



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

I trust this finds each of you in good spirits. Fred and I want to send this note as an update and an encouragement to get ready for our **40th Reunion** celebrations on the weekend of **June 3-June 5, 2016**. It is hard to believe that almost 44 years ago we gathered in Crawfordsville to begin our Wabash journey...a worthwhile adventure to be sure.



A quick look at the current Wabash:

- Just over 900 students
- 32 states and 12 foreign countries
- 70% from Indiana
- 250 Freshmen
- 11/1 faculty to student ratio
- Average class size -13 men
- 25-30% of students direct to graduate school
- 8-10% medical school and law school
- Gifts and grants to the College in 2013-2014 - \$19,000,000
- Annual Fund gifts in 2013-2014 - \$3,200,000
- One Rhodes Scholar
- Three Wabash Fulbright Teaching Fellowships [teaching in Indiana, Vienna and Lille, France]
- Lastly, and worthy of note, is the Class of 1965 gift of \$5.5 million to the College at their 50th reunion.

On the Athletics front, during the 2014 fall, all three Wabash Intercollegiate teams were ranked in the top ten nationally.

- Football had a 10-2 year, bowing out in the NCAA Tournament to eventual national champion Wisconsin-Whitewater.

- Soccer is experiencing a significant turnaround finishing 13-3-3 for one of the finest seasons in their history. Coach Chris Keller garnered NCAC Coach of the Year and the NSCAA Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year Honors. The Soccer Program is clearly on the move.
- Cross Country, as per usual, graced the top rankings on the national stage.
- In the colder months Basketball was 18-9, the Swimmers 5-2 and fourth in the NCAC.
- The Wrestlers had a historic season led by the three Lefever brothers. Finishing as the number three team at Nationals, Riley Lefever won Nationals at 184, brother Conner won at 174, and Reece Lefever finished second in his 157 pound weight class. Junior Ethan Farmer also earned All American honors at 165. Four All Americans in one year on the Wrestling Team--truly remarkable.
- Another big team turnaround is taking place at the Collett Tennis Center--the Tennis boys were 20-9 on the year!

All in all a great year for Wabash!

As mentioned the 1976 40th Reunion will take place during the first weekend in June 2016. Please save the date...Rick Cavanaugh, newly elected President of the board of directors of the National Association of Wabash Men, will serve as our reunion chairman with assistance from Rob Matthews and Fred Miller. We are hoping to round out the Committee with the likes of Messrs. Gagen, Hostetler, Bechdol, Currey, Collins, Buser, Hill, Sweeney and Trent and any others with interest. Contact Cav (ericmcavanaugh76@att.net) for specifics. Particularly this year we need some artistic and musical talent to coordinate the Annual Reunion Sing on the Chapel steps. Creativity, and the second verse, seem to be the keys to this event.

- Finally, a reminder that the College fiscal year ends on June 30. You can check the Honor Roll to make sure you're listed as a donor this year here: <http://www.wabash.edu/giving/honorroll#class1976>
- The easiest way to make a secure gift to the College is through the web site: <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/give>

Best wishes to each of you!

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