



Pactoracles

Class Agent's Letter
For The Wabash College Class of 1971
June 22, 2018



Changes Coming To Wabash Fraternities

Wabash fraternities have been on campus since 1846 when Beta Theta Pi arrived. In 1902, Phi Gamma Delta became the first Wabash fraternity to have its own chapter house. Today, the college owns all of the fraternity houses. Housing is critical to every college. Housing is also important to the recruitment and retention of Wabash students and to the overall economics of our college.



The Phi Delt house in the early 20th century.

Every man of the Class of 1971 recalls where he lived while a student and probably recalls his room or rooms. He appreciates the friends and experiences of his residential life whether in a dorm, a fraternity, or both. So each of us needs to view these changes in the perspective of what is best for our college. These changes, moreover, follow the recent renovation of Martindale and the new dorms at the western edge of campus. Many Wabash fraternity men—including classmates—donated to those dorms. So, the concept of college first and fraternity or dorm second is not new.

More than 10 years ago, Wabash assumed responsibility for collecting the charges for all room and board charges from fraternity men when it collected tuition. The college would then remit funds to each fraternity. This method replaced a defective method where fraternities were collecting money to be paid to the college.

In January 2018, the Wabash administration announced significant changes starting this fall. The announcement came after a considerable period of study which included input from fraternities. A principal in this study has been our classmate Trey Holland, a member of the Board of Trustees.

The college will continue to collect and distribute the room and board charges to all ten Wabash fraternities. One shift will be that the college will assume more responsibility for supplies and furnishings. The college is addressing, too, the number and quality of meals for the fraternities. These changes might affect one fraternity differently from another.

How all of this will work out is not known yet. Suffice it to say that the college is tackling a complicated matter. Fraternity life has changed and thrived since 1846, and fraternity life ought to continue and thrive with these changes.



Kiss Cam at Wabash?? Yes! I took my wife to the Wabash v. DePauw basketball game for Valentine's Day. Andrea and I are caught on the kiss cam.

Wabash Football Schedule

September 1	@ Hiram
September 8	University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point
September 15	@ Kenyon
September 22	Bye
September 29	Homecoming v. Wooster
October 6	@ Denison
October 13	@ Ohio Wesleyan
October 20	Oberlin
October 27	@ Wittenberg
November 3	Allegheny
November 10	Monon Bell vs. DePauw

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With Our Classmates. . .

Rick Gregory and his son Brian celebrated Brian's graduation from Wabash on May 13, 2018. They are pictured at right. Several sons of classmates are Little Giants. The classmates include **Andy Dziubinskyj, Beck Hannaford, Steve Kennedy, Alex Miller, Jon Pactor, and Tom Runge**. Notify me if I have omitted anyone from this list.



Mike Lemon is pictured above with son Ben near the bookstore in 2016.



Mike has been married to Cynthia Parry for 34 years. She is a care management nurse. They have two children. Angie is married and lives in Broad Ripple in Indianapolis. She works for Arhaus and has a home and fashion stylist business called "Lemon-Aide." Ben will be a senior at DePauw. He is majoring in environmental biology and, as Mike proudly writes, "has seen the Little Giants win the Monon Bell two times at DePauw and will see them win at Wabash this year... the day before my 70th birthday." Mike is employed as the director of purchasing for the five lumber yards of Morsches Builders Mart in northeast Indiana. He has been with them 43 years. "Hoping Ben will graduate from DePauw in 2018, so I can maybe retire in 2020," Mike wrote.

Tom Martella has been retired for five years. He is still in D.C. and "busy volunteering for several organizations including, most significantly for me, the Camping & Education Foundation, which supports wilderness tripping camps on the Minnesota-Ontario border. I've been able to work pre-season on various projects as the camps get ready to open. I also serve on the Foundation's Board. My wife, Jana, plans to retire in a year or so and we hope to roam throughout the U.S. national park system. Our kids are just starting grad school — our daughter in Boston at Mass General's DPT (physical therapy) program, and our son at Colorado St. focusing on music therapy. We have been happy to host some Wabash guys interning and/or studying here for a bit, which has been fun. And I get to catch up from time to time with fellow Phi Delt Dave Graham and Alex Miller, both in No. Virginia."

