December 8, 2003

Dear Classmates,

Happy Holidays, everyone! I hope the winter season finds you and your family well. I was lucky enough to jet down to Florida over Thanksgiving for a little fun and sun. During this trip, I discovered that 1) I like seafood just as much as turkey, 2) I can eat a lot of seafood in a short amount of time, and 3) seafood does not digest, it turns immediately into fat.

And now the news…

• In case you are living in a cave and haven’t heard, Wabash College once again brought home the Monon Bell in a 37-20 victory in Greencastle. This was a record-breaking game for three Little Giants:

  Tailback Chris Morris finished his career with 3,247 rushing yards, passing Wabash legend Daryl Johnson ’82, who held the record for 22 seasons.

  Senior defensive tackle Blair Hammer picked up a sack to tie his brother, B.J. Hammer ’00, for the all-time sack record.

  Aaron Lafitte surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing mark, the first freshman running back to reach that level in Wabash history.

• The Wabash Alumni website has been redone. Check it out at http://www.wabash.edu/alumni.

• Make a gift to the GWF before December 31 to take advantage of tax deductions. For Indiana residents, keep in mind that you get a state tax CREDIT for 50% of your gift up to $200 if filing jointly.

  It is your gifts that enable current Wabash students to have the same great experience that you did. To make it easy, you can make your gift online at www.wabash.edu/giving.

• The Schroeder Career Center hosted its third annual Career & Internship Fair on Tuesday, November 18 in the Knowling Field House. This year’s fair attracted 33 organizations ranging from the FBI and NSA to Eli Lilly and the Boy’s & Girls Club.
I believe it’s important for alums to do what they can to help new grads find their place in the career world. You can do your part by adding your organization to the Career Center’s mailing list for next year’s fair. Just contact Ms. Toni McKinney at mckinnet@wabash.edu or call her at (765) 361-6414.

Fraternity Partnerships. Below you will see the most recent update on four more fraternity renovation projects.

Phi Kappa Psi
The Phi Psis have completed almost all phases of the fraternity partnership process. On January 16, 2003 the fraternity selected Brandt Construction as their contractor. Schenkel Schultz is the architect for this project, and the Construction Documents are 95% complete. This project will be a renovation of the existing facility and there will not be an addition to the house. The College has received bids from the contractor and these exceed the approved $1.8M. The Phi Psis appeared with Schenkel Schultz and Brandt Construction at the Ad Hoc Committee meeting on March 8, 2003 to discuss the increased costs. They currently are attempting to reduce the total project cost. No date has been set for the start of construction. Larry Landis ’67 and Terry Hamilton ’89 chair the fund-raising committee. Joe Klen ’97 and Dick Regnier ’51 chair the facilities committee. Project cost: Estimate $2.3M.

Kappa Sigma
The Kappa Sigs have completed their Program Document, and the College provided it to four architectural firms. These firms made presentations to the Kappa Sig facility committee on January 8, 2003 and the firm of Ratio Architects of Indianapolis was selected. (Ration is the firm that designed the new Sigma Chi house and is also working with the Phi Delts.) The Kappa Sigs met with Ratio on April 12, 2003 to discuss in more detail their hopes of renovating their existing chapter house. The preliminary schematic designs are complete, and the Kappa Sigs met with the Facility Subcommittee on August 20, 2003 to disclose their renovation plans. Their fundraising plan is currently being developed. Mark Maddox ’83 chairs the fund-raising committee and Wes Zirkle ’98 chairs the facility committee. Project cost: Estimate of $4.0M.

Delta Tau Delta
Having prepared a Program Document and selected architects Lamson and Condon, on November 5, the Delts and the architects presented their first set of schematic designs to the Facility Subcommittee of the Ad Hoc Committee on Fraternity Partnerships. They are to complete their fund-raising plan by December 1, 2003. Chris Baker ’74, Don Caplinger ’57, Jim Dimos ’83 and Steve Hoffman ’85 are coordinating the facility and fundraising committees. Project cost: TBD.

Tau Kappa Epsilon
The Tekes met in January 2003 with the Campus Services staff to determine whether they could regain full use of their chapter house or should consider building a new house. In October 2003 after the Trustees had their fall meeting, the Tekes were advised they should consider building a new house with a smaller capacity. The Tekes have prepared a Program Document which the College has approved. On October 28 the Tekes interviewed three architectural firms and are in the process of selecting one of the three firms. Brad Johnson ’71, Jon Pactor ’71 and Ken Schild ’66 will lead the Tekes’ effort as they explore building a new chapter house. Project cost: TBD.

CLASS NOTES
If you want to send a Class Note, or be included in the occasional emails I send out, send me your email address. My email is parker.lyons@covance.com.

Chad Lovelace
I wanted to add the birth of my daughter to the class notes for December. My daughter's name is Hannah Grace Lovelace and she was born
on July 8, 2003 in Kokomo, Indiana. She was 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and 20 inches long. My wife, Cheri, is doing well and we are staying very busy with our new addition!

Brent Eaton
Baby Victoria was born 11/17 at 959 AM. She weighed 5lbs 12 oz and was 20 1/4 inches. Both Baby and Mom are doing well.

Josh Robinson
I would like to announce my engagement to Jennifer C. Colleton. We both live in Hyde Park, near the University of Chicago, and will be here for another year while Jenny finishes her Internal Medicine/Pediatrics Residency and I complete my Chief Residency in Pediatrics. Then, it is overseas for a year of International Medicine in either Tanzania or Peru. Don't ask how we narrowed it down to the two countries. Happy Holidays.

Take care everyone,

Parker Lyons