



60th ! Reunion

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Subject: Class Dues

Dear Classmates,

Unlike many classes we do not solicit class dues annually but only before major reunions. And the one beginning on campus on June 3, 2010 is indeed a major one, our 60th. As we plan for this reunion our treasury is weak, as is the U.S. economy. As I write this letter on February 12, the Dow Jones average is struggling below 8000, unemployment is over 7%, heating and A/C bills are high, and it's not a good time to ask for money. We have delayed as long as possible. However, the reunion committee is nearing deadlines when we must make decisions and commitments and our plans for the reunion are strongly affected by the condition of our treasury.

We are mindful of the present economy and the uncertainty of what conditions will be like next year. Therefore our post-campus plans have us leaving Cambridge but not to an expensive big city or luxury resort. Instead we will enjoy an interesting location with lots of attractions, historic Salem, Massachusetts. Turn this page over to see all the things to do in the area. Salem is an easy drive from Cambridge and airports. It has a strong maritime and trade history, a magnificent museum, the House of Seven Gables, and much charm and character. We have been assured that witches are no longer hanged there but traces of that history are abundant.

Now for the sales pitch: The class of '50 has a strong tradition of cohesiveness and has consistently set records for attendance at reunions. Therefore we know there is no need to raise money by coaxing, cajoling, wheedling, entreating, crying, or threatening. A simple suggestion will be enough!

Please enclose your 60th reunion class dues in the envelope provided and return to me. **Suggested dues are a modest \$60, one dollar for every year after graduation, though more will be welcome.** But almost as important as the dues are the answers you will provide to the questions on the enclosed form. We need to have an estimate of how many will come and what you would like to do. Your answers are not commitments but will enable your committee to make our 60th a not to be missed experience.

The first fifty to send in their dues will be rewarded with a DVD chronicling the building of the MIT campus and showing highlights of past reunions. It's fun to watch.

We look forward to hearing from you and thanks!

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Class Treasurer, Reunion Co-Chair