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30th Reunion Committee

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Dear Classmate,

We hope that you are excited to “come together” and celebrate the Class of 1980’s 30th Reunion next May. Your class Reunions Committee has been working diligently to ensure that our 30th is every bit as great as our 25th. *Don’t discard this letter.* It will be the only Reunions package you’ll get—although all information can also be found on the website, www.princeton1980.org. Speaking of the website, there will be *no paper* Reunions registration! Registration will be online **only** at www.princeton1980.org and will open as of December 1, 2009. Register early! You’ll get a fee break and improve your chances of getting a room on campus if you want one (see below).

We’re pleased to announce that our Reunions Headquarters will be at the brand new Butler College, which is right in the heart of campus (where the old “New-New Quad” was). All meals will be onsite, with the exception of Saturday night dinner, which we hope to have at a soon-to-be-disclosed location. Your Reunions fee covers all meals from Thursday lunch to Sunday brunch. Our Food and Beverage chairs, Barbee Inman Whitaker and Alice Bender Gibbons, have been picking menus and terrific wines and beers for us all to enjoy.

We have worked hard to keep the cost of the reunion down and the price is less than the Class of ’79 charged for their 30th. In addition to meals, the fee includes a t-shirt and baseball hat for children, one polo, a belt and a baseball cap for spouses and two polos, baseball cap, belt and a bag for classmates (you’ll pick sizes online). If you do not have a blazer from our 25th or you need to order another one, you may do so when you register online, but all blazer orders **must be in by 2/14/10**. Blazers cost \$180.

Our indefatigable housing chair, Florence DiStefano Hudson, has arranged for blocks of hotel rooms (see attached list). These go fast, so call as soon possible. We also have approximately 55 on-campus beds at \$120 *per bed* (not per room) for *the entire weekend*. These beds will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis on the website via registration to classmates registering for the full weekend.

We can guarantee the music will be fantastic! The bands Jennifer Daly Maienza has booked will have all of us on our feet. For Saturday night, Jenni has the ever-popular Total Soul, and a great classic rock band called The Strayz for Friday night. Thursday night will feature a DJ and karaoke. For single folks, Jill Baron is working on a multi-class singles-mingle for Friday evening. Last year’s singles event was very popular with major reunion classes as well as off-year reunion attendees.

There will also be a class memorial service on Friday morning. Please plan to attend this meaningful and moving service to remember our deceased classmates.

As we get closer to the date, the full schedule, which also will have activities for children, will be posted on the website, so check it frequently. The P-rade will be one of the highlights of the weekend, of course, and Duane McWaine is busy finding floats and a marching band to lead us in style.

We plan to continue our class survey again this year. It's always fun to see how classmates respond and to see how responses compare to earlier reunions. Let us know what questions you would like to ask your classmates and we'll try to incorporate those ideas this year. Be on the lookout in early 2010 for the link to the survey on the website. We will send out an email to the class when the survey is ready (another reason to update your email address in Tigernet). In the meantime, send your survey suggestions to survey@princeton1980.org

Please update your contact information at www.tignernet.princeton.edu so we can communicate with you via email. This is the only written communication we will send about Reunions; all other information will be by email, so please make sure we have your preferred email address! Tigernet is also a great way to get in touch with old friends and encourage them to come to Reunions.

Lastly, we have a wonderful Reunions team, but there are still plenty of opportunities to help. Contact Rhoda or Arlene if you'd like to volunteer.

Looking forward to seeing you in May.

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