

50th Reunion Survey Comments summary

2a) What do you like about reunions

- I like the bands except for our 45th (2) - music
- **Good Panel discussions and varied activities (11)**
- Chance to meet current students (grandchild class??)
- Food & Entertainment good – less hard partying & more variety
- Kids activities in the old days (we will need for grandkids) – don't like fireworks – kills The party
- Like the informal atmosphere and want to learn what people are doing in retirement
- **Visiting with classmates/old friends – the camaraderie (35)**
- Party bands (6)
- Dancing (3)
- Walking the campus – tree tour – architecture tour – art museum tour (3)
- Making new friends with classmates I really did not know well if at all
- “Going Back” atmosphere
- Panels by classmates on career, retirement, transition, etc (2)
- Overall great programming
- Loved the bands that played what we love to dance to – don't like bands that just were loud and put on a show
- Making new friends – classmates that I did not really know as an UG (2)
- Parties/beer/P-Rade(2)/Fireworks/talking
- Just about everything
- Open friendly welcome for my significant other
- Housing at the Seminary
- UG Singing Groups
- Seeing the changes on campus

2a) What do you dislike about reunions

- Housing (2)
- Could have done better on Costumes & wine. Food & bands fine
- Crowd: My principle dislike is the length and the crowded nature of Princeton during Reunions
- Don't like the weather (4)
- P-Rade is too long
- Cost is too high
- Music sometimes too loud – dislike loud noise and bands (6)
- Food (3) and music somewhat shaky at times
- Most of my UG friends don't come back
- The hassle of off-campus housing and the transportation back & forth (2)
- Lack of inclusiveness
- Overalls – but appreciative the thought behind them
- Can sometimes still feel “cliquish”
- The break caused by the fireworks

- Lousy transportation
- Roll throwing at dinner Friday

5) What would draw you to attend – speakers/seminars – entertainment – food and drink - other

- I would think we should influence university panels/forums rather than try to produce our own
- Panel – “vital involvement in old age”
- Forum where classmates who changed their political beliefs discuss why they did
- Lectures by leading professors – DJ rather than bands – tour of art gallery
- More on natural science and American history.
- Obamacare effects – Trends in US Healthcare for seniors
- The US Debt problem
- Interesting activities of classmates – How did you change the world
- Political trends – climate change – preserving wealth
- What PU class impacted you the most
- Seminar about/by fiction writers
- Issue a “call for speakers” from among classmates
- Something spectacular for our class
- Stories from classmates on Grand Parenting Success
- Mueller on crime (2), Reid on healthcare (2), Various on astrophysics – small groups
- Multi-media nostalgia trip from our UG years
- Focused on us and our situation
- LGBT Experience of classmates while we were UG’s
- Health issues (2) – financing retirement/protecting our assets
- Second careers – finances – interesting retirement communities
- Discussions of recent books by classmates – loved the sociological discussion at the 40th
- How to balance the liberalism of the faculty so the students receive a balanced view
- Intellectually stimulating geo-global discussions (Robt Kaplan, etc.) – Neuroscience, biotechnology – WW School High level forums
- Military experiences
- Advanced technology
- Interesting stories/histories of classmates – Achievements of our classmates
- Talk about Princeton’s future
- Liked seeing classmates on University panels (like the 45th)
- Princeton education and campus life today versus in our day

Entertainment/Food/Drink/Other

- Good Bands (party bands) (2) – that play songs we like to dance to – party music from our era
- Jazz bands (3) – sandwiches and pizza – golf
- Quieter music so we can talk (3)

- Strolling during tent dinner – “Mediterranean” food
- ‘50’s Music like Sirius/XM channel 5
- The Party Dolls (2)
- Wine Tasting
- Student R&R bands
- Grilled Salmon
- Class meditation
- Campus tours (5) – Jim Merritt’s tree tour
- Better/Good wine (3) and beer
- Good retro rock
- Affinity group sessions – lawyers, journalists, teachers, docs, etc (2)
- Program for spouses
- I am wine drinking vegetarian
- Chamber music!
- Scotch (2)
- Parade of UG singing groups
- More subdued music making conversation possible
- Better food (if possible) – First Class evening meals
- Good memorial Service
- Bloody Mary Bar for Saturday morning
- Have an Omelet Man one morning
- Beer pong tournament
- Folk music or Jazz – perhaps Thur and Sat
- Lighter food
- Healthy offerings
- **We need to have ’66 only transportation to and from the Route 1 hotels – we need to be sure that we can accommodate adult children and grandchildren (housing, activities, transportation, etc.) – be sure to publicize all the arrangements and details and make it a first class event.**

