

WPI Class of '75 Newsletter

March, 2000

Reunion Highlights

from Denise, your chairman:

Your Reunion committee is finalizing the plans for our 25th Reunion on June 2-4, 2000. If you haven't done so, mark your calendars today and make your plans to attend. We are trying to reach out to as many classmates as we can and you can help. Call a friend that you would like to see at Reunion and encourage them to come. Here are some of the highlights of the weekend:

- Friday night** * Pizza Party to renew old acquaintances
- Saturday** * Y2K race sponsored by our class
- * Reunion Luncheon
 - * Reception at Bernie & Gayle Brown's house
 - * Class Banquet including the live band 'Crises' with Lenny Pollizotto, Class of '70
 - * Fireworks

Accommodations will be in Founders Hall along with the Hospitality Suite Hospitality Suite decorating contest - bring your memorabilia from your student days on campus (pictures, Newspeaks, 1970's college dorm decor, sports uniforms, etc.). We want to win the PRIZE for best decorated suite!

So come and join the fun! See you in June!

Send your ideas to my e-mail address, dgorski@alum.wpi.edu.

Reunion Preparations !

There are phones available for calling classmates from WPI's phone banks on 4/30 and 5/1. It's a fun way to spend a few hours and renew connections with friends. Anyone who wishes to make calls encouraging classmates to attend reunion should call Anne McPartland Dodd at (603)672-0852 or E-mail her at annedodd@alum.wpi.edu.

Did You Know?...

Class notes

- **Jon Wyman** is a grandfather! Baby Sharon will be one year old on Saint Patrick's Day.
- **Garrett and Elaine (Sanderson) Cavanaugh** have a daughter, Caitrin, who is a soccer superstar. She's a freshman ,playing varsity this fall and was third high scorer for the team.
- **John and Ginny (Giordano) FitzPatrick** visit WPI frequently now that their son, Joe, is a freshman. He's the official Class Goatkeeper and the goat spent Christmas vacation with them.
- **Bill and Ellen Van Herwarde** report that Bill is working a few steps from Grand Central Station and hurrying home at the end of the day to six-year old Grania, five-year old Kara and their one-year old son, Liam. The mountain snows at Killington have delighted them.
- **Art Aikin** is playing chess with WPI friends on the Internet and will be happy to keep chess masters updated on the game if you E-mail him at hireart123@aol.com.
- **Paul O'Brien (OB)** has been found. He's married, has children and plans to come to Reunion.
- **Judy Nitsch** is a WPI Alumni Trustee.
- Our own **Pat (Graham) Flaherty** is the President of the WPI Alumni Association.
- **Bob Sengstaken** is now officially a member of the Class of '75. Welcome home, Bob.

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Call a classmate and plan to meet at Reunion !!

The following classmates have returned postcard responses that they plan to attend Reunion this June...

Bruce Altobelli
Mark Antonio
Robert Bigos
Paula Delaney
Anne McPartland Dodd
Stephen Fitzhugh
Patricia Flaherty
David Fowler
Denise Gorski
Robert Horner
Mark Iampietro
William Jagoda
James Lackey
Ken Lannamann
Paul O'Brien
Bob Simon
Paul Stein
Bill VanHerwarde
David White

An additional 31 classmates have responded that they are considering attending.



Class of '75 Scholarship Fund

In September, 1999 WPI hosted a formal dinner to honor both the donors of endowed scholarships at WPI, and the student recipients of those awards. Alden Hall was the location for a festive evening, with a many donors and students in attendance.

The Class of '75 has recently funded scholarships for the following four students. As of September, they were beginning their Senior year.

Malinda Danforth '00, Biotechnology. Malinda is from Hudson, New Hampshire. She enjoys gymnastics and reading. Her IQP was a project commissioned by the Costa Rican Institute of Electricity. She worked on a system dynamics model that was developed to forecast the demand for aggregate services in Cost Rica. Current and future users were identified and quantified through visits to different locations within the region. The data resulting from the model will be used to improve communication services throughout the region. Malinda has been working part-time on campus at the Gordon Library.

Jon Kennedy '00, Physics. Jon is from Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. Jon's interests include tennis, basketball, music, and golf. His Sufficiency Project, was titled, The Robert Oppenheimer Years at the Institute for Advance Study.

Peter Miller '00, Electrical Engineering. Peter is from Milford, New Hampshire. Peter is a member of Masque (theatre arts club at WPI) and the Society for Medieval Arts. Peter wrote a play for his Sufficiency Project. He traveled to WPI's London Project Center to work on his IQP.

Ravi Misra '00, Biotechnology. Ravi is a member of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. He wrote a paper on medical ethics and philosophy for his Sufficiency Project. His IQP was completed last year in Puerto Rico.

WPI now provides students with endowed scholarships from over 200 separate funds from as many generous donors. Close to \$3 Million in aid is provided annually for more than 580 awards, augmenting the \$17 Million

WPI spends in financial aid from it's own operating funds. Considering that about 85 percent of the 2650 undergraduates now require some form of financial aid (including student loans), it is clear that these endowed scholarships play a vital role in keeping WPI's doors open to all qualified students.

Visit the Class of '75 website

[http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/
Alumni/classpages.html](http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/Alumni/classpages.html)

- Maintained by Steve Fitzhugh

WPI's new Campus Center



Sketch by Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott
View from Reunion Plaza

Since 1969, the WPI Community has envisioned a Campus Center that would provide a "physical, social and philosophical link between academic (and residential) portions of the campus." (Heventhal, 1982). Competition for future students by the university depends not only on meeting and/or surpassing peer institution's academic programs, but developing a complementary social community. WPI has long believed that the existence of such a facility would result in a stronger collegial environment.

Due to be completed in the Spring of 2001, the WPI Campus Center fulfills that goal, serving as a place for community, collegiality, socialization, and learning. The program for the Center includes work and meeting space for faculty, staff and student organizations, conference rooms, mail facilities, dining food court, game room, college bookstore, large multipurpose facilities, visitor reception for campus guests, and lounges.

The WPI Campus Center will be a lasting reminder to past, present, and future students, faculty and staff of the college's commitment to the excellence and community. We invite you to explore this website for more information and updates on how construction of the Center is progressing.

Check out information on the new campus center at:
<http://www.wpi.edu/Admin/CC>

Did You Know?...continued from first page.

- We have at least one class member involved in the Olympics. An exciting WPI prize for the first person to correctly identify the class member and the sport. To qualify for the prize you must E-mail your answer to annedodd@alum.wpi.edu, include your own personal update, and come to Reunion to claim the prize.
- Gregory Miranda** wins a prize for the longest E-mail address on file with the Alumni Office. An astounding 39 characters. His prize will be waiting at Reunion, no further eligibility requirements, he has enough on his mind.
- Tom Tantillo** works for USA Cold Regions Research Engineering. Many of us could use some advice on how to survive the below zero weather of late.
- One member of our class will be cutting short a vacation and flying home from Ireland to be at Reunion. An Irish surprise will be awarded to the first classmate encountered on campus after the traveler arrives at WPI for Reunion.

Mysterious Announcement #1

Bernie Brown informs us that there will be an auction of a fine piece of WPI history circa 1975 at Reunion. Bring your wallets. It's sure to be a corker!