Greetings class of 1973!

Thank you to those who sent in class updates. Without further ado, here they are:

**Ralph Johnson** is delivering books for the Great River Library in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

**Ev Houkom** published his first book, “Daddy Didn’t Come Home.” It can be found on Amazon. He is retired from family practice and lives with his wife, Sue, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

**Craig Carnahan’s** music composed between 1999 and 2016 was played during Stan Wold’s (class of 1972) Arrowhead Chorale Concert in February in Duluth, Minnesota. Included were two world premieres.

**Kurt Friederich** retired from parish ministry in June and now works at Ascension Lutheran Church in Garland, Texas.

On behalf of the entire class, we extend our sympathy to the families of Caroline Jaffray, who passed away on May 30th; Kenneth Rustad, who passed away on March 17th; and David Jorgenson, who passed away on March 14th.

A few updates from campus:

**Music:** The Concordia Choir toured Germany and Austria in May to observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Dr. Rene Clausen’s “The Passion of Jesus Christ” premiered this spring—400 musicians strong!

**Athletics:** Cobber football finished in the top 10 in attendance in Division III for the 10th straight year.

**Science:** The National Science Foundation awarded Concordia a $960,000 grant through scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The science buildings are under renovation and will be open for classes this fall semester.

I am happy to report that our class donations topped 1.2 million dollars since we graduated. This year we gave $77,173, which ranks 4th for the classes of the 1970s. Many thanks to the 89 classmates who donated! This is 19% of our classmates.

This will be my last year writing the class letter as I will be stepping down as your class agent. Please contact the Alumni Office (alumni@cord.edu) if you are interested in taking over for me. I wrote my first class letter in 2005. It has been truly a great experience connecting with former classmates and what they are doing. I also enjoyed organizing the 35th and 40th Reunions. It was very rewarding to see classmates return to campus and share past stories of the common experience we had getting our education to be sent out into the world to do great things.
June 2017

Homecoming this year is from Friday, September 29th to Sunday, October 1st. Come back to campus for a fun time and reminisce with Cobber classmates. Register here: https://www.concordiacollege.edu/alumni-donors/news-and-events/homecoming/registration/.

Another fun event happening on campus is Concordia’s 100th anniversary of Chemistry teaching this spring. See the Save the Date below:

Thank you and we wish you all the best in the future. From the Wendel household to yours, may you be richly blessed.

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