6) What can we do to improve turnout

- Speakers – Mueller, Vietnam (2)
- Entertainment – 60’s cover bands, Kingston Trio, Hot Nuts
- Follow-up from classmates planning to attend to classmates not planning to attend
- Publish the reunion sig-ups on our website as soon as they come in. This may motivate Roommates & Clubmates, etc. to come back
- Keep costs reasonable (3)
- Use the club sections – provide learning experience
- Call early (2) – pyramid call scheme
- Email often (2) – every month beginning Nov of 2015
- Get better blocks of rooms (2) and get it early
- Work the sub-groups – have an attendance committee
- Telephone calling chain similar to AG – you pick who you call
- Good mix of activities

- Personal contact – personal notes – contact by engaged friends (2)
- Keep and updated list of those signed up – enthusiasm is contagious (2) – Online attendance list
- Constant email – phone calls – snail mail
- Track down missing classmates using social media
- Offer financial assistance to those who need it
- Get a BIG '60's band
- Good Rooms/Convenient housing (2) and transportation devoted to '66
- Have those coming calls those who have not signed up yet
- Offer one-day rates
- Encourage more survey participation
- Involve more classmates in forums – broader participation will encourage attendance

7) Theme

- Route 66 road sign – “American Classic”
- The theme is not important – the 50th is the 50th
- 60's in the 70's (show a speedometer going more than 70 & loving it
- “Still Kicking – Take it to the limit” – “50 shades of grey”
- “The conscious class”
- “The overall class” (3)
- Old beer jacket logo (2) – “Route 66 on the road to 50 – car full of grandkids
- “Going Back with '66”
- “Renaissance 66”
- “Sexaginta Sex for the Ages” (Latin for 66)
- “Nifty Fifty”
- “Still Tigers inside”
- “My way and the Highway – Route '66”
- “66 kicks ass
- '66@50.WOW
- '66 – **“On the Road Again”**
- “Getting more Well Rounded at the 50th”
- '66 Rocks”
- “Around the World in '66”
- “Milestones on Route '66”
- “The long P-Rade”
- '66 – “Ever our Route”
- “Double Sixes Over All”
- “Halftime”
- “Back to the Future with '66”

8) Entertainment comments

- Skip the fireworks!
- Our 45th on Saturday night was a disaster. We need party bands all three nights

- Find a quiet space on the reunion site – party bands but not too loud
- Live band on Sat not worth it – how about a Karaoke contest?
- I voted for the quiet band for the 40th – not this time
- Vintage 50's and 60's music
- I won't be awake for it
- I hate loud music
- **Find a quiet space on the reunion site for conversations (4)**
- **I don't care if the site is large enough for music and conversation to co-exist (3).**
- Grease Band
- Party Dolls (2)
- Like to see a mix of loud and quiet
- Rather have a DJ on Fri/Sat than a band you can't dance to
- We tried the quiet band at the 45th – it did not work/was a dud (2)
- No quiet bands
- I like Rock and Roll
- Get a big name R&R band
- Jazz/Swing Thurs
- Consider a late night party Sat – light food before the fireworks – special dinner after with entertainment (comedian, folk music, etc.)
- Saturday night makes the most sense for party bands

9) Blazer comments

- New blazer SB very colorful with a tiger theme. Our short sleeve shirts provide a good example.
- Tasteful design that can be worn at other time (3)
- Please be aware of cost
- The simpler the better
- Prefer something in orange and black
- Something more colorful
- Use old beer jacket logo
- Conventional – black or blue with orange lining and nice shirt
- Tiger and class on pocket
- Be sure to have shirts/shorts/hats for kids and grand kids – also temporary tattoos
- Original beer jacket (2)
- Lighter weight (6)
- I still plan to wear the current one
- Casual jacket
- Will there be another straw hat (2)?
- Colorful
- Old one does not fit (3) – it is that cheap shrinking material that Nahas picked
- Colorful but not garish – Casual
- Light, colorful – maybe all our logos (2)
- Muted plaid – summer weight

- '66 Smoking jacket
- Do we really need another jacket at this point in our lives
- Solid color (2) – classier style
- I like the design of the lining from our current blazers

10) Volunteers !!!!!

- I will help on the Reunion Book (1)
- Finance and help on reunion book (1)
- Willing to call old clubmates (1)
- Willing to help (2)
- Attendance, Entertainment/Events, Publicity (1)
- Organize a run (1)
- Registration (1)
- Out of the country until late 2014 – willing to help in DC after that (1)
- Attendance – help Stas (1)
- Attendance/Publicity (1)
- Locate lost classmates (1)
- Willing to help (1)
- Coordinate an 8-oared excursion from the boathouse (1)
- As needed (1)

12) What might keep you from coming

- Cost (3)
- I do care about the cost but it will not keep me from attending
- Distance (2)
- Financing might help
- We need more variety in activities
- Health issues (2)
- Be sure that the “dust-up” of a couple of years ago is resolved
- Death
- Concerns about decent housing – would like to stay on campus with my wife
- Many of my favorite classmates are dead – my wife would be bored