



## Class Agents Letter

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

I trust this note finds you well as we enter the beginnings of the 2020's. Reports from Crawfordsville are good with Comprehensive Examinations just finished and the second semester well underway.

As you have no doubt seen from the College they are in full Capital Campaign mode and successfully so it appears. The last status report I heard was more than \$175 million of the \$225 Million Campaign Goal had been raised.

On the facilities front, the College Football Facility is in the process of being removed and fully replaced. The College website has a video camera following the progress of both the demolition and the rebuild. This is quite an undertaking needless to say. The new Stadium is being named for Coach Frank Navarro who took the Little Giants to the D3 National Title Game [Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl] in 1977. Be sure to visit the new Stadium when you are next in Crawfordsville. Apparently the new Stadium will be ready for the fall 2020 Season.

Recent news from Crawfordsville includes a new Wabash ROTC Program. The Army ROTC Program at Purdue will sponsor and support three Wabash students per class beginning next fall. The College will offer five additional spaces each year for ROTC students with a significant support package. The ROTC students will graduate as US Army Officers and will accept a Service Commitment after graduation. Interestingly, most Colleges in Central Indiana already have similar ROTC programs and they are largely affiliated with ROTC at Rose Hulman in Terre Haute. Wabash has aligned with Purdue...it sounds like a very good plan.

We were greeted with sad news in October that our much respected and beloved Wabash President Thad Seymour had died at the age of 91. Thad had retired in Winter Park, Florida after serving as President of Rollins College there until 1990. There is a wonderful review of Thad's life in the current Fall 2019 issue of Wabash Magazine. Our Classmate Allen Murphy attended the Services in the Rollins Chapel as did retired Professor Melissa Butler. After a moving remembrance service the guests were greeted in classic Seymour style with a Dixieland Band as they processed from the Chapel to the on- Campus reception....



#### Fall Sports :

Football finished 2019 at 7-4. After a strong start, led by freshman Quarterback Liam Thompson, the Little Giants gave up the Monon Bell to our friends from Greencastle. Despite the Bell game loss they were invited to the 2019 NCAA D3 Tournament where they ran into a buzzsaw from North Central College, Illinois and were eliminated. Our Campus scouts advise that keeping a good eye on Freshman Thompson will be well rewarded in the coming years.

Soccer had another strong campaign under Coach Chris Keller. Senior Michael Tanchevski and Junior GK Chad Wunderlich were both honored as Academic All Americans and both men were named to the First Team Honors List of the North Coast Athletic Conference [NCAC]. The team finished third in the regular season and ended their season in the NCAC playoffs losing to Ohio Wesleyan 1-0.

A Collett Fund note--as of 6/30/2019 our "Class of 1976 JPCollett '24 Fund" had balances approximating \$135,000. As you will remember the College maintains the Fund as part of the College Endowment and discretion for gifts is left with the Class. Our last gifts were given some years ago in support of the reconstruction and refurbishment of the Collett Tennis Center. Gifts marked to the Collett Fund are easily given through the traditional College portals.

A reminder for all that our 45th Wabash College Reunion will be celebrated on Campus in the Spring of 2021. Please start to pencil in plans for the Reunion Weekend. We will be in touch about details later this Spring. A longer term calendar item is 2032--the two hundredth Anniversary of the founding of the College. Of course we have a 50th Reunion in 2026. Lots to look forward to.

Cheers and Happy 2020..

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