



**Pactoracles
Class Agent's Letter
For The Wabash College Class of 1971**

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**Details For Our 50th Reunion: September 10-12
And
Reasons To Attend It**

The Class of 1971 will celebrate our 50th anniversary of our graduation. Covid has disrupted the normal plans for a reunion.

We will celebrate two days, Friday and Saturday, and perhaps have a breakfast for Sunday morning. The Friday night events are planned by our class, and the college has organized the events for Saturday.

More than 30 classmates have already registered for one or both days. Most of them registered for two people, so I am looking forward to seeing a lot the ladies, several of whom have been to several of our past reunions.

Friday, September 10

The Class of 1971 will have a panel discussion on student life in 1967-1971. It is scheduled to start at 4 p.m. A banquet for our class will start at 6 p.m., but that might be moved somewhat later in the evening. Some of the timing relates to who and how many sign up for it.

The panel consists of Keith Nelson '71, David Blix '70, Dr. Raymond Williams, Dr. David Hadley, Alex Miller '71, and Trey Holland '71. There are two fraternity men, two independents, and two faculty members of that era (both later named honorary alumni). David Blix is also a current faculty member.



This is the letter jacket of Tom Williams '71, who was a four-year wrestler. He can still wear it.



Saturday, September 11

Here is the college's schedule for Saturday. I have marked in red the events that we want as many men of the Class of 1971 as possible to be present.

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

8:30 a.m. - Morning Walk. I presume that this walk is the typical one for Big Bash. It is a fun walk around the campus that takes about 45-60 minutes. I have taken this walk at several Big Bashes.

9:30 a.m. - Campus Tour. Tour the campus with a student guide. I have no details for the campus tour.

11:00 a.m.- Chapel Sing. This event is fun, and we want as many men as we can.

11:30 a.m.- Lunch (All). We can join together. Moreover, while you are sitting, I am going to attempt stand-up comedy. The Gentleman's Rule applies to hecklers.

12:30 p.m. - Class Photographs

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Wally's Pub is Open. Wally's Pub is a pub that is located in the Campus Center, now called the Frank H. Sparks Center. It is just south of the library.

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

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

3:00 p.m. - 3:45p.m. – Colloquium. This presentation may not be finalized yet, but it is likely to be focusing years relevant to the Classes of 1970 and 1971.

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

5:30 p.m. - Reunion Banquet (All). We want to have as many fellows as possible as the college will recognize us as a graduating class of 50 years. I believe the Class of 1970 will be recognized, too. I am working on a venue for us to gather after this banquet.

Covid Vaccinations

The college has required vaccinations of professors, students, and staff. Some students might be exempted. I presume all men and women of the Class of 1971 are vaccinated. If you are not, then you need to carefully think about your responsibilities.

The Reunion Book.

The book should be at the printer by the time that you get this e-mail. It exceeds 160 pages. Thanks to every classmate and classmates' wives who provided material for the book. Every classmate who attends the reunion will receive a free copy. I learned a lot about my college days from preparing the book, and you will, too.

The book will not include a section of biographies as I had originally planned. I received only two. I have begun to consider an alternative, perhaps a booklet before the reunion or one afterwards.

Reasons To Attend The Reunion

I am intent on making it a good reunion for the men of the class and their guests. I am not into arm-twisting. Fellows can make their own decisions. I think it is a good decision that classmates attend if they are able.

I recently read a comment of an alumnus who attended his 50th reunion a few years ago. He called it a "rite of passage." Whether or not the 50th is a rite of passage, it is a milestone worthy to celebrate.

My uncle attended the reunions of his army unit which fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He did not do so because he liked war. He did it because he shared a common, unique experience with his unit. The class of 1971 has a common, unique experience with the classmates.

Some classmates might think that they won't know anyone at the reunion. Well, most of us did not know anyone when we were freshmen a half century ago. I doubt that there is a classmate who lacks the ability to carry on an intelligent conversation with an unfamiliar classmate. I have talked with several classmates this year whom I either never knew or with whom I had not conversed for 50 years. But with Wabash, it did not seem that way at all.

Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 will celebrate its 50th also on September 10-11. We will be having lunch with them on Saturday and dinner with them on Saturday evening. Others from the Wabash community can attend those meals if they register for them. Each class will have its own banquet on Friday evening.

The Class of 1970 is welcome to attend the panel discussion on Friday afternoon, as I have informed their class agent.

How To Register

To register for the Friday night banquet and the Saturday events, you go to <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/schedule>. There is no way to register for the free panel discussion on Friday afternoon, and no registration for it is required.

Questions

1. Might you need assistance getting around campus? Some of us have issues with mobility. Let me know how I can help.
2. Do you have any special dietary needs? Let me know if you do.
3. Do you have any questions for me? My contact information is at the end of this letter.

News of Classmates

Dave Schreiber passed away from cancer in Elkhart, IN on July 20. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He started working for *The Elkhart Truth* in 1978 as a courts and crime reporter and later as the business reporter. In 2000 he became a public relations specialist for TaigMarks Agency of Elkhart until he retired in 2011. He is survived by his widow Sandra. They married in 1974.

Lee Fouts '71 and wife Becky recently returned from a mission trip to Guatemala where they built five houses. They have 21 grandkids. They live in Searcy, Arkansas.

Trey Holland recently retired as a urologist.

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