Jon Pactor officiated the wedding of his son Jacob '04 and daughter-in-law Stevie on June 16, 2018. Classmate **Brad Johnson** attended the wedding.



John Ryder, left, has been nominated by President Trump to serve on the board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, America's biggest government-owned utility, covering a seven-state region. He is a lawyer with Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh in Memphis, TN. Both Tennessee senators recommended him to the post. He served as general counsel of the Republican National Committee, 2013-2017. He is chairman of the Republican National Lawyers Association, which awarded him its "Republican Lawyer of the Year" in 2016. He serves as an adjunct faculty member of the Vanderbilt University law school where he has taught election law. He has also served as chair of Opera Memphis.

Steve Weliever and his wife "are enjoying the retirement life immensely. Winters in Apache Junction, AZ are great. Golf, 4-wheeling, hiking, billiards, spring training, the pool and Jacuzzis all add up to a great time. Oh and did I mention the weather. Awesome! Two summers ago we spent 3 months traveling up to, around, and back from Alaska. So many sights, so little time. Last summer, after leaving Vermont, we went down the east coast to Florida. We left there a little early thanks to Hurricane Irma. Then we traveled along the gulf coast stopping in New Orleans for four days, then on to South Padre island for a week. The USA has so many beautiful places, it is impossible to see them all, but we are trying."

News From Campus. . .

Bachelor. The Indiana Collegiate Press Association (ICPA) presented 20 awards to Little Giant journalists this April. *The Bachelor* placed second in the "Newspaper of the Year" award for division three colleges. Wabash took seven first place awards, seven second place awards, and six third place awards. Twelve *Bachelor* writers, editors, and photographers were honored. Judges from across the board applauded *The Bachelor's* "Original Reporting", "Great Writing" and "Consistent Product". Such areas where awards were captured included Best Single Issue, Best Themed Issue, Best Sports Photo, and Best Breaking News Reporting.

Baseball. The Little Giants had an astounding year. A few years ago, the team struggled to get to .500, and this year the team made it past the conference tourney and into the NCAA tournament. They were eliminated by conference foe and 5th ranked College of Wooster, 4-2. Despite Wooster's strength, Wabash was conference champ. The team with its 32-17 record set a school record for wins in a season. The coach is Jake Martin '03 who is in just his second season at the helm.

Basketball. The Little Giants finished a year much more exciting than its 12-14 record overall. I watched nearly all of the games in person and over the computer. The youthful team had one senior, few juniors, and many injuries.

A lot of excitement came from freshman guard Jack Davidson, who makes long-range three pointers and twisting shots under the basket. He was named conference's Newcomer of the year and was named to second-team all-conference. He finished with 18.2 points per game for the season, which placed him second of all Division III freshman players in the country. He made 177 free throws for fourth among all DIII players and attempted 217 for 9th place. Interpretation: he gets to the line a lot and makes most of them.

Classmates Alex Miller (in front with the vest) and Trey Holland (with the tie) made a game in early 2018. Behind Alex is Cheryl Holland (proudly wearing "Wabash.")



Swimming. The swimming and diving team garnered academic honors from the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association. The Little Giants posted a 3.36 grade point average to earn a place on the CSCAA Scholar All-America Team for the 2018 Spring Semester.

Tennis. William Reifeis and Patrick McAuley reached the semi-finals of the DIII Doubles Championship. They finished as one of the top-four teams in the tournament to earn All-America honors. They fell to top-seeded Middlebury.

Theater. Wabash put on two plays this spring: *Universal Robots* and *Glass Menagerie*.

Track. RaShawn Jones '20 earned All-American honors at the Division III outdoor track finals. He finished fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a career-best of 14.30 seconds.

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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.

**We Need 12 More Donors By June 30
To Match Last Year's Total**

These gentlemen and ladies have contributed to the annual fund so far this fiscal year, which will end June 30, 2018. 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 June 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, or by calling the college at 877-743-4545.

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