

Class of 1977

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CRAWFORDSVILLE – Hi Classmates! I’m at Wabash, speaking to a class today and getting together with HERM HAFFNER and classmate PAUL VAN NESS as well. Just wanted to let you know that the campus looks and feels just as spectacular in Spring 2024 as it did in our freshman year in 1974. There’s an energetic pulse you grasp from the first time you talk with students here when you arrive back at the Academic Halls of Crawfordsville. It’s unmistakable. It’s terrific.

The only “hard news” in this missive comes from the college itself, and it is both good news and an Auld Lang Syne of sorts as well. The Sparks Center will disappear this summer. In its stead, and literally at the same site, Wabash is building a new community center. The current edition of *The Bachelor* contains details. Down below you’ll see a photograph of the Sparks Center, and an illustration of how the new community center will look (snapped from P. 1 of the paper). Here’s a link if you want to read more:

<https://www.wabash.edu/bachelor/>



Over the next couple of days, and especially on **Wednesday, April 24**, you’ll be seeing a lot via email about the 2024 Annual Day of Giving. In its first 10 years of operation the Day of Giving has raised more than \$10.3 million for Wabash. This year there will be about \$500,000 pledged to the college, tied to “challenges” for the number of givers, or for givers in affinity groups (think fraternities, sports teams, etc.) Want to make you aware of this and ask you to respond by making a gift (or more) of any amount on Wednesday, April 24. This is where quantity counts more than dollar amounts. So Herm, GREG BIRK and I all hope you’ll respond accordingly. Greg will be awakening earlier than usual (even for him) to be encouraging Betas, track and cross country Wabash men he knows to support the college on the Day of Giving. THANKS IN ADVANCE for your support. On the Day, you can make your gift and check progress at [wabash.edu/celebrate](http://wabash.edu/celebrate).

Also – Just a Reminder – the “Big Bash” is May 31-June 2, and that’s **only six weeks away**. Kathy and I will be back for it, and a number of your classmates sign up for it as well. Hope you’ll consider returning to Wabash then. The schedule and sign-up link is just below.

<https://www.wabash.edu/bigbash>

AND WAY BACK --- The musicians of Philadelphia known as MFSB, saw their “Soul Train” theme song, (TSOP) hit No. 1 on the Billboard charts in late April 1974. Parts of Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio were recuperating from the devastating tornados that hit around April 4. And “All in the Family” and “Sanford and Son” were the top shows on television, as we were wrapping up our freshman year at Wabash.

Grace, Peace and Long Life,  
John Kerezy, Ed.S., MA,

