



Young Isaac

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To the members of the Class of 1982 who have never attended a Yale reunion:

Since I've never attended a Yale Reunion, I wondered: "Will I really miss every Reunion?" After all, now is the time to make plans to attend this year.

Like you, I have never attended a Yale Reunion. I don't know *your* reasons, but here are mine:

- Fifth (1987): I avoided parties when I was a student. Why would I return to Yale for a party? One day, I drove to New Haven for pizza and a walk around, but I avoided reunion weekend.
- Tenth (1992): I moved to Columbus. Not worth the flight.
- Fifteenth (1997): I already missed the fifth and the tenth, so I didn't think I qualified for the fifteenth. (I'm still not even sure there *was* a 15th.)
- Twentieth (2002): My kids would have to miss a day of school. Though I missed plenty of classes at Yale, I believe in education for my kids.

But I don't want to miss every Reunion. So, I am going to our 25th. Here's why:

- My classmates were fascinating, funny, and argumentative when we were 20. Now, we're 46 and I crave those laughs and arguments. And I think this will be an unusual opportunity to make new friends.
- When I was a student bartender at the 1981 reunions, I learned that the 25th is the one to attend *even if you miss all the others*. At the 25th, Yale feeds your heart with nostalgia and you're still young enough to get around.
- Yale and New Haven will open their doors: great faculty lectures, a 25-year update on how Yale has changed, rooms on the Old Campus – and some of our old haunts around town. *I'd like to see Yale*.
- The Reunion Committee assures me that this will be more than a party. There will always be quiet alternatives for conversation and learning.

Why am I writing you? To ask you to please come to the 25th. This is the one. Let's all be in New Haven together. **Please save the date: May 31- June 3, 2007.** Visit www.aya.yale.edu/reunions or call the AYA at (203) 432-2110 with questions. If you are far away, book your transportation.

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