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1957 CLASS NOTES

Let me be the last to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. It does seem a bit bizarre to do so because in the time warp that is the publishing cycle of Technology Review, these notes are actually being written a month before Halloween.

*Bill Salmon working on our 50th Reunion reports that he received 164 responses to his questionnaire concerning the likelihood of attending the reunion and preferences for location and dates of a retreat before or after it. Indications are that well over 100 of us will be there in June 2007. Thank you to the 112 who included a check for the \$57 dues with your response. And thanks to Bill and Art Bergles for taking on the tasks involved in planning for this multi-venue event.

*Bob Gal recently gave me a quick report before flying to the Orient for a month long vacation in China and Japan. Since cutting back on his workload at Wakefern Foods, Bob and Irma are able to spend time in their vacation home in the Berkshires and took an extended vacation last year in New Zealand.

Sadly we note that *Bill Hall died at his home on St. Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles in August. Bill had worked for Monsanto, first in animal feeds and fertilizers, and later in plastics. He retired to the Caribbean in 1990 at the age of 55 where he enjoyed amateur radio, scuba diving, and sailing his 32-foot sloop. Our condolences to his wife Heather and their children.

For the past few years I have been working my way out of a job as Chairman of Advertising Information Services. The firm previews all prime time TV programs for advertising agencies to insure that the content of the show provides suitable environment for their clients' commercials. Five years ago I cut back to a four-day week and two years ago to one day a week. With my former number two firmly in place I now have officially been granted the status of Chairman Emeritus, which means that I show up once a month or so. Can't really call that work. I am enjoying the freedom of not having daily responsibilities by taking courses at the local college, visiting my daughter and her family in Philadelphia, and doing some volunteer work for MIT. Of course, a major part of that volunteer effort is the production of these class notes, and that cannot be done without help from you. For the past two years I have e-mailed a threat to devote these pages to news of my twin grandsons if no news was forth coming. It worked. You sent enough material to fill this space until now. As we start out the New Year though, I am taped out, and the new TR format means I need to fill six issues a year not the five as in the past.

So... Scott and David are now five years old. They are fraternal twins who look like brothers but are quite different. David is more analytical, and it would not surprise me to see him graduate MIT about the year 2020 like his parents did in the 1980's. Scott is the more outgoing and verbal one more likely to pursue some artistic endeavor.

I realize that the Institute does not have e-mail addresses for about 100 of you, so I repeat the same threat I made to those who do. Unless you want to hear more about David and Scott, please send me an update on your activities.



{Photo of Scott and David Massey on a jungle gym}

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