



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

October 18, 2021



Class of 1971 Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Forty two classmates celebrated the Spirit Of '71 at the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1971 on September 10-12. They were joined by 16 wives and one brother. They came from such diverse locales as California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, and Lebanon (Indiana).

The attendance would have been considerably higher but for the menace of Covid. Some classmates did not register because of it, and others canceled their registrations. Still, the turn-out was good.



Saturday's panel listens intently to Keith Nelson. From the left are Dr. Raymond Williams, Dr. David Hadley, Trey Holland, Keith, Alex Miller, and Dr. David Blix '70. College photo.

The reunion of our class started at 4 p.m., Friday, September 10 with a panel discussion on student life in the tumultuous times of 1967-1971. The panel of Keith Nelson '71, David Blix '70, Dr. Raymond Williams, Dr. David Hadley, Alex Miller '71, and Trey Holland '71 addressed the Viet Nam war, the draft, race issues, and the faculty. The attendance came close to filling Room 104 of Hays Science Hall, which stands where Waugh Hall used to stand. Most of the audience wore masks.

After the panel, the class had its banquet in Detchon Hall (f/k/a Yandes). The class was masked and unmasked during the evening. Three of our former professors joined us. They were Dr. David Hadley and his wife Sheridan Hadley; Dr. Raymond Williams and his wife Lois Williams; and Dr. John (Dr. Z) Zimmerman.



Dr. Z greets the Class of 1971 at its Friday banquet. Jerry Anderson '71 is to his left, and Andy Dziubinskyj '71 is to his right. Photo by Jim Kamplain '71.

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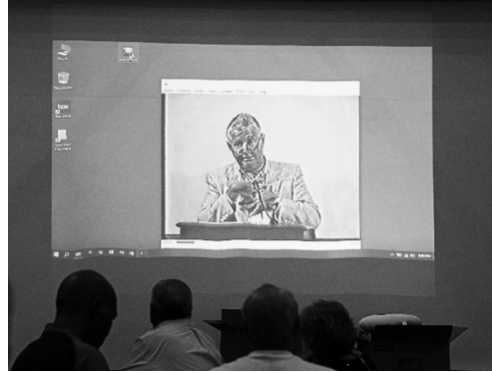
The class saw a 10-minute video of Mike Dill's comments about what Wabash means as a small, liberal arts, independent, residential college for men. Mike gave his timeless remarks at the 30th reunion. He passed away in 2019.

The video was followed by an open mike of which Rufus Burton, Ted Eckhardt, Sam Kirtley, and Cloyce Hedge took advantage.

Friday ended with the crowd moving to the outdoor porch along Sugar Creek at Creekside Lodge where stories were told and banter was exchanged.

Saturday morning started with a walk-around campus. Classmates could take a tour of the campus in the morning or the afternoon. Classmates belted out *Old Wabash* at an abbreviated Chapel Sing. The Class of 1970 sang, then came the Class of 1971, and then everyone sang together. We sang with verve and spirit.

Before lunch, the Class of 1971 gathered outside the fieldhouse and completely surprised me by unveiling a bench in my honor. I am still dumfounded by it. I still do not know how to express my thanks in words, but I can express my thanks by continuing to be a devoted Class Agent and Wabash Man.



The Class got to hear some timeless comments from Mike Dill '71. Below is Cloyce Hedge '71 at the open mike. Photos by Jim Kamplain.



The Class of 1971 sings on the steps of the Chapel. College photo.

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At the lunch in Knowling Fieldhouse, I gave, or attempted to give, a stand-up comedy routine. I know that I was standing up; so that part of the routine was achieved. Whether the comedy part was achieved is debatable. At least my wife liked the routine which is reassuring as she was the butt of some of the jokes. The audience was masked, which muffled any heckling.

The class had free time in the afternoon. Many classmates attended two sessions, one by the college's archivist Beth Swift and the other by the college's president Scott Feller. Both sessions were informative, fun, and worthwhile. Beth talked and showed history of Wabash. President Feller talked about the college that he wants to be "well run" and "well loved."



President Scott Feller talks to alumni and guests about a well-run, well-loved college on Saturday afternoon. Photo by Jim Kamplain '71.

The college hosted a banquet for the Class of 1970 and the Class of 1971 jointly in Knowling Fieldhouse Saturday night. The college gave a medallion to each man from those classes. During the banquet, Trey Holland '71 and Alex Miller '71 presented a big check for \$2.2 million as the gift of the Class of 1971. Many thanks to Trey and Alex for undertaking the important task as gift-chairs and thanks to all who contributed to it.

After the banquet, the Class of 1971 returned to the outdoor porch of Creekside for more conversation and good times. The reunion ended Sunday morning when several classmates and wives had breakfast on the porch of the Campus Center (now known as the Sparks Center). The breakfast lasted several hours.

