



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1967

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Greetings Classmates,

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Classmate News

From David Decker:

Time on my hands while falling apart:

Sometime in 1970-71, while I was a lieutenant on a fire base north of Pleiku, we had a very brief USO visit (no, nothing like a Bob Hope visit!) featuring Susie Chafee, the US Olympic downhill skier.

She was standing in the back of an army truck addressing the troops, and she wanted to know if any of us were from her home state of Vermont. I started to say "Yes" as I had lived in Vermont in 1952-3, but I suddenly realized that if I identified myself and went up there and kissed her, I would never hear the end of it from the troops and the other officers. "The hippie lieutenant got to kiss a chick!" So, I chicken out. I still regret being a wimp....

Later she apparently had an affair with Ted Kennedy (Didn't everyone?). Such is life.

From John May:

Funnies are the Court Jester of the Information Age. With the demise or lack of a daily physical newspaper, the internet is the most common source of a good laugh - save the antics of the family pet or a crazy uncle. Cartoons and comics seem to be the zeitgeist of our anxieties and hopes. A good cartoon / comic provides a quick and sometimes very subtle insight into the emotional "temperature" of the public reflecting its angst and / hopes. So



Thomas Nates, Walt Kelly, and Gary Trudeau and the so many others could be the best guides for the aspiring history or psychologist. Wonder if any PHDs were granted using these as thesis matter? With the reduced attention spans endemic of the internet generation, a good cartoon is an easy and inexpensive way to win the “hearts and minds” ?

Congratulations Classmates!

Our class had the highest giving % of any class for 2019-2020, and this was three years after our 50th reunion, which is really tough to do. We also finished the year in the top 10 of classes, with 85 total donors.

Thanks to all who participated! Some Little Giants!

Nelson Bahler 1832	Elizabeth Ball [^]	Ed Bell	Dave Bickell
Patricia Bird [^]	Dave Bloomer	David Brannin	Tom Brown, Jr.
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Let's make sure we're on top again this year. If you haven't made a gift yet, please consider one online at www.wabash.edu/give or mailing a check to Annual Fund, Wabash College, 301 W. Wabash Ave. Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Miscellaneous News

There is a new addition to the periodic table, designated by the letters Oh.
It is, of course, the element of surprise!

National Recognition

Wabash received a No. 1 ranking in “Best Value Colleges for History,” “Most Focused on Classical Languages and Literature,” and “Most Focused on Germanic Languages.” Wabash College earned the top spot for three degree programs—Classics, German, and History—in the 2021 College Factual rankings, and three more programs are in the top 1% among U.S. colleges and universities.

“We are lucky to have hard-working students who are excited to learn the German language,” Associate Professor of Spanish and Department Chair for Modern Languages and Literatures Jane Hardy said. “Every year, our German professors travel to Germany with students, which provides an invaluable opportunity for our students to immerse themselves in the German culture and put their German skills to use. Although the pandemic has prevented our usual opportunities for international travel this year, our German program continues to thrive thanks to our talented and dedicated faculty.”

“The study of Greek and Roman antiquity (Classics) is, in essence, about making connections, and, now more than ever, we crave connection,” Associate Professor of Classics and Department Chair Bronwen Wickkiser said. “I think what sets Wabash Classics apart is that we view the ancient past as a dynamic laboratory—a rich space to explore, challenge, and discover—knowing that, one day, this may lead to creation and innovation.”

The College was also ranked in the top 1% for “Most Focused on English Language and Literature,” “Most Focused on Mathematics and Statistics,” and “Most Focused on Foreign Languages and Linguistics.” In addition, College Factual considers Wabash to be an excellent value, ranking in the top-five percent of all schools nationally, citing Wabash as a “Best College for the Money” institution.

“As a freshman at Wabash College, I recall being told, ‘It won’t be easy, but it will be worth it,’” Dean of Professional Development Steven Jones ’87 said. “More than 35 years later, those words are still accurate. “The village of faculty, staff, alumni and students continue to ensure there is a return on investment for Wabash Men. The long hours, lab experiments, gallons of coffee to stay awake, and feelings of exhaustion are just a part of the journey. Our ability to assist young men in distinguishing their resume from the competition provides significant outcomes. The meaningful internships and immersive learning opportunities are critical examples of our roadmap for students.”

Wabash College received 32 rankings in the top 15% nationally, up from 26 in the 2020 rankings, including “Most Popular for Religious Studies,” “Highest Paid Graduates for Psychology,” and “Overall Best College.”

