Steve's Reflections on His Gift to Purdue

"After I graduated from high school in June of 1973, my dad was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was not given much time to live. In July, he came out to watch me in the qualifying round on the Purdue North golf course in the Lafayette City Golf Championship. With help from mom and



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Probably owns the best swing on entire squad . . . two-time letterman at nearby West Lafayette High . . . Hoosier Conference Medalist in '73 . . . calls biggest athletic thrill scoring 11 birdies in 36 holes of tournament golf . . member of Sigma Chi fraternity . . . majoring in managment . . . Campbell on Cosler: "Figures to be a strong contender to break into the lineup this spring."

his small stool, he was able to make it through the front nine but sat in the clubhouse while I finished the round. Dad was thrilled when I ended up being the co-medalist. It was the last competitive round he would see me play before he passed away in September, two weeks into my freshman year at Purdue.

In the clubhouse that same day in July was Sam Voinoff, the Purdue golf coach. Coach Voinoff introduced himself and asked me to play on the golf team, which was always my goal.

After dad passed in September, I poured myself into the golf team and played very well in the fall semester of my freshman year. At the end of the first semester, Coach Voinoff put me on a scholarship for tuition, books and fees, which was a very helpful financial benefit to our family and even more significant for my self-confidence after losing my dad.

God turned the worst event in my life into something good through Purdue and the golf team for which I thank Him. I received a great education at Purdue, met my wife, Lynne, and the friends I made on the golf team and at school are still some of my closest friends in life. Lynne and I very much believe the words of Jesus in Luke 12:48, "To whom much is given, much more is expected." For all that Purdue has meant to Lynne, me and our entire family, we are thrilled to be able to provide the support to keep the Kampen ("North") golf course as one of the top college golf courses in the country."

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