During the weekend, I distributed a copy of my 162-page book titled *Becoming Gentlemen And Responsible Citizens In Times Of Turmoil, A History Of Student Life At Wabash College, 1967-1971*. Because of a formatting error, the book is being reprinted. Anyone who wants a book can purchase it from the bookstore or through me. The book ought to be available by October 25.



President Scott Feller, left, receives the Class' gift from Trey Holland, Alex Miller, and Jon Pactor on September 11. College photo.

Thanks to the fraternity reps who helped to gin up attendance. They were: Jim Ball, Steve Blau, Jim Bromley, Kai Chin, Ron Flynn, David Gray, Dennis Myers, Jim Peters, Jim Rendel. Thanks to independents who helped gin up attendance. Special thanks to those who attended. There is no reunion if there is no attendance.

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Thanks also go to Steve Hoffman '85, Mike Warren '93, Pam Rager of the college's alumni office and to many others at the college who helped to make the reunion happen in unusual and difficult times. Now that the 50th is behind us, it is time to start thinking about the next one.

**List Of Classmates And Guests Who Attended
At Least One Day Of The Reunion**

Jerry Anderson
Jim Ball
Steve Blau & Lee Newman
Bruce Bradway
Rufus Burton
Kai & Charlotte Chin
Steve & Doris Covey
Bill Davnie
Andy & Marta
Dziubinskyj
Ted Eckhardt
Ron & Paula Flynn
Jack Gould
David Gray
Fred & Nancy Haase
Bill Hausmann & his brother Jim
Pete Hawley
Ron Higgins
Dan Holderbaum
Trey Holland
Cloyce Hedge
Brad & Trudy Johnson
John & Deborah Kalb



Jim Rendel

Jim & Esta Kamplain
Marv & Linda Keffer
Sam Kirtley
John Lathrop & Connie
Ryan
Bill Lee
Dave & Chris Main
Tom & Jana Martella
Steve & Danuta McDaniel
Alex & Brenda Miller
Richard & Oko
Morford
Dennis & Jane Myers
Keith Nelson
Jon & Andrea Pactor
Jim Peters
Greg & Sue
Rasmussen
Jim Rendel
Marty Schaap
Orlo Shoop
Vern Thompkins
Steve & Elogene Weliever



Tom Martella



*Steve Blau is in the
center, and Steve
Covey is to the left.*

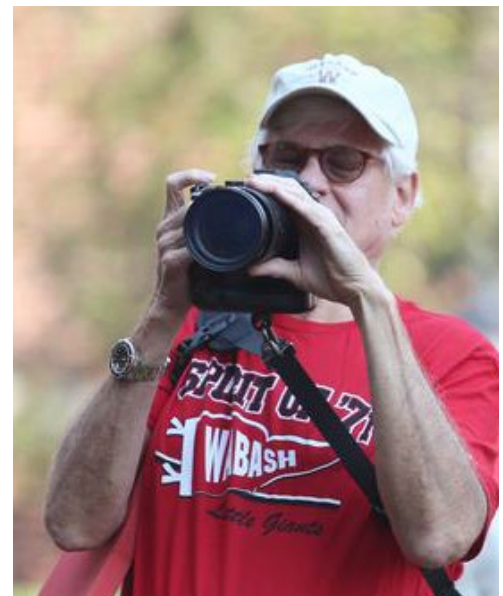


Classmates enjoyed the reunion. At left is Fred Haase. In the center Keith Nelson and Dave Main chat. At right, Sam Kirtley might be taking a selfie. These three photos were taken by Jim Kamplain '71. The photos at the top are college photos.

Andy Dziubinskyj Donates His Thad Seymour Portrait To Wabash College



Classmate Andy Dziubinskyj painted a portrait of President Thad Seymour when Andy was a student. The portrait appears in the 1971 Wabash yearbook. On September 10, 2011, he donated it to Wabash College. Pictured with Andy during the donation were his wife Marta and Joe Klen '97, Associate Dean for College Advancement and Campaign Director. Photo by Jon Pactor.



Above is the college's photo of Jim Kamplain '71. Thanks to Jim for taking some good shots during the reunion. One of them is to the left.

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Other News

Dr. Joe O'Rourke, retired professor of speech, died in August. He was 93.

Max Servies '58, long time wrestling coach and athletic director, died on October 16. He was 85.

Football. Senior Joey Annee is leading Div. III in punting through October 8.

The **Monon Bell** game will be November 13. Classmates can watch it on streaming. As of this writing, Wabash is 5-1, and DePauw is 6-1 with its loss coming against Butler University. DePauw is the only school undefeated in conference play. If you're attending the game, tickets are on sale at wabashtickets.universitytickets.com.



Eight Kappa Sigs attended the reunion. Left to right in the front are Jim Kamplain, Sam Kirtley, David Gray, and Greg Rasmussen. In the back are Bill Davnie, Steve Covey, Dave Main, and Steve McDaniel. Eight independents also attended.

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

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