



Pactoracles
 Class Agent's Letter
 For The Wabash College Class of 1971
 June 9, 2016



**Class of 1971 Rocks At
 Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion**

Traveling long and short distances, 33 classmates and 14 wives celebrated our "Oldies But Goodies 45th, Still Spinning" reunion, June 3-5.

Rain forced a relocation of the Chapel Sing from the outside steps of the chapel to its interior. We finished second in the chapel sing behind our rival the Class of 1966 which set off a bomb to mask their deficiency at singing and to distract the judges away from the true talent of the Class of 1971. Our class, led by Garrett Paul, mastered both verses of *Old Wabash* with explosive talent and pulsating verve.

But that was enough to overcome the trauma that the men of '66 inflicted on the judges. Wearing fake straw hats, they marched into the chapel behind two leaders in striped bib-overalls and two others, one carrying a Wabash flag and the other an American flag. As one sage of the class of 1971 observed afterwards: "When you have nothing to offer, then wave the flag."

Toward the end of their singing, multiple pyrotechnics exploded on the mall.



Kai Chi exudes Class of 1971 spirit as we enter the chapel. Two spots behind is Dave Main also with arms in "W-formation." Photo from college website.

Most of the audience initially thought they heard thunder on a very rainy day. Fortunately, both the noise from the pyrotechnics and the noise from the singing of the Class of 1966 soon ended.

Undaunted and without the need for four leaders to go from the back of the chapel to the stage, we paraded behind a single leader, our maestro, Garrett Paul. We wore red "rockstar" sunglasses and t-shirts with our proud declaration "Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion—Still Spinning."



Garrett Paul leads the class into the chapel for Chapel Sing. Photo from the college website.

Some carried our Class of 1971 #1 foam fingers, and others carried "Oldies But Goodies" posters. Dean Norman C. Moore, though stiff as a board, joined us. Our shirts honored our school by displaying the words of *Old Wabash* on the back. Our attire showed proper respect for *Old Wabash* and the Chapel Sing. Fake straw hats did not.

We did not learn the results of the competition until the Sunday banquet. So for the remainder of Saturday, some members of the Class of 1971 had some hope of victory, but it was not to be.

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After it was announced at Sunday's awards chapel that the Class of 1966 had won Chapel Sing, Jay Fisher, its class agent, took to the mike, asked whether Jon Pactor, class agent for 1971, was in the crowd, and finding him, uttered a playful put-down. He left the stage and confronted Pactor at his table. The two agents hugged, at which time Pactor surreptitiously placed a sticker on Jay's back, the sticker showing "Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion—Still Spinning." Jay was called back to the podium to receive other rewards, each time advertising our class on the back of his shirt for everyone to see to their amusement. Some thought the sticker was a bullseye.

Pactor reflected. "Jay Fisher and I have been good friends for many years, and we have a rivalry on Chapel Sing. He and I believe that there should be a lot of fun at the chapel sing. He is a great Wabash man. I always have his back. I proved it again today. He looks mighty good with a Class of 1971 sticker."



Jay Fisher '66 with Medallion and Jon Pactor '71 share some laughs at the awards brunch at Big Bash. Jay is wearing our Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion sticker. Photo from college website.

Of course, there was much, much more to our reunion than the Chapel Sing. It really is getting our class together, and we did well. By my count, 33 classmates and 14 ladies attended some or all of Big Bash. We came from 13 states. Sam and Becky Kirtley came the farthest from the appropriately named Wally Wally, Washington. A listing of the attendees and their home towns is in this issue of *Pactoracles*.

Big Bash started on Friday morning, with perfect weather which lasted all day. That afternoon, our classmate Kai Chin gave a humorous and informative talk about his life as an international banker in Asian countries. He recounted tales of life with an ongoing coup and of repossession of bulldozers in the jungles of Indonesia. Several classmates attended his talk.

The Class of 1971 attended the college's all-campus banquet on Friday night. The college traditionally gives medallions to each 50-year man at this banquet or, if deceased, to his widow or other family member.

It is also a tradition for the 50-year class to announce at the Friday banquet a class monetary gift. After having received medallions, the Class of 1966 let off a figurative bomb by announcing a gift of \$8 million, surpassing the record of \$5.5 million set by the Class of 1965. This bomb sent tremors to the next 50-year class, the class of 1967. The \$8 million, it should be explained, is probably not a one-time cash gift but consists of cash and deferred gifts such as life insurance. Nonetheless, the record-setting gift is quite impressive.

The beautiful weather of Friday was replaced by a rainy, rainy Saturday. Hardly an umbrella was left for sale in the bookstore. But, the rain held off for those who signed up for the 8:30 a.m. run-walk around the campus. Classmates Bruce Bradway, Dave Gray, Jim Kamplain, and Jon Pactor participated in the walk. We had no runners.



