25th Reunion Plans Under Way
Reunion Committee Wants YOUR Ideas

Dear Classmates,

As we all deal with the Y2K business problems and look forward to the beginning of a new century, let me remind you that we, the Class of ’75, are celebrating our 25th reunion from WPI in June 2000. What an exciting time in our lives! As your program chair for this reunion, I look forward to leading us to this celebration.

We have a very enthusiastic committee who has been communicating their ideas on how to make this a successful and enjoyable event for everyone. The committee is listed herein and if anyone would like to join us, please let me know. We are always looking for more good ideas and a few more hands to help.

Over the last 2 years we have been meeting at Homecoming to make plans for this event. John FitzPatrick, who is chairman of the Class of ’75 Anniversary Gift Committee, has been working very hard with his committee over the last 18 months, and our reunion gift campaign is well under way.

It is now time to start focusing on the class events for this weekend, which take place June 2-4. Mark your calendars now! We are seeking input on such topics as:
- Class of ’75 nickname (similar to The Gold Medal Class of 1966)
- Class of ’75 reunion yearbook - Should we have one? Anyone interested in coordinating?
- Ideas for a theme for the weekend and a parade uniform
- What types of events would interest you and be an incentive for you and your family to join us reunion weekend?
- Would you be interested in participating in a Y2K race?
- Would you be willing to call a few friends and ask them to make plans to join us at WPI for our reunion weekend? Or do you have other ideas on how to market our reunion plans?

Send your input to me at my e-mail address - dgorski@alum.wpi.edu. I look forward to hearing from you.

Denise Gorski

WANT AD: We need to have a classic car (or several) for the Reunion parade that’ll knock everyone’s socks off -- who has such a vehicle? (Too bad Jon Wyman can’t bring a submarine or something, but he has retired from the Navy!)

Did you know that...
- Paula (Fragassi) Delaney is registrar at Bentley College
- Dick and Juli Perreault’s daughter is a model
- Denise Gorski, who did such a beautiful job on our 20th Reunion, is in charge of our 25th reunion and has an “in” because her sister Tina is director of Alumni Affairs. Sounds like it should be a great party!
- Ken Lannamann is married and has a beautiful little girl
- Garrett and Elaine Cavanaugh’s son is an even better rock climber than his dad
- Bob Sengstaken has expressed an interest in being designated a ’75 alum and leaving the ’76 designation behind
- Pat (Graham) Flaherty is the new president of the WPI Alumni Association
- Nancy Berube is a doctor and in charge of fireworks for our reunion
- Dave Cyganski is a professor at WPI
- Scott Bicknell is in charge of Roadside Services for Cadillac

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Bill VanHerwarde has a great idea. Reunion weekend lasts from Thursday to Sunday, but many of us are so busy we can’t spend all that time. He recommends that we find one event that all the attendees will have in common to kick up our collective heels. We need YOUR input about when and what that event should be.

Reunion Gift Report as of 8/16/99

$146,771

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Goals: 75% participation / $350,000

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• Steve Fitzhugh is studying at (guip) RPI and his son, Christopher, will enter WPI in the fall
• Anne (McPartland) and Charlie Dodd’s daughter will be the first daughter of an alumni couple to attend WPI
• Ginny (Giordano) and John FitzPatrick’s second child, Joe, will enter WPI in the fall, too, giving our class THREE offspring in the WPI Class of ’03
• Judy Nitsch designed several pieces of Boston’s Big Dig and has trucks bearing her name cruising the highways distracting innocent drivers like Paul O’Brien

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I hope you have enjoyed Class of ’75 Newsletter, Volume I. Please send me your notes on what you’re up to, who you’ve seen, where you’ve been. I’ll see that you get published, too.

- Anne McPartland Dodd