



**Pactoracles  
Class Agent's Letter  
For The Wabash College Class of 1971**

**June 22, 2025**



## **Get Ready For Our 55<sup>th</sup> Next June 5-7**

The Class of 1971 will celebrate its 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation at Big Bash on June 5-7, 2026. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

The Class of 1966 is planning their 60<sup>th</sup>, and they are boasting to themselves that they will win Chapel Sing. Okay, I am a trial lawyer, and I say: "Just let them try."

The Class of 1966 and the Class of 1971 have had a healthy rivalry at Big Bash. We are the two most energetic and fun-loving classes of all classes at Big Bash. I have expertise on that topic, having attended every Big Bash since it started in 2004.

### **Phi Delts To Celebrate Their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, September 12-13.**

The Wabash Phi Delts will celebrate their chapter's 175th anniversary, September 12 and 13 on campus.

The Little Giants will open their home football schedule (opponent: Case Western) on Saturday. New head coach Jake Gilbert '98 is a Phi Delt.

Some Phi Delts of our class are planning to attend. I am planning to crash their party, but don't tell them. I want it to be a surprise.



Three Phi Delts—Ron Flynn (left), Tom Martella (center), and Ed Pitkin—appear in Phi Gam attire.

## **40%**

Wabash has a streak of 12 consecutive years with 40% of its alumni making financial contributions during the fiscal year. Most schools do not meet this level of giving. The giving rate helps Wabash obtain funds from foundations and corporations. It is a source of pride.

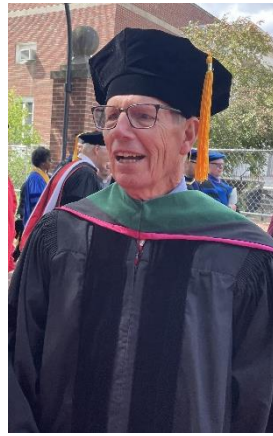
Wabash needs some more donors to reach this goal before the fiscal year ends on June 30. See the last page of this issue for a list of classmates who have already donated this fiscal year and for directions for making a donation.

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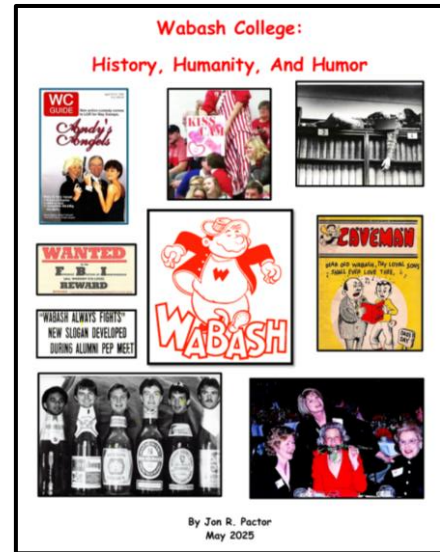
## News Of Classmates



*Classmate Bruce Bradway was on campus for Big Bash. He attended the large gathering of former Wabash trackmen and cross country runners on June 6, 2025. Bruce was a record-setting runner in his college days. Photo from Wabash College.*



*Classmate and emeritus Wabash trustee Trey Holland marched as part of the graduation ceremony on May 17, 2025. Photo by Jon Pactor '71.*



**Wabash College: History, Humanity, And Humor** is a new, footnoted history supported by humorous cartoons, photos, and text created by Wabash men and women over the last 150 years.

The book includes such topics as the history of the Homecoming Queen, Dating Practices Of Wabash Men, the national fame of Wabash cartoonists, the history of the Wabash Caveman image, and more topics. It contains history and humor written by Dr. Ben Rogge.

Its author, who has given the book a favorable review, is classmate Jon Pactor '71. You can buy the book for \$20 plus shipping from the Wabash bookstore or from him at [pactorlaw@iquest.net](mailto:pactorlaw@iquest.net).

