

May 3, 2005

Dear Yale septuagenarians, spouses and divines:

Our 50th YDS reunion approaches...difficult as it may be to believe. We've been out for 50 years and look at the mess the country's in. But grief is easier to bear in the company of friends and classmates. So we're writing to urge you to attend the reunion, October 10, 11 and 12. There will be large chunks of time set aside for us to renew old acquaintances and friendships and to commiserate about all the things we older types know need to be commiserated...and celebrated.

The reunion occurs, of course, the same time as Convocation but we've planned Monday the 10th as a special day for the class of '55. See schedule below. We'll have time in the AM, meet with the new Dean for luncheon, and have time together after lunch until the first Convocation lecture begins at 4PM that afternoon. That evening, for those interested, we can make plans to have supper somewhere together. Also, on Monday, for those staying for the entire Convocation we can plan other times to meet.

For a more structured approach to the issues of today, and especially from the perspective of the last 50 years, we can organize a panel discussion for some time on Tuesday, said topic and panelists to be chosen based on your suggestions and nominations, more on this later.

In order to prepare for the 50th reunion we'd like to publish a class letter. Please send us information about yourself, honors, degrees, marriages, children, accomplishments, hobbies, books written, social/political involvements, etc. Design the material as a one page, single spaced document. Be sure to include your current address, phone and email and a web-site if you have one. Get the page to YDS c/o of Elizabeth Strawn by September 1, 2005.

So please, mark your calendars, save your discretionary dollars and plan to meet your YDS colleagues and friends in New Haven in October.

Respectfully,  
Dick Wilke, Bob Hanson and Stuart Haskins,  
50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning Committee

Schedule of Events – Monday, October 10

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| 9:00 am  | Welcome Table Opens                            |
| 9:30 am  | 50th Reunion Worship                           |
| 10:30 am | Coffee in Common Room                          |
| 12:00 pm | Luncheon with Dean (followed by class picture) |
| 1:30 pm  | Afternoon gathering for 50th                   |
| 2:30 pm  | Alumni Tea (all alumni welcome)                |
| 4:00 pm  | Opening Convocation                            |