

Nothing Like



**Nostalgia – But Not
Like it Used to Be**

Class of 1971--55 Year Reunion Newsletter

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Less than a Month 'til Our Golden +5 (55th!) Reunion

IWU Homecoming, Fri., Sat., Sun., Oct. 2-4, 2026

Finalize Your Reunion Plans & REGISTER NOW

We are now less than a month away from our big Reunion Weekend. ***No more procrastination!***

If you have not already done so, go now to the Homecoming Website -- <https://www.iwu.edu/homecoming/>--- to Register for our Reunion and all the other events of Homecoming Weekend.

Finally, remember that we are competing with ISU and many others for hotel space, so it is important for those of you who are coming from out of town and have not already done so to make your reservations ASAP, i.e., yesterday. One of the hotels that still has rooms set aside is listed on the Homecoming Website.

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There will be one more issue of this Newsletter after we gather in October. If you have items to submit or suggestions for stories you would like to see in the next (final) issue, please send them to Newsletter Editor, George Vinyard at Robogeov@gmail.com.

Online Resources

To access key on-line resources, either click on links in the articles below or go to the table on the last page of this issue.

Reunion Schedule Summary

Here is a summary of the Key Events for our Reunion Weekend. See the Articles below and check the University's Homecoming website -- <https://www.iwu.edu/homecoming/schedule.html> -- for details and updates related to these and the many other activities and events during Homecoming.

Fri, Oct 2 -- 5 p.m. -- IWU President's Banquet (Class of '71 invited)*

7:30 p.m. -- 55th Reunion Kick-Off Gathering

Sat, Oct 3 -- 11:30 a.m. -- 55th Reunion Memorial Service
11 a.m.- 3 p.m. -- President's Tailgate (Class of '71 invited)*

1:00 p.m. -- Football: IWU vs. Carthage

6:00 p.m. -- 55th Reunion Dinner at Baxter's American Grille*

Sun, Oct 4 -- 7-11 a.m. -- Informal 55th Reunion Breakfast

* Reservations online needed

Trigger Warning!

To Readers who suffer with gerascophobia (fear of aging) – Some of these stories may bring back ancient memories that are disturbing reminders of the passage of time since your glorious youth.

Detailed Schedule Updates

Note the following changes and refinements to the Detailed Schedule of Key events for our Class provided in the last Issue of this Newsletter and on the University Homecoming Website:

Friday, Oct. 2

Campus Tours. if you are inspired by the article below to take a guided tour of the Campus from the comfort of a golf cart, you can take advantage of the tours running continuously during the afternoon. Get the details when you check in at Homecoming Headquarters

3:30 - 4:30 PM — Center for the Humanities Ribbon Cutting and Reception

Center for Liberal Arts, Center for the Humanities

Come to see the new Center for the Humanities, connect with alumni, and learn more about our current students' exciting research and creative work

3:30 - 4:30 PM — School of Nursing & Health Sciences Distinguished Alumni Ceremony

Hansen Student Center, Center Court

5 - 7:30 PM — The President's Celebration Banquet & Campaign Premiere

Memorial Center, Young Main Lounge

You won't want to miss the President's Celebration Banquet & Campaign Premiere, where the University will unveil our next capital campaign and invite the entire Titan community to help shape what comes next for IWU. Part of the programming will include honoring our reunion groups, Golden Titans, and Alumni Award winners. All Titan community members are invited to this event to kick off Homecoming Weekend! Cocktail attire is encouraged. Food and beverages provided to registered attendees at no charge.

7:30 - 10 PM — 55th Reunion Kick-Off Gathering

Memorial Center, Vinyard Room (formerly/known/as the Davidson Room)

Join our 1971 classmates for a chance to catch up, reminisce, and kick off our Reunion Weekend together. We are planning to display slides curated and updated by John Reinhardt, '71 based on work done for our 50th, as well as playing music from our era curated by Judi Kasper Ballard '71. Group Photo at 8 pm.

Saturday, Oct. 3

9 - 11 AM — Art Exhibition/Reception -- "Wish You Were Here: A postcard Show from IWU's Art Alumni"

We anticipate that at least two of our Classmates will be represented in this show, and many others from our time on campus. See separate story on various activities related to the Arts below.

9 - 11 AM — Petrick Open House

Petrick Idea Center

Join in as we celebrate the transformative new Petrick Idea Center during Homecoming Weekend! Explore this inspiring space, connect with fellow Titans, and see firsthand how innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship are shaping the future of Illinois Wesleyan University.

9:30 - 11:30 AM — Homecoming Museum

Petrick Idea Center

Learn about the rich history of Illinois Wesleyan and check out IWU memorabilia.

