



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1976

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Gentlemen of the Great Class of 1976:

I hope this note finds you well and in Good Spirits as we approach the end of calendar year 2025. All is in good shape in Crawfordsville even though the Wabash Boys took a tough loss [41-20] at the hands of our friends from Greencastle last weekend. Reportedly the 131st Game attracted some 10,000 fans -easily more than the combined Wabash and DePauw campus populations combined. The drone photos of the entire Stadium area were fantastic.

Wabash Soccer had a bit of a disappointing fall with a record of 6-11-1. This is the first down year in memory...a very challenging NCAC schedule.

Cross Country had a good 'run' this fall as they finished 4th in the Conference. Indoor Track begins their Winter Schedule on December 6th.

Big News on the Baseball front--John and JoAnn Birdzell '61 have made a transformative gift to Wabash Baseball. The gift will provide a new field surface at Goodrich Park- Artificial Turf for the full infield. Many benefits will come from the new 'Birdzell Field at Goodrich Ballpark'.

[story: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13520>]

Fred and I are encouraging you planning to attend our 50th Reunion Celebration for the Great Class of 1976. The weekend event is scheduled for June 5, 6, and 7 in 2026. I would think that this is our penultimate Reunion and celebration of our Wabash years...for which we are all understandably grateful. Please also be on the lookout for contact from Classmates Pat Bechdol and Tim Gagen who are together heading up our 50th Reunion fund raising effort. I am told that our 'reportable' Class gift will include all charitable designations from Class Members during the last five years. Thank you Pat and Tim for taking on this assignment.



An important date on the Winter calendar is February 7, 2026 when the Chick Clements Locker Room improvements are scheduled to be dedicated. As you will recall our Class of 1976 Collett Fund made a thoughtful contribution to the rehabilitation concept last year and the Class will no doubt be recognized somewhere within the facility. If you are able it will be a meaningful visit to the ceremony on February 7, 2026.

Last but not least, we encourage your continuing participation in Annual Giving to Wabash this year. This can easily be done through the College website [\[www.wabash.edu/give\]](http://www.wabash.edu/give) or through the mail with a check sent to Wabash College, Advancement Office, 301 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Your special consideration of a designation to the Class of 1976 Collett Fund will be especially appreciated.

Warm Holiday Greetings to each and every Member of the Great Class of 1976.

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