Bruce Bradway, left, and Jim Kamplain did the walk around campus Saturday morning.

Our class was planning to have a rehearsal for Chapel Sing outside of Goodrich Hall at 10:30 a.m. It rained so hard that some classmates went to Baxter Hall, and others went to the Campus Center—but, shockingly, all had the wisdom to get out of the rain. Those in Baxter Hall practiced the song, whereas those at the Campus Center wondered whether the others got lost. After we were able to combine our two contingents, Garrett directed us in a single run-through of *Old Wabash* outside of the Campus Center. The rockstar sunglasses were handed out. Some fellows took a foam finger. Others took posters of our reunion with *Old Wabash* printed on the

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back for utilitarian and other purposes. We were ready to rumble.

We had a good corps of classmates at the sing. Richard Bowen, professor of music and director of the Glee Club, wearing our t-shirt and our rockstar sunglasses, joined us. The judges, still unnerved by the pyrotechnics, did not notice his infiltration. Richard, not a Wabash grad, started his college days in 1967 as did most of our class.

After chapel sing, several classmates lunched together in Knowling Fieldhouse, and



Ron Flynn and Dave Graham catch up at lunch in the fieldhouse, Saturday.

32 made it for the class photo at about 1:06 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

After the photo, classmates had options, including attending colloquia on campus, attending receptions by the psychology and physics departments, visiting fraternity houses or new dorms, or doing other things.

We reconvened at 5:30 p.m. for our reception and banquet at Detchon, formerly Yandes Hall. Several guests joined us: Richard Bowen and wife Eileen Bowen; Michelle Janssen, Dean of Advancement; Laura Wysocki, assistant professor of chemistry; Shamira Gelbman, assistant professor of political science, Rich Woods, director of security, and his wife Deb Woods, grants coordinator; Mickey Metzler '65, brother of classmate Chuck Metzler; and Keith Nightenhelzer '72 and Kerry Wilson '72. Ben Cramer '18 videoed the banquet for the class.

After a delicious supper, Jon Pactor made some surprisingly brief remarks although perhaps some may disagree on the brevity. He commented that 45 years seemed to have vanished into thin hair. He stunned the crowd by saying that he had not really lost his hair. No. Instead, it moved to his nose. But that was what he deserved for sniffing Rogaine.

He thanked various people, who are mentioned later in this report. He commented

that we were fortunate to be at a school where we learned the importance that men be gentlemen and responsible citizens. Our society has a critical need for more gentlemen and responsible citizens, he said.

All of the ladies in attendance received a small box of chocolates with an "Oldies But Goodies 45th Reunion" sticker. (The next morning, Jay Fisher '66 got the sticker without the chocolates.)

Thereafter, we saw a short movie about our class. It was made in 2001.

The ladies who had been with our class for 45 years or more stood and were recognized with enthusiastic applause. They were: Charlotte Chin, Marta Dziubinskyj, Paula Flynn, Becky Kirtley, Connie Lathrop, and Brenda Miller.

Open mike followed. Eleven people advanced to the open mike. All of the speakers were articulate and impressive. They were, in alphabetical order: Karen Bradway, Kai Chin, Jack Gould, Dave Graham, David Gray, Trey Holland, Becky Kirtley, Alex Miller, Betsy Paul, Garrett Paul, Jim Rendel, and Steve Wildman. Their topics were the importance of the liberal arts; the need to keep Wabash strong; the importance of relationships and friendships; gratitude; and a remembrance of departed classmates. Dave Gray recited his poem. Hopefully excerpts from some of these talks will be in future editions of *Pactoracles*.

Each attendee at the banquet received a souvenir program book.

Our banquet ended with the first verse of *Old Wabash*, which we sung with gusto but without the rockstar sunglasses.

Several classmates and wives reconvened on the outdoor porch of Creekside Lodge along Sugar Creek for a few drinks and a lot of conversation. The night ended around 11:15 p.m.

The Big Bash itself ended with the awards brunch in Knowling Fieldhouse Sunday morning. Classmates who attended the brunch included Andy and Marta Dziubinskyj, Dave Gray, Trey and Cheryl Holland, Steve McDaniel, Alex and Brenda Miller, Jon Pactor, Garrett and Betsy Paul, and perhaps others.

A reunion does not happen unless people come back. Thanks to classmates Skip Adams, Kai Chin, Dan Holderbaum, Trey Holland, and Jim Rendel for working with the class agent on the attendance. Special recognition goes to Delta Tau Delta with 11 members of its pledge class in attendance.

