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First things first. **Dave Ault** and I both wish to express our gratitude for **Terry Schuck’s** efforts as our co-class agent. Given his travel schedule, we are truly appreciative of his response three or so years ago when Dave requested assistance in the time-consuming task of gathering and disseminating information about the class of 1970.

**News from You:**

**Dave Blix** was granted tenure by President Ford in December, making him the second tenured professor in the Religion and Philosophy Department from the class of 1970. **Bill Placher** is, of course, the other. Bill has edited a new book entitled **Callings: Twenty Centuries of Christian Wisdom on Vocations.**

I recently dialogued electronically with **Sam Demas** who serves as the Librarian at Carleton College in Northfield, MN. Sam was in San Antonio in January attending a convention, but unfortunately his brief stopover at D-FW Airport and my recuperation from knee surgery precluded an opportunity to visit.

From the pages of **TribTown.com** comes a story concerning the upcoming retirement of Jackson County Superior Court Judge **Frank Guthrie**. Entitled “Legacy of Fairness,” the story portrays Frank as impartial and fair-minded in his judicial decision-making and quotes attorneys who have appeared in his court room over the years. His “retirement” will include a part-time job with the Indiana Alcohol and Beverage Commission.

Not much else from our classmates has surfaced lately, other than what we learned at the Big Bash last summer. It was thoroughly enjoyable to see everyone able to come back, as well as old friends from the other classes represented.

As always, the College is grateful for alumni whose financial and other support enables it to continue in its role as the premier liberal arts institution. And so we wish to recognize those of our class who have contributed during the current fiscal year, through February 20th:

- Ken Abbott
- Richard Adlof
- Jay Armstrong
- Dave Ault
- Tim Backensto
- Lewis Beckwith
- Charles Betz
- Dave Blix
- Pramod Carpenter
- Mario Caviglia
- Phil Clark
- Jeff Copp
- Charles Crowley
- Robert Danielson
- John Davis, Jr.
The aforementioned classmates have contributed $30,737 to the annual fund, an average of $512 per donor during this period. Overall, 2,675 alumni have contributed approximately $1.5 million during the period, an average of $575 per donor. The annual fund is significant in light of the fact that 92.7% of current students receive either need-based or merit-based assistance. The average need-based scholarship is $12,130, and the average merit-based scholarship is $9,941. If you don’t see your name in the list, you can ensure it is added by dropping a check in the mail. The fiscal year ends June 30th, so there is still time to be included in the honor roll of 1970 donors.

**News from the College:**

The biggest story is the unanimous election by the Board of Trustees on January 28th of the 15th President of Wabash College, **Dr. Patrick E. White**. Dr. White most recently served as the Vice President and Dean of Faculty at St. Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. He will assume his new role on July 1st. **Andy and Anne Ford** will be retiring to the Chicago area to be close to children and grandchildren. The entire Wabash community has benefited from President Ford’s tenure, and we wish him and Anne well in their retirement. The Dallas-area alumni hosted the Fords, along with Tom Runge and Joe Emmick, in February. A visit to the alumni page of the website will provide you a glimpse of President Ford, Texas style.

You may have received an email in mid-January requesting your participation in a survey designed to solicit your perception of your student experiences at Wabash, your relationship with the College today, and the College’s role in better serving your needs. If you have not yet responded, it is not too late. You are encouraged to provide your input.

As always, you are encouraged to log on to the website for more updates on happenings around the campus, the latest version of **The Bachelor** or **Wabash Magazine**, etc.
We miss hearing from you. Better yet, we’d love to see you….if not in person, than pictorially. You are encouraged to send recent photos of your family, your pets, whatever…..but at the very least, a picture of you. We’ll publish them in a future edition of the letter.

Peace,
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