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Well, it's the year 2025 and we're still here. We appreciate every day. Since this is a reunion year for us (55 years), we are hopeful that many of you reading this letter will join us at the Big Bash on Campus in June. This year's dates are June 6-8. The link to the details of the weekend and the registration page can be found here. Schedule of Events

Ronan Marra had a busy 2024, after starting the year with pickleball and golf in Florida they enjoyed summer with friends and family at home in Fishers. After years of acting, Ronan stepped up to direct the Christmas show of "It's a Wonderful Life" at a local theatre. After hosting their 5 children and grandkids at their place to celebrate Christmas, Marilyn and Ronan ended the year with a Caribbean Cruise to celebrate their anniversary.

Dave and Linda Peters celebrated their 25th anniversary earlier this month in Minnesota. Happy Silver Anniversary, Dave and Linda.

David Vogt sends word that “We are in Louisiana to celebrate Christmas with my son and his family as well as my daughter and her husband." David had back surgery in mid September for spinal stenosis. Unfortunately, he had a few complications along the way and required two additional trips to the OR. He's doing pretty well now.

John Thomson says, "Nothing new to report from The Villages (Florida)." Which means John continues to volunteer with his local Lions Club in a variety of capacities.

Dick and Carol Sobolewski are still in Poinciana, Florida, next to Bob's old stomping grounds, Kissimmee.

Bob Pollom says he owes Dick a “Big John’s Rock’n Bar-B-Que meal the next time he's town. Stephanie and Bob are finally downsizing. New address and e-mail address to follow. My concern is Stephanie has thoughts of including me in the downsizing process.

Sue and Ron Shelby continue splitting time between their Florida home and their grandchildren in northern Virginia. After celebrating Christmas and their 40th anniversary in Virginia they are back at the beach.

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Campus News:

- Wabash set a record for freshman-to-sophomore retention at 93%, and the freshman class is the largest since 2018.
- The Glee Club took the stage for several concerts under first-year Director Juan Hernandez.
- Wabash College received top-10 rankings in 10 categories in The Princeton Review's 2025 college guide. Wabash ranked third for Best Health Services and Most Active Student Government to go along with top-five rankings for Best Financial Aid (No. 5), Best Career Services (No. 5), Best Campus Newspaper (No. 5), and Most Accessible Professors (No. 6). (story)
- Carter Bertsch '26 was named top undergraduate of the year at Theta Delta Chi's convention in August. The Upsilon Deuteron Charge earned the Victory Cup, which is presented annually to the top chapter. (story)
- The Art Department celebrated Professor of Art Emeritus Greg Huebner H'77 with a retrospective exhibit titled "Imagining Balance Amid Chaos & Harmony." (photos)
- Jake Weber '25 earned Top Advocate and the Floyd Artful Advocacy Prize in the 31st Moot Court competition. (story)
- Two US Army Blackhawk helicopters landed in Mud Hollow on October 24 to pick up six Wabash ROTC Cadets. This was a ceremonial gesture by the Army to honor their service. The Wabash cadets train at Purdue. (photos)
- Brayden Curnutt '25 captured the North Coast Athletics Conference Cross Country Championship, earning Men's Runner of the Year and First Team All-NCAC honors. At the 2024 NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region Men's Cross Country Championship he once again crossed the finish line in first place to claim the individual title. And at the NCAA DIII National Championships, he finished 18th, earning All-American honors. (story)
- On the Wednesday before the 130th Monon Bell Classic, Wabash and DePauw jointly hosted a luncheon titled Rivals, not Enemies. Clay Robbins '79, CEO of Lilly Endowment Inc., and Jennett Hill DePauw '85, President of Lilly Endowment Inc., hosted the event and both received the Raymond "Gaumey" Neal Award. Wabash Trustee Aman Brar '99 captured the spirit of the occasion best: "We're so incredibly lucky to have this rivalry. 0-10, 10-0, and every record in between. Playoffs or no playoffs. We always have meaning. Something to fight for. Always a reason to be our best. A reason to push ourselves to do more in our community; for our city; for our country. Because a rivalry like the Monon Bell teaches and pushes us to be our best." (photos)
- On November 11, the campus transitioned from Sparks Center over to a temporary dining facility, which has already met with a very positive reaction from students, faculty, staff, and visiting diners. With a nod to historic Mud Hollow, this new space dubbed "Grub Hollow," includes a dozen mobile units that have been connected on one set of the outdoor tennis courts.
- The baseball team traveled to the Dominican Republic, led by Head Coach Jake Martin '03 and Professor of Spanish Dan Rogers H'12.

- More than 97% of the Class of 2024 have secured their first professional opportunity or acceptance into medical, law, or other graduate school programs. The national average, by the way, is 85.7% in six months.

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