



Class Agents Letter

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Gentlemen:

I hope you are all well! Rick, Tom, and I thought it would be useful to give you a brief update on things happening at Wabash this summer and fall.

Homecoming - September 25-26, 2026

- Friday afternoon, the **Swimming and Diving** team will host their **Alumni Meet** at the Class of 1950 Natatorium.
- Friday evening, at the **Athletics Hall of Fame Induction**, the NAWM will enshrine the 2011 Wabash football team along with Coach Brian Anderson, Matt Dodaro '09, Seth Einterz '11, C.J. Gum '12, Weston Kitley '13, Tom Martella '71 (I'm sure many of you, and all the Phi Delts, remember Tom), Garrett Tallman '87, and Jake Thomas '09. [Register for the Athletics Hall of Fame dinner here.](#)
- Saturday morning, **Alumni Chapel**: The NAWM will recognize the accomplishments of Greg Birk '77, Eric Hiser '86, Eric Rowland '86, Andy Walsh '14, Jennifer Evans P'15, Vic Lindsay, Kevin Egan '89, and Isaac Myers '21.
- On Saturday noon, **Homecoming Luncheon**: Enjoy a tailgate-inspired menu and get your photo taken with Wally! Kids will receive a free bag with Wabash swag. All attendees will receive a general admission ticket to the football game as the Little Giants take on the Fighting Scots of Wooster. The Homecoming luncheon is free, but please [register by September 16.](#)
- Saturday 2 p.m.: **Football vs. Wooster**, Frank Navarro Field, Little Giant Stadium



- Saturday 5 p.m.: **Soccer vs. Principia**, Fischer Field
- Saturday 7:30 p.m.: **Glee Club Homecoming Concert**, Salter Hall, Fine Arts Center
- **Senior Bench Coloring Contest**: For kids 4-12, enter for their chance to have their design painted on the Senior Bench. [Details and submission here.](#)

Monon Bell in Muncie

On July 10, DePauw University finally officially announced that the 132nd Monon Bell Classic will be held on Saturday, November 14 at Scheumann Stadium at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Here are the details from Wabash Athletics: <https://sports.wabash.edu/news/2026/7/10/football-132nd-monon-bell-classic-moves-to-ball-states-scheumann-stadium.aspx>. This will mark the first time since 1922 that a Monon Bell game will play at a neutral site. In October 2025, DePauw announced plans to replace Blackstock Stadium, which was demolished in June and had left the question of where they would host the game unanswered until now. Ticket information for the 22,500-seat Scheumann Stadium will be announced in late August.

Community Center Update

On Friday, July 10, Wabash met with USDA Rural Development officials for the interim closing of the \$68 million loan for the Community Center and to refinance the College's existing debt. USDA officials, representatives from F.A. Wilhelm Construction, and Wabash staff then held a pre-construction meeting. Wilhelm has mobilized its crews and the various contractors, and work on the new community center will begin this August. You can find more information on the community center at www.wabash.edu/communitycenter.

Other Campus Projects

- Work continues apace on the \$18 million cooling plant with utility work happening all around the Mall this week. The new parking lot adjacent to Mud Hollow should be completed in August.

- Fischer Field has received a new turf field for the soccer and lacrosse teams.
- A new floor, sound system, and curtain system are being installed at Knowling Fieldhouse. Work will continue through the summer and into early fall.
- Demolition is underway at Detchon Center, and a new concrete entryway is completing construction.
- The International Center (the former home of Dr. Hall and Emmy Peebles) has undergone exterior work which included ramp access on the east side, and interior improvements, including an accessible bathroom, new lighting fixtures, furnishings, and paint and wall covering.

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On the admissions front, 260 new students are expected to arrive on campus!

Final Thoughts

I hope you are all well. Please send news about yourself to Rick Fobes (rwfobes@gmail.com), Tom Ristine (thomasristine@gmail.com) or me (jbridge@psrb.com). Please stay in touch! In the meantime, I wish you all the best!

Yours in Wabash,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The script is cursive and fluid.

John Bridge