Don't feel compelled to buy it. You won't be alone. Millions of people aren't. But no buyer has asked for a refund, which is a ringing endorsement or a recognition of futility.



*It is always special to be on campus, but it is especially special being on campus with family on celebratory occasions. Classmate Tom Runge and wife Carol H'71 join two grandsons on May 17, 2025. The gradute is Karston Runge '25, and the new other is Jeremiah Runge '29. At least 15 members of the family attended graduation This photo is one of many legacy photos that the college took at commencement and posted online.*

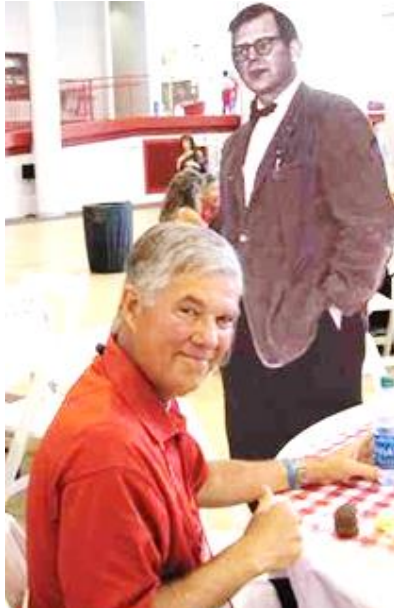
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**Fred Haase '71, 1948-2025**

Fred A. Haase, 75, passed away after a long illness on February 3, 2025.

Fred hailed from South Bend, Indiana. He was an independent. He was a Latin major who graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

He had high regard for Dr. Ted Bedrick, professor of Latin, and Dr. Ben Rogge, professor of economics. These professors had tremendous impact



*Fred Haase catches up with Dean Norman Moore in 2011 at the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Class of 1971. Photo by Jon Pactor.*

on Fred as he taught Latin and economics at Culver Academics, in Culver, Indiana, for 43 years. He held the W.A. Moncrief Chair of Free Enterprise Economics. He served as chair of the foreign language department. He coached boys' golf and in 1982 established the girls' golf team which he also coached.



He was one of only a few Culver faculty members to receive all three of the school's prestigious awards- the Delmar T. Spivey Award, Mark Kaser Award, and John Mars Award.

Fred was devoted to Nancy, his wife of 51 years, and to their three kids. He was strongly religious in the Lutheran church. He was also a devout golfer and loyal son of Wabash. He often referred strong students to Wabash. In 2013, the National Association of Wabash Men named him Admissions Fellow of the year.

There are many tributes to Fred online. Here are two:

"He was my fave teacher and always made learning fun. Even 3 years of Latin! How is that even possible? His Econ

class inspired me to major in Econ at the University of Chicago. And after he got tired of my asking why there was only a boys' golf team, we launched the girls' team my last year at Culver. A great lesson in being part of the solution, rather than complaining. Fred was one in a million."

"His great gift—besides his amazingly warm and genuinely caring demeanor—was taking complex topics and simplifying them. The genius of his teaching was showing how that wasn't limited to economics."

Fred and I were the only two Latin majors of our class. Every Latin class he took, I took with him, and vice versa. We were not competitors. The material was our competition. Instead of competitors, we became close friends for nearly 60 years.



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**Pete Hawley '71, 1948-2025**

Peter L. Hawley, 75, of New Hartford, CT, passed away unexpectedly on October 24, 2024.



*Pete Hawley was a runner. Photo from his online obituary.*

He started running at age 35. He completed 49 marathons including several Boston Marathons and every Hartford Marathon from the inaugural race in 1996 through 2022. He may have run 1000 races.

He "did" the Mt. Washington Road Race three times. According to Wikipedia, this is a 7.6-mile road-running event that follows the road from the base of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire near its summit, which is more than a mile above sea level.

He was president of the Hartford (Ct) Track Club for more than 20 years. He served on the ski patrol of Ski Butternut for 44 years. Since 1990, he was a first aid and outdoor emergency care instructor.

