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Classmates --

For those of you who do not have other news sources from the College and may not already know, THE BELL IS BACK AT WABASH! Where, of course, it belongs. The final few minutes of the Monon Bell game were really exciting. We were up 22-21. DePauw drove to the Wabash 11 and appeared ready to retake the lead. Nolan Ayres came in at quarterback on the drive and broke free on a 10-yard run and was headed into the end zone. Ryan Walters knocked the ball loose before Ayres reached the goal line. Henry Webberhunt fell on the football for a touchback to turn the Tigers away once again. The last big defensive play came on DePauw's final drive. With time running out in the game, the Tigers were stopped on fourth down, giving the Wabash the ball at the DePauw 37. The Little Giants ran out the clock to end the game. Wabash moved to 61-54-9 all-time versus DePauw and 42-38-6 in games since the Bell was added to the rivalry in 1932. And in case you missed the local news, there was a foiled attempt by some Wabash men to "liberate" the Bell from Greencastle in the weeks prior to the game. Here is the URL for a local news report: <http://www.bannergraphic.com/story/2454783.html>

Thanks to all who answered **Phil Coons'** request after the 50th for additional Memory Book inputs. Phil just completed the addendum. While the original book was printed before the reunion, this version is only available online (but you can print it locally). Here is the URL: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/o1ald9vaabnpqkd/Memory%20Book%20Supplement.docx?dl=0&m> to copy and paste. Phil used the FedEx Office Print & Ship Center in the past and said they did a nice job. UPS local stores and a variety of others also offer local publishing capabilities. Thanks to Phil for compiling and editing both the original and this addendum.

And thanks, too, to all of you that have made a contribution to the College this fiscal year so far. Remember the College uses a July - June fiscal year. For those of us whose tax year is the calendar year, there is still time this month to remember Wabash and get that additional deduction for this tax year. So as you send out Holiday greetings to friends and family this month, remember Wabash...and remember some of those guys you saw - or missed-- at the 50th reunion and get back in touch with them, too.

In early October, my wife and I joined a neighbor couple on a trip to California for wine tasting. We started our visit in the Sonoma Valley area and had contacted classmate **Ted Klopp** to include a visit to the Klopp Ranch properties where Ted has been growing grapes for the past few years. We got there on a Sunday, had tastings at a couple local wineries and met Ted for a tour of his vineyards and dinner with Ted and his wife that evening. We were planning on joining Ted to pick grapes the next morning and then see the rest of his local operation. But we awoke that morning to news of the fires that started in Santa Rosa area overnight. Our hotel was filling up with people who were being evacuated from Santa Rosa, so we cut our visit short and gave up our rooms for local area evacuees.

I later got the following email from Ted:

"Sad about the fires and we were not able to get together on Monday night. I wanted you to taste our wines and give you a tour of the home ranch. You saw the other ranches but not the home ranch. Next time. Thanks for giving up your rooms to the fire victims. We have several friends who lost everything. They are now in cleanup mode and trying to decide whether to rebuild and how. Home sites are being scraped clean of debris and foundations. The heat was so great that foundations were compromised. I have seen pictures of cars which were destroyed and the aluminum radiators and other parts were melted. We were very fortunate to have no problems except for smoke. Steve [Little, Wabash '68] and his wife were evacuated from their home [in Santa Rosa] as electricity and gas were shut off and smoke was so bad they could not breath. We picked the syrah that we were going to pick that Monday morning, the following Thursday, after we had washed it off on Wednesday, to try to get some of the smoke taint off it.... Come back for a glass of wine and some barrel tasting." We hope to be able to take Ted up on that offer to return and taste some of his wine.



Phil Coons (lower right) and his brother **Steve Coons '63** were back on campus in October to attend the Poly Sci department awarding of the Harold M. and Margaret R. Coons Public Service Internships which

the brothers established. Examples of appropriate internships include working in the White House, the office of a Member of Congress or Parliament, working for the United Nations, the WTO, the Red Cross), "think tanks" (e.g., AEI, Brookings, NDU), lobbyists, (e.g. National Audobon Society, Union of Concerned Scientists, Amnesty International), non-partisan voter information services (e.g. Project Vote Smart), or the media (e.g. C-Span, PBS News Hour). Thanks, Steve and Phil for making these opportunities available to current Wabash students.

And some sad news to pass along. **William Styring III**, 72, Carmel, passed away November 6, 2017. He was born October 17, 1945, in Indianapolis, the son of the late William Jr. and Catherine (Lyzott) Styring. In 1973, he married Ellen (Simpson) Styring. Bill was a graduate of Manuel High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wabash College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He then attended Harvard University, where he received his Master of Arts. He later became a doctoral candidate at Indiana University. Bill served as chief of staff for the Indiana House Ways and Means Committee from 1969-1974, economist for the Indiana Budget Agency from 1974-1979, and chaired the Indiana Revenue Forecast Committee from 1976-1984. He was the "numbers guy" of former Gov. Otis "Doc" Bowen's 1973 property tax relief plan. In 1992, he became the Benjamin Rogge Chair for Public Policy at the Indiana Policy Review Foundation. He also was senior fellow at the Hudson Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that was headquartered in Indianapolis from 1984 to 2004. Bill also contributed as a columnist for the Indiana Business Journal. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Bowen. Aside from his successful career as an economist, Bill will be remembered as a faithful and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ellen Styring; three children, Benjamin Styring, Alison Styring, and Meredith (Taheer) Khatib; and two grandsons, David and Zack.

Hope you all have a pleasant holiday season and a great year in 2018. Duane and I look forward to hearing from you with any news or updates we can include in future letters. Be well.

WAF,

Earl