

Wabash Class of '63

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Fellow Classmates:

With the holidays and Christmas upon us, I wanted to get a quick Class Letter off before the end of the year. Unfortunately, it starts with some sad news.

Bill Dickerson died October 22 after bravely fighting multiple myeloma for eleven years. Anne shared with me that aggressive treatment including a stem cell transplant greatly extended his life but finally kidney failure caught up with him. She offered that Bill had always kept a positive outlook during good and bad times of treatment. A member of Delta Tau Delta, Bill and Anne were married in Crawfordsville and he joined RR Donnelley and followed several promotions through a successful career. Along the way, he became interested in improving crutches primarily used by professional athletes and invented with others the Hope Crutch. He got several NFL teams interested, and you can see it in use by sidelined injured players. Its unique design improves the crutch experience, reportedly by providing three points of support. It's available online from Amazon. Their two sons, Drew and Todd, are respectively an attorney and deputy prosecutor in North Vernon, Indiana and an orthodontist in Phoenix. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren round out the clan. Anne's cell is 775-233-6077 and her address is 3687 Cashill Blvd., Reno, Nevada 89509.

Not quite as close, but still sad was Stan Huntsman's death in late November at 84. He starred in football and track and field at Wabash while his father, Owen, was track coach. As a fullback he excelled. He went on to coach track and field at Ohio University, Tennessee and Texas and produced 41 N.C.A.A. individual champions and 201 all-Americans. Coaching the U.S. men's team in 1988 in Seoul, they won seven gold medals including two by Carl Lewis.

And now, a few short mention of the Monon Bell game. Betty and I tailgated with family in Crawfordsville on a perfect day. And the game? There simply weren't enough minutes left as the score went back and forth ending up in DePauw's favor at the very last moment. A true Monon Bell game, but the Bell is now in Greencastle for the first time in seven or so years.

Before closing, it's time for a reminder to make your tax-deductible contribution to Wabash before year-end if you haven't already. Do it online at Wabash.edu, or mail it to Wabash Alumni Giving, Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. And now, before it slips your mind!! And keep your eyes open for a potential Wabash student. It could be the best thing you can do for an outstanding young man. Alumni recommendations mean a lot, so let Dean Mike Thorp (thorpm@wabash.edu) know.

Have a great Christmas and holiday, and let me know what's going on your way.

Best regards,

Alan (for Bruce and Tom)