

*Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee,
And o'er thy classic halls, the Scarlet flag shall proudly flash.
Long in our hearts, we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee,
Long shall we sing thy praises, Old Wabash!*

And loud and long shall echo the song, Till hill and valley are ringing
And spread the fame of her honored name, Wherever the breezes blow.
Till sweet and clear the world shall hear, The sons of Wabash singing,
And flying free the world shall see, Our scarlet banner go.

The honors won by each loyal son, In highest rank shall instate her.
Forever more as in days of yore Their deeds be noble and grand.
Then once again ye Wabash men, Three cheers for Alma Mater
What e'er befall, revered by all, May she unequalled stand.

Our class is an important part of Wabash history, and this photo shows our loyalty and devotion to Wabash as young alumni. What reunion was this for our class, and how many people in the picture can you identify? No prizes to the winner-just the satisfaction of knowing your memory is still active and functioning at your age!



These fleeting years...
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