

Class of 1974

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Gentlemen of the Class of 1974:

Big Bash 2024 and our 50th Class Reunion are rapidly approaching on May 31 – June 2, 2024. Thus far, seven men have officially registered and are anxious (fearful) to see what we all look like 50 years later.

Please see the weekend's agenda and register to attend this reunion at <https://www.wabash.edu/bigbash>. Encourage any classmate you may be in contact with to be there, too.

Mark and I attended the annual J. B. Bachman '61 Class Agent Forum on campus last weekend. It was cold (3 degrees) and snowy in Crawfordsville. Director of Alumni and Affinity Group Engagement, Ron Dostal '92, quickly decided to return the 2024 Forum to a date in September.

President Scott Feller described four features of Wabash which form the basis of its “distinctiveness”:

1. An all-male student body,
2. Oral and written comps,
3. The Gentlemen's Rule, and
4. A 40% Alumni giving rate

He went on to state his three priorities:

1. Enrollment (extremely competitive for young men these days),
2. Philanthropy (Lilly Endowment's recent \$25 million was the largest cash gift ever received), and
3. Belonging to Wabash (growing and maintaining a strong sense of community)

He wrapped up by asking us to remind you that Big Bash will be your last chance to see the Sparks Center. It will be turned over to the contractor on June 3, for demolition and a two-year construction project to build a new community center. Kitchen and dining will be from temporary mobile units located near the tennis courts.



President Feller said another major project will be to eliminate the electrical distribution system snaking through the tunnels and connecting to the municipal electric service.

After the Forum, Mark and I watched a spirited Wabash team defeat Wooster for the NCAC regular season men's basketball title. Wabash was raining threes. If only Jack Roudebush had had a three-point line!

A quick story. I was pulling weeds from the parking lot of my parish church (St. Casimir) last fall when a co-worker came over and said some guy asked her who was driving the car with Wabash plates. Following closely behind (f my) (ll) eallg c(, a)-.