



WABASH COLLEGE

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

Greetings to all as 2018 approaches year end.

Amazing to me to recognize that our undergraduate experience began 47 years ago. I hope this letter finds you happy and fulfilled.

I had the good fortune to be able to be in Crawfordsville in November for the 125th Meeting of Wabash and DePauw on the Football Field-the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the Rivalry. As Wabash prevailed 24-17 I had the good fortune to be joined by 65-70 fellow members of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity from the Classes of 1973-1979. The occasion was to informally recognize the reinstatement of the Delt House on campus after several years' absence. The official reinstatement actually took place some two years ago --this was the 125th Football game and a good chance to gather.

The College Campus looks in great shape thanks to Mac McNaught and his fellow Trustees--lots of new buildings and dormitories along Crawford Street near the Delt House, Beta House and the old Sigma Chi House. Worth a walk through when you are next at Wabash.

The biggest news of the weekend came with the announcement by the College of a large, new comprehensive campaign- Giant Steps: A Campaign for Wabash College. At a formal Campaign Dinner in Indianapolis on Friday Night, the overall Campaign Goal of \$225,000,000 was announced --the largest in the history of the College. Also announced were the results of the 'quiet ' phase of the Campaign - the College announced that \$150,000,000 of the Goal has already been committed. A significant lead gift of \$40,000,000 was given by Paul and Betty Woolls '75. All in all, an eventful weekend for the Development side of the College.

Wabash Soccer ended the Fall in the top group of the North Coast Athletic Conference [NCAC]. A very good team, they lost in Conference Championship Semi Final to Kenyon -amazingly with one second left on the clock in the 2nd OT...the final second of the second overtime period. Kenyon went on to win the Conference Title and on into the NCAA Tournament. Wabash Soccer was 12-4-3 on the year under Coach Chris Keller.

Wabash Football had another strong season finishing 9-1. As mentioned they retained the Bell after beating DPU 24-17. I believe that the Football Team had over 140 players on the roster.

Men's Basketball 2018-2019 is 6-0 at this writing. Sophomore Jack Davidson leads the team averaging over 20 points per game...this team is worth a look if your schedule permits...

The College now has 882 enrolled students...about 10% more than in our days. They are eager for qualified young fellows so don't hesitate to get in touch with Fred or me or the College Admissions guys directly if you think you may have a candidate.

Crawfordsville has @16,000 residents and a very good, new local brew pub --"Backstep Brewing." It remains a charming smallish town in west central Indiana. Last but not least, Classmate Mike Braun has been elected by the very wise electorate in the State of Indiana to the United States Senate. A great honor and a great credit to Mike's determination and hard work. Congratulations to Mike ...really terrific news.

Don't hesitate to go online at <https://www.wabash.edu/giving/> to send in a year end deductible gift.

Happy Holidays to each of you.

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