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Dear Fellow '82 Classmates,

Wow, this year flew by fast. Hard to believe it was 35 years ago we were preparing for written and oral comps. I hope 2016 was a good year for you and your families. I can't complain, as my wife and 3 kids are all healthy and the two kids of working age have good jobs.

As most of you know by now, the Dannies won back the Monon Bell this year after a long run of wins by Wabash. I attended the game, and while I never enjoy losing, especially to DePauw, I have to admit we simply were outplayed this year. Overall, I think DePauw's win is a good thing for the rivalry. The last couple of years were dare I say, boring after the first half, and the DePauw fan base was lifeless.

In the category of FYI, 120 years of Honor Scholarship weekend had to be replaced this year due to the government moving up the federal aid application date by 3 months. Scarlet Honors weekend will be the replacement. It was held the weekend of December 2nd -3rd. There were over 180 students attending from 15 states. Students can now receive up to \$160,000 over four years thru Scarlet Honors. And, that is just one of the several categories of scholarships available through Wabash. So if you've been recruiting prospective students, keep this in mind for next year, that Honor Scholarship / Scarlet Honors weekend is now in December, not March.

I think most of us will admit the last few months have been a bit of a wild ride primarily due to the campaigns and election. I don't normally give a damn about what folks in Hollywood have to say, but I do think Tom Hanks said something that maybe we should all consider. *"This is the United States of America. We'll go on. There's great like-minded people out there who are Americans first and Republicans or Democrats second,"* Hanks told *The Hollywood Reporter*. *"I hope the president-elect does such a great job that I vote for his re-election in four years."* I'm sure our classmate Mark Rutherford (Chair of Libertarian National Campaign Committee) may take exception with the fact he left out the Libertarian party, but I think the overall message is solid. I guess I've somewhat thought that same way after every election.

With the future of our nation in mind, reflecting on my time at the Bell game this year and spending time this past weekend at the Wabash Sigma Chi initiation and getting a chance to meet and talk with current students, I do have a great feeling of hope for our country. I know the millennials are an easy target just like we as baby-boomers probably were for our parents. But I'll call bullshit on saying the millennials are a worthless lot as many do. Sure there are bad apples in every group, but the young men I met recently at Wabash are simply impressive. It's obvious that Wabash is still recruiting not only intelligent young men,

but men that are motivated, creative thinkers willing to push beyond just getting a degree and not just looking for a “safe-place” to hide out for 4 years. The mission statement of Think Critically, Act Responsibly, Lead Effectively and Live Humanely is very evident in the current body of students at Wabash College, and I look forward to their leadership in the years to come.

I want to end with three things; the first being to remind you to continue to support Wabash in every way you can. I can assure you the money you donate is going to good use, whether it's providing first class facilities, and faculty or providing scholarships to attract the quality of men that are worthy of being Wabash graduates. The second thing, I hope you have a safe holiday season, however you celebrate it, and hope 2017 is filled with good health and prosperity for you and your loved ones. Third, don't forget our 35 year Big Bash reunion is this coming June... more to come on this.

WAF,

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