

Hello again fellow Whitties,

I was really into music when I was a kid. So I couldn't resist the Columbia House Record Club ads I would see in *Parade* magazine. The promise of a baker's dozen of albums I would get for just one penny was too much to resist. And when I wanted more, I was happy to give them the name of a friend in order to get more free music (sorry Sean Smith).

In marketing parlance, this is referred to as a "friend-get-a-friend" strategy – word-of-mouth at its commercial best. And I thought it might just be a worthy strategy to make sure that we have as many fellow classmates back at Whitman for the reunion on September 17-21.

Reunion Information

www.whitman.edu/reunions

- Schedule of events
- RSVP form
- List of attendees
- Accommodation information

You see, it's great that you all RSVP'd. That helps with planning – a lot. But now is when the proverbial rubber hits the road. It's sign up time! Here's what you need to do:

1. Go to www.whitman.edu/reunions and sign-up for the reunion, the dinner, and any other activities that interest you. Your RSVP doesn't count. You have to do the *official* sign up.
2. Figure out your housing (if you haven't done it already). A link to hotels, B&Bs, and VRBO accommodations can be found at the Reunion website (above). Places get filled up, so do it soon.
3. Now, back to the friend-get-a-friend thing. Just call or email FIVE friends from classes 1983, 1984, or 1985 that you haven't seen in a while. And while I can't promise anyone will send you free LPs, I can promise that if we all contact five friends and try to convince them to come to Walla Walla, we'll ALL enjoy the benefit of seeing a heck of a lot more Whittie friends than we thought was possible.
4. Lastly, don't forget to send your favorite Whitman classmate pictures to Kim Nichols for the slide show.

On behalf of all your reunion chairs and committee members, we can't wait to see all of you in mid-September!

Rock on, Whitties!

John

PS What are you waiting for? Go sign up for the reunion now! And five friends are waiting to hear from you. (Really, they are.)

November 28, 2017

Dear Whitman friends from the classes of 1997, 1998, and 1999,

We're old! We've now been out of college more years than we were old when we first showed up on campus. However, we are wiser, well-aged, and we want to return to campus to visit ~~all the wineries~~ all our friends from near and far away. In fact, we have a top-ten list of what we hope to accomplish while at the reunion next **September 28-30, 2018**.

10. Binge listen to KWCW along with the Washington State Penitentiary fans;
9. Take a midnight swim through Lakem Duckum or run the beer mile on the track;
8. Watch a sunset out in the wheat fields (see first line of the letter);
7. Catch a varsity sport game and cheer "Missionaries, Missionaries we're on top!" (just because);
6. Climb every route on the Sherwood wall;
5. Go ping-pong (you can do that no matter *how* old you are);
4. Listen to *Big Time Rosie* (please come back);
3. Drink beer at the Green Lantern and drink wine at Buty Winery;
2. Walk through campus and down memory lane;
1. See old friends, while reconnecting with those that we've missed over the years!

Twenty years used to seem like a long time, but lately it seems like yesterday. Let's make this a reunion to remember.

Please RSVP and let us know you plan to attend at **www.whitman.edu/reunions**. Check out the list of those who have already RSVP'd, then reach out to anyone not on the list that you want to see next fall.

Also, please post pictures and random memories on our Facebook group page: search for *Whitman College 20th Cluster Reunion for 1997-1999*.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bromley '97 Heidi Bromley '98 Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger '97 Jason Metcalf-Lindenburger '99

Spring 2019

Dear [first name],

We hope you've been well and that if you are or have been in the path of any number of natural disasters that have befallen various regions of our country and beyond, you and your loved ones have been staying safe!

As this message is being written, one of the largest snowstorms in recent memory is about to descend upon the Pacific Northwest, creating new challenges for those of all demographics as well as new instances for us to help our friends and neighbors and those we'd never considered helping before.

In instances like these and others, annual gifts from Whitman alumni help students weather the financial setbacks that natural disasters and other unforeseen hardships could have on Whitman students and their families. **If you haven't yet given for the 2018-19 fiscal year, please join us in doing so!** And if you aren't sure if you've given or not this year, there's always extra kudos for giving again or setting up a recurring gift, pledge or corporate gift match! Visit whitman.edu/give to easily check this off your to-do list!