11 AM - 3 PM — President's Tent/Tailgate

Tucci Stadium, East End Zone

As Golden Titans we are privileged to have an invitation to join President Zenger and other special guest at the President' tent for the pregame tailgate and the football Game. Admission to the Game and to the President's Tent/Tailgate are complimentary for us and our guests, but it is necessary for planning purposes to register for this in advance. You can do so using the following Link, but it should not be shared with anyone other than our Reunion Classmates;

<https://advance.iwu.edu/register/?id=261c3d80-caed-4923-9a7c-55ecb87e8a3d> After you register, you will be sent instructions for checking in, obtaining the necessary wrist band, etc.

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM — Class of 1971 Memorial Service

Evelyn Chapel

The Class of 1971 will gather to honor the memories of those classmates who have passed away. See related Story.

6 - 10 PM — Class of 1971 55th Reunion Cocktail Hour and Dinner Party

NOTE that the location has changed from the original announcement/schedule which referenced the Parkview Inn. At Baxter's we will have our own room and the ability to play our Music, display our memorabilia, etc. Group Photo at 8 pm. We will have a cash bar. We are still working on the Dinner Options and costs and will let attendees know these details as far in advance as possible.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Informal, Do-It-Yourself 1971 Farewell Breakfast, 7-11 am at the Doubletree by Hilton, Bloomington, or a restaurant of your group's choosing. Use this as an opportunity to visit with particular classmates or just to grab a good breakfast before heading out of town.

We Have History! Bring Your Memorabilia

Displays will include: photos, programs, scrapbooks, awards, trophies, letter jackets, newspaper articles, letters, report cards(?), tuition bills, diplomas, etc. that we have saved from our IWU years. You might want to place a batch of your items that fit into plastic sleeves in a 3-ring binder and put your name on the binder. Things that we already have for the display: *Wesleyana* yearbooks from each year; selected issues of the *Argus* and certain “underground” newspapers.

If you still have your Freshman Beanie, bring it for a group photo of beanie wearers.

Tell a few of your stories with 1-5 photos from your life since college! (4” x 6” prints, that you do not need to be returned, if possible), that illustrate some aspect of your life during the past 55 years -- YOU doing something, being somewhere, etc. that you would like to share, are proud of, tells about one of your favorite stories, adventures or other important life events; whether related to family, work, travel or ???

Please paper clip a 3x5 card to each photo with your name and a brief description of when and what it is about, and please print your name on the back side of each photo, too Pins or staples may be used to post the photos & cards on display boards at the dinner.

Please bring your photos & cards to the Friday night Kickoff, if you can; and on Saturday bring all your memorabilia for display at the Dinner Party.

Contact Judith Schulz (judithdschulz@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Remember This ??

Illinois Wesleyan University
Bloomington, Illinois

ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT

I acknowledge the receipt of my acceptance letter to enter Illinois Wesleyan University for the term beginning September 1967. By signing and returning this card and a \$50 non-refundable tuition deposit I guarantee my enrollment as a full-time student at Illinois Wesleyan University. The University also guarantees me a place in the class entering fall 1967.

Student's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____

Date Issued: March 3, 1967

This contract is valid only when received by the Admissions Office 2 weeks from date issued.

1967 Acceptance Contract Card from Judith Schulz

Or This ???

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 61701

Student Number: _____

NAME: _____

GRADE REPORT

DEPT	COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	SEM/NO	GRADE
HEC	203	TEXTILES	3.0	
HIST	202	THE US SINCE 1865	3.0	
ENGL	101	WRITING AND READING	3.0	
PEN	129	BODY MECHANICS	1.0	
PHIL	101	INTRO REFLC-THINK	2.0	
ART	306	20TH CENTURY ARCHIT	3.0	

EXPLANATION OF GRADES:

A Superior	CR Credit	DF Dropped Failing
B Very Good	NC No Credit	IN Incomplete
C Average	DT Dropped Withdraw	DN Condition
D Poor	PR Pending	WF Withdrawn Failing
F Failure	DP Dropped Passing	WF Withdrawn Failing

Your Name was here
Your campus street address
BLOOMINGTON IL

MR. & MRS.
Your parent's address

SEMESTER	HOURS EARNED	GRADED HOURS ATT	QUALITY POINTS	GRADE POINT AVERAGE
15.00	14.00	34.00		
CUMULATIVE	15.00	14.00	34.00	GPA 3

1968 First Semester Grade Report for Anonymous Student

Speaking of “Claims”

At past Reunions, inspired by Judith Schulz, many of us shared experiences or events in our lives that we believed others would not have experienced or known about us. For those who could not attend the 50th (or may have forgotten),

Here is the second challenge –

Guess Who made each of the following Claim(s) for our 50th:

- I worked for Richard Simmons as an aerobics instructor in the early 80s.
- I married a girl who grew up "walking beans".
- Worked on project utilizing world's deepest underwater engineering diving chamber
- I spent 3 days in closed meetings with the Dalai Lama in 1993.
- I was working for DoDEA (DoDDS) schools HQ in Arlington, VA on 9/11/2001

A key with the answers can be found on the last page of this issue.

