

Class of 1973

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Greetings!

How was winter for you? Obviously, it varied greatly depending on what area of the country you happen to be in. It appears the California draught is over, for a while at least.

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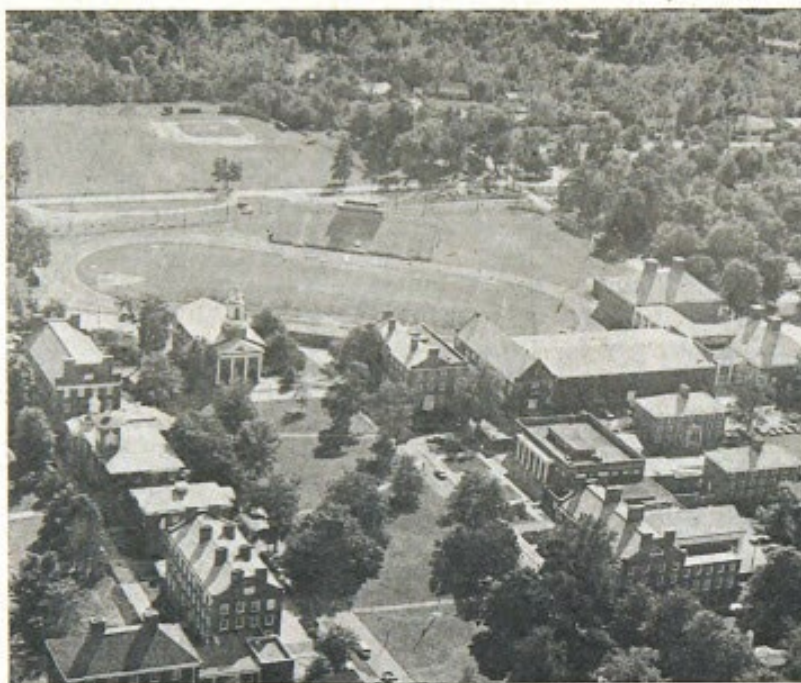
# THE BACHELOR

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## Seniors To Be Commenced Sunday



Wabash College will confer honorary doctorates on three distinguished alumni at the 135th commencement on Sunday, May 13. Bachelor of Arts degrees also will be granted to some 155 Wabash seniors in colorful graduation ceremonies scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on the campus mall.

Those receiving honorary degrees include Willis H. Johnson '25 who is retiring after 47 years of teaching and science research including 36 years on the Wabash faculty; T. W. Mastin '38, president of Lubrizol Corporation, and the Rev. Melvin Schoonover '51, author and minister who has devoted many years to social and economic problems in the New York ghetto.

Wabash President Thaddeus Seymour, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, will confer Doctor of Science degrees on Dr. Johnson and Dr. Mastin and the Doctor of Humane Letters on the Rev. Schoonover.

Two Wabash seniors, in keeping with a long-standing tradition of the college, will deliver the commencement addresses prior to the degree ceremonies. They are James Thomas of Racin, Wis., and David Worrell of Indianapolis. The titles of their speeches will be "Coming of Age" and "Revenge of the Meritocracy."

Chapel Talk

PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Big Bash 2023 is just over 2-months away. The deadline to register is May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Currently, we have 27 members of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class registered. If you aren't in that group yet, I urge you to take a few minutes and sign up this week while you're thinking about it. Go to [wabash.edu/bigbash](http://wabash.edu/bigbash) to register and see the list of events. Here's the list as it stands today:

Allen, Pete	Foos, Jack	Lowe, John
Bisset, Paul	Freeman, Douglas	Mallers, Peter
Bockstahler, Charles	Garber, John	Moorman, Craig
Buerger, Frank	Gotto, John	Murphy, Steven
Burnley, John (Mike)	Grossnickle, Ted	Pursel, Jim
Clark, Lee	Haklin, Joseph	Rains, Mark
Collings, Joseph	Howard, Leslie	Reynolds, John
Dean, Dennis	Kepchar, Dennis	Simmons, Mark
Deffenbaugh, John	Laurent, James	Walsh, Thomas

If you have questions about the weekend of June 2nd through 4<sup>th</sup>, give me a call to see if I can answer them – and if I can't, I will find out and get back with you. There are quite a few from the Class of '73 who have never attended one of our reunions. I truly want to encourage you to commit to joining us in Crawfordsville this June, so please contact me if there's something holding you back that we can possibly discuss and resolve. My cell # is 765-366-6342.

