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Hi Classmates,

Herm, Greg and I wanted to get a brief update out to you as Wabash and DePauw get ready for their 131st football clash, the Monon Bell Classic, which will have about 9,000 fans in attendance at Little Giant Stadium on Saturday. If I (John) am reading all the NCAA Division III tea leaves correctly, it seems that the winner of the contest between the 8-1 Dannies

and our 8-1 Little Giants will receive an "at large" berth in the NCAA Division III playoffs. That's a feather in the cap for our first-year coach Jake Gilbert (Wabash '98) and his staff and players, and to past coach Don Morel, who's working in development for the college. The game will be telecast, and there will be viewing parties all over the nation. See the link just below for details.

**570 Days  
to our 50<sup>th</sup>  
Big Bash Reunion**

<https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell/>

For us to remember: Below is a screenshot of the top half of *The Bachelor* the week of the Monon Bell game in 1975. If you are interested, you can email me at [johnkprof@gmail.com](mailto:johnkprof@gmail.com) and I'd be glad to send you a PDF of the entire issue.

# THE BACHELOR

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## "This is the new season."

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Coach Frank Navarro remembers all too well last year's 15-12 loss to DePauw and tomorrow the Wabash College Little Giants will be out to bring the Monon Bell back to its rightful place atop the portico next to the Athletic Offices.

Anyone who watched last Saturday's 47-0 rout of Principia had to come away convinced that the Little Giants do have a good chance of toppling DePauw's Tigers. But DPU topped the same Principia team by a 41-0 score, and gave Butler a great battle before succumbing to the Bulldogs 14-7. Tom Mont's Greencastle crew have a 4-5 season record and a 1-4 ICC slate.

represented a vast foe, with George Lauck, improvement over the Randy Mellinger, and Steve struggles of the season, and Pettofrezzo all going over the could well be the perfect tonic 100 yard mark. Lauck ran for for facing the Dannies, three TD's and Mellinger and Wabash gained 470 yards Steve Wagner added two rushing against their helpless scores each to enable the Little Giants to reach the final 47-0 tally before five minutes had elapsed in the third period.

But no one dreams that DePauw will roll over and let the Wabash gridders run amuck for the second straight week. The Tiger's defensive front five average 6'2", 215 lbs. On offense DPU sports a tricky multiple formation attack which will be led by Rick Boling in place of injured QB Sam Juarascio, the man who ran and passed DePauw to victory in last year's contest.

For the Little Giants everyone should be healthy and ready to go. Greg Bussard, who sat out last Saturday's game with an

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**"Something as expressive and unaffected as DePauw vs. Wabash, felt at ground level for a spell, is quite impossible to resist. If you think you know college football by knowing Texas-Oklahoma or USC-UCLA, you are as wrong as you would be if you thought you knew the United States by knowing New York."**

—John Underwood, associate editor, Sports Illustrated, Sept., 1972

If you haven't heard, *US News & World Report* now says that Wabash is the No. 1 ranked liberal arts college in Indiana. We tied for 50<sup>th</sup> among liberal arts college nationally as well, a five-place improvement over last year's rankings. Here's a link to the story: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13508>

SAD NEWS: We lost Dr. ROBERT REA from our ranks in September. A Kappa Sigma fraternity member, Dr. Rea devoted his career to restoring and preserving vision for countless patients. He served the Goshen, Indiana, community for many years in private practice before retiring in 2011 to become the head of ophthalmic surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Phoenix

Partnering with Vision Outreach International and S.E.E. International, Dr. Rea also performed sight-restoring surgeries for underserved communities in Paraguay, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Tanzania and Sierra Leone.

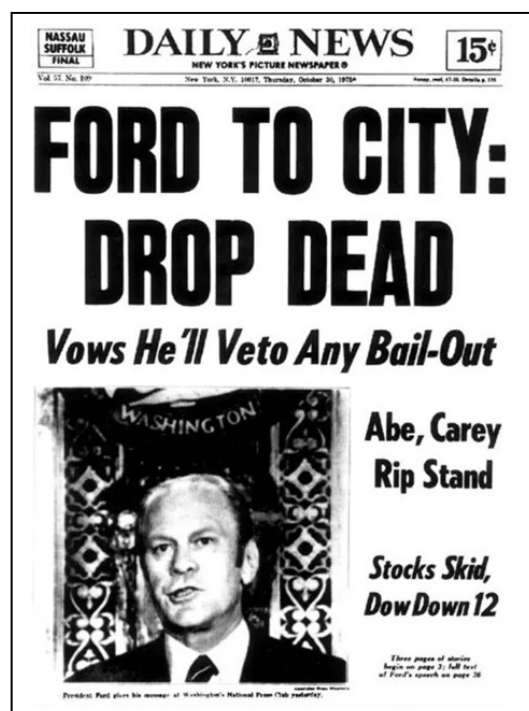
## NEWS FROM 1975:

On our screens, some of the top-rated television shows included “All in the Family,” “Sanford and Son,” “M.A.S.H.,” and “Laverne and Shirley.” Also a new late-night television show launched in the Fall of 1975 on NBC, “Saturday Night Live”

In our cars and on our stereos, some of the top songs in November 1975 were Elton John’s “Island Girl,” the Eagles’ “Lyn’ Eyes,” “Low Rider” from WAR, and “Miracles” from Jefferson Starship.

About 17 miles north of Whitefish Bay, Mich, in Lake Superior, the ore carrier “Edmund Fitzgerald” sank, with the loss of 29 lives. A 1975 start-up company based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, named Microsoft, began selling a BASIC language interpreter for the MITS Altair 8800 microcomputer. Angola declared its independence in November. The economy was struggling, with a 9 percent inflation rate and an 8 percent unemployment rate. Also in the fall of 1975, the city of New York was seeking a bailout from the federal

government to help make its debt payments. President Ford’s response is summarized in the headline at left.



FINALLY – Wabash has so many alumni-friendly opportunities. We’ve spoken about several of them in past newsletters, but one more is upcoming that might be of special interest. One of them is called “After the Bell,” and the next opportunity is on Monday, December 8. It is titled “The Pillars of Student Life at Wabash” with Dean Scott Brown, the college’s new Dean of Students. This is a freebie, but you need to sign up in advance. Here’s the link:

<https://www.wabash.edu/events/afterthebell-scottbrown>

And – Many thanks to Herm and Kitty for hosting Kathy and me for dinner when we visited Wabash at the beginning of this month.

Best for Wabash Always,

John Kerezy

Herm Haffner

Greg Birk