

Class of 1967

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Dear "67 Classmates,

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We begin this letter with a tribute.

Remembering Ted Williamson

There will be a celebration of life for Ted Martin Williamson at The First Universalist Church & Society of Barnard **6211 VT-12, Barnard, VT 05031** on **Saturday, July 31, 2021 at 11:00 am**. The Celebration of Life will be followed by a lunch. I welcome family and friends near and far to join me in remembering Ted by raising a glass wherever you are on Saturday, July 31, 2021. – Fadia Williamson

Please let Fadia know if you plan to attend, as lunch will be provided.

**Also, please share with Fadia any "Ted" stories or remembrances you have
and don't forget to join in the toast on July 31!!**

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Classmate Communications

Earl and Duane,

I have put Sept. 18 Homecoming on my calendar and will try to be there. I have a grandson to visit, matriculating this fall and plans to participate on the swimming team. It should be motivation to make the drive more often.

As to your inquiry about keeping moving, I began a walking regimen around three years ago and walk every other day, two miles, target of 28 to 32 minutes depending upon the choice of route. When it gets below 40 or is raining I resort to an elliptical machine for more resistance and shorter duration - 20 minutes is a workout. With some eating changes and Type 2 meds and the walking I went gradually from 259 pounds down to 209 and have plateaued back at 215. This is more that the stupid charts say I should weigh but the same weight I was when we graduated. The charts say 178; have not weighed that since I was a freshman at Wabash in 1963. Or another viewpoint is that I am actually 6'8" and just look 6'2". I also fish and boat occasionally but that is not very aerobic.

I don't recall travelling that far or often on foot since the brief five weeks I was out for the track team in spring of 1964, a story for another time. I read an article recently that said regular exercise promotes regeneration of brain cells and several other health benefits. So as long as the legs hold out, I plan to keep it up. And am thankful to be able to do so.

Regards to all
Rick Helm

Ron Sheese has left the building:

It has been even more than 50 years since we all graduated from Wabash; and yet, I remember at the last reunion standing with a few of you at the top of the main stairway in the Lambda Chi house and feeling like it had been just a few days before that we were all living there.

CONGRATULATIONS Ron,
from your **Pledge Brothers!**



An additional campus memory from **Peer Lykke**:

From one angle or another I think we can all relate to Ron's reference to how the years have flown by. Seems like only yesterday when I was watching Marty Alig spit into a huge glass bowl to cut the last few ounces to make weight for his next scheduled wrestling match. For some reason, perhaps known only to God or psychologists, the sight of a bowl with half a gallon of pink (bubble gum) spit tends to stay with you!

I'm not as smart as my pledge brothers enjoying well deserved "golden years". I'm still lawyering, representing municipalities, prosecuting "innocent" people.

Pete Keenan

COMPS!!!

Don't panic! There was a discussion among Lambda Chis questioning the rigor of current comps in comparison to our comps; you know, **back then**, when men were men and women were scarce. Here are some highlights, included comments from current professor Jane Hardy.

Classmates,

Regarding comps at Wabash, they were moved from spring to January in the '70's, probably due to the academic year changing from Sept-June to Aug-May (fall semester ends before Christmas break). None of the particulars of comps changed. If you fail, you can retake once in your last semester. Another failure means you don't graduate and must wait until next January to retake. Comps results are no longer posted publicly, but students are notified about 3-4 weeks after completion. Final semester courses are not factored into comps. And yes, pass or fail, you must complete the final semester!

Mike Butler

You may recall that in our recent Zoom gathering we talked a bit about how comps have changed since our day. Eager to add some detail to our discussion, I wrote to Jane Hardy, a professor of Spanish at Wabash, asking if she could provide us an update. I met Jane and her husband (a Wabash Economics prof) in Shanghai a few years ago when we were all teaching in a summer school program there. What follows below is her response to my questions about the current state of comps.

Ron Sheese

Hi Ron,

It's nice that you and your Wabash friends are still in frequent contact with each other. Based on what you have written, I think that the comprehensive exam format has changed quite a lot since your day. I'll start with the oral exam because that's uniform across the college. Each senior has a 1-hour oral exam with 3 faculty members: one from the major, one from the minor (or two major examiners if the student is a double major), and one "at large," nearly always from a different division than the student's major and minor departments. One change that has taken place since I started at Wabash 15 years ago is the timing of oral exams. They used to take place over a 2-week period in February. Now, however, oral and written exams take place in January in the week preceding the start of classes. Written exams are on Monday and Tuesday, and oral exams are scheduled Wednesday - Friday.