He came to Wabash from Connecticut. He was an independent and worked on the radio station. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

As an IBM AS400 tech with business knowledge, he worked for Hartford Technologies as a system analyst and coached fellow employees in software applications. He retired in 2019.

**Tom Bambrey '68, 1946-2025**

Tom Bambrey, 78, passed away after a difficult illness on January 26, 2025. He is survived by Rosalie Bambrey, his wife of 45 years.

Tom hailed from Pennsylvania. He ran track at Wabash and was a member of Sigma Chi. He taught high school and later earned a Ph.D. in English. After working at other higher ed schools, he served as Dean of Students at Wabash from 1997-2008. He then served as Wabash's athletic director. In 2024, he was inducted into the Wabash College Athletics Hall of Fame.



I got to know Tom after he returned to campus as Dean of Students. He showed a lot of Dean Moore in him in an era when it would have been hard for Dean Moore to be Dean Moore. He supported all students but worked to keep Wabash fraternities and keep them strong. He once told me: "At Wabash, we trust our students, and sometimes we pay the price." It was a statement of courage and confidence. Trusting students is Wabash. We were trusted as students, and Tom was our contemporary.

Tom Bambrey '68 should be remembered as one of the all-time great Wabash Men—student, athlete, dean, colleague, advisor, and friend. Photo from Wabash College.

By his words and his deeds, by his vision and his heart, and by his wisdom and his humor, Dean Tom Bambrey had an immediate impact on student life which endures to this day.

Retired English professor Tobey Herzog H'11 gave a moving eulogy in the Chapel on February 8. The two of them had been in a book club together. They were the only

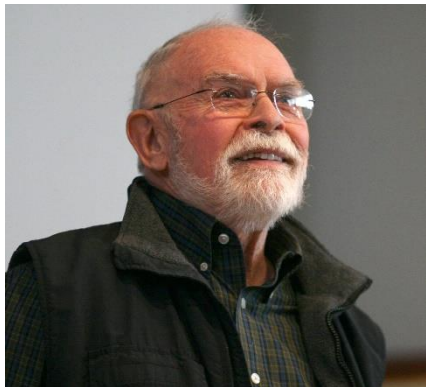
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members. Tobey ended the eulogy with quotes. One came from Tom's close friend and fellow Sig Dave Knott '69 who said "Tom Bambrey is the epitome of the [Wabash] Gentleman's Rule. He would do what's right when he was 18 and never wavered."

Another quote was from Tom: "I was away a long time [from Wabash], had the chance to see other places and study higher education as a matter of professional interest. Bluntly stated, [Wabash] is still the best damn place I know."

**Austin Edward Brooks, Jr. '61, 1938-2025**

Dr. Austin Brook, 86, died at his home in Crawfordsville after a long illness on May 10, 2025. Lucy Brooks, his wife of 61 years, survives him.



*Aus Brooks '61 in a photo from early in this century. Photo from Wabash College.*

Aus was a good student and president of Delta Tau Delta. He earned his Ph.D. in biology from Indiana University. He spent his entire academic career on the Wabash faculty from 1966 to 2004. He should be remembered as one of the all-time great Wabash Men—student, faculty, colleague, advisor, and friend.

While at Wabash, Aus pioneered innovative teaching techniques, including organizing with colleague and friend Bill Doemel the Wabash Aquatic Biology Program. For four summers, this program provided 15 students the opportunity to spend 6 weeks in a different

wilderness setting including Yellowstone, the Boundary Waters and Northern Wisconsin, the Florida Keys, and the Northeast Coast.

He also developed a patented technique which allowed a blind student to feel microscopic images.

He eagerly supported the use of technology and computers as teaching tools and pursued research worldwide with sabbaticals and research trips to such locations as Hamburg, Germany, Bangkok, Thailand, and the Pacific Northwest.

He was also involved in several community organizations including the Friends of Sugar Creek, the Youth Service Bureau, and the Park Board. He served as an elder and deacon for the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church.

