



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



June 15, 2026

20 Classmates Celebrate 55th At Big Bash

Twenty classmates and nine wives from eight states shared the Spirit of '71 at the Big Bash reunion weekend, June 5-6, 2026.

Wabash puts so much effort into planning Big Bash that it appears effortless. The college provided plenty of opportunities for conversation, recreation, and simple fun.



There were a golf outing, walk-run, bicycle trip, a symposium, and presentations by Wabash

administrators. A psychology professor had a session on fatherhood. The

archivists Nolan Eller and Matt Meyer had some eye-catching displays of historical items, and the restored portrait of Thad Seymour, which by Andy Dziubinskyj '71 as a student painted, was hanging prominently in the library.

The Big Bash started on Friday morning. Trey Holland played golf in the college's golf outing.

After a lunch at the Allen Center, several classmates attended the Alumni-Faculty-Staff symposium titled *Paging Dr. Wally: A Symposium on Healthcare and the Liberal Arts*. Eight speakers, two speaking concurrently, talked on doctor-patient relationships, health concerns at Wabash College, artificial intelligence and healthcare, and other pertinent topics.

Men of all classes and their guests enjoyed an informal dinner Friday evening in Chadwick Court (the gym).



Classmates were engaged in presentatons at the "Paging Dr. Wally" symposium. At the top is Beck Hannaford. In the middle are John Lathrop and Connie Lathrop. At the bottom are Andy Dziubinskyj, at left, and Jim Rendel. At the upper left is Greg Rasmussen. Photos by Wabash College.

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Saturday morning, three classmates arrived at the Wabash track for the runners and walkers. As Rob Johnson, the retired Wabash and Olympics track coach, began to



Jim Kamplain, left, and Bill Davnie, brothers at Kappa Sigma, appeared before the walk on Saturday morning. Bill canceled to take a phone call. Photo by Jon Pactor.

express the rules for the runners and walkers, Jim Kamplain, whispering, asked me whether Rob was going to do one of his classic pep talks. Rob came to Wabash in the fall of 1971 after having been encouraged by classmate Vic Ransom to apply to replace J. Owen Huntsman as track coach. Like Dean Norman Moore, Rob is a beloved personality who was a great leader of boys into Wabash manhood.



Burt Schell and wife Barbara Deal enjoyed the dinner Friday evening. Photo by Jon Pactor.

I responded to Jim's whisper by saying that I did not know, but I would see. So I walked up to Rob, interrupted him, and told him of a request for him to lead the group with a classic Rob Johnson pep talk. He agreed. He began with "The will to win begins within." There is more to this chant than that, and his pep talk which everyone joined was repeated into a louder and louder crescendo. It lasted at least a minute. It did not make anyone run or walk faster, but it pepped us up in an unforgettable Wabash moment.

Jim and I walked together with Bill Hill '76, whom we did not know. But, like many Wabash experiences, it seemed like we knew Bill forever.

Around 10:45 a.m., our class gathered to practice *Old Wabash* before the 11 a. m. Chapel Sing. Some of us needed no practice, and for others, it was a case of "too little, too late."



This photo demonstrates the practice session of Old Wabash for Chapel Sing. Some guys were practicing lip-synching. Photo by Connie Lathrop.

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The Chapel Sing began with the younger classes. Not surprising, the older classes were vastly superior in numbers, knowledge of the words, creativity, and Wabash spirit. The younger classes, those from 1981-2021 except for 1991 could have used a pep talk from Rob.

The Class of 1971 was sitting in the back of the Chapel waiting our turn to sing both verses. Some guys were cramming off cheat sheets while the younger classes were strutting their stuff, what little stuff they had. When it was our turn, we assembled and marched in singing *Old Wabash* as we waved our reunion pennants and shook our Class of 1971 #1 foam fingers. Trey Holland carried Dean Moore.

We did not win Chapel Sing, keeping up a tradition where our outstanding effort did not persuade the judges.

Garrett Paul, a Glee Club vet, conducted our spiritous singing. Our enthusiasm made up for a shortage of talent. We had pennants, foam fingers, reunion shirts, and two ringers. Dean Norman C. Moore, our dean of students, joined us, but he got tongue-tied and sang nothing. Another member of the Class of 1971—but not of Wabash—joined us. He was Richard Bowen, the former Wabash Glee Club director.



