



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

June 14, 2021



Update On Our Reunion, September 10-12

The college has set aside September 11 for the 50th reunions for the classes of 1970 and 1971. For the most part, the reunions will be separate.

As class agent, I do not think just one day is sufficient. I am coordinating with the college about what our class will do on Friday and Sunday, but these are events independent of the college. Our class will have a banquet on the evening of Friday, September 10. The time has not been set. We may have a breakfast on Sunday. Later letters will provide updates on the schedule for our class. This scenario is related to Covid disruptions.

The college's tentative plan for September 11 includes a lunch for anyone who registers to attend it. A Chapel Sing will precede the lunch, and class photos will follow it. Other events will be planned for Saturday morning and afternoon.

The Classes of 1970 and 1971 will have a Saturday dinner either together or separately at which the college will honor each classmate with the traditional medallion for men celebrating their 50th reunions. The Class will have an after-glow event that night.

The college will open online registration sometime after July 1.

I am working on a book on the social and educational history of Wabash College, 1967-1971, with a focus on the Class of 1971. The book is about 80 pages already. It should easily exceed 100 pages, not counting the biographies of classmates. These 80 pages consist of footnoted articles plus unfootnoted anecdotes from classmates, wives, and professors.

I thank the classmates, two wives, and two professors who have already contributed submissions to the book or provided other things. If you have contributed something and I have not listed your name, please contact me. The current contributors are:

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Scott Baldwin
Jim Ball
Bruce Bradway
John Brackmeyere
Delts, Class of 1971
Andy Dziubinskyj
Marta Dziubinskyj
Paula Flynn

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Bill Davnie '71
converses with
Dean Moore at
the 40th Reunion.

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It is not too late to submit something for the book. Everyone has something important to say that will help tell the social and educational history of this era. Your submission can be as short as one paragraph. It can be a series of unrelated paragraphs. It can be a longer piece. I reserve the right to edit or reject any submission.

If the story is about you, it will probably be about all of us. For example, one classmate wrote about a question-and-answer exchange at oral comps. It was about him, but it was about all of us who took comps. Your trivia is meaningful.



The Class of 1971 Sings *Old Wabash* At Its 40th Reunion.

I would like to get some stories from someone who attended the Kennedy or McCarthy political rallies in Crawfordsville in May 1968. More accounts of getting a draft number are desired. Two classmates have written about how they happened to enroll at Wabash, and a couple of more such stories could be added. Dating can be a good topic. Communications by phone or letters were important part of life then. I would like to hear more about the Wives Club. There can never be too many stories about President Seymour, Dean Moore, or professors. Those are mere suggestions. There is a broad array of topics.

Photos and scanned documents are much needed.

I am confident that you will enjoy the stories by classmates. You ought to also enjoy the footnoted, objective historical articles which other classmates and I are writing on selected topics such as life in fraternities, life in the dorms, co-education, integration of the fraternities, draft counseling, the curriculum, the Glee Club, the radio station, athletics, and several other topics.

I would like to receive your submissions as soon as possible. Thanks for your help. That's the Spirit of '71.

Three Classmates Visit Campus As Covid Restrictions Reside

The original Big Bash was set for June 4-6. Covid disrupted those plans. The college, however, set aside 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 5 for anyone to visit campus. Masks were not required for fully vaccinated guests, which is the current policy of the college. This mini-Big Bash proved to be a delightful success on a hot and sunny day.

Two classmates and I were there. Classmate Orlo Shoop and I spent more time together on that day than our entire lives. But, it seemed that we might have been best buddies 50 years ago. I have had similar experiences with other classmates via telephone calls and e-mails in recent months.

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Brent Harris, left, and Orlo Shoop '71 visit in the press box in the new stadium on June 5.

Orlo and I went into the library where Orlo said that he spent more time there that day than he did his freshman year. We visited the bookstore. We ate lunch on the porch of the Campus Center with Dean of Students Greg Redding and other alumni. We saw the tree that the Class of 1971 planted in 1996. We visited Yandes Hall, now called Detchon Hall, where the radio station had been located a half century ago.

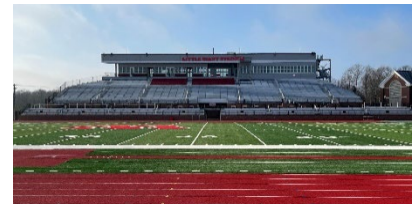
Orlo and I got a tour of part of the new football stadium. It is spectacular—modern, clean, and intelligently designed. The stadium is not just for football and track. It contains suites and meeting rooms.

Brent Harris, sports information director, explained the technology of the press box to us, which was especially interesting to Orlo who had been active in Wabash radio as a student.

The new stadium does not have permanent visitors' seats across from the Wabash seats. To my surprise, the removal of the old visitors' seats has created two spectacular views, one looking from the Wabash seats toward the Chapel and the other from the Chapel with a vista of the field and the Wabash seats. I never realized how much of an eyesore the old visitors' seats were even when DePauw fans were not occupying them.



The new stadium was the venue for the Commencement of the Class of 2021 and for the Class of 2020 on May 15, 2021. The Class of 2020 graduated last year but did not have a commencement ceremony because of Covid.



A vista looking south from the vicinity of the Chapel to the new stadium.

Someone told me that the new stadium was the third highest point in Crawfordsville, higher than the Chapel. It did not seem that way as I peered at the Chapel from the press box, but I believe it. I did not go to the top of the stadium.

Classmate Jim Ball and wife Anita were on campus, too. I was fortunate enough to meet them early in the day. We were going to reconnect at the Chapel later, but because of my snafu, we failed to do so.

It felt good to be on campus with friends and without masks. It will feel even better to be with classmates and spouses without our masks this September. That's the Spirit of '71.

Four Classmates Attend Zoom Book Discussion

The college has presented educational discussions via Zoom during Covid. Dr. David Hadley led one on Robert Putnam's book, *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It*, in May. Classmates Skip Adams, Bruce Bradway, Steve Wildman, and I attended. It was an informative discussion with a variety of perspectives, and it was nice to unexpectedly be with those classmates. About 15 people attended.

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These gentlemen and ladies have contributed to the annual fund this fiscal year, which will end on June 30, 2021. The list is current as of June 13. Thanks to each donor. When we contribute, we say "thanks" for our own good fortune, for our great Wabash professors, and our wonderful Wabash friendships. Please contribute to the annual fund by mailing a check to Wabash College, Annual Giving, P.O. Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or by contributing online at www.wabash.edu/give, or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.

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