Happy Holidays, Class of ’73

I told Gary I’d get him something for a class letter right after the Monon Bell game. Then I vowed I’d get something out before the end of the year. This is going to be cutting it close, so either have a great holiday season, or I hope you had one. Either way, best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

--John

E-mail class letter proposed

The Alumni Affairs Office has recently held some focus groups on how to communicate with alums. Gary and I would like to hear from those of you who would like to receive this class letter electronically. You can email me at lalalo@aol.com and Gary at wabash73@aol.com. Oh, and while you are at it, please include some information about yourself in your e-mail. It only takes a couple of minutes and old friends would like to know what you’ve been up to.

Wabash takes Monon Bell

In case you haven’t heard, Wabash spanked the Dannies to retain the Bell. The series now stands 51-50-9, in favor of the Little Giants. Wabash placed 11 players on the all NCAC team, with senior Blair Hammer being named conference defensive player of the year, and freshman running back Aaron Lafitte, a first-team selection, being named newcomer of the year. He led all freshmen in the country in scoring and is the first freshman in Wabash history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season. Things bode well for Little Giant football.
McKinney dies
December 20th
Paul Caylor McKinney, Dean Emeritus and professor of chemistry at Wabash College, died at his home in Crawfordsville Saturday night, December 20.

He taught at Wabash College for 46 years, a distinguished career longer than that of any other faculty member since the College’s founding in 1832.

A 1952 graduate of Wabash College, McKinney earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern University in 1958. Named an assistant professor in 1958, associate in 1964, and full professor in 1977, he chaired the chemistry department for four years and the science division for three years.

In 1981 he was named Dean of the college by President Lewis Salter. He resigned that position in 1993 and returned to teaching. In 1996 McKinney was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Wabash.

Class of ‘73 News

I’ve been helping do a little fund-raising for the construction of the new Phi Delt house and through such have talked to several classmates.

Dick Brutus is a vice-president with Irwin Bank in Franklin, where he lives with wife, Nancy. Dick’s daughter, Rebecca, is a teacher and is soon relocating to Mexico. Son, Ryan, 19, is a freshman architecture student at Ball State.

Chet Miller and wife, Carolyn, live in Bremen, IN, where Chet has been a State Farm agent for 22 years. Chet’s younger daughter, Sarah is a senior at University of Dayton, where she excels in tennis. Older daughter, Katie, graduated Notre Dame and is now in law school at Washington, St. Louis.

A much svelter (he claims) Steve Culley is getting married soon. Steve has been with Indiana Legal Services in Evansville for as long as I can remember.

John Schiff and his wife, Jan, have lived in Indy since graduation, where John is an attorney. John’s son, Adam, graduated Wabash in 2003 and is now in law school. John’s daughter, Amanda, is currently a volleyball standout at Western Kentucky.

Mike Runau is director of the Indiana State Department of Health immunization program, lives in Columbus and works in Indy.

John Deffenbaugh and his wife, Penny, who live in Glasgow, Scotland, are experiencing the empty nest syndrome. According to John in his annual Christmas letter, his son, John, is an architect in Edinburgh and his daughter, Fiona, has set up her own business in London. John’s business keeps him traveling around the UK and his wife continues teaching school. John made it back for our 30th reunion in May.

Bill Gehl lives in Romania with his wife, Liana, and their three children, Sammy (almost 8) and Francesca and Luke (twins, almost 6). Bill teaches middle school at the Fundatia International British School of Bucharest.
Alumni website revised

The alumni section of the Wabash website has been revised. I suggest you check it out.

It contains an alumni events calendar, alumni e-services, archived issues of the Bachelor and Wabash Magazine, and a link to the Bookstore, where you can order that special Wabash gift.

It also affords you an easy means to donate to Wabash or refer a student.

Speaking of referring students, if you simply refer a student (via phone, email or just having the applicant put your name on his application), the College will waive the application fee, which to many is just enough additional incentive for them to apply.

Tekes, Delts plan renovations, rebuilding

The Tekes and Delts are joining the parade of fraternities either renovating or completely rebuilding their living spaces.

The Tekes have opted to build a new house and the Delts, I believe, are just beginning to present plans to the College. Both houses are still fairly early in the planning stages.

National survey ranks student engagement

This survey, which ranks student engagement, is put together by compiling information from 185,000 freshman and senior students at 649 colleges and universities. Once again, Wabash excelled this year, reaching the 97th percentile in all categories.

The survey rates, among other things: 1). Level of academic challenge; 2). Active and collaborative learning; 3). Student-faculty interaction; 4). Enriching educational experience; and 5). Supportive campus environment. Wabash ranked in the 100th percentile among freshman in level of academic challenge. Bio 1 must not have changed much.
Contribution Update

The last information I received from the college showed our class at 6.1% participation for a total of $6176.

Thanks to the following contributors: George Angelone, Bill Bochstahler, Jim Braddock, Frank Buerger, Lee Clark, Jack Foos, Dan Norton, Charles Orme-Rogers, John Schiff, Jim Thomas, Tim Whiteman and Charlie Young.

Campaign for Leadership

With seven months left in the campaign, over $123 million has been raised, with $9 million remaining to reach the goal. Thanks to those of you who have contributed.

Monon Bell game DVD for sale

The Wabash College football team broke the tie in the all-time series with DePauw University, winning the 110th Monon Bell Classic 37-20 to claim a 51-50 edge in the all-time rivalry that dates back to 1890.

Now the DVD that commemorates the 110th meeting of the two schools is available in the Wabash College Bookstore. DVDs arrived on campus on Monday, December 22.

The DVD contains the entire game, which was produced by HDNet, and features an anamorphic 16x9 aspect ratio for the first time ever, which means it will fill the entire screen of wide-screen TVs.

The DVD also contains more than two dozen Monon Memories, historical vignettes of the most exciting games in the rivalry. Included are more than a dozen that have never before been seen. Both schools’ halftime videos are also included in the two-sided DVD.

Cost of the DVD in the Wabash Bookstore will be $15.

From The Bachelor

IMA undergoes restructuring

By John Budnik

The Independent Men’s Association (IMA) is proposing bold changes for next semester. After a year of radical restructuring, the IMA is planning to create a transcontinental alumni network.

The first ever “State-of-Independents” was given by IMA President Matt Bredefeld at IMA’s recent Faculty/Student dinner.

“We’re literally taking this thing global,” Bredefeld said. “Our alumni have settled on three continents.”

The IMA is considering creating a new committee, a newsletter, Internet listserve and outreach programs to build closer ties with the alumni.

“Some of the alumni are a bit wary, though,” Bredefeld said. “Other boards have failed to follow through with promises of creating such a network.”

The centerpiece of the IMA’s accomplishment this past semester has been to restructure the board.

The IMA is a unique organization in that it has elected administrative officers and an appointed board to oversee and carry out the decisions of the officers.

The IMA Reorganization Act divided the monolithic board into three smaller committees. However, these committees still oversee and carry out the decisions of the elected officers.