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WABASH IN MY THOUGHTS

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Hello Classmates,

The Monon Bell weekend was special. Wabash went all out by extending great hospitality to students, alumni and friends. The pre-game tailgate party came after the official kickoff of the \$225 million fund raising campaign the night before. Alumnus Paul Woolls, class of 1975, and his wife, Betty, have pledged \$40 million unrestricted dollars. It is the largest gift in the history of the college. As of this month, over \$150 million has been pledged to the campaign.

Another alumnus, Walt Snodell (Class of 1968) has donated enough money to finance the cost of a full-time admissions person for Chicago and suburbs. Also, Richard Stephenson, Class of 1962, through his organization, the Cancer Treatment Centers of America, sponsored the Monon Bell Telecast.

If you saw the game, you would have to agree it was typical of two teams who have been after each other for 125 games. We led the whole way but DePauw was driving for a tying score until we intercepted a short pass with a little over 2:00 minutes to play. We did not play great offensively because DePauw's defense was good enough to disrupt our strong run and pass attack. The fact that we did not

score in the second half indicated as much. However, our defense was superb, especially when the game was in doubt.

Our team had a great season even though we were by-passed to participate in the Division III playoffs. The team's success was particularly rewarding having overcome the tragic loss of senior co-captain, Evan Hansen, by suicide in September.

Want something to brag or rag about when comparing Wabash to the competition? The graduating class of 2018 ended up with an outstanding stat, i.e. 100% of the class was employed, received fellowships and/or post graduate education within six months of graduation. This was not a fluke. Our staff in the Schroeder Center for Career Development office works with all students beginning from the freshman class onward.

Another plus. Most Wabash football and basketball games at home are streamed online. The video and play-by-play are good to very good featuring several cameras and replays. When compared to other small colleges and universities, Wabash gets higher marks (in my unbiased opinion).

Take note of our undefeated basketball team. Next game is on December 20th vs. Allegheny.

Time out from sports commentary for an advertisement. Your contribution to the Annual Fund is very important to the college. This money is earmarked for the benefit of current students and administrative costs.

To those of you who have already made a gift, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

In Memoriam: William B. Davis on October 26, 2018; Norman R. Meeker on October 31, 2018. Well-written obituaries are available through the Wabash Alumni Office by writing to Michele Ward, wardm@wabash.edu.

On behalf of Al, Bruce and yours truly, have a great holiday season.

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