The Class of 1971 marched in, singing Old Wabash. Will Weber '11 provided this photo.



The Class of 1971 completed Old Wabash after having marched while singing to the front of the chapel. Garrett Paul, to the right, was conducting. Dean Moore stood tall on the piano and symbolically once again watched over us. The black t-shirts were the 2026 reunion shirts, and some guys wore reunion shirts from prior reunions. Gene King '78 provided this photo. Here is a link to a short video of our jubliant entrance into the chapel which Will Weber '11 provided.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cqb2YfTeMDxCLANrX4q5KEKCZ2QsdvZb/view>

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Classmates received souvenir pennants and vigorously waved them as the class stormed the chapel for Chapel Sing. Classmates also received a copy of Wabash College: History, Humanity, And Humor, a 160-page book. They could get a washable Spirit of '71 tattoo. Jim Kamplain ably placed one on his cheek but removed it before our banquet.

Lunch in the gym followed the Chapel Sing. Then, the college took class photos outdoors. A photo of our class appears on the next page.

For the rest of the afternoon classmates could listen to frank talks from Dean of Students Scott Brown and President Scott Feller, socialize at Wally's, a pub on campus, or do whatever they chose. Sue and Greg Rasmussen chose to meet with his chemistry professor John Zimmerm who gave them a tour of Hays Science Hall, "including his basement office - a virtual museum of vintage yet mostly functional lab, photography, and video equipment," Greg reported. After the tour, the three reminiscenced about Wabash people.

Class dinners were in the evening on Saturday. We had a great venue in the dining hall at Trippet Hall, a building on Wabash Avenue that bookends the Chapel. Trippet Hall houses the

admissions office, other offices, and meeting spaces. We had a few guests—Dean of Students Scott Brown, Dean Joe Klen '97 of advancement, Chuck Crowley '70, and Ken Crawford '69 and his wife Erika Crawford.

Each lady in attendance at the banquet received a red rose from the Class of 1971. Many of them have been associated with our class for 55 years or more.

Attendees at the banquet received a 12-page booklet about the class. It contained an "in memoriam" list for classmates and one for faculty. The list for classmates appears on page 6.



Jon Pactor did a stand-up. His mic resembled a red napkin wrapped around eating utensils. Photo by Beck Hannaford.

Unexpectedly, I got a request to do a stand-up comedy routine. I am not a pro at stand-up, but I am pretty good at sitting down. Nonetheless, I stepped out for a few minutes and put together a short piece. Some classmates—free of charge—laughed. At the end, while still firmly seated, they applauded, perhaps applauding for the fact that my stand-up had ended. I noticed the two ladies who oversaw the dinner were standing in the back, but they were not applauding. Combining the two groups, I got a standing ovation.

Next came "open mic." Everyone at the dinner was invited to say whatever he or she wanted. Five men and three wives spoke. All were meaningful, moving, and succinct on Wabash themes. Speakers were in

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alphabetical order Bill Davnie, Jan Eaton, Jeff Eaton, Trey Holland, Connie Lathrop, Garrett Paul, Sue Rasmussen, and Tom Runge.

After the banquet, we were able to gather in another location in Trippet Hall rather than depart to a restaurant during a serious rain storm or just end the evening. Thanks to Trey Holland and Alex Miller who thoughtfully and generously arranged for us to have this post-banquet location in Trippet Hall.

The evening ended around 10 p.m. The rain had stopped, but the good feelings and the pride of the Spirit of '71 continued to shine. It's still shining.



Front row from the left: John Lathrop, Connie Lathrop, Steve Hays, Trey Holland, Garrett Paul, Andy Dziubinskyj, Marta Dziubinskyj, and Beck Hannaford.

Second row: Steve McDaniel, Danuta McDaniel, Jan Eaton, Orlo Shoop, Jim Kamplain (with hat and sunglasses), Burt Schell ("Wabash" shirt), Barbara Deal, Greg Rasmussen, and Sue Rasmussen.

Third row: Jon Pactor, Jim Rendel, Jeff Eaton, Bill Hausmann, and Marty Schaap (in the center with hat and black reunion shirt).

