

Class of 1966

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Dear Men of '66,

In a recent discussion with several College employees regarding the Class of '66 project to fund and dedicate the Senior Arch as part of the new Wabash Community Center, one employee stated that there has never been a class at Wabash like the class of '66. Our continued support of our Alma Mater is unmatched by any class in the history of Wabash. The picture below of the Senior Arch was taken on 9/13 at 8am and is looking from the mall with the Armory to the left and the hole in the ground on the right where the Sparks Center stood.



There are a number of stories about why students will not walk under the arch until they graduate; one is that a Phi Delt walked under it years ago and was struck by lightning; another is that one will not pass comps if they walk under it. There are other legends as well, and perhaps we will learn more as we proceed with this important, fun and energizing class project.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT, and in order to do so please contact Steve Hoffman for additional details on how you may participate.

When making your gift please note that it is for the "Senior Arch Project."

1. Make a gift online at www.wabash.edu/egift
2. Mail a check to Wabash College, Advancement Office – Attn: Steve Hoffman, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933
3. Contact Steve Hoffman at Wabash 765-376-2832 or hoffmans@wabash.edu to
 - a. Make a multi-year commitment
 - b. Make a gift of stock or other asset
 - c. Ask a question about the community center or this class fundraising effort

It is always interesting to see a breakdown of students and activities, and here are some numbers you may appreciate:

Total enrollment -908, may be the highest in history

New Students-269, includes freshmen, international students and transfers

Fall Baseball-44

Lacrosse-38

Basketball-18

Soccer-40

Cross Country-21

Swimming-38

Football-161

Wrestling-50

Golf-13



Here is an upbeat email from Bill Cook, so get out your copy of Old Wabash as "Cookie" will lead our class at Chapel sing at our 60th reunion in June 2026:

Thanks, Cal, for the notice that I have been slowed. I start therapy tomorrow and have no doubt I will be helping to lead our class sing Old Wabash next June. And I will probably see you at the Bell game!

The Hampton Inn will be our headquarters for our 60th reunion on June 5-7, 2026. We have a block of 20 rooms reserved (can get more if needed) and the hospitality room is all ours! In the next class letter a code for reservations will be provided as well as the phone number for the Hampton Inn and contact information for the manager.

The most difficult part of writing these letters is to inform you of the passing of one of our Little Giant brothers. The College has advised that Stephen Gould has passed away and has provided his obituary which follows. What a remarkable career and life of a truly special man-
STEPHEN GOULD-SOME LITTLE GIANT!



Stephen Alan Gould, age 80, loving husband and best friend of Susan (Davis), passed away on August 1, 2025.

He was born on September 27, 1944, in East Aurora, New York, the third child of M. Irwin Gould and Lillian B. Gould. At the age of 10, the family moved to suburban St. Louis. Upon graduation from Ladue High School, he enrolled at Wabash College where he earned an AB in German Language. At Wabash, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and the Delta Phi Alpha German Honorary Society. Following graduation, he was awarded a National Defense Education Act Fellowship to attend the University of Nebraska where he earned his M.A. and Ph.D in German Language and Literature.

Dr. Gould began his extraordinary 42-year career at Lakeland University in 1970 as an instructor of German language and literature. A gifted teacher with a sharp intellect, a wry sense of humor, and his ever-present pipe, he quickly earned the admiration of students and colleagues alike. Within a decade, he would leave the classroom to take on a series of challenges developing evening and off-campus programming for working adults. Under his leadership those programs eventually enabled thousands of adult learners to earn their bachelor's degrees. From 1991 to 1993 he served as the Provost and Dean of Lakeland University-Japan and was then elected as the 14th President of Lakeland University until his retirement in 2012. But beyond numbers and buildings, Stephen was a scholar, a philosopher, a literary mind, and above all, a deeply human leader. His devotion to the liberal arts and to Lakeland's mission was evident in everything he did.

Steve is survived by his beloved wife, Susan, with whom he shared 43 years of partnership, purpose, and devotion. He was survived by his two brothers, Win Gould of Punta Gorda, FL; and Tom Gould, of High Ridge, MO. He was a proud and loving father to daughter Stephanie (George) Nenni of Middleton, OH and their children, Will, Henry, Stella and Beatrice; daughter Molly (Morgan) Jones of Liberty Township, OH and their children, Lacey, Alex and Maeve; son Andrew (Crystal) Gould of Folsom, CA and their child, Seth; stepson Joseph (Michelle) Zuengler of Sheboygan Falls, WI and their children, Maxwell, Raena and Timothy; stepson Matthew (Joelle) Zuengler of De Pere, WI and their children Brittany, Emma, Natalie, and Tyler; and stepson Benjamin Zuengler of Greenbush, WI.

Above all else, Steve cherished time with his family and friends, traveling, and learning more about life through literature and sailing on his boat, Prime Time.

A celebration of his life and legacy will be at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Lakeland University.

“These fleeting years...”

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