The Founding of the Wranglers

From this Fall forward, the College of Liberal Arts Core Curriculum will proudly carry on a tradition that has enhanced and protected the life of the mind for more than four-hundred years: the tradition of an undergraduate society devoted to intellectual research, discussion, and debate. Taking our cue from distinguished predecessors from the seventeenth century onward, we plan to call ourselves the Wranglers Society.

We, the Wranglers Society, are looking for serious-minded students, from within or without the Core, dedicated to the pursuit of ideas, poignant inquiry, and structured discussion. The Wranglers Society is not restricted to Core students. ALL SERIOUS STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY.

The society seeks to enrich its members through direct and thoughtful discourse on a wide variety of issues, with a view towards the history, philosophic underpinnings, or place of the issues in the great tradition. By directing attention to specific topics of intellectual appeal, The Wranglers hope to facilitate the potential development of each member as an individual thinker, thereby affording all members the opportunity to better define their thought.

Students who wish to apply for membership should submit a typewritten work of intellectual interest and competence to the Core office at Room 109 in the CLA building. The submission, which may but need not be a paper previously written for a course, should be from approximately 3 to 15 pages in length. We would like to have all submissions by Monday, November second.

The Wranglers Society will be advised by Dean Brian Jorgensen (CLA), and Professor James Devlin (CLA). A minimum of one written paper each year, to be read and discussed at a Wranglers’ meeting, is expected from each member. We plan to publish each year’s papers in a Wranglers Society Journal. The Wranglers will meet once every two weeks so as not to interfere with any hectic schedules. This, we hope, will be conductive to the level of interest we are seeking.

Thank you for your time.

Joseph Waterman

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