As I've mentioned in previous letters, the sooner we can get a good idea what our final attendance numbers will be, the better of an experience the Alumni Office can prepare for us. Plus, if you're going to require overnight accommodations, you can insure you get a reservation at a local hotel.

Also, if you would like to contact someone from your fraternity, living unit, sports team, or other campus group to see if they are planning to come, let me know so I can provide whatever contact information I have for them.

Okay – let's get this done NOW!

[Register Now](#)

**Registration Deadline: May 24, 2023**

Also as mentioned before, if you have a Facebook account, request membership in our group. We have 17 members at this time and have been sharing memories, life updates, and photos of our current lives and our college days. Here's the direct link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3318217925158350>. If you need someone to connect with, add me as a friend – [pete.allen73@wabash.edu](mailto:pete.allen73@wabash.edu).



## Wabash Class of 1973

I hope you've taken time to read through the information our Major Gift Chairman Tom Stocks has been mailing out. Lots of great information on the various ways to provide financially to Wabash College as well as a breakdown of our giving goals for our 50<sup>th</sup> and how our current donor numbers compare to previous years.

I'm very encouraged by his latest letter since if we can simply get donor participation from everyone who has contributed in the past 5-years, we can surpass the goal set by the College.

Personally, since I make a gift every year, I took advantage of the page Tom sent that has the heading "Wabash College – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Gift Campaign", filled in the top box for a 5-year intention to give, and sent it back to Wabash. Whatever you choose, be sure to include information on Matching Gifts if you happen to have an employer who has such a benefit.

Wabash's 10<sup>th</sup> Day of Giving is coming in April, and the theme is Always Wabash celebrating what's always been part of our experience as students, alumni, and friends of the College. Last year, we raised \$1,744 per student. This year, a group of leaders is putting up \$510,000 when we reach 5,010 gifts. If you'd like to send a check or make a stock of IRA/QCD gift in advance, you can mail it to Wabash College 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933 and write Day of Giving in the memo or call 877-743-4545. If the Day goes well, Wabash could reach \$10 million over its 10 Days of Giving.

[Give Now](#)

As I consider what to include in Class Letters, especially with the current focus on our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, I find myself going through the archives for The Bachelor and Photos on the Wabash web site. I think the college does a good job in alerting us to what's currently happening on campus.

Several things that were going on in March of our Freshman year were:

- Those involved with the Scarlet Masque production "Misanthrope" were being praised (see *Bachelor* article below).
- There was news of the latest drug raid at Martindale.
- To go along with that, the Drug Information Center was established. I remember nights staffing the office in Kingery Hall.
- Headline: "PAN HEL IS DEAD - Lack Of Funds Cited".
- The Biology Department was under attacked. particularly Dr. Willis Johnson.
- Information on the book "The Lottery and the Draft: Where Do I Stand?" by David Kendall (Wabash '66) and Leonard Ross which offered facts and advice on dealing with the lottery which had been implemented in 1970.
- And even though Pan Hel was "dead", final plans for Ralph's Mother with Mason Proffitt, Paul Weddle, and speaker Dick Gregory were moving along.

# THE *Wabash* Bachelor

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## Repertoire Opens 1970 Scarlet Masque Season

The Scarlet Masque will open its 1970 season with a dual production of "The Misanthrope" and "Of Mice and Men" this coming week in the Center Of The Arts And Humanities.