Homecoming 2026 -- A Fine Arts Festival

The Fine Arts are alive and well at Illinois Wesleyan.

For those of us who may love the Arts more than football, or just love both, Homecoming offers many opportunities. Here are the offerings on the 2026 Homecoming Schedule that may be of Special Interest:

Friday, October 2

6:15 - 7:15 PM — Backstage & Shop Tours
McPherson Hall

Enjoy an exclusive behind-the-scenes look! These guided tours offer alumni and guests an up-close view of SoTA spaces, showcasing how faculty, staff, students, and guest artists collaborate to bring each season to life on stage.

7:30 - 8:30 PM — Homecoming Exhibition
McPherson Hall, Jerome Mirza Theatre

Sit back for an hour of entertainment with the School of Theatre Arts, including previews from its forthcoming 2026-2027 season lineup, debut films, and student talent across disciplines.

7:30 - 8:30 PM — WE DECLARE - America's 250th Homecoming Concert

Presser Hall, Westbrook Auditorium

As we celebrate Homecoming, we also celebrate America's 250th anniversary year! We will highlight a variety of American composers, as well as a world premiere of a new work by Native American composer, Dawn Avery, based on a new poem written for this piece and this performance by Illinois Poet Laureate, Mark Turcotte. Both Dawn and Mark will be present to share in its first performance. Additional works include pieces by Florence Price, George Gershwin, Claude T. Smith, Frank Ticheli, and more, as well as America's iconic John Philip Sousa.

8:45 - 9:45 PM — Film Premieres

McPherson Hall, Jerome Mirza Theatre

Following the Homecoming Exhibition, SoTA will host a light reception during the interval before premiering two short films from its growing program.

Saturday, October 3

9 - 10:30 AM — The First Five Years

McPherson Hall, Jerome Mirza Theatre

An annual tradition returns! The School of Theatre Arts welcomes home its recent alumni to advise and encourage their undergraduate compatriots on the first five years out of college and in the field. For SoTA majors and minors, but guests are welcome! Meet-and-greet with light refreshments to follow for graduating Seniors.

9 - 11 AM — School of Art & Design Reception for the Exhibition "Wish You Were Here: A Postcard Show From IWU's School of Art & Design

Alumni"

Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building, Wakeley Gallery



In Spring of 2026, 650+ School of Art & Design alums from 1948 to 2025 were sent a postcard with the prompt to fill in its blank side with their art, and mail it back to the gallery. What we received results in this exhibition -- a celebration of our school and the alumni who helped make it great. Come view the art and enjoy a morning reception with coffee, tea, and light snacks at the gallery. Concurrent to this show is artist Caroline Burton's exhibition in the Merwin Gallery, which will also be open and can be viewed at the same time.

10 - 11:30 AM — Collegiate Choir Rehearsal

Evelyn Chapel

Any and ALL Titan Choir alumni are encouraged to join! This event is a rehearsal for our Homecoming Weekend Sunday chapel service at 10 AM, directed by Director of Choral Ensembles, Dr. Cody Parrott.

4 - 6 PM — School of Music Alumni Recital and Reception

Presser Hall, Westbrook Auditorium

All Titan alumni, students, families, and supporters of the School of Music are invited to this annual alumni showcase, followed by a special reception. This year's soloist is oboist Shawna Lake '87. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of music and celebration!

Sunday, October 4

10 - 11 AM — Chapel Service with Collegiate Choir Performance

Evelyn Chapel

Nic Showalter, Class of 1983, Wesley United Methodist Church minister, will lead a campus service with a performance by the University Collegiate Choir.

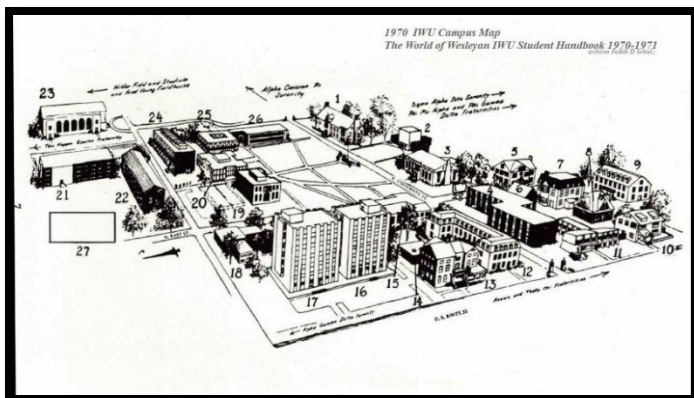
1 - 2 PM — School of Music Faculty Recital

Presser Hall, Westbrook Auditorium

Cap off your Homecoming Weekend with the musical stylings of our talented School of Music faculty.

