December 20, 2013

Season’s Greetings to the Class of ’77:

Herm and I would like to send our best wishes for a restful holiday season spent with family and friends. As 2013 winds down it is worth remembering what a year it has been for Wabash.

- President Gregory Hess takes over the leadership of the College. As Dr. Hess shared with the class agents in September he has big plans for Wabash. He has a clear appreciation and respect for the traditions and excellence of Wabash, but believes the College must always be moving forward. He comes to Wabash from Claremont McKenna College in California and said he is bringing with him a “west coast offense” game plan to maintain Wabash’s viability as a premier liberal arts college.
- Dr. Scott E. Feller from the Wabash Chemistry department has been named the next Dean of the College.
- FIVE BELL VICTORIES IN A ROW!
- The cross country team qualifies for nationals again by winning Regionals. They also captured Little State and Conference Championships.
- Wabash celebrated 180 years since the first classes at Wabash were held December 3, 1833.
- Herm and Kitty’s son, Jimmy, is named an honorary alumnus of Wabash. More about Jimmy: [Habitat dedicates home to Jimmy Haffner](#) a longtime fan of Wabash College athletics, he asked for his home to be scarlet red. The house is across the street from Goodrich Ballpark, where the Wabash baseball team plays.
- Lacrosse is added as a varsity sport.

**CLASS NEWS**

A big thank you to Jerry Shonkwiler who sent us the following update:

Peggy and I have moved from Champaign, IL to Noblesville, IN. We’ve kept the promise we made at the 35th class reunion and moved to be closer to our children and the three beautiful grandchildren they have blessed us with in Noblesville, Indiana.
My email and cell number is updated in the alumni eservices information. Our best regards to all in the class and Wabash community.

I don’t believe Peggy and Shonk have missed a class reunion. I am sure with the move to Noblesville they will be back on the Wabash campus many times between now and our 40th reunion in 2017.

**Tom Wilson** was one of four judges at the [2013 Wabash College Moot Court competition on campus on October 29. Tom is Professor of Law; Director, Joint Center for Asian Law Studies; Director, Chinese Law Summer Program Director; and American Law for Foreign Lawyers LL.M. Program at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis.](#)

I am gearing up for a spring of marathon running. Any classmates planning to run either the Barcelona Marathon in March, London Marathon in April, or the Stockholm Marathon in May please be sure to let me know so we can have a Wabash team picture taken and send it back to Tom Runge ’71, Director of Alumni Affairs. Actually my pledge son, Dr. Frank Fish ’79, is planning to run in Barcelona with me.

Wabash Always Fights and always remember Wabash at the end of the year when making your tax-deductible charitable donations. You can donate [online here](#). Also always remember while making the holiday circuit of activities with friends and family to be thinking of possible future Wabash men. You can [refer students online](#).

And just so you do not feel that Wabash is always asking you to give something and never giving you anything (of course we must not forget the education and life long relationships Wabash has given each of us). Follow the instructions below and get a supply of Wabash tags for your luggage, sports bag, computer case, golf clubs…

2014 is less than two weeks away…hard to imagine that we have classmates that will be joining the sixty-something category in 2014. I guess it has been 40 years since we survived a major snowstorm during our very first finals week at Wabash. We bookended snow storms as I remember another major storm to end our written comprehensive exams too.

Yours for Wabash,

Herm and Greg
Spread the Fame of Her Honored Name

Wherever you go, you can show your Wabash pride! Send Wabash your business card and they will affix your card to a luggage tag, attach a strap, and send it back ready to use. You can send your business card to the College at any time or include it with your next gift. Business cards can be mailed to:

Wabash College
Advancement Office-Luggage Tag
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

They would prefer to have your business card; however, if you don't have a business card or want to use a different address, you can request to have Wabash create a customized luggage tag for you here.