



# Pactoracles

Class Agent's Letter  
For The Wabash College Class of 1971  
December 22, 2017



## Wabash's Failed Attempt To Steal The Monon Bell Leads To Winning It

Wabash recaptured the Monon Bell, 22-21, in November. You probably knew that already. It was an exciting game. A few weeks before the game, four Wabash students attempted to steal the bell from its keepers in Greencastle but failed. Here is the back story of how the failed heist led to victory.

Knowing about the game helps to understand the connection with the failed heist. DePauw had a 14-7 lead in the second quarter. Wabash lined-up for a field goal. It was a fake, resulting in a Wabash first down. After three more plays, Wabash lined up for a field goal. It was another fake for another first down. Wabash scored soon thereafter to tie the game. No one could recall having seen two fake field goals—both successful—in consecutive series of downs. Wabash fans and players were pumped by the successful bravado at a critical point in the game!

In the fourth quarter, DePauw had the lead 21-14 and seemingly had the game in control. However, one can never count DePauw in. Our punter made a brilliant kick which the DePauw returner caught a few yards from the goal. Alas, our man stripped him of the ball, and Wabash recovered the fumble near the goal. Soon, Wabash had a touchdown to narrow the score to 21-20. The coach went for two points, and it worked, too. The score was 22-21.

DePauw got the ball again. With a few minutes to go, DePauw's quarterback made a nice run and was on the verge of scoring, when he fumbled into the Wabash endzone after another brilliant defensive play. Wabash recovered the ball for a touchback. The game was essentially over.

Now let's flashback to some weeks prior to the game. Four Wabash students plotted the heist of the bell. Three were disguised as Obama or Trump in white jump suits, as shown in the photo. They waited several hours until the coast was clear. They did not figure—and who would?—that DePauw would put a sensor on the Bell. The sensor alerted, the police appeared, the

students were arrested, and DePauw wanted to prosecute although the students damaged no property and injured no person in this college prank.

Depending upon the charges, one of the students—the field goal kicker on the team—would not be able to play in the Monon Bell game. It was not finally known until the day before the game that he would be able to play. Because of that uncertainty, the team had to practice the fake field goals because

whether the team would have a field goal kicker for

by wanting to prosecute, helped Wabash to plan for goals that led to a fantastic win in Greencastle. The had to clean up DePauw's stadium after the game as sentence. DePauw's sentence was an embarrassing



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- HAMLET
- MACBETH
- DEPAUW

there was doubt the game.

So, DePauw, the double fake-field Wabash pranksters part of their

*Since 2005, I have made Monon Bell Buttons for fun. These are the buttons for 2017.*

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THAT'S FAKE NEWS!

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defeat for which there is no possibility of parole. Wabash leads DePauw 61-54-9 after 124 games.

## **With Our Classmates. . .**

**Skip Adams** and Linda have been married 46 years and have three children and two grandchildren. They reside at Reynolds Lake Oconee, 75 miles east of Atlanta, GA. He still works for Ice Miller LLP, an Indianapolis law firm.

**Jim Bromley** worked his entire career in the insurance industry selling and underwriting for various companies. He retired in 2014. "I have no grasp on time and it is wonderful." Wife Maddie and he have been married 47 years with two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Fishers, IN.

**Cloyce Hedge** "joined High Lonesome Bird Tour group for a three-part Alaska tour: St. Mary Island, Pribiloffs; Gambell, St. Lawrence Island; and Nome, in the summer of 2016. He is a dedicated birder.



"I hoped to get at least 20 new birds, or as many as 30; the difference was due to the possibility of Asian vagrant birds which are very difficult to predict. We saw every western Alaska specialty (birds that regularly breed or migrate through western Alaska), plus an incredible number of Asian vagrants, which yielded 44 life birds for me! That puts me at 692 species for North America; I hope to get to 700 by my 70th birthday. The trip was an unique experience: our week at Gambell on the extreme western point of St. Lawrence Island, was spent with native Siberian Y'upik people, and we gazed daily at the western coast of Russia some 45 miles away. The trip also led to many new birding friends from all over the world: Australia, Germany, Canada, Mexico, and US wide. I am very lucky that my wife, Chris, was so supportive of my going on this tour, and look forward to making it to 700 birds soon. Attached is a photo of me seated on our ATV in Gambell."

**Jim Kamplain** continues to practice radiation oncology. Wife Esta and he have been married for 33 years and have two children and three grandchildren. She volunteers as a docent at the Birmingham Museum of Art. They live in Birmingham, Alabama.

### **This Student Was Happy That He Did Not Get An Internship**

Earlier this year, I attended court in Crawfordsville. Students still occasionally have to appear before the court to answer for some foolish conduct that attracts the attention of the police and the prosecutor. So I attended as an observer for the defendant. During the sentencing, the judge asked the student whether he knew the Gentleman's Rule and whether he had adhered to it. Fortunately, he was not interned in the local hoosegow. The student's sentence involved community service and a greater emphasis of the importance of being a gentleman and a responsible citizen on and off campus.

