

Class Agents Letter

55 for *66

Class of 1966

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU. TO THE MEN OF THE CLASS OF 1966 FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND LOYALTY TO OUR ALMA MATER!



Dave Krattebol, Jay Fisher and Cal Black present a check to President Feller for \$3,282.000 on 10/16/21 outside of the newly named Class of 1966 Lodge.





There are six new independent living units on the West side of campus with the largest called a Hall, the middle sized unit is a Lodge, and the smallest unit is a House. There are now ten fraternities and ten dormitories on campus.



CLASS OF 1966 LODGE

In honor of the Class of 1966 on the occasion of their 55th Class Reunion October 2021

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The plaque was unveiled at the dedication ceremony on 10/16/21 and lists all of the donors who contributed to this effort as well as names in memory of some our deceased classmates.

Lyle Sparks and John Perkins

List of attendees (37) and states (11) from which they came:

Charlie Bell, IL
Cal and Marsha Black, AZ
Jerry Blossom, TN
Riley Brissman, IL
Hobby Elliott, IN
Jay and Marty Fisher, MI
John and Patti Flanagan, IL
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Roger and Kathleen Thies, MD
Bill and Linda Todd, IN
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Stan and Peggy Walker, IN

A LOOK AT THE PAST-OUR TENTH REUNION!



CLASSIC LYRICS OF THE GENESIS OF "OLD WABASH" BY JOHN LENNES TO THE TUNE OF THE DEVIL WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA BY THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND-THIS IS ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC!

"Old Wabash" Genesis

This possibly ancient account was shared with me at the 2021 Covered Bridge Festival by a very old gentleman who lives under one of those covered bridges, and has for quite some time.

— John Lennes, Wabash '66

The Devil went up* to C'ville
He needed some souls one day
So he looked around when he got to town
To try to make some hay.

There was a bar that wasn't far Where Wabash men did stay Dark Force went in to get some gin And hunt his ancient prey.

To seek his victims that grey day He asked barkeep this question: "Where can I find guys in a bind Their brains in great congestion?"

The barman said "I just now fed Two folks in that condition. Old Wabash pals named Ed and Cal They're clearly on a mission."

"Their task, I hear, is to craft, *right here*, A fight song for the locals A tune that leads to famous deeds Not something just for yokels."

"Thanks bud" said Scratch, "sounds like a match For the prospects I am seeking I'll try my luck on those poor ducks And hope my skills are peaking."

He found his men, and with a grin He offered his assistance. He said "I'm here, complete with beer, To urge your great persistence." "You have a chance, friends, to enhance Your music reputation. Write words and tune before this noon, That matches my dictation."

"I'll take your souls, you'll shovel coal, When likely you do fail, You'll spend all time necks deep in grime Your cries a constant wail."

"But your success, if it's the best Result I've ever heard Will seal your fame and and keep your name Foremost in song and word."

"No 'go, fight, win', or 'kick 'em, men' Will get you to your goal, No indeed, you'll surely need Much better, something bold."

"Your song will contain in its refrain The words that I demand; Your task is clear as we sit here My wish is your command."

"My terms decreed are odd indeed Not normal fight song fare But that's the deal, the offer's real Accept it if you dare."

"The words you'll use are these I choose, With melody to match, You have no choice: no buts, no voice, Or else I'll lock the latch.

" 'WE LOVE TO SIT' and 'WE LOVE TO SHOUT' Sing of 'COTTON' and of 'DYES' We 'PROUDLY FLASH', refusing cash Pursuing the 'SWEETEST' prize.

"Great 'FLASHING GLORY', that's our story Despite the 'GLOOMY SHADE', We are 'FLYING FREE' with utmost glee And history is made.'

"'Mid 'FLITS' and 'FLOATS', how 'SWEET' the boast
Of future wins and plenty
To do this right you'll need the might
Of talents good for twenty."

"Should you succeed in this brave deed Your names will be 'REVERED' And 'WABASH MEN' will e'er again Know their fight song, ain't that weird?" "And furthermore I'll let you score Much higher than my Dannies, And keep the Bell miles north of Hell And their fans down on their fannies."

"Another thing, the Bell will ring And never be a dud, 'cause Your shade's not heliotrope, nope, nope, Your color will be BLOOD."

They took the dare, and then and there They started to compose.
Their song emerged with nothing purged Just as Beelzebub proposed.

The Lord of Darkness looked it o'er, And admitted his defeat. "It's a work of art in every part I know when I've been beat."

"I must admit, the fire you've lit, Is the fiercest e'er been done, You win, I quit. You wrote a hit, It goes to number one."

*It is well known that the Devil has been a resident of Greencastle Indiana since 1837, the Regents' Professor of Ethics (emeritus) at some local school down there.

The song Carroll Ragan and Edwin Meade Robinson wrote that day goes like this, and the Wabash Glee Club can be heard singing it on YouTube; search "Old Wabash".

From the hills of Maine to the western plain, or where the cotton is blowing; From the gloomy shade of the northern pine to the light of the southern sea; There's a name held dear and a color we cheer wherever we find it glowing; And the tears shall rise to our longing eyes as it floats on the evening breeze.

When the day is done and the western sun is painting in flashing glory; Across the skies with gorgeous dyes the color we love so well; We love to sit as the shadows flit and praise it in song and story; We love to shout as the light goes out a good old Wabash yell.

(Bridge)

Our prayers are always thine, our voices and hearts combine, To sing thy praise when future days shall bring thy name before us. When college days are past, as long as life shall last, Our greatest joy shall be to shout the chorus.

(Chorus)

Dear Old Wabash, thy loyal sons shall ever love thee, And o'er the classic halls, the Scarlet flag shall proudly flash. Long in our hearts, we'll bear the sweetest mem'ries of thee, Long shall we sing thy praises Old Wabash.

(Second Verse)

And loud and long shall echo the song, Till hill and valley are ringing And spread the fame of her honored name, Wherever the breezes blow. Till sweet and clear the world shall hear, The sons of Wabash singing, And flying free the world shall see Our scarlet banner go.

The honors won by each loyal son, in highest rank shall instate her. Forevermore as in days of yore Their deeds be noble and grand. Then once again, ye Wabash men, Three cheers for Alma Mater what e'er befall, revered by all, May she unequalled stand.

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It is the only College fight song that takes most of halftime to fully perform, it has been said, or at least it is said now, here. It is no ditty for dilettantes; it is longer than Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

These fleeting years.....

Cal