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To the Men of the Class of 1974:

Greetings from your class agents. Contrary to popular belief, Mark and I are not dead, though I finally did get around to preplanning my funeral a couple of months ago. I didn't realize cremation could be so expensive. With all of the residual alcohol in my blood from my days at the Bash, I thought I would combust almost spontaneously. Sad to say I have entered the aging world of checking the obituaries daily and opening conversations with discussions of grandchildren (I had my first, and thus far only, grandchild December 3, 2011, after **Jim McDaniel** had informed us his first grandchild, a granddaughter, had arrived a couple of months earlier in October, 2011), bodily aches and pains, medicines, doctor visits, surgeries, and funeral arrangements. I need to get a life! Hope each of you has not (yet) fallen victim to "old age syndrome."

Many good things are happening on campus in Crawfordsville. I know many of you keep track of these goings-on via the frequent communiqués from the college. Perhaps most impressively, we ended our \$60 million Challenge for Excellence capital campaign a year early culminating with a celebration Friday night before our 100th Homecoming. The campaign, which was dedicated to student aid, faculty support, funding global immersion trips, and endowing the business leadership program, raised **\$68,116,695**.

Thanks to all who contributed to this Campaign and all who support the Annual Fund. Last year's (fiscal year ended June 30, 2012) Annual Fund giving was **over \$3.1 million dollars** (an all-time record) and reached **35% alumni participation** for the first time in recent years. Remember the tax year-end is rapidly approaching so please get your checks and electronic gifts into the Development Office before December 31, to take advantage of the federal tax deduction and, for Indiana taxpayers, the state tax credit. Let's welcome our new Dean for Advancement, Jonathan Stern, formerly working at the University of Chicago Law School, with a new all-time record for the 2013 Annual Fund. Jonathan succeeds Joe Emmick '92.

Please also be thinking of high school juniors and seniors who may be prospective Wabash men. Our Admissions staff is always looking for your referrals of sons, grandsons, nephews, neighbors' sons, co-workers' sons, etc. Statistics have proven applicants referred by you matriculate at a higher rate than most other applicants.

As you have likely already heard, this year will mark President Pat White's 7th and final year as the 15th President of Wabash College. President White will be touring various regional associations in the spring and we hope that you will all be able to attend in one of these gatherings for a celebration of his tenure. The College has begun the planning process to find Wabash's 16th president. The Search Committee is now actively soliciting nominations for candidates for the position. For more information, or to nominate a candidate, please visit www.wabash.edu/presidentialsearch/.

On a somber note, **Dr. Rich Radtke**, Phi Gamma Delta, died August 7th in South Bend. Rich was a native of Knox, IN and a world renowned marine biologist and underwater explorer. He was a professor of biological oceanography in the School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology at the University of Hawaii. At the age of 28, Rich was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Rich is survived by his mother, stepfather, son, daughter, granddaughter, sister, and brothers.

I am writing this brief note before Senior Day for the Little Giants' football team and its game against Oberlin College. I don't want to jinx the team; however, two more wins and we should again make the NCAA Division III playoffs and perhaps even win the North Coast Athletic Conference title. Our early season, overtime loss to Allegheny really confused the conference picture. Optimistically, it will be hard to top last year's playoff run unless, of course, we can beat Mt. Union.

Next weekend, November 10, Wabash plays DePauw at home in the **119th Monon Bell Classic**. Alumni will be getting together across the country at telecast parties. If you are not making the trip to Crawfordsville, please visit www.wabash.edu/mononbell/ to find a watch party in your city.

Please send us your emails and letters to let us know what's going on in your lives. I'm sure grandchildren are becoming a part of more and more of your lives. We'd love to hear about them.

Paul and Mark