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HILTON HEAD, SC – Good morning fellow class of '77ers! Later today Kathy and I will be leaving the sunshine of South Carolina and returning “up north” for me to continue my semester at Cuyahoga Community College. One of my classes will have a reporter and editor from our college’s newspaper interviewing some of my students about a current hot topic, gun control. (See more about this at the very bottom of this letter).

As some of you know, I took a brief respite from writing letters following the death of my younger sister Denise to cancer in December. But now I’m back and I’m eager to hear from you. If you have news/information you wish to pass along to your classmates, you can reach me anytime at johnkprof@gmail.com. If email takes too long, you can even text me info at 440-364-1133. Just identify yourself when you communicate. Thanks!

COLLEGE NEWS – Wabash’s excellent academics are shining through once again as spring time and commencement draw near. The college has landed four Orr Fellowships, guaranteed two-year employment opportunities at some of the most prestigious companies in Indiana. Most colleges in Indiana would be fortunate to have one or two such fellowships Here’s a link to the story:

https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11145

One of those four Orr Fellows is senior Jordan Hansen, who is also a star on the baseball team. Below is a link to a feature on him: https://www.wabash.edu/news/displaystory.cfm?news_ID=11157

There are lots of other news stories, podcasts, and videos about life on the Wabash campus. You can avail yourself of these stories all you want. Begin by visiting this site:

<https://www.wabash.edu/news/archives/>

OUR 50th COMMITTEE UNDERWAY -- Our classmate and fellow class agent HERM HAFFNER will be holding a conference call next month to begin the process of planning for our 50th reunion activities, which will be on June 4-6, 2027. Save the date! (It’s on my calendar already.) Many thanks to those of you who have agreed to serve, including GARY REAMEY, PAUL FERGUSON, JERRY SHONKWILER and our

honorary alumni ROB JOHNSON, GREG HUEBNER, and CHICK CLEMENTS. Contact Herm if you are interested in being a part of this. His email address is: hermhaffner@yahoo.com

TAKE THE SURVEY – You should have received an email recently from the college asking you to take part in an alumni survey. The college has commissioned a leading research firm to dive in and examine many areas of its relationship with alumni. I took the survey a few days ago... It takes about 10 minutes, and it will leave you feeling good that the college cares about your opinions and ideas.

I can't give you a link to it, because each one of us receives a unique login to take the survey. Those who haven't received notification can contact Michele Ward at wardm@wabash.edu or (765) 361-6369. Or, call or text me and provide me with your email address, and I'll make sure you receive an invite.

JOIN GREG! Co-class agent GREG BIRK is healthy once again, and running more than ever before. He's invited any interested classmate to join him on a number of runs, including:

May 6 [Big 25K Berlin](#)-- with a finish in the '36 Olympic stadium

May 20 [Beer Lover's Marathon](#) in Belgium--I did invite DAN BROUGHTON to join me as I know he belongs to a running group and has done a marathon or two, but he declined my invite.

My pledge son Frank Fish '79 has entered but is now telling me he might not run as his knee is bothering him.

May 27 [StraLugano 8K ascent of Monte Bre](#)

AT END – Two of the impacts which the media has upon us as a society are called “framing” and “agenda setting.” No, the media doesn't tell us what to think, but it certainly has a great influence on what we think about, talk about with others, and how we exchange beliefs on important issues in the marketplace of ideas.

I will NOT conclude my class letter with my opinion on one of these raging issues today, gun control, but if you are interested in my take on what's happening with our culture on this topic feel free to read my blog at www.jkerezy.wordpress.com

You're also welcome to visit www.talkingminutemen.wordpress.com, which is the site I use to do regular updates for my speech/debate program at Revere High School.

Stay healthy and wise, and hope to hear from you soon.

Best for Wabash Always,

John