Both plays deal with the conflict between man and a sick and unfair society though they were written centuries apart. "The Misanthrope," written in 1666 by the French playwright, Moliere, depicts the pursuit of a young "hater of society" for his courtly love who is a staunch supporter of the hypocritical society he hates. "Of Mice and Men" was written three centuries later (1933), but it too

depicts a cruel society which causes confusion and tragedy for its players, two migratory workers who live for nothing but the dream that someday they might own their own small farm.

Although Moliere's play is a comedy both it and "Of Mice and Men" ends with the domination of society and tragedy for those individuals who attempt to challenge its authority.

Bud Jones, who recently portrayed Nick in the Theatre Department's production of "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf" will have the lead in both plays, playing George in "Of Mice and Men" and Alceste, the misanthrope in Moliere's comedy.

Robert Clymire is directing *Mice and Men*; LeRoy Stoner is directing *Misanthrope*.

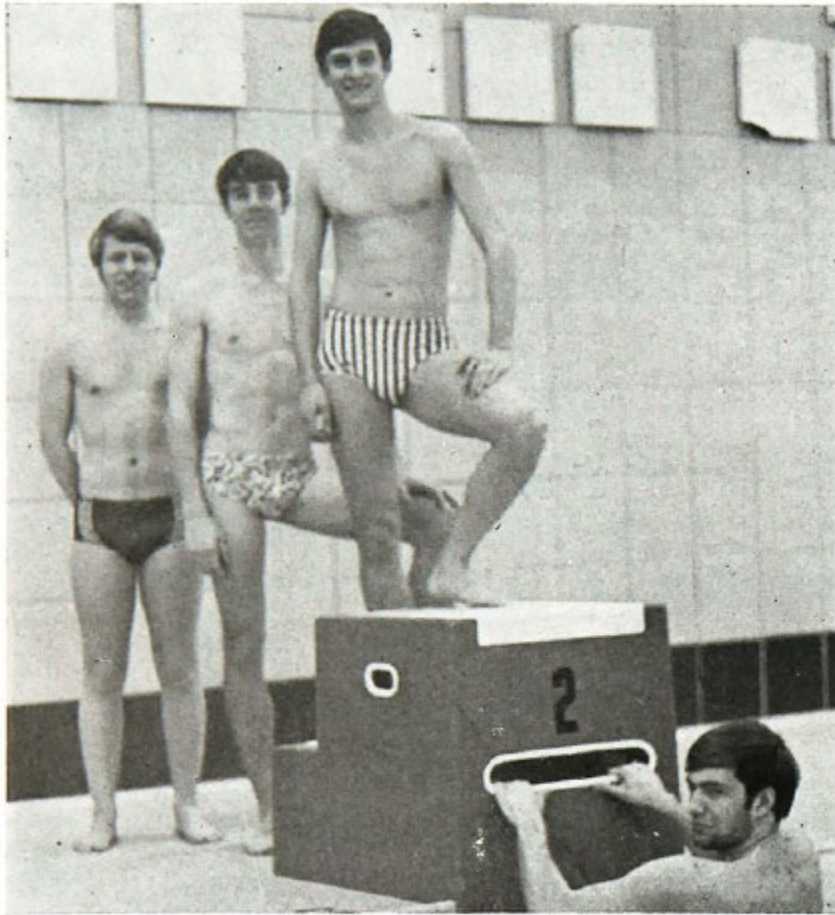
The plays will be presented in the Humanities Center; "The Misanthrope" in Ball Theatre and "Of Mice and Men" in the Experimental Theatre. Dates for "The Misanthrope" are March 11, 13, 19 and 21 while those



Ted Grossnickle as Philinte, Joyce Warden as Eliante and Connie Person as Celimene rehearse a scene from "The Misanthrope."



