Registration and 35th Reunion Headquarters

The Class of 1973 35th Reunion Headquarters will be the Quincy House Junior Common Room. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 4th in the Quincy JCR. When you arrive at Quincy House, student bellhops will help you with your luggage and watch it while you register. You may pick up class favors and your registration packet which will contain name badges, your room assignment, and Reunion and Commencement Week programs. Headquarters will also serve as a message and information center and a general gathering place throughout the week. Please feel free to use the bulletin board there to connect with your classmates. Anyone wishing to leave you a phone message may do so by calling Reunion Headquarters at (617) 495-7805 or (617) 495-7806 from 7:00 am until midnight each day. Messages will be posted on the board. A fax can be sent to you at the Harvard Alumni Association fax number (617) 495-0434. Please have your correspondent indicate on the cover sheet that you are attending the 35th Reunion. If you need anything mailed to you, please use the following address: Your Name, c/o 35th Reunion, 124 Mt. Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138. Faxes and mail will be delivered daily to Headquarters for you to pick up. Headquarters will be staffed daily from 7:00 am until midnight.

Arrival and Parking

Packing is at a premium at the University during Commencement Week so Harvard will be providing bus transportation to Reunion events where necessary. We encourage you to leave your car at home and arrange alternative transportation to and from Cambridge. If you do choose to bring a car to the Reunion, we have arranged for parking for the 35th Reunion attendees in the Harvard Athletic Area. PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE ATHLETIC AREA WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN CAMBRIDGE. There will be NO PARKING available at Quincy House even to drop off passengers or luggage. You will receive a 35th Reunion parking pass and directions on where to park in your registration acknowledgment. Parking details will also be posted on the Class website as they become available. If you need to get back to your car, you can easily arrange for a van at Reunion Headquarters in Quincy House to take you to your car. On Wednesday from 12:30 pm—7:00 pm, there will be regular shuttle service from athletics to Quincy House. If no shuttles are available when you arrive, the parking attendant will call the Reunion Headquarters for a shuttle van. Or, if you have a cellular phone, please feel free to call the Headquarters in advance of your arrival.

If you are flying into Boston’s Logan Airport, we recommend you take a taxi (estimated fare $35) directly to the Reunion Headquarters at Quincy House (corner of Mt. Auburn and Plympton Streets). The ride from the airport should take about 15 minutes depending on the time of day at which you arrive. If you are coming by bus or train to Boston, you have the option of a taxi or the MBTA subway Red Line from South Station directly to Harvard Square.

Housing

Harvard houses over 3,000 people during Reunion Week, including classmates and guests of the 25th, 35th and 50th Reunion classes, student Commencement and Reunion workers, and graduating seniors. To ensure that you will have accommodations please observe the final registration deadline of May 16. We cannot guarantee University housing after May 16.

We will use several of the River Houses for our accommodations. Please be aware that it is likely that you and your family will share a suite or bath with another family. There is a space on the registration form to specify with whom you wish to be housed. Widows/widowers of the Class may also specify whether they wish to be housed with another widow/widower or couple. Classmates coming alone will probably be housed with other single classmates. An on campus hospitality room will be available for commuters who want to relax, freshen up, or change clothes.

Do keep in mind that the rooms have minimal conveniences. We provide linens, pillows, towels, bath mats, soap, and a blanket. You may wish to bring an alarm clock. Some rooms have telephones and pay phones are available in the Houses. Fans and TVS are available to rent from Harvard Student Agencies; an order form is included in this mailing. Smoking is not allowed in any Harvard buildings.
Disabilities and Dietary Requests

As a part of our commitment to ensure that every classmate can participate in the reunion, accommodations and services can be provided to those who make requests. The Reunion Office works with the University Disability Coordinator at Harvard to address these issues. If you think you may need assistance because of a disability or medical condition, please contact Marie Trottier, the University Disability Coordinator at Ph: (617) 495-1859, TDD: (617) 495-4801 or marie_trottier@harvard.edu by May 16, 2008.

Vegetarian and kosher meals are available during the entire reunion. They must be pre-ordered, so please indicate your desire for a special meal on the registration form. Our goal is to serve a wide variety of healthy food throughout the week. If you request a special meal please ask your server or the staff at the events to ensure that you get the meal you requested.

Financial Assistance

It is important for you to know that we do not want cost to be the reason that you don’t attend the reunion. Michelle Grdina, 35th Reunion Coordinator, will work with you in confidence to resolve your financial concerns. Please contact Michelle by email at michelle_grdina@harvard.edu to request financial assistance. You will be notified by the end of April with information on how we are able to assist you financially.

Optional Activities

The Reunion Committee is pleased to offer a number of tours and optional activities throughout the reunion. Because of space constraints we ask reunion attendees to rank their choices on the paper registration form or you will be prompted to sign up for only one tour during each time slot on the online form. Requests will be granted on a first come first served basis. There is no additional fee for these activities. Reunion attendees will be able to sign up for the Charles Riverboat tour, ONE of the two wine tastings and ONE tour on Saturday as space permits.

Children’s Programming

Your children (ages 18 months through 22 years) will be able to take part in the extensive 25th Reunion Sons and Daughters Program. Please be aware that there is NO childcare available for children under 18 months and limited space for children ages 18 months through 5 years old. Children over the age of 22 are expected to register as an adult if they plan to participate in any reunion activities. Your sons and daughters will spend their days and evenings with energetic college students in a variety of recreational activities. Please see the enclosed Sons & Daughters Program of Activities sheet for details on each age group. Please use the “Sons & Daughters” portion of the registration form to indicate that you would like your children to participate in this program. If you have any questions please call Gretchen Picken, Children’s Program Coordinator, at the Harvard Alumni Office at (617) 495-5301 or email her at gretchen_picken@harvard.edu.

Medical/Emergency Services

Harvard Health Services at Holyoke Center, 75 Mount Auburn Street, will provide medical coverage on a fee-for-service basis; your insurance company will be billed if appropriate. Medical and surgical services are available daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on the main floor. Please call (617) 495-5711 or enter the building through the pedestrian arcade. At all other hours, medical staff are on duty at the emergency entrance, ground level, access from the ramp between Holyoke and Dunster Streets. Your reunion badge is your identification for admission to the clinic. Medical transportation is also available by calling (617) 495-5711. Emergency phones are places around campus and have blue lights above them so you can located them easily. By pushing the phone’s “ON” button, it will automatically ring at the University Police Department. You can also reach the Harvard Police by dialing (617) 495-1212 or the University Health Services Urgent Care Unit at (617) 495-5711.

Departure Information and Tipping

When you leave, student bellhops will again assist you with your luggage and buses and vans will shuttle you back to the parking area. Please leave your room keys in the room. We suggest you allow plenty of time to reach your final destination due to the heavy volume of traffic that week in the Cambridge area, especially on Commencement Day. You must vacate your rooms no later than 11:30 am on Sunday, June 8th. All reunion staff go off duty at that time and will no longer be available to assist you. There will be a place to store luggage at Phillips Brooks House until 2:00 pm. Please do not tip bellhops and drivers individually. Instead, we ask that you use the envelope provided in your registration packet for gratuities to ensure that all will share equitably. These envelopes may be deposited in a specially marked box at Reunion Headquarters throughout the week. Suggested tipping is $2 for each bag and $1 per shuttle van trip.