

Class of 1977

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### LATE AUGUST UPDATE

Hi Class of '77ers!

As we approach Labor Day 2024, there's some more important Wabash and alumni information Herm, Greg and I want to share with you. First, I'd forgotten to share news and a great photo from classmate RICKY BEYERS with us. You might recall that Rick and wife PAM got married while Ricky was completing his studies at Wabash. Ricky is retired and living in New Albany. He'd love to hear from classmates. He's at [rick.beyers@yahoo.com](mailto:rick.beyers@yahoo.com) or at 502-551-6552. He's in the middle of the photo below.



*The young lady to Ricky's left is eldest granddaughter, Riley. Standing behind her is son, Chad, who was born in late March 1977 before our graduation. To Rick's right is Pam. To her right is their granddaughter Reese. Standing on that side (left) is daughter Christy and her husband, Keith.*

Next, my TKE classmates had a terrific get together at Victory Field for an Indianapolis Indians game at the beginning of the month. Below is a group photo. (they've been joking about some variation of Olympic swimming medals, by the way.

***There are at least three members of the Class of 77 in this photo, taken on a hot August night at the beginning of the month. If you can identify everyone in the photo, Email me the names at [john.kerezy@tri-c.edu](mailto:john.kerezy@tri-c.edu) Maybe the Dirty Dozen less one here?? 😊***



**“How could you not?”** That was an email one of our classmates sent to me about 2024 Wabash College Football. If you haven’t heard, this will be Wabash football HC Don Morell’s last season at the helm of the Little Giants. Wabash has hired JAKE GILBERT ’98 to succeed Morell. Gilbert is defensive coordinator for this year’s squad. Here is the schedule:

## **Wabash Football 2024**

Sept. 7	HOME vs. St. Norbert
Sept. 14	HOMECOMING vs. Ohio Wesleyan Univ.
Sept. 21	At Univ. of Wisconsin Platteville
Oct. 5	At College of Wooster
Oct. 13 (Sun)	At Oberlin College
Oct.19	HOME vs. Hiram College
Oct. 26	HOME vs. Kenyon College
Nov. 2	HOME vs. Denison Univ.
Nov. 9	At Wittenberg
Nov. 16	At DePauw

Link to schedule (if you want to watch some games on a web stream)

<https://sports.wabash.edu/sports/football/schedule/2024>

If you want more info about Jake Gilbert, below is a link to a pretty good story.

<https://www.journalreview.com/stories/gilbert-named-associate-coach-of-wabash-football,293993>

**HOMECOMING** – Wabash celebrates Homecoming ’24 on September 12-13-14. It’s a new format for the weekend, one I’m excited to share with you. Herm and Greg will be in attendance. I’m not going to be able to make it this time, but I’ll be at the college on Sept. 6-7 (Class Agent Forum) and again at a couple of away games later this season. To see the schedule, and/or to sign up for homecoming (and remember, tickets in advance now) here’s the link: <https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/homecoming>

**NOT YET READY** – PAUL VAN NESS told me that his farm home in Waveland will NOT YET be ready for a Monon Bell gathering in November. So, we’re going to put those plans on hold for a future year. (Maybe 2026?) Watch for details.

**CHICK CLEMENTS EQUIPMENT ROOM** – Many thanks to all of you who dropped cards and notes to Chick Clements. As (sadly) noted, Chick passed away late this spring. A group of athletes from the college are raising \$150,000 to help fund a new equipment facility at the Allen Center in Chick’s name. If you were a Wabash athlete or intramural player between 1966 and 2003, you likely knew Chick Clements. Chick was ALWAYS there to help you with your lock, prepare uniforms for games, fit you with your gear, and line the playing fields. He also did your laundry and put out fresh towels. More than anything, you could always find him in the equipment room or sitting in his chair in Chadwick Court ready to listen, provide advice, and bring you back to reality. He was a fixture for generations of Wabash men. He also helped me when I wrote my “Glory Reborn” book about Wabash several years back. Please see the attached information, and follow the link if you can make a donation to the Chick Clements Equipment Room. (I did.)

**FOUND!** -- It was about 50 years ago, in the fall of 1974, that Wabash unveiled a 23-minute film titled "Wabash College: A Way of Life." If memory serves, this film was unveiled at some campus showings in September 1974. Give a watch. You might see yourself in this film. You'll certainly recognize Dr. Thaddeus Seymour and some of our faculty members in it. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/E6zYv5vY99E>

**Class of 2028** -- When the Fall 2024 semester began last week, there were 267 freshman who enrolled at the college. I'm told there may be a straggler or two. It is one of the largest classes we've had in some time. Remember you can keep up with life at the college now through following news releases and/or reading the campus newspaper, The Bachelor, as well. Links are below:

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

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

Best for Wabash Always,

*John*

John K. '77

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## Chick Clements H'77 Equipment Room Project

### Need

The current equipment room storage situation is inadequate, which results in uniforms, player protective gear, and game equipment not maintaining their integrity and appearance. This results in the equipment degrading faster, leading to increased spending to replace items more often than we should.

### Solution

We will purchase a storage solution from Spacesaver, a national leader in athletic storage, which will provide a slideable, lockable shelving system customized for various sports. Additionally, the Equipment Room entry and office will be updated.



## Fundraising Goal – \$150,000

### Make a Gift in Honor of Chick

Wabash seeks immediate support from one-time gifts to make this project a reality. Please note “Chick Clements Equipment Room” with your gift.

1. Make a gift online at [www.wabash.edu/egift](http://www.wabash.edu/egift)
2. Mail a gift to Wabash College, Attn. Advancement Office, 301 W. Wabash Ave, Crawfordsville, IN 47933
3. Questions? Contact Steve Hoffman at 765-376-2832 or [hoffmans@wabash.edu](mailto:hoffmans@wabash.edu).



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