Greetings, classmates. We are a little over one month away from our 35th reunion. If you have not already registered but intend to do so, please do it now. The college has facilitated the process with online registration. Simply log on to the web site at www.wabash.edu/alumni/reunion/signup. It could not be any simpler. Your presence will be treasured; your absence will be tragic. The final date for RSVP’s is May 24th so don’t expect to show up and have everything waiting for you. Let’s help the College ensure that they will have enough food for everyone by getting your RSVP in right away.

Among a great many activities planned for that weekend is the Alumni Chapel Sing. You remember….cigar smoke blown in your face….intimidating upperclassmen bent on subverting your successful rendition of the alma mater and fight song….the dreaded “W” haircut. None of that will be hanging over our heads; however, Terry provided us with the words to the fight song in our last class letter, so we have no excuse for not being prepared.

Your participation in contributing to the Annual Fund is also encouraged. Gifts to the Annual Fund enable more students to experience the superior educational opportunities provided by Wabash. Through March 25th, the following classmates had contributed:

Ken Abbott    Charles German    Jesse Paul III
Jay Armstrong Mike Godan    Tom Petska
Dave Ault Mike Gregory    Thornton Pitcher, Jr
Tim Backensto Mark Hall    Robert Pollom
Charles Betz Peter Hatton    Jim Pope
Richard Brickson Prof. Lester Hearson H70    Jeff Price
Pramod Carpenter Bob Herold    Don Reed
Mario Caviglia Tom Hutcherson    Tom Roberts
Phil Clark Ernie Irons    Ed Scahill
Jeff Copp Tim Jacobs    Larry Schmits
Chuck Crowley Joseph Katzenberger    Ron Shelby
Bob Danielson Mike Kelly    Bob Siegmann
John Davis, Jr. Larry Kuremsky    George Simpson, Jr
Steve Davis Ron Marra    John Spray
News of interest........

Our own David Blix, assistant professor of Philosophy and Religion at Wabash, has been selected by the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning as a 2005 Carnegie Scholar. He is in elite territory...just one of 21 selected from an international pool of more than 300 applicants. David earned his masters and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago, and has taught at Hampden-Sydney College (Virginia), Millsaps College (Mississippi), and the University of Iowa.

Dave Obergfell and I, along with other alums in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, were privileged to host Bill Placher at a "Wabash on the Road" event on February 24th. The readings provided beforehand were taken from his soon-to-be-published book on Christian perspectives of work. As expected of an experienced and dynamic professor, he immediately engaged his audience and evoked an active dialogue for over an hour.

More than 300 prospective students attended the 112th annual Honor Scholarship Weekend the weekend of March 11-13. While the usual merit-based exams occupied a great deal of their time, the attendees were also treated to fraternity rush activities, sporting events, and opportunities to learn about various campus organizations.

The FIJIs have broken ground for a new chapter house (see rendering, below). Situated directly across from the Center Hall parking lot on Grant Avenue, the house, designed by chapter alumnus Jim Riddle ’86, will cost approximately $5.1 million and will match the Tudor style of the current house built in 1927. To date, the chapter’s alums have raised almost half of the estimated cost.
Once again, I can’t encourage you enough to attend the Big Bash in June. We look forward to seeing you then.

Peace,

Mike