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Greetings Classmates!

Unfortunately, I again open with sad news. As many of you may know, Dick Ristine (Wabash Class of ’41) passed away over the weekend. Mr. Ristine was one of our finest alumni and most respected gentlemen in Indiana. He will be sorely missed. A memorial service at the College Chapel is planned for the beginning of the upcoming year.

I hope all of you are doing well and Happy Father’s Day belatedly. The summer has returned in all its glory to central Indiana. Heat and humidity are in the short- and long-term forecast.

**Big Bash 2010 Update**

We’re also looking ahead to next June (2010) for our 30th Class Reunion. Big Bash 2010 is scheduled for June 4-6, 2010, and plenty of work needs to be done to prepare for our class gathering. I’ve received word from Tom Hastings (Kappa Sig), John Reuter (Phi Delt), Mark Merkle (Fiji) and Ken Williams (TKE) that they’re interested in helping out with their respective living units. But we still have several gaps to fill. Let me know if you’re interested in helping out in any or all of the following ways:

1. Serving as reunion chairman who will lead the effort to engage classmates and helping to plan our class-specific reunion events and programs;
2. Serving as gift chairman who will work with the college’s advancement team to encourage gifts from our classmates; and/or
3. Serving as living unit representatives to personally contact pledge brothers, fellow independent men, etc. to encourage reunion attendance.

I can be reached at jmiller44@indy.rr.com or at (317) 769-4857 and can put you in touch with Tom Hastings, John Reuter, Mark Merkle or Ken Williams.

**Annual Fund Drive**

The College ends its fiscal year next Tuesday (June 30th), so if you’re thinking about giving to Wabash, this is the perfect time to do so:

Online at: www.wabash.edu/alumni/egift
By phone at: (877) 743-4545
By mail to: Wabash College Annual Fund
Hays Alumni Center
P.O. Box 352
Crawfordsville, IN 47933-0352
And, remember, any gift is better than no gift at all. Any amount — no matter how small — will count an alumnus as a donor and count towards the overall alumni participation goal of 40%. And, these gifts — combined with those from other alumni — will help achieve the Annual Fund $3 million goal for Fiscal Year 2009.

**Tidbits about Our Class & College**

There are a number of updates from the College. So, in no specific order . . .

In recent weeks, I’ve heard from Ken Williams and Dave Dessauer. Ken’s recuperating from a serious leg injury, while Dave and Steve Guhl could use some good luck and best wishes from us all after the downturn in the economy hit both hard.

**Hilton Hudson’s** nephew, Alex Hudson, was a freshman at Wabash in 2008-09.

David Broecker (‘83) has been elected to the College’s board of trustees as the alumni representative. As many of you will recall, Broecker was the star quarterback for the Little Giants late in our era. Youngsters Terry Hamilton (‘89), Rick Strasser (‘02), and Kip Chase (‘03) were recently elected to the board for the National Association of Wabash Men.

Joyce Burnette, Scott Feller, Gilberto Gomez-Ocampo and David Timmerman were recently appointed to full professorships by Dean of the College Gary Phillips.

Upcoming Wabash alumni events (hopefully in or near your area) are as follows:

- The Bloomington (Ind.) area alumni association will gather at Nick’s English Hut on June 30th at 7 p.m.
- The Hamilton County (Ind.) alumni association will host its quarterly Wabash luncheon (11:30 a.m.) at Barley Island in Noblesville on July 9th.
- The Indianapolis Association of Wabash Men will host its annual Mitchum Crock Golf Tournament on July 17th at Heartland Crossing Golf Links in Indianapolis. The Crock is in honor of long-time Wabash alumni director Bob Mitchum (H’59), with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start.
- The New England Association of Wabash Men will host a Wabash Evening with Pat and Chris White on July 23rd. The Evening will begin at 6 p.m. at the MIT Faculty Club, 50 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- The Northwest Indiana alumni association will host its annual golf outing at the Course at Aberdeen in Valparaiso on July 30th, starting with registration at 12 noon followed by a 1p.m. shotgun start.

Information on all of these and future events can be accessed on the Wabash Events Calendar at [www.wabash.edu/calendar](http://www.wabash.edu/calendar).

As a reminder, in preparation for the Big Bash 2010, I’ll be sending out monthly reminders, updates, etc. on the reunion and the College overall. Until our next communiqué . . .

Yours in Wabash,

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