November 28, 2003

Dear Classmate:  

The sound is sweet . . . Clang!  Clang!  Clang!  . . . . The Monon Bell resides in Crawfordsville for a third straight year after Wabash thumped the Dannies 37-20 in the 110th Monon Bell Classic on November 15th. The resounding victory moved Wabash ahead of DePauw in the all-time series 51-50-9 and sent DPU coach Nick Mourouzis into retirement with this third straight loss in the series. See ya Nick!!

One of things I enjoy most about serving as a class agent is an impromptu contact from a classmate. A few months ago I was working away when Emmett McAuliffe contacted me about help in obtaining information about a fellow classmate. After receiving my response, Emmett was kind enough to personally call me, and we caught up on each other’s lives for about 15 minutes. Emmett and his family of six, including new baby daughter Maria, live in the St. Louis area. Emmett works for Thompson and Coburn, a law firm that specializes in intelligence/trademark law. He can be heard late every Friday night on a national radio program emanating from KMOX radio in St. Louis.

Gary Pottorff and I also communicated earlier this summer. Gary reported his son is attending IUPUI (in downtown Indianapolis) on a soccer scholarship.

Other Class News . . . . Chris Lanane and his wife recently adopted two five-year-old daughters, Aidana Isabel and Raushan Elizabeth, from Kazakhstan. The girls were welcomed home by Chris’ two teenage sons, Jeff and Sam. Dennis Kennedy has opened his own law firm in St. Louis, which will specialize in computer law (e.g., information technology and e-commerce contract, etc.) Dennis is also an adjunct law professor at the Washington University School of Law. Mark Kafader, his wife Lisa, and their three children have moved to a new address: 809 High Point Trace Court, Nashville, Tennessee 37221. You can reach Mark at: (615) 662-9016 or sellashow@aol.com. Dennis Lewis’ son, Daniel, graduated from Wabash in May 2003.
Fund Raising Update . . . The Class of 1980 had 63 donors to the College for a total of $42,859 in Fiscal Year 2003. The 63 donors represented a slight dip in donor participation (32.3% response for our class roll of 195) but a whopping 255% increase in dollars donated! Those giving to the College in 2003 were: Paul Atkenson, John Barry, Bernie Black, Mike Breclaw, Bob Cebul, Bruce Cook, Brian Dinges, George Efstathiadis, Brent Fulton, Jeff Garbers, John Gilbert, Bill Goebel, Hugh Goodman, Mike Gullifor, Charlie Hartford, Tom Hastings, C. Hendon, Doug Highsmith, Joe Impicciche, Mark Kafader, Curt Keller, Tim Kennedy, Larry Klee, Alex Klefeker, Mike Lambert, Chris Lanane, Mike Maddox, Mick Martin, John Maxstadt, Emmett McAuliffe, Jim McClanahan, Mark Merkle, Jim Miller, Todd Moore, Eugene Mszar, Duane Murphy, Mark Oetting, Dave Olsen, Larry Palmer, John Pea, Mike Perkins, Charlie Pockras, Gary Potterff, Dave Reed, Jeff Rensberger, Jim Renshaw, Dave Repking, John Reuter, John Ritter, John Rockefeller, Doug Rogers, Greg Rose, Charles Routh, Ron Rychlak, Jim Schultheis, John Sharkitt, Max Simison, Dave Stein, Roger Stoltz, Ross Strodel, Ken Turchi, Bill Tutwiler, Bob Vogt, Randy Weisel, John White, and Ken Williams.

Hats off to all of you for your generosity to the College!

May I remind you that charitable contributions in the current tax year must be made by December 31st. Remember Wabash when you pull out the checkbook next time, and get a tax benefit to boot! The College has also made it real easy to make contributions on-line and make referrals for prospective students at: www.wabash.edu/alumni

And, fellow residents of Indiana . . . tired at looking at the ugliest license plates in America? If you haven’t done so already – I did it in 2003, order a Wally Wabash license plate through the BMV, starting with a $25 donation to the College. The benefits are two-fold: your contribution goes to the Greater Wabash Foundation and you’ll no longer have to look at those God-awful plates!

More news about Wabash is coming soon . . . But until then, I want to wish you and your family and friends the Happiest of Holidays, and the Best of Everything in 2004!

Yours in Wabash,

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