Campus News from Steve Hoffman

Campus Updates

- Teaching and learning continue as students, faculty, staff, and administration have worked together to keep Wabash largely residential this semester.
- The school year started two weeks early, there’s no Fall Break, and the last day of Finals is scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

- Wabash will delay the start of the spring semester by one week, allowing the return to campus by seniors for comprehensive exams to be two full weeks after the New Year's holiday. The faculty will conduct senior oral comprehensive exams virtually prior to a return to campus. There will be no spring break, but instead three scheduled off days scattered across the semester. This plan allows Commencement for the classes of 2020 and 2021 to remain on the previously scheduled date (May 16, 2021).
- New President Scott Feller rang in the Class of 2024 on the Mall on Sunday, August 9. You can learn more about the class here: <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/class2024>
- The North Coast Athletic Conference suspended all sports through Dec. 31. Athletic teams have been holding modified practices, and the Allen Center is open with new restrictions. Wabash College will join with members of the North Coast Athletic Conference in suspending athletics practices and related activities from Wednesday, November 25, 2020 through January 1, 2021. The NCAC also announced the cancelation of officially sanctioned competition and championships in winter sports. This decision also encompasses varsity sport programs that do not officially participate in the NCAC (wrestling and volleyball). AD Matt Tanney and his staff will begin to create plans for how to reinstate structured, sport-specific workouts, practices, and related activities in January. They will also work to develop competitive schedules for winter and fall sports teams with schools who share Wabash's commitment to sound, data-driven COVID prevention and testing measures.
- Though we had no Homecoming game this fall, the Sphinx Club in coordination with the Student Affairs Office held the annual Chapel Sing on Sept. 17. Lambda Chi won for the second year in a row. Oct. 3 saw judging of Homecoming floats with Phi Gamma Delta taking first.
- The Princeton Review #7-ranked *Bachelor* is publishing online this semester.
- The Princeton Review #11-ranked Wabash Theater Department staged its fall production *The Race* online in September.
- Wabash is close to taking possession of the new Little Giant Stadium.

Resources

For more information on how the Wabash campus continues residential teaching and learning through the pandemic: <https://www.wabash.edu/covid/>.

For documents, including weekly updates from President Feller and Ann Taylor:

<https://www.wabash.edu/covid/documents>.

For the latest in events on campus, many of which you can join virtually: <https://www.wabash.edu/calendar/>.

The Bachelor: <https://www.wabash.edu/bachelor/>

News: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/>

Photo Galleries: https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/

- MXIBS Chapel Talk: https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5269
- Fall photos of campus: https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5268
- Chapel Sing: (1) https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5266
- (2) https://www.wabash.edu/photo_album/home.cfm?photo_album_id=5267

Links

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Refer a high school student: <https://www.wabash.edu/refer>

Comments from President Feller

Additional information about comprehensive exams, return schedules, and athletics will be communicated separately. We continue to post important information and updates on our website, as well as provide a comprehensive set of frequently asked questions (FAQs). We invite you to submit questions that you would like to see answered by sending them to covid@wabash.edu. All of us at the College are grateful to the work of the community in making residential education possible. We look forward to a strong finish to the fall semester and an excellent spring.

We plan to implement the following schedule for the spring semester:

Jan. 13-15 Virtual senior oral comprehensive exams completed prior to return to campus

Jan. 18-22 Senior written exams (scheduled and staggered return dates for seniors)

Jan. 23-24 Underclassmen return to campus (scheduled and staggered)

Jan. 25 Classes begin

Feb. 25 Reading day

April 2 Reading day

May 5 Classes end

May 6-11 Final Exams

May 16 Commencement

Yes, COMPS ARE COMING!!!!

Do you remember those terrifying words! (I still have nightmares!) We all knew as Seniors that spring (now, in the winter) brought the dreaded Comps to each and every one of us. And, if it slipped our minds, the Juniors helped us remember by placing a huge banner on the front of the Chapel with "COMPS ARE COMING!" in very large letters!

Monon Memories

No Monon Bell this year, but we can relive past glory:

Recruiting video -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7jEwSqxON4&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3c1XW-IJ00>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZeqSN9jXAQ>

Many more on youtube (But ignore the debacle of 2019!!)

And this picture on campus a few years ago (when there was a game AND fans were allowed to attend) with Little Giant alumni and fans in pregame celebration mode - - -



Duane Hile '67, Jay Fisher '66, Marty Fisher ringing the Bell, Susan Lumpp, Duane's brother Stuart, Mary Ann Hile (Duane's wife) and Roger Lumpp '66. (Note- the "hot chocolate" that day was served in red cups.) The stands behind them were empty and so was the Tiger "enjoyment!"

Healthy Thoughts (especially in current times)

The six best doctors in the world: Sunlight, Rest, Exercise, Diet, Self-confidence, Friends.

Please send us your comments, news, pictures, whatever.

Happy Thanksgiving!!



Duane