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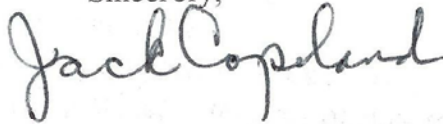
Dear Class of '60,

Thank you for the invitation to join your 45th Class Reunion September 10th. With regret, I will not be able to attend this gathering. However, I do hope to see some of you during Cambridge City's Canal Days.

For some who may not know, I retired from the Western Wayne School Corporation in 1988 after being employed with the school system for 40 years. I enjoyed being teacher, coach, assistant principal, business manager and superintendent but am thoroughly enjoying my retirement. My "golden years" are with my wife, Lee, plus our large family. We have four daughters, eight grandchildren (ages 11 to 34) and seven great-grandchildren (ages 3 mos. to 9yrs).

My very best to all of you. Have a wonderful reunion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack Copeland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

August 23, 2005

To The Graduating Class of 1960;

Thank you for your invitation to attend your 45th class reunion of Lincoln High School. It is nice to be remembered. Does this mean that some of you are rapidly approaching retirement or are you already there? Wow, it couldn't have been that long ago, could it? However, it is with deepest regrets that I will not be able to attend this historic occasion. But I do want you to know that I will be thinking of you on September 10th with very fond memories.

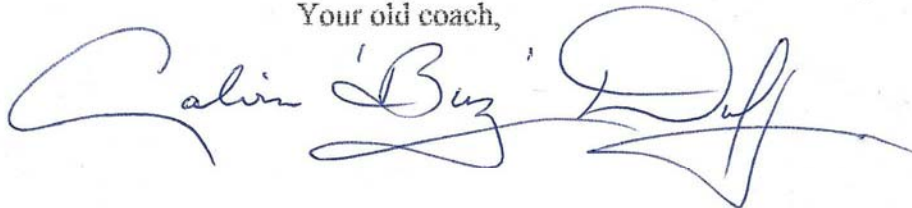
I coached football for fifteen seasons at Cambridge City Lincoln High School, both as a Wampus Cat and later as a Golden Eagle. In fact, my wife (1954) and myself (1953) both were graduated from Lincoln High School. My coaching also included a few years of coaching track and field and I started the wrestling program at Cambridge without really knowing anything about that sport because I was the only coach on the staff that did not coach basketball at that time. I thought about mentioning some of the football players and track runners individually, but I was afraid I would leave someone out. If I were at your reunion I am sure that we could swap a lot of great stories. Yet thinking back, it does seem like that we had an excellent team with great personnel. But maybe we should have won another game or two along the way. A big "thanks" to all who did participate in football or track.

After leaving Cambridge City the family was moved to New Castle, Indiana where I then became a Trojan. I coached football and other sports there for another twenty-five years. Counting the seasons that I actually played football in high school and college, I had about 47 consecutive seasons being connected to that sport. You know I did not even realize that you could catch fish and play golf in September and October.

My wife, Donna, (Bill Close's eldest daughter) became a teachers' aide after all four of our kids were in, or out, of school. She worked twenty years in the New Castle School system. We both retired from education in 1997 and we are celebrating our 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 28th, 2005. So now we are very busy with church, golf, fishing, traveling extensively, Habitat for Humanity and we both are volunteers for the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. My wife has remained very healthy, but I recently had both of my knees replaced and have just recovered from a mini-stroke. We have raised four children so now we can enjoy those "Golden Years".

Now my hope to all of you is that school experience was one that you will never, ever forget and that all of your memories are pleasant.

Your old coach,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Calvin 'Big' Duff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the end.