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Dear Classmates:

Please take a moment and send the College your email address at alumni@wabash.edu (if you did not receive this letter by email.) We are attempting to communicate faster and cheaper so please help.

By the time you receive this letter, the celebration of our 40th class reunion will be just around the corner. So far, the response has been a bit disappointing, for which I shoulder much of the blame for not communicating with you more frequently. However, we have until May 24th to join the party. Tom Runge in Alumni Affairs has advised us that, since other classes are in the same boat, we may have to combine classes for the Saturday evening dinner, which we would like to avoid. As you have read in the literature sent out by the college, the weekend will be full of activity (and LOTS of food). If you haven't already made your reservation, please do so ASAP (you can see the events and sign up on line at www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion.) If you haven't been on campus in some time, a campus tour will be worth the trip. The new science building, Trippet Hall, the Allen Athletics and Recreation Center, Malcolm X Institute, etc., are truly impressive. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations are in order to fellow classmate Vince Buzard. As of June 1, Vince will become president of the 72,000 member New York State Bar Association. The association is the largest voluntary state bar association in the nation. Way to go Counselor Buzard!

On a sad note, you may have read of the recent (early April) loss of Wabash student Anthony Lobdell. A member of Delta Tau Delta, Anthony, a Poly Sci major and Spanish minor, was spending a year studying in Argentina, having spent last year in Ecuador. He informed his host couple that he was taking some time off to go backpacking in the nearby Andes. When several days passed beyond the April 11 date he had set as his return date, a search was conducted. His backpack and passport were found in a youth hostel, and several personal items were found at the edge of a nearby lake. After a lengthy search for Anthony, the Argentinean authorities abandoned the search. Our hearts and prayers are with Anthony's family, friends, and brothers.

Hope to see a lot of you June 4-6!

Ron