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Dear Classmates and spouses;

As usual it seems I never got around to visiting as much as I would have liked with everyone. But I tried to at least say Howdy. Our attendance, gifting, and camaraderie is unrivaled by any other class. Ralph was told by the Caterer, Bob Lembocker, it was the largest catering he has had for a CVM Alumni Class Reunion. 51 out of 74 remaining classmates isn't too shabby of an attendance. Thanks to Kent H. for his efforts and personal contacts.

I think the least changed were Roger McCartney and Roy Smith. I still think Roy could play fullback. Our author, David Browder, has three publications out now. So if you want to read some of his writings give him a call or email him. Those of us wearing hearing aids noticed each other's new devices and noticed also, those who are in need of them! (I can hear the wives now; "You tell 'em Eli!!").

Bill Pollack asked if there was a chance that we could do something as a class before the next 5 years. I said I thought we could arrange something. How about Hawaii or a football game in the fall with some CE course the morning before the game? Then I found out he had a Timeshare just North of Kona. Hmmmmmm? All sorts of possibilities exist for us to gather. Any ideas?

Linda and I have received many compliments from classmates and their spouses and I have entertained the motion for any volunteers for organizing the next reunion; but it seemed all fingers pointed to me. Is that like "All Roads Lead to Rome?" If anyone is interested in doing the job just let Cheri Ubel know.

After Billy Jack's rendition of the "Marshmallow Roast", if I am planning the reunion, I have decided the theme will be "My Most Memorable Case". No guest speakers and we will have an open "mike". The reason I decided on foregoing previous practices of passing the "mike" was three-fold.

1. We have the website for posting our Bios updates through Cheri Ubel. She has to post them.
2. Ralph and Bev's hospitality gave us another evening to commiserate and "catch up" and
3. I knew we would be way past Max Russell's bedtime if we each gave a history. Some only 5 years, but there were some that had not returned for 40 years! :-) (I think they enjoyed it)

Dr. Noordsy's pep talk was very impressive and made me realize that I do have something yet to contribute to Veterinary Medicine. Therefore; I plan to continue working for and with Roger Perkins as long as I am productive and stimulated.

I hope the trip home was safe for all and that you found the 40th a pleasant happening. Please feel free to express any concerns, thoughts for improving, or ideas about getting together more

frequently. Use Cheri to post any letters, pictures, etc., on the Website by sending them to her at: ubel@vet.k-state.edu. Many of you asked for a mailing list from the Vet School. I can ask Cheri to send that out, but if there is anyone who objects to this practice, please advise her that you do not want your information distributed to the class.

Until we meet again,

Eli

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P.S. Tom Gillaspie gave a brief presentation on what some of the Missions were that he has participated in (Mongolia). For those of you interested in the Christian Veterinary Mission, here is a Web site for inquiring into some of the Mission assignments. Tom Gillespie would also be a good person to visit with about various Missions.

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