



## **WABASH COLLEGE**

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Dear Men of '66,

Mid-term exams are over at Wabash and fall is in the air in Crawfordsville. The football team is 5-1, soccer is 9-4, cross country is doing very well, fall golf, baseball and lacrosse are over and the campus mood is really positive.

Homecoming was a great weekend, and we had many classmates who attended: Charlie and Janet Bell, Cal and Marsha Black, Lee and Betty Cline, Bill Cook, Bill and Sue Ferguson, Jay and Marty Fisher, John and Patti Flanagan, Jack Hauber, John and Nancy Herrin, Ned Luce, Max Rudicel, Ken Schild, Brent Smith, Bill and Robin Summers and Milan Vydarney.

The following weekend was the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Glee Club and Dennis Whigham and Tom Wilhelmus represented our class. "Whiggie" was on campus early that week and taught one class and gave a presentation in the Biology Department.

Here is a nice email from Whiggie that I thought you might enjoy reading:

Cal and Jay

Reading the 66 newsletter in our hotel in Portree, Scotland. Jan and I are here for our 50th wedding celebration - yes it all began on a blind date at Wabash. Had our first dinner at the Whigham Wine Cellar in Edinburgh.

Sorry I won't be at homecoming but I will be there a week later for the 125th Glee Club Reunion. At last check, I was the only '66 dude to sign up. I sent an email to the others in our class but based on the last list of attendees that I saw, they have ignored me. Maybe Bill Cook is still lost in Alaska. Looking through the list of songs from the Mitchum-era it will be fun but I will probably have to lip-sync most of them as the old tenor notes don't seem to come or, if they do, nobody would want to hear them. While on campus I am going to give a Thursday seminar in the biology department and spend time with one of the classes. Too bad the football game will be away that Saturday but hope to see you at Allegheny.

Will watch the next football game from the comfort of our friend's house in Amersfoort, The Netherlands.

Best wishes

Wiggy

I attended the fraternity advisors meeting on 10/14 and listened to Dean of Students Mike Raters and President Hess talk about the current status of fraternities- very positive and candid messages from both of them. High quality housing is a priority for the College and the Greek system is vital to the health of Wabash. Nutrition for all students is being monitored, but there is no intention to change the dining patterns of each fraternity.

Freshman Housing Statistics for the fall 2017 show 58% of the freshmen pledged fraternities. This does not count transfer students or sophomores who also pledged fraternities. For example, the Betas have eighteen freshman pledges and four sophomore/transfer pledges for a total pledge class of 22. There have only been two De-pledges which is very good in relation to some years.

On-Campus Housing for the fall 2017 shows 310 Independent students and 513 fraternity members for a total of 823 students. Maximum capacity for the College is 924, and the College hopes to increase enrollment to reach capacity. So, if you know of a potential Little Giant please let Chip Timmons, Director of Admissions, know about the prospect. The more information you can provide to Chip the better, but a name, high school, class year, etc. will put the College in touch with your prospect.

Jay and I enjoy hearing from you, and we will be pleased to include any information in the class letters that you would like us to include. So, please keep in regular touch and let us know about your family, activities, hobbies, kids, grandkids, etc.

“These fleeting years...”

Cal

Of interest, below is a copy of a letter that appeared in the WSJ, President Hess mentioned he had written the letter during the recent Fraternity Advisors meeting.

## What Wasn't Considered in the College Survey

Some of the most outstanding small colleges in the country were excluded from the survey simply because their enrollments don't top 1,000 students or because they don't meet a specific level of faculty research.

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We, along with the presidents of Agnes Scott College, St. John's College and Bennington College, worry that your exclusion from The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education College Rankings of some of the most outstanding small colleges in the country simply because their enrollments don't top 1,000 students or because they don't meet a specific level of faculty research output does a disservice to your readers and to the very students and parents you are attempting to help (“[U.S. College Rankings](#),” Journal Report, Sept. 27).

These colleges have amazing reputations for outstanding classroom teaching, strong student living and learning communities, innovative research conducted by faculty experts and their undergraduate students, cutting-edge pedagogy development and achievements in preparing graduates to become successful leaders in multiple disciplines. They have been noted for their successes in various national rankings, in news stories highlighting their work and accomplishments, in academic scholarly research on effective teaching methods and across a spectrum of other media. By any meaningful measure, these small colleges are each providing students with unique and wonderful educational experiences and are highly cherished for their efforts. Their exclusion from your rankings deprives readers of valuable information for making college choices.

College size can be a crucial consideration when families are selecting the appropriate college experience. With their small student-to-faculty ratios, our colleges are focused primarily on providing the highest quality teaching for undergraduates. In many cases, colleges like ours have made conscious choices to remain small to better serve our students and our missions.

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