

Class Agents Letter

Class of 1970

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Classmates,

In just over two weeks we will finally have a chance to get together for a few precious hours together on Campus. Pulling together a reunion during the worst pandemic in our lifetime has been a challenge. We all owe a big thank you to Mike Warren, Steve Hoffman, and the entire Wabash team for supporting us. We had another meeting last week, and I can assure you that the college is doing everything possible to make our reunion a safe one.

Thanks to many of you for your kind words. When I signed up for this role I never anticipated we'd plan the event three separate times. The chance to talk with and see each one of you makes it worthwhile. Being a member of the Wabash Community is a gift that keeps on giving. Thank you.

In addition to Mike Warren and Steve Hoffman, we had a very dependable group of volunteers helping to plan and coordinate our reunion. David Ault, David Blix, Peter Durant, Ernie Irons, Mike Kelley, Ronan Marra, Jeff Nickloy, Bill Olson, Tom Petska, and Bob Pollom all were generous with their time. And unlike some executives who shall remain unnamed at American Express, IBM and General Motors, our Wabash Committee members were always on time for meetings!

Registration

If you haven't registered, yet, please do register at <u>www.wabash.edu/bigbash</u> ahead of time. It helps with the meal planning. Keep in mind that you will want to check-in before any of our events, so you can pick up your meal tickets. You can register on Campus Friday afternoon (Hays Alumni Center), or again on Saturday (Bowerman Lobby, Allen Center).

I believe the Best Western continues to have rooms available for us at very good rates. I'm booked in at the Best Western myself.



Safety - We'll be outside or in large well-ventilated rooms as much as possible. All students and faculty are being vaccinated. **From** <u>www.wabash.edu/covid</u> (The best location for the most up to date Covid info for campus): Wabash has spent the summer taking appropriate measures to protect our campus community's health, and yet we cannot predict what public health conditions might be two weeks or two months from now. To that end, we expect our alumni, parents, and guests to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to coming to campus for events and activities. Face masks are required for all unvaccinated persons while indoors on the Wabash campus. Face masks are also required when 50 or more people are gathered indoors, regardless of vaccination status.</u>

The Gentlemen's Rule requires that I remind everyone to help protect your brothers. I assume that everyone attending has had a full course of Covid 19 vaccinations. I have. If you haven't, please show respect for your brothers and their families by warning us that you are not vaccinated. Thanks.

Bios and Wabash Anecdotes

Dozens of you have sent bios to me and I will include them in our eBook. This will be posted on the Wabash Alum site. It will also be able to be ordered in hard copy, if you would like a copy. But, if you have a bio and a photo you'd like to share, please send it to me right away. I will include it, since I'm the editor.

Wabash Anecdotes - I have only a few of these. Please send along your stories, if you can. I'd love to include them.

I'm attaching the full weekend schedule below.

Both 1970 and 1971 classes will be gathering for separate dinners on Friday evening as well.

Friday, September 10

1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Best Western - I will be at the Best Western to greet any of you who are staying there, or who just want to drop by to visit prior to the weekend events. Hopefully, we can be out by the pool, weather permitting.

4:00 p.m. - Student Life During Turbulent Times At Wabash College, 1967-1971. Panel discussion about events and issues during this unique time period. Panelists include: David Blix '70, Keith Nelson '71, Trey Holland '71, Alex Miller '71, Dr. Raymond Williams H'68, and Dr. David Hadley H'76.

5:30 p.m. - Class Receptions/Dinners

Saturday, September 11

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration. (Bowerman Lobby, Allen Center) Check in with the staff and sign the official Alumni Register

8:30 a.m. - Morning Walk

9:30 a.m. - Campus Tour. Tour the campus with your student guide.

11:00 a.m.- Chapel Sing

11:30 a.m.- Lunch (All)

12:30 p.m. - Class Photographs

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Wally's Pub is Open

1:15 p.m. - Campus Tour. Tour the campus with your student guide.

2:00 p.m. - Wabash Today. President Scott Feller will welcome you to campus and provide an update on the College.

3:00 p.m. - 3:45p.m. - Colloquium by College Archivist Beth Swift

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Living Units Open for Visits

5:30 p.m. - Reunion Banquet (All)

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