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Here it is!
The news you have anticipated for nearly half a century --

DEAR SEASONED CITIZEN OF THE UTMB CLASS OF 1940,

Yes, there will be a 50th Anniversary Reunion. Mark the dates now.

Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17, 1990

Where? Where else?

GALVESTON

(From which we sprang or were sprung.)

Informal surveys by the planning committee report Galveston is the place for this reunion.

The rumor is not true that somebody cut the causeway and Galveston, with the world's biggest off-shore medical school, floated out to sea and got lost.

Galveston is still there. Maybe the medical school buildings we frequented in the dark ages are still there, but only old Red is discernible among the magnificent structures which now comprize UTMB with its School of Medicine, School of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and School of Nursing. Gone are the mosquito-breeding salt flats just east of Old Red. (It's said you can no longer tell which direction the wind is blowing from just because of what type mosquitoes settle on you as you walk to school.)

About our reunion, here are the early plans:

On Friday night, March 16, our surviving class members, all 57 of us plus spouses, will gather for cocktails and dinner, a gourmet dinner in keeping with the expensive tastes we have acquired since leaving Gus the Greek's. Be prepared to share some choice memories with the entire group.

On Saturday, March 17, the annual homecoming celebration will be held at UTMB where you have a choice of activities or inactivities. At the homecoming dinner that evening the class of 1940 will be honored. Fifty-year certificates will be given to those of our class in attendance (no certificates to other classes).

Think of it -- for 50 years our medical school has not acknowledged most of us were ever there! Until now. Now it will give each of us a certificate. We've just gotta be there in full force, all 57 of us.

For your reminiscences, a list of our class members and spouses is enclosed. If you recognize wrong addresses or incorrect names of spouses, please send me a correction.

Later you will receive other letters with more details, specifically hotel chosen for our activities, cost of dinner, and a better description of the optional homecoming activities.

The planning committee is headed by our esteemed Class President, Dr. Thomas M. McMillan and includes Drs. Paul Collins, Rowdy Dow, Les Karotkin, and Ben Withers.

For the Planning Committee,



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Please return the enclosed card with the requested information.

Info about past reunions:

- 20th, 1960, Fort Worth -- 47 attended*
- 30th, 1970, Dallas -- 47 of 81 living*
- 35th, 1975, Tom and Dorothy McMillan's home in Honolulu -- 20 attended*
- 40th, 1980, Houston -- 34 attended*
- 45th, 1985, San Antonio -- 27 of 63*
- 50th, 1990, Galveston -- 57 expected of a hanging-in-there-57*