



## Class Agents Letter

### Class of 1972

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Gentlemen:

I wanted to get one more letter to you before the Holidays. I hope you and your families are all doing well. For those of us still working (I know many of you are retired or “semi-retired”), the pandemic continues to affect how and where we work. I’m still teaching a handful of courses at North Central College in Naperville, IL, and Elmhurst University in Elmhurst...both great Div III small, liberal arts Colleges. During part of last year, we were completely remote learning, then evolved to “Hybrid” classes (remote some days, in-person on other days). Since late last year, we have been mostly in-class, which is great, but everyone still wears masks...hoping that will end soon as conditions get better.

But, I’m fortunate to still be working, plus playing in our band...so, can’t complain! Once again, I’ll ask you to please take a brief moment to **email me** a short summary of what is going on in your lives. Your fellow Class of '72 classmates want to know, and it is truly interesting to hear about the diverse things you are all up to in your ripe old 70's! **Send me an email.** You'll be published!

### **50th Reunion**

A great deal of work, idea generation and planning is going on right now to try make our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion the best ever for all of you who can attend. While there are set events taking place over the 3 days of **Big Bash Weekend** (June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022), we are trying to be creative and develop some special events which will be unique and special for the Class of '72. Remember that “Big Bash” Weekends not only include our Class, but include other classes celebrating “milestone” reunions in 5 year increments around us...classes ending in a 2 or 7 (eg. 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 etc.). So, we want to stand out and make things special for us!

Our **Class Reunion Team** is actively working now and you will be hearing from some of them over the next few months as we head towards June, 2022.



I wanted you to know who has volunteered to serve on our **Planning Committee**:

>**Reunion Co-Chair**: John Bridge (helping me out immensely!!!)

>**Reunion Gift Campaign Chairmen**: Hugh McClelland, Tom Ristine

> **Living Unit Representatives**:

- Beta Theta Pi: Dan Grube
- Kappa Sigma: Kim Ebert, Steve York
- Independents: Jerry Dryer, Jim McQuillan
- Delta Tau Delta: Don Shelbourne, Dan Schmidt
- Lambda Chi Alpha: Dan Butler, Tim Trela
- Phi Delta Theta: Brad Goff, Dan Loftus
- Phi Kappa Psi: Roger Hurd
- Phi Gamma Delta: Gary Leonard, Bob Getty
- Sigma Chi: Rod Kenley, Bill Nielsen
- Tau Kappa Epsilon: Tom McShane, Reed Birney

**Some Little Giants!** Thanks to all of you on the Committee for the work you have done so far. You in our Class will be hearing in separate letters from Hugh and Tom about Gift Giving matters, and from the Living Unit Reps who will be contacting each of you with just one message: ***“Please Come To The Reunion!”***. I urge you to respond to their emails or calls to you over the next few months. Let's aim for the highest number and percentage of attendees ever. I know we can do it.

### **News From the College**

Last month (October 8<sup>th</sup>), I had the pleasure of attending the **Inauguration Ceremony and Celebration** for the new **President of Wabash College, Dr. Scott Feller**. Scott is the 17<sup>th</sup> President of Wabash. In the program for the event, it listed all the past Presidents. I was reminded that during our time at Wabash, we actually had 3 Presidents: **Paul Cook**, **Frank Misch**, and of course, **Thad Seymour**, who served the College from 1969 to 1978. Also attending the Inauguration were the past 3 Presidents before Scott Feller: **Greg Hess**, **Pat White**, and **Andy Ford**.

It was a beautiful Friday afternoon in Crawfordsville.. The ceremonies took place at the absolutely stunning, new **Little Giant Stadium**. What a beautiful structure and landmark...top-notch, and “all-pro” in every aspect. The new Stadium is in my opinion enough reason, by itself, to make you want to come to our Reunion in June! After Dr. Feller was officially sworn in, The Glee Club sang “Alma Mater”; it still gives me chills to this day to hear that beautiful song written by Carroll Ragan in 1901.

After the ceremonies, and wonderful dinner celebration was held inside the Allen Athletics and Recreation Center. (That's where our Friday night Reunion Dinner will be held, honoring our 50<sup>th</sup> Class reunion in front of all the other reunion classes attending.) I had the honor of sitting with fellow Class of '72 attendees **John Bridge** (with his wife Cathy), and **Mike Prunier**. A good time was had by all.

## Annual Giving

For those of you who would like to contribute to the College before the end of this calendar year, it is an easy process:

You can make your 2021 gift now. Here's how:

- Email: [giving@wabash.edu](mailto:giving@wabash.edu)
- Phone: 877-743-4545
- Online: [www.wabash.edu/give](http://www.wabash.edu/give)

## News from 1972

Heard recently from **Roger Hurd**. Roger writes: "I am still practicing law in Palm Beach Gardens. Primarily estate planning. Hurd, Horvath & Ross is a small firm, two attorneys and seven support staff. I thoroughly enjoy my job and have no plans to retire. We spend quite a bit of time with the grandchildren in Tampa, but also find time to go to our lake house on Nantahala Lake, North Carolina. We just became members of the Tequittee Tavern Club in Haysville, NC, a not so exclusive drinking and social club! We have met some very interesting NC mountain folk! We go snow skiing once or twice a year and I play golf a few times a month. We are starting to travel some, trying to go places before we get too old. Looking forward to our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion." **Thanks Roger.**

Over the past few months, I have communicated with **Don Shelbourne**. For those of you who had not heard, I am very sorry to communicate to all of you the passing of Erin Shelbourne Miller, daughter of Don and his wife Carol. Erin passed away suddenly from a cardiac event in July, and is survived by her husband Brian, and her 4 children: Hannah, Andrew, Adam and Molly. Our deepest condolences, Don, to you and your family.

That's all for now. Have a great holiday. If you have recently changed your phone number or email address, or residence address, please let me or the College know so that we can keep in contact with you...and please email me soon with any info about you.

The best to you and your families.

Rick