

Wabash College Class of 2013 Update Summer/Fall 2018

Dear Class of 2013,

Due to a dangerous combination of shortsightedness and poor planning, we missed our self-imposed deadline for summer's class letter. Because of this, we've combined the fall and summer class letters into a special double issue. Please enjoy this weak effort to make amends. And as always, please don't rat us out to the Dean...

REUNION

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Dear Class of 2013,

Several of you turned out in June for our 5-year reunion. For those of you who missed it, we'll provide you with some of the highlights. The first day started early with a golf tournament. A few members of our Class even got to golf with the legendary Rich Woods. Later that afternoon, notable members of the Wabash community including Dr. David Hadley and Rob Johnson gave symposiums. Though it felt weird to return to the classroom after five years, these symposiums explored interesting topics.

Attendees had the option of staying on campus for the event. A few people from our Class stayed in Wolcott & Morris Halls. The location offered easy access to all the Big Bash events. Also, it had the added benefit of allowing us to avoid Crawfordsville's infamous traffic jams. **I highly recommend doing this for the 10-year reunion.** If you lived in either Wolcott or Morris during your time at Wabash, you shouldn't miss this opportunity to take a stroll down memory lane. It's a relatively cheap way to get the most out of your Big Bash experience.



Spacious Accommodation in Morris & Wolcott



Free Hat with Every Registration

On the morning of the second day, some enterprising members of our class participated in the Bike Ride and the poorly named “Fun” Run. Following the completion of the run and bike ride, representatives from each class participated in a Chapel Sing contest. Hearing the different versions of the song’s second verse proved the highlight of the event. Some classes even choreographed their cheating by hiding the lyrics to the second verse behind their backs or in their hats. Our Class won 3rd place during the event. This isn’t saying much considering many of the classes participating probably got DQ’d for cheating.



Some Members of the Class of 2013 Enjoying a Break



Competing in Chapel Sing Competition

Saturday evening our class had a dinner and reception in the MXI. Though we didn't meet our donation-goal to qualify for the open bar, everyone enjoyed the great food and overpriced beer. Everyone had an interesting story or two about their post-graduation life. It was great to see other members of the class come back and enjoy their alma mater.

O'ER THY CLASSIC HALLS

All the living units opened for tours on Saturday afternoon. Most of the fraternity houses haven't changed much. For those of you who've been out of the loop for the last few years, $\Delta\Gamma\Delta$ has chartered a chapter at Wabash, and they now occupy their house between TKE and ΣX . College Hall has become the new $\Theta\Delta X$ house. Some of you might not remember this boxy building in the southeastern corner of the college. Even during our time as students, many people still referred to College Hall as the old TKE house. Now, the building has reverted to its original use as a fraternity house. With the relocation of $\Theta\Delta X$ to the former College Hall, all of the college's fraternities have a house on campus.

As featured in a prior letter, the college renovated Martindale Hall as part of an effort to update independent housing. Also, the college built several new housing units for independents. These new living units include different configurations such as normal two-man rooms and townhouses. Many of you will be happy to hear that these new improvements bring the living standards for independent housing into a new century (from the 19th to the 20th). Rumor has it that Martindale will get electricity when the college renovates it again in 2117.



Michael Wright and Riley Floyd Outside the Former College Hall



John Streiff's Son Might Be a Future Little Giant

CULTURE AND TRADITIONS

While we drank a few beers after the reunion dinner, Dr. Blix stopped by to chat with our reunion contingent. We discussed a myriad of topics including religion, politics, and philosophy. Eventually, we discussed the college's defunct Cultures and Traditions class. Many of you might know the class by one of its aliases ("C and T" or "C&T" or "CnT"). Though the course met its end in 2011, its impression on generations of Wabash men lingers. Love it or hate it, this course introduced you to *Frankenstein*, *the Book of Exodus*, and *the Wealth of Nations* (or at least the SparkNotes versions of these texts).

We were the final class at Wabash to take C&T. For the class of 2014, the college replaced C&T with Enduring Questions ("EQ"). Subsequent classes of Wabash men have not known the excitement and/or dread of opening that red binder filled with classical texts. Even as the course rattled its last breaths in 2010-2011, it courted controversy. Some students loved it. Other students hated it. Regardless of your feelings about the class, C&T lives on through us.

Dr. Blix does not shy away from his love for C&T. And he certainly won't hesitate to discuss the *Odyssey* with you. After he left, we vented our true

feelings about the course. Our opinions ran the gambit from lauding C&T to despising it. Regardless of our feelings, we are the last generation of Wabash men who will have this conversation.

