Dear Classmates,

Hope this note finds you and yours in good health. I have been holding off on the class newsletter a bit hoping that I would have more news! I would rather not be writing “appeal” letters. Sharing class news is so much more preferable for me to write and for you to receive.

You can help nourish the “news” factor, by taking the green envelope and sending a line or two about what you are up to these days. Whether it be that you are becoming grandparents for the first (or tenth!) time, earned a promotion, started a new career, retired from an old career, let us know about it. If you are battling an illness, taking that second honeymoon or that trip of a lifetime or pursuing a project you’ve always wanted to try, let us know. Complete and total dispensations are issued for sharing your good news, especially when you are sharing that you have received recognition or an award. We will assume it is shared with humility, and you should assume the news is received with joy rather than incredulity!

If the envelope is too much trouble, just email me directly at tom.mulvihill@sbcglobal.net.

News

So here is all the news I have.....wish it were more.

My class-co-chair, Bill Walsh and his wife Terry, recently became grandparents to a cutie named Claire. Alright, that reference sounds sexist and probably is, but she is a cutie! I have seen visual proof.

We have a couple of authors from our class. Msgr. Peter Vaghi has written a book, entitled, The Prayer We Offer: A Catholic Guide to Communion with God. Peter lives in Bethesda, Maryland.

John McManus has a written a book, Don’t Be Fooled, about how to best weigh/assess the truth, or lack of it, in the news and digital information area. I tried to get John to give me a quote for this newsletter, but as a journalist/media critic, he is far to savvy to being quoted out of context! Let’s just say, his book ought to be the basis of lots of instruction in schools. …and that’s the truth!
One of our class agents, Jim Hogan emailed from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan a city of 900,000, on the Western edge of the Tibetan Plateau, near the 24,000+ foot range of the Tian Shan Mountains, where he is putting together a “power reform project”. I confessed that I had no knowledge of that city before his email. Jim works for Tetra-tech and literally travels the world managing projects for them. Before Bishkek, he was in Africa. I told him I am in awe at his travels. I still think it is a big deal when I truck up to the state capital in Hartford!

**Stephen Irwin Dwyer** married Jennifer Mathilda Van Vrancken on May 18th in New Orleans at the Museum of Art. They are honeymooning in Italy as I write.

On a somber note, we have lost three classmates in the last year, **Greg McGarry, Anthony DiPasquale,** and **Richard Hodgson**. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

The fact that the sands of time continue to shift for us all, makes me cognizant of the fact that we need to take the time to celebrate each other, while we still can. To that end, put these dates on your calendar: June 5th, 6th and 7th, 2015. That will be our next big reunion! I know its two years away, but I hope by mentioning it now, the event gets on everyone’s radar screens and folks make it a priority to come back to Mount St. James while we still can.

Again, e-mail me or use the envelope so we have news. Classmates would like to know what you are doing these days.

**The Fund Drive Update**

That was the news about the class. Now here is the skinny about the appeal. Last year the class managed to bump up class participation rate about 3.3% from the previous year.

The college, in its quest to reach a 60% participation level within the next four years, has set a goal of 58% for us to shoot at this year. Actually, Bill and I think the goal isn’t unreasonable, though this year we are off to a slower start than last. We need an increase of just a few donors to reach the 58% level. Assuming that everyone who donates last year donates again this year, we can reach that goal. One thing in our favor this year is that we have already enlisted 10 new donors. If we can retain all the former donors, add some new ones, it bodes well for our class’ participation rate. So your donation matters. Even a modest donation counts towards class participation goals. You can and will make a difference.

The fund drive ends June 30th. Donations must be postmarked by that date to count in this year’s figures. So avoid the rush, if you haven’t yet donated, do so today. An envelope is provided for the donation or you can go on line to www.holycross.edu/give/ and make your donation securely that way.

Here is where our class stands as we just passed the halfway point of the drive. As of May 24th, we have had 141 donors from our class, raising $70,604 towards the Holy Cross Fund. Those numbers indicate we have had just under 31% of our classmates make donations. We need about another 125 donations to meet our goals. The amount collected so far represents 61.4% of the goal of $115,000 that has been set for our class.
The Cross ranks 8th out of hundreds of colleges and university in the percent of alumni/alumna participation in support of their respective alma maters. However, as I understand it, if we could get to just beyond 60% participation rate as a college, Holy Cross would likely be first.

Why be 8th when we can be first?

For our class to attain that level, we need about 16 new donors AND all of last year’s donors to make a gift again this year. I hope you can see your way to help and do so today.

One point needs stressing and is far more important than whether we are 8th or 1st in participation rates; Holy Cross has committed to meeting every student’s demonstrated financial needs. That puts our alma mater in rather select company of only a few elite schools that does that. It makes a great education possible for many young, qualified men and women, who otherwise could never dream of attending a school like the Cross. So all our gifts do help.

**Phone-a-thon**

Last, but not least, we will be hosting a phone-a-thon on June 12th at the Hogan Campus Center. You are invited to participate. There will be students there to help, but we are hoping to gather some classmates to make a few calls. We will gather at Hogan in the late afternoon (about 5:00 pm), share a light dinner and renew acquaintances, then make some calls, focusing on those in the class that we’ve know during our days on the hill. We plan to be quit in time for all of us to get a good night’s rest in our own homes. So join us.

If you have any interest in giving a few hours to the cause, sharing a meal with former classmates, and making a few calls to friends from the past, let me know at my email address (tom.mulvihill@sbcglobal.net) or contact Christene Riendeau, from the Development Office. (criendea@holycross.edu).

It should be fun and hopefully it will be an evening where we can take the drive over the top for the class of ‘70.

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**Tom**

Tom Mulvihill  
Class of ‘70, Co-Chair

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**Bill**

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