## **College Rankings**

Wabash ranks high in college rankings. Princeton Review puts Wabash at #1 for alumni network, #4 for "Most Accessible Professors," and #17 for "Best Classroom Experience." U. S. News ranked Wabash #16 nationally in Best Undergraduate Teaching. Wabash was one of 40 schools to be included in the prestigious book, *Colleges That Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way You Think About Colleges*. Wabash is not ranked by Wall Street Journal, which does not rank schools with enrollments under 1,000.

## News From Campus. . .

**Jim Barnes**, emeritus professor of history, has written with the help of his wife Patience a book about his life as a blind person. His insightful book *"Unforeseen: The First Blind Rhodes Scholar"* covers his illness causing the blindness, his teaching styles, his love of travel, and other parts of their unusual life. He was contacted by Dr. Wendell Calkins for a tenure-track position. "Everyone was very cordial," he writes, "and we were especially surprised and pleased to have President Trippet come to greet us in person at our motel the morning after we arrived. What impressed me then, and has ever since, was the way everyone accepted my visual limitations, and assumed that I would be able to cope with whatever was expected of me."

The photo of a young Jim Barnes appears on the book's cover. I was not a student of Dr. Barnes, but over the years, I have gotten to know Patience and him. I highly recommend the book for all Wabash men and for the general public. It can be ordered from the bookstore online, or I can get the book for you if you wish.



**Delta Tau Delta** resumed occupancy of its chapter house this semester. They lost their charter in 2008 and were recolonized in the 2016-2017 academic year.

**Cathy Long**, widow of classmate Skip, has created The Robert H. Long Family Endowed Scholarship, to honor him and his father of the same name.

**Wabash basketball** is off to an exciting and frustrating start. The team is mostly freshmen and sophomores. A freshman guard, Jack Davidson, has been a scoring and rebounding machine. You can watch the team—home and away--via streaming through the computer. Go to the basketball schedule on the Wabash athletics page, find the game, and follow the directions to get to the video.

## Reflections By Garrett Paul

The following remarks are some reflections that Garrett, a retired professor at Gustavus Adolphus College, made at the open mike during our reunion in 2016. He tells something about himself and all of us.

". . . Thanks to all of you who have come. Jon's right, if we weren't here, he would be here by himself, and it would be like when he was here at college.

"I want to first of all express my gratitude to everyone who made my Wabash College education possible. I am a first generation college student. When I retired, I pointed out to all the people present that I was a first-generation college student and that my father was the only one in his family to finish high school. And I didn't point out that I spent 31 years around a lot of people who were the child of two college professors. I guess I never really felt inferior, but every once in a while, I wanted to say how I started out. That would not have been possible without Wabash and without the financial aid that I got and the support that I got and the fact that Wabash was a whole bunch of misfits as it was pointed out at our table. So I did not feel out of place here like I might have felt at some other places. Well, everyone felt out of place. Anyway, I am very grateful for that.



"I want to say just a couple of words in appreciation for my very good friend Russell Dart who died two months ago. Russell and I were both in the Glee Club and were roommates for a year. He eventually learned to love trains as much I did, and then eventually we spent a great deal of time tracing abandoned railroads in Indiana. People actually do this. It is called industrial archeology. There is actually a field known as this. We were pioneers, and we did not know it. I had just started to scan slides of from when he and I were doing this together when I found about his death. Russ, I really

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miss you. I am really sad that he is not here. I know many of you are sorry for friends who are not here, but Russ is at the top of my list."

**We can't clone, but we can recruit.**

We always need to be thinking about referring good students to become the next great Wabash Men like those in the Class of 1971. Consider students as young as high school freshmen. To refer a student, simply mail the name and contact information of your recruit to the Dean of Admissions, P. O. Box 352, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or go online at [wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer](http://wabash.edu/alumni/alumni/refer).

**Thanks To Classmates Who Have Donated To The Annual Fund**

These gentlemen and ladies have contributed to the annual fund so far this fiscal year, which will end June 30, 2018. The percentage of alumni donors the last fiscal year was 43.9%. Thanks to each classmate who gave last year and who will be a donor this fiscal year. When we contribute, we say "thanks" for our own good fortune, for our great Wabash professors, and our Wabash friendships. If you are not on the list, join the list, which is current through December 21. Please contribute by mailing a check to Wabash College, Annual Giving, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or by contributing online at [wabash.edu/egift](http://wabash.edu/egift), or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.



*The chapel on a December night 2017.*

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Mike Lemon  
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**Thanks for reading *Pactoracles*. It is my honor and responsibility to serve the Class of 1971. Please contact me with news, comments, questions, or beauty tips. If you are receiving this missive electronically, please print it and share it with your family and friends.**

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