In other news, our **'03-'04-'05 Cluster Reunion is around the corner, this September 19-22, 2019!** Not only will you get a chance to see us, but you'll also get to see the major brand new buildings that have just been completed, including Stanton Hall and Cleveland Commons!



Since a number of folks in our cohort are wondering what to do with the kiddies, Whitman offers childcare for children 7-14 years old on Friday and Saturday evenings so that you don't have to take them to any adults-only activities. Saturday night's event is family-friendly and open to kids of all ages as are all other events except the Friday night event. So if you have kids under the age of 7, we recommend coming but skipping the crazy Friday night party in Reid Center.

In any event, we hope the stars align favorably for you and that we can see you at the reunion! And in the meantime, please join us in supporting our alma mater with an annual gift (or two)!

With many well wishes and much Whitman love,

Jackie & your Class of 2004 Representatives

WHITMAN
CLASS of 83
REUN10N
October 1-2-3, 1993

So, are we still having nightmares about those college exams? Therapy just doesn't seem to address the relieve the problem? Well, have you even thought about confronting those fears directly and facing the hurdle once again? Only this time, finding yourself on the other side? Well, we've got a weekend for you. You can come back to Whitman, retake all those exams, and this time leave with a full slate of smiley faces on your bluebooks. And it won't cost you as much as one session with a certified psychiatrist. Yep, just come back to our 10 year reunion this October 1st, 2nd and 3rd and have your buddies punish you with laughter. You'll hoot like you're 21 again, you'll cry because you're 31, and who knows, you may even hurl or possibly come down with a show-stopping case of

acne. And to think that history tells us that college was the best four (or six) years of our life. Who writes that stuff?

Anyway, back to business: our reunion. So, what do you want to do? Mud wrestle at Mecca House? Have Timothy Leary debate Pat Buchanan? Exhume Reynolds Hall? I guess what I'm trying to suggest is that we have a whole weekend together and, although Rome had ambitious building plans, it shouldn't stop us from getting something accomplished. For instance, we could pay homage to the ol' alma mater (and pater) and donate lots of money. Well, maybe some of us. We could build replicas of the world's major religious temples and open a "Class of 1983) wing in the library. OK, another maybe. Or we could just get together over a few good meals and have a good round of social intercourse. It's probably been a while. Yeah, there is nothing quite like being with long-time friends and retelling bathroom jokes, embarrassing date stories, or your long-forgotten feats of academic achievement. So, is it a deal? You come back and we'll all have a good time.

The theme for this year's homecoming is, "Whitman: The Experience Lasts a Lifetime." It's more like, "Whitman: The Student Loan Payments Last a Lifetime." Wait a minute. A lot of those loans had 10-year payback schedules. And payments didn't start until six months after graduating. That means, with a little calculus and fractal geometry, some of us will have cut the ties that bind and be free to come back to Whitman sans "money on our back." Cool. Another reason to party. In fact, it could be our own class theme. Just wear a little button that says, "I lost my monkey."

I apologize for rambling on like this but as reunion chairperson, I am required to write a letter to convey certain details of our upcoming reunion. I thought, given the small amount of space required for such details, that I would attempt to entertain you with some interactive dialogue. Assuming of course that you respond to my questions or at least come back to Whitman (**OCTOBER 1, 2, 3 • TELL EVERYONE TO COME • MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION NOW • RETURN THE RESPONSE POSTCARD • HELP US LOCATE THOSE WHO ARE LOST • CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR THE EVENINGS AT A COST**).

OK, let's get back to the mindless banter. We have a couple more mailings to send to you prior to the reunion but we hope you will convince others to attend in the meantime. And yes, please feel free to call me up and make a suggestion for the weekend's activities. Deep sea diving may be a stretch for Walla Walla but surely our liberally artistic minds can generate a few good ideas for entertainment. If not, then we'll just have to settle on wandering around Ankeny, looking for a flag-football game to watch before someone heads to the green. Of course, we could always sit around and sing the school song. Someone's bound to know the words.

Get to work and COME BACK! Craig Kelly, Reun10n Chair