Fifty-Five Years of Campus Transformation

[This Article is an Updated and Corrected Version of one that first appeared in Issue 3 of our 50th Reunion Newsletter.]



1970 Campus Map -- 1970-71 Student Handbook

For those who have not been back to the IWU Campus recently or perhaps at all since we graduated, the changes may seem astonishing. You will find a great many buildings that are “New” in the sense that they are less than 55 years old (often by many decades) or have been completely renovated.

This article will provide an overview of the changes, but, if you can, you will definitely want to take a Campus Tour Friday Oct 2 (details above). You also may want to check out the slick interactive digital Map of the Campus on the University Web Site -- <https://www.iwu.edu/map/>— which is show in the printable version below and stands in stark contrast to the drawing above.

What is Gone. The following structures from our time on Campus *are no longer with us*:

- Fred Young Fieldhouse
- The Phoenix Coffee House (moved inside Memorial Center in Summer 1971)
- Sheehan Library (a/k/a the New Library or the “Pit” in our day)
- All Fraternity Houses Except Phi Mu Alpha (all replaced with newer, University-Owned buildings)

What is the Same. Here are the buildings we knew as students that *have not fundamentally changed in structure or use*:

- The Sorority Houses (Except that AOPi is now a private Residence and KD is now a University Residence Hall)
- The Residence Halls (But those familiar with Ferguson and Munsell will be amazed at the recent Renovations

of those buildings

- Memorial Center (But Note the Remarkable Change to the Façade facing the Quad with the addition of the Joslin Atrium)
- Holmes Hall
- These Academic Buildings
 - Mark Evans Observatory
 - McPherson Theater Building
 - Presser Hall (School of Music)
 - Shaw Hall
 - Stevenson Hall (School of Nursing)
- Physical Plant
- The Football Stadium (n/k/a Tucci Stadium)

What Has Been Re-purposed. These buildings have been substantially renovated/converted to be used for different purposes:

- The Book Store (Now Used for Printing Services, with the Book Store relocated to Hansen Student Center)
- Buck Memorial Library
- Carriage House (f/k/a Art Building)
- Memorial Gymnasium (n/k/a the Hansen Student Center)
- Sherff Hall of Science (n/k/a Center for Liberal Arts).

What is “New”. The following buildings and Grounds have been built or acquired at various times over the last 55 Years:

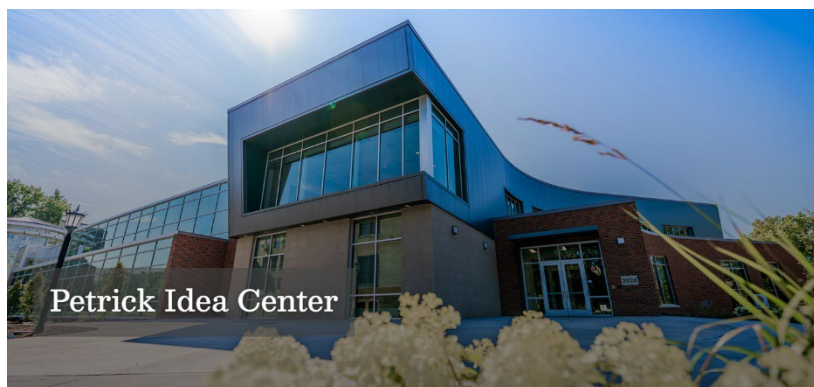
- ◆ Academic Facilities
 - Ames Library
 - Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building
 - E. Melba Kirkpatrick Theater Lab
 - Center for Natural Science
 - State Farm Hall
 - **Petrick Idea Center**
- ◆ Athletic Facilities
 - Beadles-Morse Tennis Courts
 - E-Sports Arena
 - Fort Natatorium
 - The Shirk Center
 - IWU Softball Field
 - Horenberger Baseball Field
 - Neis Soccer Field
 - Robert Keck Track (at Tucci Stadium)
- ◆ Living Units
 - All the Fraternity Houses except Phi Mu Alpha

- East Street Apartments
- Harriet Fuller Rust House
- The Gates at Wesleyan
- ◆ Evelyn Chapel
- ◆ Minor Meyers Welcome Center
- ◆ The Joslin Atrium addition to Memorial Center

Visiting the Campus today, you will also note the nearly total transformation of the grounds. Since our time as students, the Quad was redesigned and relandscaped completely thanks to President Eckley and Nell Eckley, who engaged an alumna, Nelva Weber Samataro, a prominent New York Landscape Architect. This initial work was done in the mid-1970s. As you may recall, the quad in our day was pretty barren and the walkways were somewhat chaotic as a result of the death of all the

American Elm Trees that graced the quad in the 1950s resulting from the “Dutch” Elm Disease, and the changes to the buildings on the North side with the “New Library” replacing “Duration Hall”.