Supposedly, we had some dominating swimmers in our class:



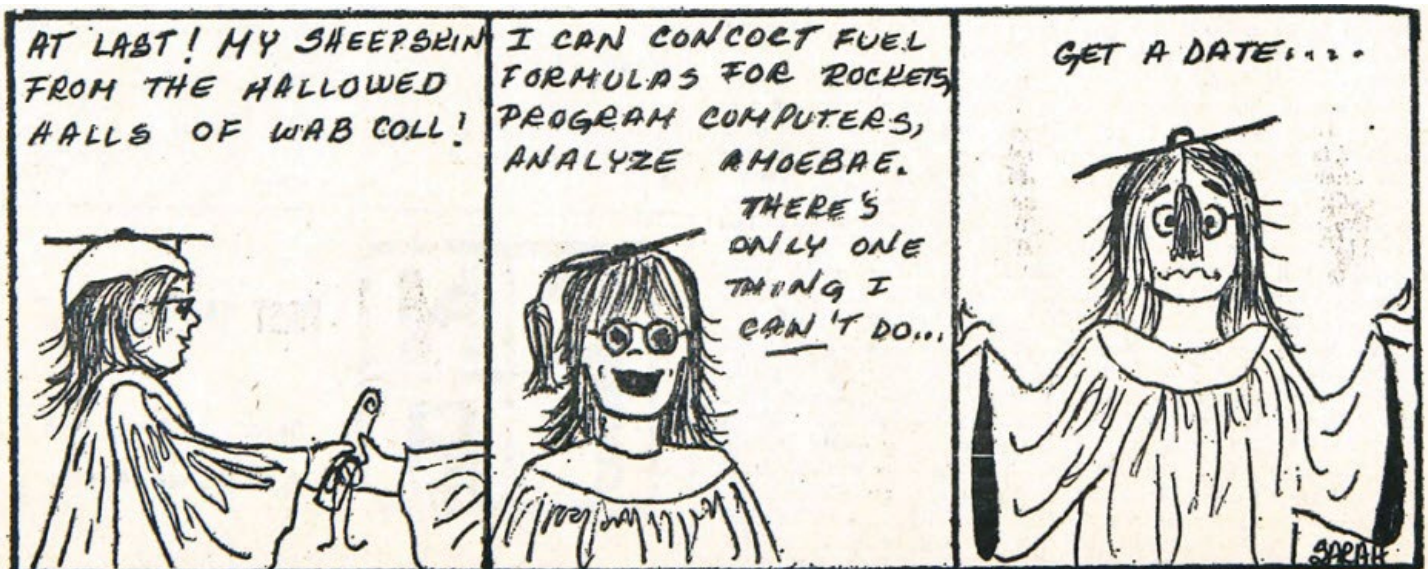
The record-breaking medley relay team of Hambidge, Skinner, Meyer, and Walsh pose in their watery home base.

### Winningest Team On Campus

Of the team standouts much can be said for Freshman distance man Bill Bookwalter; Bill, in his first year of intercollegiate swimming, doubled in almost every meet, swimming both the 1000- and 500-yd. freestyle. In the entire season Bill lost but one race! Freshman Bill Skinner, the best all around swimmer on the team, broke three school records over the season and anchored the free relay team which consistently posted a 3:36.4 time, just two tenths of a second off the 1968 record. Last year's MVP Sophomore Skip Burhans, the swift middle distance man, broke the 2 minute mark in the 200-yd. free capturing the record with a 1:59.2 clocking. Skip now holds two records and is but a tenth of a second off the 100-yd. free record of 53.5. Diver Freshman Mark Carwell added his name (as well as his southern drawl) to the record books breaking Steve Mihalko's records on both the high and low boards.

Of Freshman Bob Meyer, our strong "come from behind" butterflyer, can be said that he epitomizes Coach Daly's philosophy of intelligent "come on strong" swimming, Bob, a strong swimmer, holds two records and adds depth to the I.M. and free style events.

And finally, a comic strip from the May 11, 1973 edition of The Bachelor:



That's it for now. Please take a few minutes to register for Big Bash 2023 and to make a gift to Wabash if you haven't done that yet. Also, let me or the Alumni Office know of any major changes in your life or in your contact information so we can continue to get information to you in a timely manner.

And, as always, if you're going to be in the Crawfordsville area and would like to get together for coffee or lunch, let me know.

Hope to see you in June!

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