Two classmates, in particular, made special effort to attend the reunion. Dave Graham flew from the D.C. area on Saturday morning, arrived in time for the photo at 1:06 p.m., and left early on Sunday morning. Jim

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Rendel drove three hours from near Chicago early Saturday morning to arrive for the photo and left about 10 p.m. Saturday night to get back to any ailing family member.

While most of us started college on September 10, 1967 and graduated on June 6, 1971, others did not. At this reunion, at least two attendees started with a class prior to ours but graduated with ours. One attendee started at another school and transferred into our class. Another started in 1967 and graduated in 1970. At least two started in 1967 but graduated after 1971. At least two classmates came to their first reunion. Those interesting and not commonly known facts did not interfere with anyone's enjoyment, nor will they at our next reunion. It will probably be the first weekend in June 2021.

Our class always has a great reunion—from the 10th through the 45th. So now we look forward to the big 50th. The Class of 1966 had about 70 classmates in attendance. We can meet or beat that number. Since the 25th reunion in 1996, we have had at least 80 classmates attend at least one reunion. At least 70 of them are still living. Others who

have never attended a reunion or not attended since before the 25th will attend.

So for now, we only need to calendar the first weekend of June 2021, and we need to commit to make our best efforts to attend and to get our classmates to attend.

Andy Dziubinskyj just attended his first reunion. He said afterwards: "Everyone was so friendly and kind. And just watching people unabashedly laugh and generally have a good time together does a body soooo much good."

At our 50th, our class will again enjoy laughter, memories, stories, and good times that do "sooo much good." Join us. Until then, keep on spinning.



Front row, left to right: Jon Pactor, Ron Flynn, Dave Graham, Jim Peters, Jim Kamplain, Dan Holderbaum, Bruce Julian, Orlo Shoop, Bruce Bradway, Dave Gray, and Steve Hays. Second row, left to right: Ken Huff, Jim Bromley, Alex Miller, Steve Wildman, Bill Hausmann, Garrett Paul, Steve Covey, Jack Gould, Marty Schaap, Kerry Wilson, and Kai Chin. Third row, left to

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right: Steve Weliever, Denny Myers, Jim Rendel, Steve McDaniel, Andy Dziubinskyj, Sam Kirtley, Trey Holland, Dave Main, John Lathrop, and Jeff Eaton.

Classmates and ladies who attended some or all of our reunion

Bruce Bradway & Karen Bradway	Lost Nation, Iowa
Jim Bromley	Fishers, IN
Kai Chin & Charlotte Chin	Louisville, CO
Steve Covey & Doris Covey	Orlando, FL
Andy Dziubinskyj & Marta Dziubinskyj	West Lafayette, IN
Jeff Eaton & Jan Eaton	Medinah, IL
Ron Flynn & Paula Flynn	Cincinnati, OH
Jack Gould	Indianapolis, IN
Dave Graham	Springfield, VA
Dave Gray	Cincinnati, OH
Bill Hausmann	Cocoa Beach, FL
Steve Hays	Columbus, IN
Ken Huff	Rolling Hills Estate, CA
Dan Holderbaum	Cleveland, OH
Trey Holland & Cheryl Holland	Indianapolis, IN
Ron Israel	Monticello, IN
Bruce Julian	Vestavia Hills, AL
Jim Kamplain	Birmingham, AL
Sam Kirtley & Becky Kirtley	Walla Walla, WA
John Lathrop & Connie Lathrop	Carmel, IN
Bill Lee & Ginny Lee	Pentwater, MI
Steve McDaniel	Wheaton, IL
Alex Miller & Brenda Miller	Fairfax, VA
Dennis Myers	Granger, IN
Jon Pactor	Indianapolis, IN
Jim Peters & Susie Peters	Shelbyville, IN
Garrett Paul & Betsy Paul	St. Peter, MN
Mark Ramey	Westfield, IN
Jim Rendel	Lisle, IL
Marty Schaap & Eileen Schaap	Indianapolis, FL
Orlo Shoop	West Lafayette, IN
Steve Weliever	Sioux Falls, SD
Steve Wildman & Susan Wildman	Boulder, CO



Paula and Ron Flynn at the lunch on Friday. Dave Graham told the story of how Paula, a student at Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio, introduced him to his wife Judy. Years later, Paula introduced Jon Pactor to his wife Andrea.

Below are Charlotte and Kai Chin who met during Kai's Wabash days. Their story of meeting is captivating but too long for this space.



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.