He pursued fly fishing, wood carving, travel and biking. He frequently engaged in events on campus.

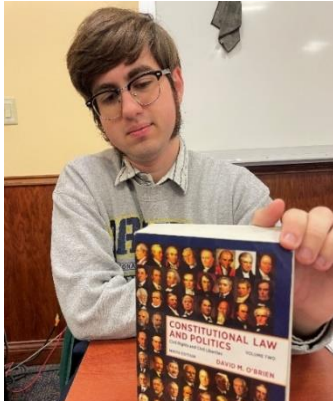
A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m., August 2 in Salter Hall in the Fine Arts Center. A reception will follow.



*The historic and beautiful Ben Hur Building in downtown Crawfordsville has been restored for 49 apartments with modern amenities. It had been vacated for about two decades. The ribbon cutting occurred on June 21, 2025.*

*It was built in 1912 as the headquarters of the Supreme Tribe of Ben-Hur, a fraternal organization formed in 1893. Renovations in 1940 added art deco features. It housed offices for physicians, attorneys and other professionals for decades.*

## **News From Campus**



This mammoth text *Constitutional Law And Politics* is used by political science professor Scott Himself '85, J.D. and his students. He is a fabulous teacher, and I speak from having sat in on his classes and being involved in his interactions with students.

Last November Don Bennett '69 and I attended his 8 a.m. class where this photo was taken of student Tobey Condon '26. Himself and Bennett were law partners.

Himself's students are prepared for class. They voluntarily participate in discussion on thorny legal issues such as Constitutional law applied to religion.

Scott teaches how to think, not what to think. He has told me that, and I have seen it in action. His teaching ability is as good as the best of the great teachers of our era.

**New Dean Of Students.** Wabash will have a new dean of students, Scott Brown, starting this month. He replaces Greg Redding '88 who will return to teaching as a professor of German after a sabbatical.

Brown will be the eighth dean of students in Wabash history, not counting interims. He will be the first non-Wabash alumnus in this post since 1997 when Tom Bambrey '68 became dean. Brown has a long resume in student affairs at Mt. Holyoke (a women's college in Massachusetts), College of Wooster, Colgate University, Dartmouth College, and a few others. He has an undergraduate degree from Indiana University, a masters, and a Ph. D. in student personnel administration from the University of Maryland. Six of the eight deans have had a Ph.D. Dean Norman C. Moore and Mike Raters did not.

**Goodbye to Campus Center.** The building known as the Campus Center in our day and later named the Sparks Center is slowly coming to an end after delays related to financing and to the historical significance of the building.

I lack much knowledge about the building's historical significance. I think it relates to its architect, Eric Gugler. He designed the Oval Office and the Cabinet Room of the White House during the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The replacement of Sparks may not open for a few years. The independents will continue to eat at a temporary facility named Grub Hollow, just north of the tennis courts. I have eaten there several times, and I have found it well arranged. Current students eat better than we did as students.

**Enrollment.** The College is on track to have a large freshman class. There are reasons for this success, but perhaps the most important reasons are critical thinking, hard work, and philanthropy.

**John Carroll University**, an athletic powerhouse in Cleveland, joins North Coast Athletic Conference. Our classmates in that geography can see the Little Giants on JCU's gridiron this October 4.

**Patience Barnes** recently passed away. She was the wife of Dr. James Barnes, a history professor at Wabash from 1962-2006. They were a team of authors. He survives her.

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**Thanks For Donating This Fiscal Year, Which Ends On June 30**

Thanks to classmates, spouses, and widows who have donated during this fiscal year through June 21, 2025. The fiscal year ends on June 30.

If you are not on the list below, please donate before July 1. This can be done by mailing a check to Wabash College, Advancement Office, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, by contributing online at [wabash.edu/give](http://wabash.edu/give), or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.



When we donate, we say “thanks” for our own good fortune, for our great Wabash professors, and for wonderful Wabash friendships

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