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Dear SEASONED CITIZENS of the UTMB Class of 1940,

One of our youthful class members, paraphrasing Thurber, has observed that he is 75, which puts him in the geriatric class. "But," he said, "if there were fifteen months in every year, I'd be only 60, and that's how I feel." I hope all of us can join him in feeling 60 or under, even though our most frequent and recurring thought may be, "Oh, to be 70 again!"

Please note the appended list of those definitely coming to the Reunion, and be sure your name is among the attendees.

Built into the Reunion dinner cost is the expense to publish a memorabilia book for our class, such as the books which have been received so enthusiastically by the previous two 50-year classes. The previous books of remembrances which I reviewed were composed of pictures and letters and/or curriculum vitae. Content of those letters varied from a rehash of the joys and sorrows of medical school to the achievements in the practice of medicine to military service reminiscences to political endeavors, to hobbies, and particularly, to the joys of grandparenthood.

Please pleasure your classmates by sending a letter and/or C.V. and also by sending a photograph which can be reproduced with reasonable recognition. You may in some detail refer to the veneration factor ascribed to you. ("If you live long enough, a veneration factor creeps in; you get accused of things you never did and praised for virtues you never had." -I. Stone) Don't worry about what you write. We will all believe each other. But don't try to tell everything you know for, as I have been told, it may take too short a time.

While asking you to exercise your Spencerian skills, please respond to these next requests also. Our departed members deserve a little more recognition than the simple publication of name and date of death. Can you provide a sentence or two of remembrances about one or all of those on the deceased list? Please send any such statements for distribution also at the reunion. These can be printed up without attribution, if you wish. I would expect some of these to be pithy and pungent, like our exchanges while in Galveston, but they should all bring back warm empathetic memories.

As a final request in this letter, those of you who have not responded to the previous two letters, please do so now by indicating you will be present for the Reunion. For those who sent in a tentative

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yes, now is the time to strike the word tentative and make plans to come. And for those who have not yet sent in the \$50 each for the Reunion and the dinner, please do so when convenient for you but no later than March 1.

Many thanks to each of you who have sent an additional contribution for expenses not covered by the tab for the reception and dinner.

As a final note, questionnaires have been returned by 34 members of the class. That leaves 22 ostensibly blank lives. Not possible. No way. I will ask my administrative assistant, Ms. Janet Miller, to include a gentle reminder in the letters to those who have not returned the survey.

So says,



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