

Spring 2005

Dear Classmate,

There are new catch words and phrases that we'll hear many times as this year unfolds. Ownership Society and transition costs, states' rights vs. federal control (that one is in a flip flop), weak dollar, pandemic, paying for quality, Sudden Oak Death, and group karma, to name a few. We could be saying goodbye to martini and cigar bars and hello to bowling lounges! What will replace wardrobe malfunction, Desperate Housewives, and red state/blue state?

But the word for the Class of 1970 in 2005 is REUNION!

Spring has sprung and we are well on our way to planning a wonderful summer party weekend for all of you at our 35th Reunion in Ithaca, Thursday June 9th to Sunday June 12th. Be sure to register for our reunion either online (the easier and quicker way!) or by regular mail, ASAP.

And every spring brings the annual call for News and Dues from the Class of 1970. Send in your dues either by check or credit card along with the enclosed dues card (or pay online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>) and you become an official paying member of the class. You'll get your subscription to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* (six issues per year, with Class Notes and interesting, articles about the University and Cornellians both on the Hill and beyond). And most important, send in news about yourself, your family and your life. Use the news card or e-mail me (your class correspondent) directly at cfm7@cornell.edu. If you have any questions about dues feel free to call 607.255.3021 or email classdues@cornell.edu.

The Class of 1970 has a substantial class treasury. Thanks to the many generous dues payers and contributors in the past we have a very healthy balance. On occasion we receive requests for donations for various Cornell causes and events. Within the past year we have both fully funded a Class of 1970 Scholarship that was established in 2000 and we have purchased new costumes for the university mascots, the Big Red Bears. Treasury monies will help to fund a memorial that is being established for Hank Brittingham. There are many options for funds usage including adding to the existing scholarship, establishing new scholarships, funding a general memorial for classmates, or charitable giving for local, national or global concerns.

Our class officers want to know how you, our fellow classmates, think our funds could be utilized in the future. Please go to our Class of 1970 website to find the link to class treasury funds and give us your opinions on the uses for our class monies.

Many of you will remember the Classmate Update form that Hank Brittingham sent out for our 30th Reunion in 2000. This year we will be doing a similar questionnaire, but it will be online and linked to our website. Online information becomes very public so only tell us what you want the world to know! As always you can tell us about yourself and your family and your life. Write about what you have been doing since June 2000 and even since we graduated in May 1970! We'll only ask for your city or town and state and your e-mail address. What are your favorite books and movies in the last five years? Tell us about your greatest and most recent vacations or business trips. Hank loved a good story (and the close degrees of connection amongst all of us) so tell us some fun facts about you and your activities.

Our Class of 1970 website is <http://classof70.alumni.cornell.edu>. Log on to check about Reunion 2005, find info about classmates, to connect to the links that have been mentioned and much more.

As always, please feel free to contact any of the officers listed at the left to offer your ideas, feedback, or if you are interested in becoming involved with our class leadership.

We hope that 2005 will be a good year for all of you. Be happy, take time to have some fun, stay healthy, keep in touch with the Class of 1970.

Tuck your toothbrush in your pocket or purse and travel to Ithaca in June for our 35th Reunion. See you soon!

Best to all of you from all of the Class of '70 officers,



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