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Dear Former Student:

Please give me three minutes to discuss something which concerns you as a former student of Murray State College.

When you looked for a college to attend, Murray State was there. The college made you welcome, offering its resources, its fellowship, its traditions; it made you one of its sons and daughters. Whether you stayed for a semester or longer, it helped form your life.

Murray State College was there because of one man. Dr. Rainey T. Wells, who died in Murray this past summer, led the fight for the establishment of the college--even as he later fought for its scholastic recognition, for the best faculty he could assemble, for adequate appropriations, for athletic champions, for a music department second to none, for everything which would make his beloved college grow and give its students fierce pride in themselves and their Alma Mater.

But no monument stands on our campus to this man. A dormitory bears his name, but there is no enduring memorial to record the debt we owe--nothing to remind those who come later that he also made a contribution to their education.

Will you help erect a permanent monument to Dr. Wells on Murray State's grounds? This is the first general appeal for money ever made to the former students of this college. It is made in the belief that we owe much to the memory of the founder. By honoring him, we help preserve our traditions and bind each student more firmly to the college and its past.

I know you will want to do your share. To reach the goal of \$25,000, we shall need some gifts of \$500, a number between \$100 and \$500, and many between \$10 and \$100.

Let us give enough to build a monument of which we shall always be glad to say--"I helped build that".

Cordially,

Forrest C. Pogue

Forrest C. Pogue, Chairman
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