You may also recall the hazards of crossing the campus as a result of the streets running both North-South and East-west. In subsequent years, the safety and aesthetics of the central Campus were greatly benefited by the closures of sections of University, East, Graham and Beecher Streets. Campus beautification also continued with the landscaping of the several new buildings, the addition of the columns to create the sesquicentennial gates on Park Street at Empire and the creation of the Egbers Quadrangle north of State Farm Hall after the closure of that portion of Beecher St.



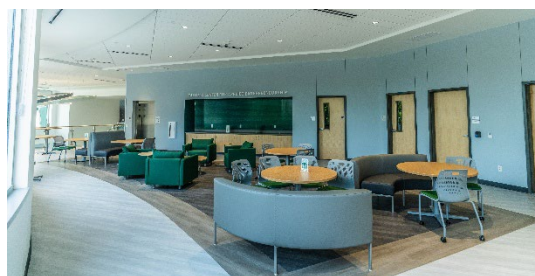
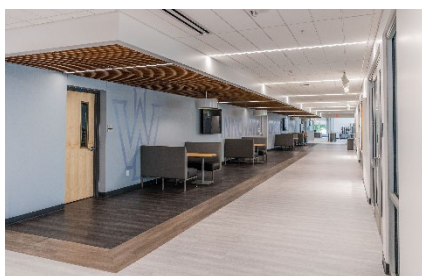
Petrick Idea Center



The University celebrated the opening of the Petrick Idea Center on September 2, 2026. At the same event, the establishment of the Talluto Center for Applied Entrepreneurship within the Petrick Center was announced.

This striking new building at the corner of East and Graham Streets is seamlessly integrated with the Joyce Eichorn Ames School of Art and Design of which the main entrance is pictured above right. It will serve as an interdisciplinary hub for creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship for students and faculty from all of the University's schools, departments and programs.

At the opening, Ben Hage, the Director of the Petrick Idea Center, described the facility as “a greenhouse for ideas,” connecting its mission to Illinois Wesleyan's liberal arts tradition. “Entrepreneurship is not a discipline that sits apart from the liberal arts,” Hage said. “It grows from many of the same things we have always valued here: curiosity, creativity, judgment, resilience, an understanding of people, and the courage to act on an idea.” He also stressed the need for Alumni engagement with the Center and its programs. The latter was demonstrated with a forum featuring three alumni, Chris Bisailion, '93, Mark Talutto, '94, and Bruce Sommers '92, whose careers exemplify the value of a strong liberal arts education as a basis for entrepreneurial success and leadership.



2026 Campus Map*

* Actually, the 2025 Map which does not show the Recently completed Petrick Idea Center at the NE corner of East and Graham Streets, which connects to the Joyce Eichorn Ames School of Art & Design.

