September 14, 2004

Dear Classmates,

Just a few highlights of our summer.

In July, the Northwest Indiana Association of Wabash Men (aka "Da Region") held a dinner at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. This is a new group of alums who hope to draw from the large number of Wabash men in the area. There was a fine turnout to welcome Wabash Alumni Office personnel, and especially Andy and Ann Ford. Their involvement and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Freshman Saturday, August 21 was a beautiful day on campus, and several Beta brothers and I hosted a cookout for pledges and their families, actives, and alums. This was the third annual such event, and we believe this is a super way to connect incoming students with the spirit of the campus and the house. After hearing many positive comments over the past few years, I strongly urge other fraternities and housing units to follow suit. A few hours of inhaling smoke while grilling brats and hamburgers, for the good of the cause, has always been a kick.

This past Saturday Connie and I journeyed to Kalazamoo for the first football game of the year. For those of you who don't know, the Little Giants squeaked out a 35-0 win. The game was preceded by a lively tailgate party in the parking lot. A great start to the season.

This weekend will be the Class Agent Forum 2004 on campus. The schedule of events includes the naming of the new science building “Hays Hall” in honor of Tom Hays ’55 and dinner on Chadwick Court on Friday, and on Saturday the sessions will be: The Big Bash 2004 Recap, What's New in the Career Center, Q&A with the President, Q&A with the Deans, Changes to our Annual Fund, and Class Agents Awards and Executive Committee discussion. I'll fill you in with some highlights soon.

**Goodrich Hall Re-dedication**

**Saturday, October 2, 2004**

9:00 - 10:00 am **Open House at Goodrich Hall**
- Tours of the building by Sons of Wabash
- Posters and/or presentations by physics and math/computer science students
Drop-in reception with emeritus physics and math/computer science faculty in the Carscallen Commons Room

10:00 - 10:45 am  **Goodrich Hall Re-dedication ceremony** outside north side of Goodrich
Remarks by President Andrew Ford, Dr. Paul Mielke, Dr. Vic Powell and Dean Mauri Ditzler
Ribbon cutting ceremony

Have a great fall season, and hope to see some of you on campus!

Ron