

Class of 1976

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Dear Men of the Great Class of 1976:

Happy Springtime 2024!

We are still dealing with snow on the ground in Western Wyoming in early April but hoping for warmer weather and sunshine in the coming weeks.



A bit of sad but not unexpected news from Crawfordsville is that our friend, and honorary Member of our neighboring Class of 1977, Chick Clements has died. I believe that Chick was 90 years old. Chick was the Athletic Facilities Manager for many, many years and the Athletic Department Equipment Manager during all of our time at Wabash. His obituary is available online through the Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, site. [<https://www.burkhartfh.com/obituary/thomas-duane-chick-clements>]

Fittingly, Chick's Obituary Photograph was taken with a bright red Wabash pullover and a Wabash Baseball hat.

After conferring with several Classmates ,we have decided to use the JP Collett '24 Fund to financially support an effort at the College to remember Chick. This will be a rebuild of the Athletic Department's Equipment Cage in the Allen Athletic Center. The fundraising goal is \$150,000. Steve Hoffman [hoffmans@wabash.edu] at the College is coordinating the fundraising and implementation of the gift. Some familiar and very popular names from our Class conferred on this decision including Messrs: Miller, Matthews, Cavanaugh, McNaught, Bechdol and Collins. This Memorial Gift to the College by the Collett Fund was an easy decision.

Springtime in Indiana is in full swing which brings the Big Bash Weekend into view. May 31-June 2 are the dates. The weekend is full of Alumni Events including the Alumni Banquet on Friday Night, May 31st. Perhaps of interest too are the College sponsored Campus Tours for families and potential students. It is never too soon to introduce Wabash to the next generation of family members. Please let Fred or me know if you have any questions or special requests. We are happy to oblige. If you'd like to attend, you can see the schedule and register at wabash.edu/bigbash by May 23.

On the Athletic front Wabash Baseball [10-11] is off to a good start. Lacrosse is 7-3 at this writing and headed into conference play in the coming weeks. Tennis at 10-6 continues play at a high level with back to back wins over Wooster and Oberlin last week.

Homecoming [September 13-15th] this fall will be a highlight as all of the Monon Bell activity is away later in the Season [DPU Game Date is November 16th in Greencastle.] Ohio Wesleyan Football is scheduled for Homecoming, September 14th. The Wabash Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet is on Friday Night September 13th at 5:30 PM.

Giving to the College for this year will conclude on June 30th. Easily accessible on the wabash.edu/give website are the Giving instructions.

Gifts directed specifically to the Class of 1976 Collett Fund will be particularly appreciated.

Let Fred or me know if we can be helpful to you. Hope to see you at Homecoming.

Stay well,
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