CAMPUS BUILDINGS AND SITES

- 1) The Ames Library
 - Thorpe Center
 - Center for Engaged Learning
 - Information Technology Services
 - Writing Center
- 2) Arnold Health Center (Magill Hall, north entrance)
- 3) Beadles-Morse Court
- 4) Buck Memorial Library
- 5) Campus Safety
- 6) Center for Liberal Arts
- 7) Center for Natural Science
 - The Wilson Atrium
- 8) Dining
- 9) Eckley Quadrangle
 - Family With Dog Sculpture
- 10) Egbers Quadrangle
 - Aspiration Water Sculpture
- 11) Esports Arena
- 12) Evelyn Chapel
- 13) Fort Natatorium
- 14) Hansen Student Center
 - Office of Diversity & Inclusion
 - University Book Store
- 15) Holmes Hall
 - Academic Affairs Offices (Provost, Associate Provost)
 - Advancement Office
 - Office of Alumni Engagement
 - Business Office
 - Dean of Students Office
 - Financial Aid Office
 - Human Resources
 - President's Office
 - Student Accessibility Services
- 16) Horenberger Field
- 17) Joyce Eichorn Ames School of Art and Design*
- 18) Mark Evans Observatory
- 19) McPherson Theatre* (School of Theatre Arts)
- 20) E. Melba Kirkpatrick Lab Theatre*
- 21) Memorial Center
 - Dug Out
 - Idea Center
 - Joslin Atrium
 - Young Main Lounge
 - Office of Residential Life
- 22) Minor Myers Jr. Welcome Center
 - Admissions Office
 - Hart Career Center
 - Marketing Office
- 23) Multicultural Center
- 24) Music Building*
- 25) Neis Soccer Field
- 26) Peace Garden
- 27) President's House
- 28) Presser Hall* (School of Music)
 - Westbrook Auditorium
- 29) Physical and Heat Plant
- 30) SBDC (State Farm Hall, 3rd Floor)
- 31) Sesquicentennial Gates
- 32) Shaw Hall
- 33) Shirk Center
 - Basketball/Volleyball Arena
 - Fort Natatorium
 - Indoor Track
 - Recreation Center
- 34) Inspiration Field at Carol Willis Park
- 35) State Farm Hall (School of Business and Economics)
 - Kemp Commencement Plaza
- 36) Stevenson Hall (School of Nursing and Health Sciences)
- 37) Titan Print & Mail
- 38) Tucci Stadium
 - Keck Track

- Academic Buildings
- Administrative Buildings
- Athletic Facilities
- Residential Buildings
- Other
- Visitor/Faculty/Staff Parking: A-L
- Student Parking: 1-15
- SBDC Parking
- Disability Parking

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Campus Living Units located south of campus

CAMPUS LIVING UNITS

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| A) Alpha Gamma Delta | F) East Street Apartments | M) Kemp Hall (International House) | S) Sigma Alpha Iota |
| B) Blackstock Hall | G) Ferguson Hall | N) Magill Hall | T) Sigma Kappa |
| C) Dodds Hall | H) Gates at Wesleyan Apartments | O) Munsell Hall | U) Emerson Hall |
| D) Dolan Hall | I) Gulick Hall | P) Pfeiffer Hall | V) Adams Hall |
| E) Donnocker Hall | J) Harriet Fuller Rust House | Q) Phi Gamma Delta | W) Tau Kappa Epsilon |
| | K) Kappa Delta | R) Phi Mu Alpha | X) Theta Chi |
| | L) Kappa Kappa Gamma | | Y) Wilder House |

08/25

Oh, the Humanities!

By Karen(Smith) Portle

Imagine yourself in September 1969 on your way to the first session of Humanities 301 in McPherson Hall. Dr. Doris Meyers was going to give an introductory lecture for the Year-long course consisting of Humanities 301 in the first semester, “Long Term,” and Humanities 302 in the Second Semester.

55 years ago! Any memories of that day? What did you think you were in for? The Course Syllabus for each course contained a listing of the required text books and a week-by-week schedule of large lectures (2 and sometimes 3 in a week), with the topics and names of the Professors who would deliver each one. The Syllabus also contained a multi-page “Study Guide” covering the suggested topics and questions for the two smaller discussion classes each week, for which your discussion group would have the same assigned professor, throughout the semester.

The text books for each semester were sold as a unit in the bookstore. The first semester books may have included some comprehensive texts covering the history of Western (i.e., European) Music, Art and Literature, that would be used in both Semesters, in addition to several texts covering material unique to each semester’s particular subject matter. The latter included epics of Homer and Virgil, Greek Plays, Plato’s “The Last Days of Socrates,” and Dante’s *Inferno*, as well as “The Voice Out of the Whirlwind – The Book of Job” quite a load for 12 weeks. With the exception of the Book of Job from the Bible, had you had any experiences with the material that this semester was going to cover?

In the research that George Vinyard did for this article, he found a paper written by a Wesleyan student, Chao Ren in 2010. Mr. Ren, now Dr. Ren found that IWU introduced its first General Education program in 1932 which may have been influenced by the University of Chicago Common Core program. One of the requirements of the program was a Humanities sequence as well as Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences sequences. Remember the Social Sciences 100 class our Freshman year which followed the same pattern of large lectures and smaller discussion groups? Or was it too boring to be worth a second thought? Probably a hold-over from the General Education program.

The Humanities sequence was elevated from a freshman introductory course to a sophomore class in 1958. Joseph Meyers came to IWU in 1953 and Doris Meyers came in 1954. Dr. Ren says that “Doris Meyers was an influential

figure on the campus and a strong advocate of the general education ideal”. In 1964, the Humanities course became a junior level course. Dr. Ren says, “the course was expected to be more intellectually challenging, with more serious academic commitment from both the students and instructors.” By our time each Semester Course carried 4 Credit Hours, although if any of you wanted to undertake a special project on top of the rest of the work, you might have earned a fifth credit hour in one or both of the semesters.