Last row: David Main, Bill Davnie, Tom Runge, Carol Runge, and Chris Paul. (Photo by Wabash College).

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Classmates and ladies who attended our 55th reunion

Bill Davnie	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Andy Dziubinskyj and Marta Dziubinskyj	West Lafayette, Indiana
Jeff Eaton and Jan Eaton	Medinah, Illinois
Beck Hannaford	Muncie, Indiana
Bill Hausman	Cocoa Beach, Florida
Steve Hays	Columbus, Indiana
Trey Holland	Deer Harbor, Washington
Jim Kamplain and Esta Kamplain	Birmingham, Alabama
John Lathrop and Connie Lathrop	Noblesville, Indiana
David Main	Champaign, Illinois
Steve McDaniel and Danuta McDaniel	Wheaton, Illinois
Alex Miller and Brenda Miller	Sarasota, Florida
Jon Pactor	Indianapolis, Indiana
Garrett Paul	St. Peter, Minnesota
Greg Rasmussen and Sue Rasmussen	Kingsport, Tennessee
Jim Rendel	Lisle, Illinois
Tom Runge and Carol Runge	Lafayette, Indiana
Marty Schaap	Indianapolis, Florida
Burt Schell and Barbara Deal	Chicago, Illinois
Orlo Shoop	West Lafayette, Indiana

Steve and Susan Wildman registered but had to cancel. Several other classmates wanted to attend, but for personal reasons, they could not.

Classmates Who Have Passed

This list may be incomplete.

John W. Archer	Richard T. Galbraith	Stephen A. Overton
Gregory L. Allen	W. Michael Gephart	Scott S. Parker
Carlos Amrstead	Preston Greene, Jr.	Mark W. Pennington
Michael Bartholomew	Frederick A. Haase	Anthony R. Partee
Larry E. Bemis	Robert M. Harlan	Patrick G. Rike
W. Douglas Brackemyre	Kenneth Lee Haverstick	Paul R. Roberts
Patrick F. Brannigan Jr.	Peter L. Hawley	James D. Rush
Edward L. Corley	Richard J. Jaffke	John L. Ryder
Bruce E. Crozier	David George Kinnett	Ted Curtis Ryder
M. J. Czarniecki III	J. Dean Lammering	David R. Schreiber
Russell R. Dart	Jack T. Lindsey	Timothy J. Shickley
Davis R. Dewey III	Robert H. Long, Jr.	Frederick J. Urbaska
G. Michael Dill	Lavoyd Lucas	Stephen Vieira
Carl R. Dolmetsch III	Laune J. Mason	
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	Stephen R. Ong	

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Our dollars are important to keep Wabash strong. We cannot just presume it. Liberal arts schools are facing challenges, financially and otherwise. When we donate, we say “thanks” for our own good education, for our great Wabash professors, and for wonderful Wabash friendships.

Please join the 60 classmates who have donated this fiscal year which will end June 30. We can mail a check to Wabash College, Advancement Office, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933, donate online wabash.edu/give, or call 877-743-4545. This list is through June 11.

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Andy and Marta
Dziubinskyj
Jeff and Jan Eaton
Kirk and Margaret
Eichenberger
Jake and Teresa Fisher
Dave and Judy Graham
Dave and Tricia Gray
Pete Grills
Nelson and Ann Flynn
Nancy Haase, widow of
Fred Haase
Beck and Christy
Hannaford
Bill Hausmann
Steve and Jean Hays
Cloyce and Christine

Hedge
Dan and Michelle
Holderbaum
Trey and Cheryl
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Ed and Judith Pitkin
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Randak
Greg and Susan
Rasmussen
Jim Rendel
Phil Rifner
Carl and Judith Royal
Tom and Carol Runge
Martin and Eilene
Schaap
Orlo Shoop
John and Deanna Street
Pete and Amy Toft
Jim and Barbara Unger
Bill and Mary Watson
Steve and Elogene
Weliever
Steve and Susan Wildman



Thanks for reading *Pactoracles*. It is my honor and responsibility to serve the Class of 1971. Please contact me with news, comments, questions, or aging tips. On the recommendation of a classmate, I have enlarged the font for this letter.

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