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Dear Alums:

Well finally I am getting to the 94-95 alum letter. With our money drive for the record board, I have continued throughout the fall and winter to receive donations and information forms right through December. I wanted to try and get a word in about everybody - so I think this letter will be about 100 pages long, as well as quite late!

Here's a quick rundown of the Powell family. Coach - nothing new. Joey - still principal at St. Joe. Mary Beth - pregnant (my first grandbaby, so now someone can legitimately call me grandpa!) Anne - starting work on a PhD. Dan - just opened his 8th video store and currently at work on his ninth. Kate - just finishing her PhD.

The 1994 reunion was a rollicking success! We all had a great time - we fed around 135 souls that night. We danced, watched Brian Collins movies from the early '70s, watched a slide show of snapshots put together by Jay McAtee with the help from guys from all across the years. Had a great "25 years of memories" book put out by Anne Powell, with the help of guys from all the years. I received a gift - a statue of King Neptune (god of water) which the gang from the early '70s wanted to put in the bottom of Diddle Pool. It ended up in my front yard and looks great. Every time I go out my side door I see Neptune and think of the guys from the early 70's (and that's a scary thought!) I also received a monetary gift from about 37 people - spanning the years and Joey and I used it for a nice vacation. I received so many letters from those expressing regret that they could not attend. Of course I was disappointed that they could not make it, but was glad to hear from them just the same. Then, when it was all over, I received many letters from folks thanking me and telling me what a good time they had.

It was truly a fabulous weekend attended by a fabulous, classy bunch of people. I have listed on another sheet all who made the reunion. I may have left someone off - I hope not - but my short term memory is not what it used to be.

Now onto news about you guys:

Not many baby announcements this year but here's what I have.

Jim Faulkner (84-86), new baby boy on 3-30-94, that's number two for Jim and Colleen. **Jim Finn** (72-74), new baby girl. Jim now has a 15 year old and a new born and another on the way. **Chris Bingaman** (82-84), another boy - half a relay team. **Steve Krigbaum** was expecting in December. And finally, **Ben Davis**, one of our freshman swimmers, and his wife had a baby the other day and Ben brought him to practice at the ripe old age of 2 days! (We didn't throw him in the pool).

Wedding bells . . .

Keith Romine (73-75) - believe it or not! Keith bit the dust for the first (and last) time this summer. The confirmed bachelor finally got caught. **Dan Powell** (84-88) Dan married Angela Spence in May, it was a great wedding and a great time for all. **Mike Sims** (84-88) Mike was married this summer and promptly moved away from Elizabethtown to Arkansas. **Mike Kotmel** (90-93) Mike was married this summer to Joann Wimpleberg in Evansville. His was one of many weddings I attended this summer. **Chan Ferguson** (91-94) Last year's captain was hitched up to his college sweetheart, Lara, in August. **Dave Clark** (89-92) Also bit the dust in Evansville in August.

Now on to the news. Our bios are so full of Presidents, CEO's, Vice Presidents, lawyers and doctors it'll make your head swim!

News from the 1970's

Dr. Steve Merrill (74-77) is back in the U.S. after a stint in the Netherlands. He is presently pulling teeth in Panama City, FL. He ran the Amsterdam Marathon and did very well. **Counselor Steve Krigbaum** (77-80) is practicing law in West Palm Beach, FL. He represents chemical companies in toxic tort litigation. He is an avid water skier and has

gotten active in ski tournaments for "old men" - Ha! say I! **President and CEO Brian Collins** (74-75) is having fun running his company Commonwealth, Inc. in Crestview Hills, KY. He recently bought a houseboat. Brian's oldest son Brent is (in his Dad's words) "a real brain." Must take after Jan. And he and Vicki have a two year old named Katie.

Vice President Jeff Wells (75-78) runs a company called Dyna Software in Clearwater, FL. He and Martha have three children, Scott (10), David (7), and Andrew (5) - three fourths of a relay team. **Vice President Jim Finn** (72-74) is with Dealer Services in the Dallas - Ft. Worth area. He lives in Grapevine, TX and has two girls - Jayne (15) and Emily (1) and another on the way. He says I am his hero when it comes to maximizing resources - glad someone remembers that I still am a pretty good juggler when it comes to budgets (or lack thereof)!

Vice President Bruce Binger (73-75). Bruce is VP of B & Z Contractors in Benton Harbor, MI. He and Nina have recently completed a new house in St. Joseph and have two children: Meika and Charles (presently 6 feet tall, size 13 feet and in the ninth grade). Bruce is still coaching some diving in St. Joe. **Zoning and Code Enforcement Manager Tag Garrod** (74-77) is in Kissimmee, FL where he strictly enforces codes such as "no skateboarding on sidewalks." (That's an insider for the 70's crowd.) It's a real treat to have Tag and Jean visit because they are such delightful people.