Written exams now differ quite a lot depending on the major. In Spanish, students have a 3-hour written exam on the first day that covers language (vocabulary and grammar), literature, and culture. We schedule it in a computer lab. Students are not allowed to consult dictionaries or any online sources, and they are mostly on their honor not to do so, but we also circulate the room a bit to monitor their work. As far as I know, cheating has never been a problem in our

department. Our administrative assistant collects the saved exams and anonymizes them before distributing them to faculty for evaluation. We saved them on flash drives for a while, but more recently we have been saving them on Box, the file storage system used at Wabash. The second day of "written" comps is actually a day of oral presentations. Students develop a research project (about 30 pages in Spanish written on a literary topic) and then they present their projects orally to each other and the Spanish faculty in a formal, conference-like setting. This was also a change made since I joined the faculty, and we're very pleased with it. Students benefit tremendously from the research, writing, and presentation of their projects, and they have something at the end that they're really proud of. We often have a student or two who present their projects at the Celebration of Student Research in January or at an undergraduate research conference hosted by Butler University in the spring.

Other departments do it differently. Economics has two days of written exams. The first day is all multiple-choice questions, and the exam on the second day includes calculations, graphs, and short answers. Some departments (English, I think, and maybe History) provide students with readings in advance that they have to respond to on the written exams. I think there might be some departments that still use blue books, but I think that will become increasingly difficult since students have become so accustomed to composing at a computer keyboard and their handwriting is abysmal!

In your message, you mention 5 sets of exams, including an exam in the minor, one in the major-minor crossover. Were the latter two also written exams? If so, they are no longer, although they are covered in oral comps. I'm not sure what the exams were like in your day, but I suspect you can safely continue in your conviction that your exams were truly tough! By the way, congratulations again on your retirement.

Best,
Jane

I just re-read my message to Ron and realized that I left out one important detail. The research paper that our Spanish majors present on Day 2 of comps is a paper that they develop and work on in their senior seminar in the fall. They submit the final written draft at the end of the fall semester, and then present the work orally in January.

Jane

Interesting, but it seems to me a decided softening of our standards from back in "the Day."

Tom Burns

I second Tom's view. I still remember that after completing Orals I had soaked through an undershirt, dress shirt, and sport coat!! I will also add that MBA school was a piece of cake compared to Wabash.

Duane Hile

Annual Giving

Thanks to all who gave this college year, 2020-2021:

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Special “new” Event in October

The College is hosting the Class of 1966 in holding the **FIRST 55th Class Reunion** on the weekend of October 15 and 16. They will be the first Wabash class holding a dedicated 55th Reunion. Prior to this new celebration, all “old alumni” gathered as Golden Little Giants in one group after the 50th. Also during that weekend, the Class of '66 will be dedicating one of the new housing “lodges”.

Okay, '67 --- Let's learn from this event to plan **OUR 55th** in 2022!

Looks like the Betas are preparing!



Fall Activities on Campus

It appears campus will return to some “normalcy” in the fall with the following:

- Big Bash 50th Reunions of 1970 and 1971 and Golden Little Giants on September 11
- dedication of new stadium and Homecoming Alumni Chapel on September 18
- home football games on September 18, Gheny; October 9, Oberlin; October 16, Wooster; November 6, Witt; November 13, TTDS (That Team Down South)
- athletic Hall of Fame induction on September 18
https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11586.
- Big Bash Reunion Tailgates for 5th to 45th reunions plus classes of 1961 and 1966 on October 16

Please check the website for event updates.

Special article on the Birth of Wabash Football:

<https://blog.wabash.edu/dearoldwabash/2009/05/18/the-birth-of-football-at-wabash/>

You may want to participate:

After the Bell: The Chemistry of Wine with Dr. Paul Schmitt

FINALLY – chemistry I can appreciate!!!! (Duane)

Attempts at Humor

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

A lot of money is tainted – taint yours and taint mine.

A midget fortune-teller who escapes from prison is a small medium at large.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

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Duane