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Fellow Class of '77ers:

Sometimes writing comes easy. Not today, as it's with great sadness I report to you the loss of another one of our classmates, Greg Bussard of Huntington.

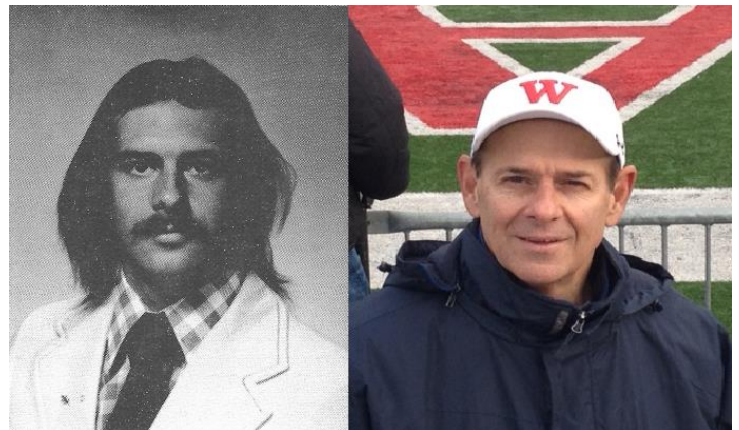
Greg was a physics major, a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, a multi-sport athlete, and a great guy with the driest sense of humor and most calm perspective of almost anyone I've known. His disposition was distinctively sweet-tempered and sunny. He did three sports at the beginning of his time at the college, lettered in wrestling, but made his mark as a defensive back on the football team. He was an original member of the "Crunch Bunch" defensive secondary which helped turn around the fortunes of the Little Giants.

You remember the IFC's "Bicentennial Beard Growing" contest in 1976? Greg was one of the winners of that. You recall when cycling was an intramural sport? Greg biked a leg of the winning relay team for TKE.

In more recent years, Greg was a pastor, leader and spiritual mentor to many at Bethel United Methodist Church in Huntington. He was a frequent returning face in the crowd at Wabash football games, and his presence always emanated contentment and peace.

He was a caring soul. He died while preparing for service at Bethel Church on Sunday. "Promoted to the church triumphant in heaven," is how one of my former pastors would describe Greg today.

If you email me at john.kerezy@tri-c.edu, I'll gladly pass along memorial and funeral information as soon as it becomes available.



PLEASE: Save June 2-4 on your calendar. Write "Wabash 40th Reunion" on the dates, and make every effort to attend. Greg (Birk) and Herm and I want to thank those who have responded affirmatively to our request for living unit assistants for communications for our class. We could still use some help from Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha with this. All we're asking you to do is send out 2-3 emails to your fraternity (or living unit) brothers between November and April, with reminders about our 40th Reunion.

We'd like to aim to see 70 make it back – **wouldn't 70 in 2017** be a strong showing?

HOMECOMING IS THIS WEEKEND: I'll be at the College on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Look for me at the Chapel Service, at the Luncheon, and at a pre-game tailgate. I'll have a pop-up tent (beige color) with red balloons on it. My wife Kathy will be with me as well. I'd love to chat, grab a picture, and – additionally – I'll have a sympathy card for Greg's family with me. I'd be honored if you'd sign it, and I'll make sure that his loved ones receive it from the Class of '77.

Yours for Wabash,

John

John Kerezy '77

REMEMBER THIS? (Greg Bussard is at far left.)

