

Class Agents Letter

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

Annual Fund and Fiscal Year End, 6/30/20. The Wabash College Annual Fund is a major factor in the life of our students, and this next academic year will probably be more expensive than ever before. Many new policies and procedures will undoubtedly cost the College more than anticipated due to the pandemic. PLEASE, PLEASE consider making a gift to the Annual Fund before the end of June. You can make a gift online at www.wabash.edu/give or call 877-743-4545. Or you can mail a check to Annual Fund, Wabash College, 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

<u>Upcoming Academic Year.</u> The academic school year will begin two weeks earlier than normal with classes starting on 8/11 and ending on 11/17. There will not be a Fall break, and this new schedule will allow our students to travel home before the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday seasons. Fall athletic activities are still being discussed by the College administration.

<u>Fraternity fundraising.</u> The College has all ten fraternities on a schedule for improvements/renovations with two fraternities scheduled per year. In order for the renovation work to begin, each fraternity must raise approximately \$225,000 from alumni and friends. I have been pleased to help with this effort for the Betas, and these classmates have made substantial contributions for the Beta house: Charlie Bell, Cal Black, John Herrin, Steve Hildebrand, John Flanagan, Jim Roeder and Bob Smith. The Lambda Chis and Theta Delts have completed the fundraising on their projects. Phi Gam, Teke, and Phi Psi are on deck.

Loss of another classmate.. We have lost another classmate, David Ogden, and his obituary follows:

David Allan Ogden passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Bigfork, Montana. He was born February, 28, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri. His parents were Eleanor and Phillip Ogden. He grew up in East Saint Louis, Illinois and attended The Principia through high school. He continued his education at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana which his father also attended. However, he moved to Los Angeles graduating from California State University, Los Angeles. He married Patti in August of 1966 and continued his studies. He went to law school at UCLA before passing the Bar and becoming a lawyer ultimately the Lincoln Lawyer. He worked in the Los Angeles City Attorney's office then for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. He went into private practice for the rest of his career where he specialized in criminal law but also helped many clients in all areas of the law. Not focusing on one particular courthouse, he drove to many courthouses representing clients all around Southern California. One of those clients became his driver, driving him to courthouse after courthouse. This life experience was shared with author Michael Connelly at a Los

Angeles Dodgers game who used it as the basis of the bestselling book The Lincoln Lawyer which later became a movie. They lived on Point Dume in Malibu, California for thirty-five years until David's retirement in 2010 when they moved full-time to their home in Bigfork, Montana on the Swan River. As a lifelong Christian Scientist, he was most recently a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Kalispell. He was also a Trustee Emeritus of Berkeley Hall School in Los Angeles. He was always active in the community. In addition to church, he was former president of the Malibu Bar Association, a singer in the Santa Monica Oceanaires, a mens a cappella chorus. He was also a 32nd degree Mason. In Montana, he was a former board member of the Flathead Valley Live on Stage musical non-profit organization. He is survived by wife Patti Ogden of Bigfork, Montana, sons Jonathan and Matthew, daughter-in-law Alicia, grandson, Asher (Jonathan), grandaughters, Autumn (Matthew) and Callie (Matthew), and step-brother Darwin Cuddeback and his wife Somsri. No services are planned at this time.

<u>Class News.</u> Jay and I have not heard from many of you since our last letter, and we certainly would like some updates from you. Please take a few minutes to contact us, and we will include you in the next class letter.

"These fleeting years..."

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