December, 2003

Men of '44,

If you look at a calendar for 2004, you may come to the sudden realization that our Class will be observing its 60TH ANNIVERSARY following our years at Wabash College. Yep, it was June, 1944, when President Frank H. Sparks presented Wabash sheepskins to 26 of us who enrolled at the college in September, 1940. Actually, only seven of us were present to personally receive the degrees. The others were awarded in absentia since the grads already were in the service for Uncle Sam. And even two of the seven present were in uniform, one Navy and one Army.

We mention this bit of nostalgia as a convenient reminder that the weekend of June 4-6, 2004, would be a great time for our class and others marking significant anniversaries to be on campus to meet old friends and see the many, many changes and improvements that have occurred at Wabash over the past SIX DECADES!

The 166th Commencement will take place on The Mall on Sunday, May 16, but the class reunions, affectionately known as The Big Bash at Wabash, will happen June 4-6. Check your 2004 date books and calendars and plan to join other Golden Little Giants next spring. More details will be forthcoming as they become available.

Those of us who make it (easy for me since I live in C-ville) will be amazed to see the physical changes, including the almost new Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, the spankin' new science building, the Malcolm X Center, Byron K. Trippet Hall, the new Sigma Chi house on Wabash Avenue, major improvements in the streets and walkways around the campus, just to mention a few.

In conclusion, let me wish each of you a most Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Until next time when we will be reporting from South Texas,

Gerry