Democracy Special

Dear Class of 2013,

Congratulations for making it through the first half of this double issue. With the upcoming midterm elections, we wanted to take the opportunity to talk about politics. Hopefully, we'll make it through this section without triggering anyone. In order to form a more perfect newsletter, establish links with our fellow Wallies, and ensure dissipation of relevant information, we've crafted the following three articles. Please enjoy the following legislative, executive, and judicial stories relating to the Wabash community.

ARTICLE I

Remember those endless student senate meetings? Whether you served on the student senate or just heard about it secondhand, everyone has a passing familiarity with this Wabash institution. I remember the feeling of failure that I experienced when the student senate declined funding my underwater basket weaving club. Many of you will be happy to know that the student senate now funds a zombie survival club. Finally, some people are taking the zombie threat seriously. (This isn't a joke. According to the website this is a real thing.)

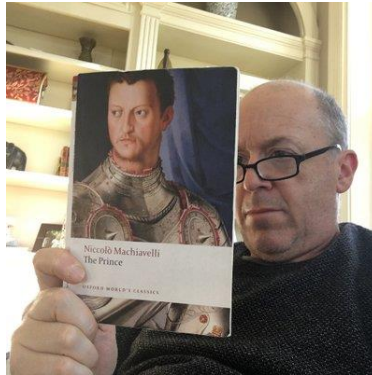
In honor of this storied institution, we are holding a contest to **win a free Wabash hat**. Just send us your favorite memory pertaining to the student senate for a chance to win. Please send your memories to trpoe13@gmail.com for a chance to win. Your memory might even be featured in our next newsletter. All entries must be received before December 18, 2018. No purchase necessary. Void where prohibited.

ARTICLE II

President Hess joined the Wabash family after our graduation. As a result, most of us probably don't know very much about him or his policies. You could learn about these subjects by engaging in intensive dialogues with members of the Wabash community and/or your colleagues. However, most of us don't have time for that. We need our information in 280

characters or less. So, let's check out the Twitter of Wabash's commander-in-chief.

His profile picture shows him reading a copy of Machiavelli's *The Prince*. Is he sending a subtle message about intrigue and plotting at Centre Hall? Someone should really tell him to pick up the SparkNotes version.



October 11, 2018 - President Hess retweeted Matt Tanney at 5:41am. The tweet concerned the upcoming Monon Bell game and ticket prices. Looks like President Hess supports Wabash College athletics (no surprise there) and wakes up early. Very Cool Matt! Very Cool!

https://twitter.com/Matt_Tanney/status/1050365741298569222

May 8, 2018 - President Hess posted a picture of him signing student diplomas for Wabash's graduation ceremony. Who knew that the president of the college did this? Despite the macabre idea of signing a dead sheep's skin with a ballpoint pen, this makes for a cool insight into a Wabash tradition. Great to see the personal touch.

<https://twitter.com/prezhess/status/993865084534435840>



March 28, 2018 – President Hess tweeted a selfie with the terrifying Wally Wabash head from the college’s archives. This photo singlehandedly proves this man’s bravery. President Hess willingly posed with this piece of nightmare fuel. That head might have scared generations of children, but for President Hess, it was just another Wednesday.

<https://twitter.com/prezhess/status/979077814866644993>



ARTICLE III

Often, Wabash men bemoan the slow pace of life in Crawfordsville. But things seem to be changing for Indiana’s sleepest college town. The Montgomery County courthouse received a new clocktower earlier this year. The Kirtley Clocktower takes its name from noted Wabash alumnus and Kappa Sig Dr. James Marion Kirtley. It’s great to see improvements to Crawfordsville and Montgomery County. Especially, when those improvements denote the strong links between Wabash College and the surrounding community.



BEFORE - Without the clock

AFTER - With the clock

Alumni Group

Becoming part of your local Wabash Alumni organization is a great way to stay connected. Make sure to join a Wabash Alumni organization:

<http://www.wabash.edu/alumni/eservices>

Student Referrals

Interested in helping Wabash recruit the next generation of Wabash men? Referring prospective high school students is a great way to help. Follow the link below to refer a student

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/student/refer>

Annual Campaign

Make sure to continue donating to the Wabash College Annual Fund. Wabash gave us a wonderful education and it's important to pay it forward to future generations of Wabash men.

**Interested in announcing an engagement, marriage, or event?
Put it in the next letter! Please forward your request to Rudy or
me.**

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