



Class Agents Letter

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CLASS OF '77 NEWS & UPDATES

Hi Classmates,

Greg, Herm and I just wanted to get a brief blurb out to you in advance of the 2024 Monon Bell Classic. Our Little Giants are 8-1 and tied for first place in the NCAC with DePauw, which is 9-0 and comes into the game ranked ninth in the latest NCAA Division III football poll. As some of our fellow alumni who have tickets can tell you, the game will take place at Blackstock Stadium in Greendingle. Festivities begin at 1:07 p.m. EST on Saturday. Winner “takes all” in that, if Wabash wins, it gets back possession of the Bell and also earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Div. III football playoffs. Go Wabash!

There are Monon Bell Telecast parties all over the country. Find one near you at wabash.edu/alumni/mononbell. Additionally, below, is information about the livestream of the contest. If you can't get to a watch party but have Facebook or YouTube, you can still see the game. Yes, DePauw is a heavy favorite. We've seen that before.

The game will be streamed live on the ISC Network (<https://www.iscsportsnetwork.com/>) and through the ISC Facebook Live and YouTube channels. Comcast Xfinity Channel 81 will also carry the game in the Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and Lafayette areas.

SPEAKING OF FAVORITES – Sports Gambling is the next topic for “After the Bell,” Sports betting seems to be inseparable from sports these days, with revenues growing from approximately \$1 billion in 2019 to \$11 billion in 2023. By contrast, the NFL's total revenue in 2023 was \$13 billion. Interestingly, sports betting looks quite a bit different than it did before 2013. In this session, we will talk about how we got here, how we're seeing it play out on college campuses, and opportunities we have in the classroom.

Two professors, including fellow alumnus Ron Rychlak '80, are the presenters. The date is December 9. Here's a link with details and to sign up if you're interested:

<https://www.wabash.edu/events/afterthebell-dunaway-rychlak/>

FOLLOWING WABASH – There's so much good happening in the Academic Halls of Crawfordsville this fall it's hard to keep up with it all. So rather than trying, I decided to give you a “pick and choose your news” option with this class letter. Whatever you like, you'll just need to click or press with your favorite device and you can read or see or hear about our alma mater. Here you go:



News

Princeton Review rankings: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13359>

U.S. News Rankings: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13368>

Huebner Retrospective: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13362>

POLS Students & Polling: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13395>

Features

Summer Interns: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13353>

Fraternity: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13360>

WDPD: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13397>

Moot Court: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13399>

Podcasts (a bonus!)

Dr. Jennifer Abbott: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13355>

Drs. John Roberts and Scott Douglas: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13357>

Wabash Swimming & Diving: <https://www.wabash.edu/news/story/13398>

IF YOU WERE THERE – Last month there was an unofficial “Class of ‘77 Week” back at Wabash. Dr. BOB EINTERZ began it with a President’s Distinguished Speaker Series talk on Monday, 10/14. Here’s a link to it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RORxOPOqQjA> If you don’t know, Dr. Einterz is the Donald E. Brown Professor Emeritus of Global Health and Clinical Professor Emeritus at the Indiana University School of Medicine. His work has been honored with the IU President’s Medal for Excellence, the President’s Award for Distinguished Teaching, and the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies. The work he did co-founding AMPTAH has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Then, on Saturday October 19, Wabash paid tribute to our honorary classmate CHICK CLEMENTS. GARY REAMEY and KEVIN CLIFFORD were back at the college and the game, and they provided a moving account of Chick’s life and influence on Wabash men during a halftime livestream interview on the Wabash vs. Kenyon game. (Wish there was a link!) Nicely done, Kevin and Gary!

KARL LAWALL also visited the Academic Halls of Crawfordsville in the same week, in part to celebrate a reunion with his Kappa Sigma brothers. He also spent time with the Wabash College Swim Team as well!

By the way, MANY THANKS to the classmates who donated to the Chick Clements Equipment Fund. The college had no problem exceeding the \$150,000 it was seeking for this.



50 YEARS AGO:

Bachman Turner Overdrive’s “You Ain’t Seen Nothing” yet was atop the popular music charts, but Carole King’s “Jazzmen”, John Lennon’s “Whatever Gets You Through the Night” and “Do It ‘Til You’re Satisfied” by B.T. Express were also chart toppers. “All in the Family” and “Sanford and Son” were among the most popular television shows, and “Earthquake” and “Murder on the Orient Express” were among the films showing at the Strand. The Atlanta Braves announced that the team was trading Hank Aaron to the Milwaukee Brewers, where MLB’s home run king finished his career



CLASS NEWS: Don't hesitate to send me any news about a classmate or about yourself. My email is john.kerezy@triac.edu. The only tidbit I have for now comes from fellow Class Agent GREG BIRK, who defies age and physical fitness by continuing to run marathons. His last one was the Great Wall Marathon in (you guessed it). China!



IN MEMORY

John David Thompson, 69, of Perrysville passed away Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at Gibson Family Center for Hospice Care. John was a Phi Kappa Psi at Wabash. He retired in 2016 after a career with R.R. Donnelley. He will be deeply missed by his two sons; Dustin Thompson and Tyler (Bailey) Thompson; grandchildren, Gideon, Hiram "Hank", and Zuzu; siblings, Chris (Terri) Thompson, Becky Ford, Dale (Cindy) Thompson, and Tina (Tom) Bellendir; former wife and friend, Mickie Beck; and several nieces and nephews.

DEPAUW TO HELL. LET'S GET THE BELL!

Best for Wabash Always,

John

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