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Dear Stu:

You didn't let me down. Your keynote address at our 2000 Homecoming Kickoff Luncheon was all that I had hoped for and more. As you'll recall, I had indicated the groundwork I had done in telling people how much they would enjoy you; therefore, if you failed to keep the audience laughing, you'd be responsible for finding me a new job. Thankfully, I'm not searching for a new job.

Our luncheon crowd of over 300 loved you! There were students, alumni, faculty, and staff in the room. I've had a chance to talk with many people from each of these audiences and the response is always the same, "I loved him!" As a former university faculty member, I'm sure you realize how difficult it can be to please such a diverse crowd; but without a doubt you managed. During your presentation, I observed deans wiping tears from their cheeks, department chairs howling, and alumni enjoying a good belly laugh. If indeed laughter is the best medicine, Illinois State University ought to be the healthiest place around this year.

You realize this luncheon is an annual event. You have set the bar pretty high and it will be extremely difficult if not impossible to find a speaker next year that does as good a job as you did. I could not have asked for anything more from a keynoter. You were easy to listen to, your audio-visual aids were exceptional, and your presentation style gives just the kind of warmth we want our alumni to feel at Homecoming. It would be virtually impossible for anyone to not enjoy time spent listening to you.

Again on behalf of the entire University, thank you for playing such a **large** role in making Homecoming 2000 so successful. You are a rare individual; and, I am thankful you have chosen to share your outlook on life with the rest of us. Everyone gains from such a positive and humorous outlook on life. I look forward to our future meetings and to sharing laughs and smiles with you for many years to come.

Warmly,

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