So, you made it thru the first 12 weeks of first semester. Hope you got to take less taxing course in the January Short Term. (I said hope because most of the chem majors I knew spent Short Term in the lab). After the respite in Short Term, you would have opened the Syllabus for the second semester to find that Humanities 302 started with the Renaissance and went to the Modern era, i.e. the Mid-20th century when we were born. 15 weeks of the same level of work load as the first semester with and additional 11 assigned Books and 33 large lectures (with a week off for IWU’s Fine Arts Festival in mid-March).

You took the Final on 6/1. Hooray you made it. Some of us remember a lot of discussion, and perhaps just a bit of whining about the workload and the fact that taking a way around it as a requirement required even more than the 8 credit hours involved, so it was effectively a required course for many of us. That said, it was one of the few academic experiences that the substantial majority of us went through together and at the same time, an it exposed us to some of the more memorable faculty members.

As an afterthought of this trip down memory lane, I would be interested in knowing your thoughts about this course:

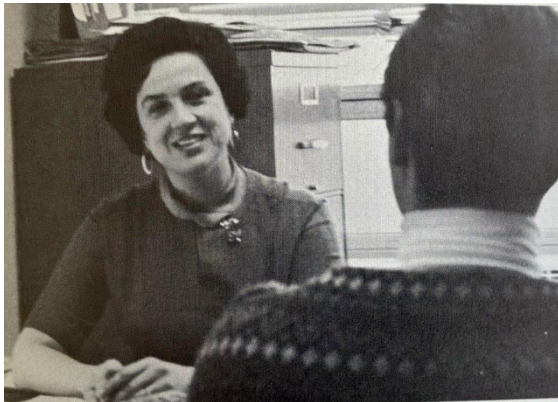
Did you like it, or not – why?

10 to 20 (or 50) years later, could you look back and see the value of the course?

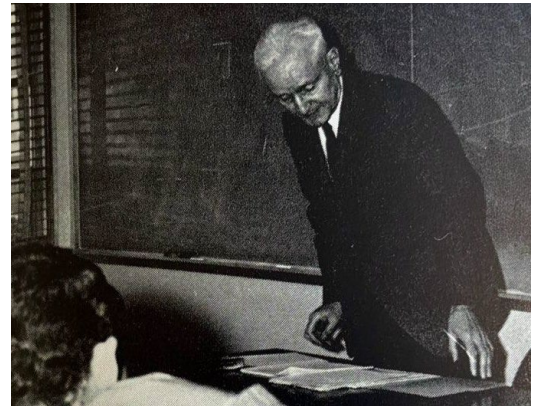
What are your reflections on what you remember about the course, whether it made a difference to you later in your life or career, etc.?

With the exception of the Bible or Shakespeare, had you had any experiences with the material that this course covered, up to and including the Second Semester reading in African American Literature?

Please send me your thoughts at klsportle@gmail.com.



Prof. Doris C. Meyers



Prof. Joseph H. Meyers

Say What ? ? ?

How many of these phrases or words did you use or hear people say during our college years? (if none—bummer!)

Airhead
Apathy
Black Is Beautiful
Black Power
Bummer
Burn-Out
Can You Dig It
Cool
Cool Beans
Cool It
Copacetic
Crash and Burn
Crib
Don't Trust Anyone Over thirty
Dream On
Far Out
Far Out, Man
Flower Power
Freak Out
Freaky
GDI
Groovy
Guilt Trip
Had a Blast
Head Shop
Hippie
If You are Not Part of the Solution; You are Part of the Problem
In Your Face
It's a Hassle



It's Been Real
Keep On Truckin'
Later
Law and Order
Make Love, Not War
Outta Sight
Pad
Peace
Peace On You
Rap
Rap On
Relevance
Right On
Rocks for Jocks
SDS
Space Cadet
Stoked
Straight Ahead
Summer of Love
Student Rights (and Responsibilities)
That's the Way It Is
The Revolution will NOT be Televised
Tool
Turn On, Tune In, Drop Out
Unreal
Women's Liberation
Yippies

- It was the jargon & slang of our time
- How many do you still say?
- How many made you smile when you remembered saying/hearing it?
- Have others to add to the list?

~ Judith D. Schulz & George Vinyard

55th Reunion Class Gift

Our Goal – For Now The preliminary Goal for our 55-Year Reunion Class Gift to the University as suggested by the Advancement Office is \$55,000. A far cry from the \$1 Million Goal for our 50th Reunion Goal (which we exceeded). There are a number of reasons for this, including a change in how gifts and pledges will be counted toward the Goal, as explained below. That said, we have nearly a year to make our contributions and we will have the inspiration of the University’s next Capital Campaign – the first in many years – which will be publicly announced at the President’s Celebration Banquet at Homecoming on October 2. Thus, the potential for raising the Goal and Exceeding it substantially is significant.

