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Dear 1954ers,

We have a wounded comrade, who is on the mend. For years, I have admired Jim Cronin's travels to Colorado to ski with his son and grand kids. Alas in Feb, Jim was enjoying the skiing but fell and broke his ankle and separated his shoulder. Rather thought it was wise of Jim when he told me he was retiring his skis on his 81st birthday. Jim plans to be ready to play golf soon.

In process of getting updates on Jim's recovery, we started talking about his many trips to Japan when working. He has kept in touch with Mitsuya Goto '55 over the years. It seems the Toyota family was concerned on how to publicly handle the car recalls in the U.S. They consulted Goto and he advised them to be straightforward, open and answer all inquiries. The family sent Goto to meet with the American Toyota execs and talk thru the approach.

Called Sir Vic Lindquist and he was on the train to see a White Sox game so it was brief. He called back and we had a good conversation. He told me as a kid in south Chicago his mother would give him 15 cents to ride the train and go to a White Sox game. Now it costs \$50. Made plans to meet June 1 at the Bash.

Fraternities and Sororities have had adverse publicity. Like most colleges, there is a downward trend from 60% to 52% of the incoming freshmen joining Frats at Wabash which results in housing concerns for the entire campus. The Phi Delt's have been hard hit with this decline. Over the last several months, the Alums have worked with the Chapter and a solid recovery is in the works.

Was pleased to see Nancy Shenk, Doyne Branstetter and Nora Courier have contributed to the Annual Fund. We need to keep supporting our college so if you have any spare cash, send a contribution today.

Talked with Dr. John Pippenger '55 and he reported Brother Dr. Joe Pippenger '54 had some health concerns around Super Bowl time but is doing well now, Think I understood him to say they both would be at Wawasee lake this summer.

Dick Rose announced his enduring effort on the new novel has finally been completed after edit rewrites "The Lazarus Conspiracies" will be available as a soft back on Amazon and Savant Books. It will be a good read and look forward to it. Dick also sent me a CD of the 1982 Wabash win of the Div. III national championship basketball game.

Talked with Ed Gallagher who still enjoys the challenge of managing very bright and aggressive real estate agents. He was dealing with a problem but as always was cool, positive, and engaged in solving the situation.

So far, four from our class will be at the Bash, June 1. They are Bill Glascock, Vic Lindquist, Dick Rose and Bob J. Join us as we have an informative and fun dinner Saturday night in Trippet Hall in a small dining room.

Dr. Gary Phillips, Dean of the College joins us and has interesting comments and answers all questions. If you can't attend then, definitely plan on our 60th reunion in June 2014

Long in our hearts...

Bob and Helen