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Class Agents Letter

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Gentlemen of the Great Wabash Class of 1976:

I am writing to inform you of some activity regarding our Class of 1976 John P. Collett '24 Fund.

As we know, the College is in the process of building a new Community Center next to the Lilly Library. Several Community Center naming opportunities have arisen during the planning process, one of which has intrigued several of us. Rick Cavanaugh has carried the ball on this, and we are very grateful to him.

Messrs. Sword, Miller, Cavanaugh, McNaught, Bechdol, Matthews, Collins, and Murphy have considered the opportunity to use existing Collett Fund resources to support the new center. All are in full agreement to move ahead with the following commitment:

> A $50,000 gift to the Community Center project from the Collett Fund to be paid from annual distributions from the Fund income and outside Collett Fund gifts over five years. The gift will not invade the principal of the Fund.

The gift will support a naming opportunity on the west side of the building for new Gardens and an Activity Lawn area adjacent to Morris and Wolcott Halls. The area will be named and recognized as having been given by the "Wabash Class of 1976 John P. Collett '24 Fund."

I trust that this will be agreeable to each of you as loyal members of the Class of 1976. This seems a very reasonable and appropriate use of the Collett Fund resources to support this timely and critical project for current and future students and members of the College and Crawfordsville communities.

Please let me know any questions or concerns. And if you are interested in viewing construction progress on the community center, or making your own gift commitment to the project, visit www.wabash.edu/communitycenter

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