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Delts and their wives enjoy the banquet of the Class of 1971 at Detchon, nee Yandes Hall, June 4. Seated left to right: Kerry Wilson, Charlotte Chin, Jan Eaton, and Brenda Miller. Standing: Eileen Schaap, Marty Schaap behind her, Bill Hausmann, Susan Wildman, Steve Wildman, John Lathrop, Connie Lathrop, Kai Chin, Bill Lee, Ginny Lee, Jeff Eaton, and Alex Miller in front and to the left of Jeff. Thanks to Connie Lathrop for supplying this photo.



The Class of 1971 awaits its turn for Chapel Sing. Next to the foam finger are Alex and Brenda Miller. Behind them, left to right, are Bruce Julian, Dave Main, Dave Gray, and Sam Kirtley. Behind them are Charlotte Chin and Trey Holland.

With Our Classmates. . .

Skip Adams could not make the reunion because of the marriage of his daughter Courtney. Still, he helped to encourage his Beta pledge brothers to attend, and four of them did. Classmate Joe Cassell attended the wedding.

Recently Skip donated to Wabash College to help fund new dorms and dedicated a room in one of them in honor of his parents. Other classmates probably have feelings similar to Skip's: "I made the dedication in honor of my parents because without their sacrifices I couldn't have gone to Wabash. Change that part of my life, and who knows how things might have turned out."

To the right are Skip and his mother Margaret R. Adams at the room in May 2016. It was nice that she could be present for this meaningful occasion. Skip's father passed

away several years ago. Thanks to Skip for furnishing the photo.



Andy Dziubinskyj's son Aaron '93 was recently promoted to full professor in foreign languages at DePauw University. "We're proud, and happy to have provided a Wally to try to properly educate those poor Dannies," Andy wrote.

Steve Meisenheimer has retired from many years of practicing medicine. He lives in Knoxville, TN.

Ed Pitkin could not make the 45th reunion. His daughter Nicole was getting married. She attended our 15th reunion in utero.

Tom Runge was named Man of the Year by the Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men. Tom recently retired from the college after a record-setting stint as the director of alumni relations, 2001-2016.

News From Campus. . .

Dr. Todd McDorman, the Senior Associate Dean of the College and Professor of Rhetoric, is one of 30 higher education administrators selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the 2016-17 Senior Leadership Academy. He is an excellent choice from my vantage. I have gotten to know Todd mostly through working together on the Wabash College Moot Court.

The Senior Leadership Academy prepares those with leadership potential to assume positions as the chief officers in any division, including academic affairs, student affairs, finance, enrollment management, and advancement, in independent higher education.

Having joined the Wabash faculty in 1998, he has focused his research on the rhetoric of law with particular interest in marginalized groups. He has examined the rhetoric of sport, with a particular emphasis on the redemptive efforts of banished baseball star Pete Rose to repair his image and gain re-entry into baseball. He has presented his scholarly work at the National Baseball Hall of Fame five times.

Homecoming will be Saturday, October 8. The opponent will be Oberlin.

Riley Lefever '17, NCAA champion wrestler, was named to the first team Academic All-American by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Student Wins Fulbright. Daniel Craig '16 earned a Fulbright Scholarship as an English Teaching Assistant in Germany. He will be based in Bayern during his tenure.

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Contribute to Annual Fund Before End Of Fiscal Year, June 30

The annual fund will end June 30, 2016. Thanks to each classmate who has already contributed. 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 66 brothers of the Class of 1971 and three widows who are on the list, which is current through June 7, 2016. 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.

Skip Adams
Jerry Anderson
Jim Ball
Bob Bogigian
Bruce Bradway
Jim Bromley
John Brown
Rufus Burton
Kai Chin
Steve Covey
Sue Dart, widow of Russell
Bill Davnie
Mike Dill
Andy Dziubinskyj
Jeff Eaton
Nelson Flynn
Dave Graham
Dave Gray
Rick Gregory
Fred Haase
Gary Hansen
Bill Hausmann
Pete Hawley
Gordon Hayes

Trey Holland
Ken Huff
Ron Israel
Clark Johnson
Brad Johnson
Bruce Julian
John Kalb
Jim Kamplain
Allen Kepchar
Gene Kepple
Sam Kirtley
Judy Lammering, widow of
Dean Lammering
John Lathrop
Mike Lemon
Cathy Long, widow of Skip
Long
Dave Main
Tom Martella
Steve McDaniel
Alex Miller
Dick Morford
Dennis Myers
Keith Nelson

Jon Pactor
Garrett Paul
Jim Peters
Dave Pfanschmidt
Larry Phelps
Ed Pitkin
Bob Prentiss
Mark Ramey
Mark Randak
Vic Ransom
Greg Rasmussen
Jim Rendel
Phil Rifner
Carl Royal
Tom Runge
John Ryder
Martin Schaap
Orlo Shoop
John Street
Pete Toft
Steve Weliever
Steve Wildman
Andy Young

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



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