What Counts? A gift of any size to any designated University purpose made or committed (via a documented pledge) within the Reunion giving period (August 1, 2026 - July 31, 2027), i.e., the current fiscal year, will count toward our Class of 1971 55th Reunion giving total. Some of us prefer to make capital contributions for endowed scholarships or “brick and mortar” facilities of various kinds. Others are happy to give unrestricted monies to currently support student scholarships or particular program operations. Any gifts can be dedicated to the honor or memory of those people who have meant the most to us, e.g., parents, faculty, classmates. The foregoing represents a significant change from our 50th Reunion, when the giving period covered a period of 5 calendar years from 2017 through 2021. Also, some of our Classmates have previously documented their intentions to contribute during the “quiet phase” leading up to the public announcement of the new Campaign, so payments against those earlier commitments will not count toward the Class Gift. Hence the relatively more modest Goal for this Reunion.

Easy and Convenient ways to Give. Complete this [online giving form](#) to make a one-time gift, set a recurring payment, or to make a pledge. There are [many areas of support](#) and different ways to make your gift IWU; find the one that best fits your life by checking out the [Reunion Giving information page](#). One simple and versatile way to ensure IWU fulfills its mission for years to come is by including IWU in your will or living trust (a charitable bequest). Contact A.J. Ainslie in the Advancement Office - Aainslie@iwu.edu (309) 556-2025 - for more information.

Seeking More Information About Our Deceased Classmates

As indicated in the Reunion Schedule, we will be holding a brief Memorial Service for our Classmates who have gone before us – Evelyn Chapel, Saturday, Oct 3, 11:30 AM.

Also, as we did for our 50th, we are compiling a book of obituaries and memorial essays for as many of our late Classmates as possible. This book will be published in electronic form to all surviving members of our Class. At this time, we have not yet located compete obituaries or received memorial essays for the following deceased classmates:

Keith M. Bjes	Elizabeth (Rice) Jackson	Ronald J. Miller	Carol S Stuart
Robert J. Bunn	Steven Kallstrom	Roger W. Pearson	Barbara J. (Thompson) Trees
Gary E. Carlson	Duane T Kooi	John A. Prosser	Burton Vincent
Richard A. Dallefield	David H. Lamb	James E. Richter	
John W. Etcheson	Christine G. LaRue	Mary E. (Hutton) Roberts	
Denner A. Gage	Stephen T. Lurain	James F. Scott	
E. Elaine Coates Jaffe	Jerrilyn M. McGregory	Eleni K Strompolis	

Please help us in this effort by reviewing this list and sending, or directing us to, copies of obituaries, eulogies, or your own original memorial essays. Contact Richard Wray rkwrap4@gmail.com with any information or suggestions for the Obituary Book.

IT WILL BE GROOVY!

Oct 2-4, 2026 ~ Our 55th College Reunion

Take a moment to listen & travel back in time to our days at IWU

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1zNHkHMwZNs>

What are your "Claims"

PLEASE Copy, Complete and Email this Form to
Judith Schulz judithdschulz@gmail.com or George
Vinyard Robogeov@gmail.com before Homecoming

Your Name--

Your CLAIMS (see last newsletter- *Nothing Like the Argus* Vol II, Issue 2)

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

4- _____

5- _____

Guess Who Claims

Answer Key

- A. Judi (Kasper)Ballard
- B. Sheldon Thompson
- C. Bruce McClure
- D. Ruth Lani Smith
- E. Anne Stevens

On-Line Resources For our 55th Reunion!

Homecoming Weekend

<https://www.iwu.edu/homecoming/>

Homecoming Schedule

<https://www.iwu.edu/homecoming/schedule.html>

IWU Reunion Weekend Page

<https://www.iwu.edu/reunion/>

1971 Reunion <https://www.iwu.edu/reunion/55th-reunion.html>

Class of 1971 Facebook Page (please join)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/438362743826227>

Prior Issue of Newsletter [Microsoft Word - IWU 55th Newsletter Issue 2 -2026-08-19-Final Draft](#)

Campus Map (Interactive) <https://www.iwu.edu/map/>

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We are planning at least one more issue after the Reunion. We need your help to make the Final Issue of this *Nothing Like the Argus* newsletter better. Please come to the Reunion and share your personal stories, memories, and photos or otherwise send them to George Vinyard (your humble newsletter editor) at Robogeov@gmail.com.