U.S. Air Force Pilot Mark Hackler (77-80) is in Leavenworth, KS. - home of several notable prisons! No, Mark didn't do anything wrong, he's in a military graduate school for officers. He's an F-16 pilot, did some time in Desert Storm, but is glad to be back in the States. He has three happy girls Brittany (15), Hayley (14) and Aubrey (6). Melissa does a great job with them and is a great officer's wife. **Illustrator Tate Nation** (72-73) has another book out. His first book "Yo - Millard Filmore" was a huge success. It is a book for children on how to learn the names and order of the presidents. His new book "Yo - Sacramento" is about learning the state capitals. You all need to buy them for your kids, I have both and they are great books! Jean is pregnant again and they are still living in Charleston, S.C.

Skipper Dan Meyers (74-77) was the skipper of "Scirocco", a Gold Cup series winner at the Bayshore Yacht Club. His wife Jane was recently inducted into the Michigan State University Hall of Fame. **U.S. Naval Commanding Officer Larry (sponge) Holmes** (72-75). Larry and his wife and two boys live in Spain. He is the commanding officer for air reconnaissance. **Quality Engineer Tom Angsten** (77-80) is still with Yamaha, and recently got a trip to Japan. He has two children and lives in Peachtree City, GA.

Insurance Agent John Mardis (70) is in Russellville, KY with State Farm. He has three children, including John Robert who is a college baseball player. **Coach Jeff Cavana** (76-79) LSU enjoying a very successful swimming season and it's all due to the efforts of their great coach! **Salesman Mike Dressman** (76-79). Mike's living in Cincinnati and is doing well in sales. **Teacher Steve Corwin** (71) is teaching Industrial Education in Louisville. **Teacher Rick Zavidil** (72-73). Rick is teaching in Holland, Michigan. He and his lovely wife Mary attended the reunion and had a great time. **Manager Tom Heinze** (77-80) is in Gurnee, IL. with his wife and three boys. Tom still weighs 155 lbs. and works out regularly. He is also a great help to me in recruiting the Chicago area. **Rick Kral** (75-78). It was great to see Rick at the reunion. He is still in the Detroit area and is in the wine business.

John McClure, Keith Romine, Mike Hill (73-77). The three musketeers once again made it down for homecoming. We all had a great time, including game, dinner, and rehashing old times. They all made the reunion, too. These three guys are still having a good time and doing great things for their communities. **Denny Fackler** (71) made a surprise appearance at the reunion. We lost Denny for a while but he has resurfaced living just a few blocks from daughter Anne in Indianapolis. Great to see him again. **Mickey Roney** (77). Was another surprise appearance. We hadn't heard from Mickey in years and he showed up at the reunion. As always the good sport, Mickey took part in our alumni swim meet and once again his natural ability showed through!

Manager Tracy Phillips (76-78) Tracy is still the manager of the Moonlight Barbecue Inn in Owensboro (absolutely the best place to eat in Western Kentucky. He, Sally and his two beautiful daughters live in the unlikely hamlet of Philpot, KY. **Engineer Mark Owens** (74-77) is still engineering under the bright lights of Las Vegas, NV. Mark made it all the way from L.V. to the reunion. **Teacher/Coach Todd Urban** (73-76) Todd is still in the Cleveland area and was among our guests at the reunion. I saw Todd last year in Florida, he dropped in on our training session in Venice.

Mark and Ginny Keen (71). Mark and Ginny made the reunion (naturally) and are really enjoying raising their four kids. They almost got the oldest to attend Western this year. However, at the last minute he decided against it. It would have been my first alumni swimmer offspring to attend Western. **Owner Mark Wells** and his wife Catherine live in the Lexington area where he owns his own retail garden center. Their son Ben is an outstanding swimmer in Kentucky. I ran into them at a meet last summer and we were able to have dinner together. It was great evening with two great people.

Jim Massey (75-78). Jim made it to the reunion all the way from Dallas. He is in great shape and had an excellent swim in the alumni meet pushing all of the "young whippersnappers" in the breaststroke. **Mark Bezold** (78-79) made it down from Northern Kentucky for the reunion and has recently finished his degree work. **Ron Finley** (78-81) is our starter at all our college meets. He does a great job and I don't know what I'd do without him. He's also still a great swimmer.

winning many state championships in Masters!

News from the 1980's

Chris Bingaman (82-84) is **Director of Field Services** for Boy Scouts of America. He makes his home in Roanoke, VA along with Susan and their two boys, Zach and Steven. Chris swam on a swim team this summer. **Coach Steve Crocker** (82-85) is living and coaching in San Diego. He made it to Bowling Green this fall for a long weekend. **Mike Dingfield** (88-89) Mike is living and working in Louisville. He is about to finish up a degree. Mike and Charlie Wright helped to compose the 800 pound relay at the alumni meet.

Cartographer Cliff Hardin (80-84) works for defense mapping agency helping our fighting men and women. He is also shooting golf in the low 70's (anybody surprised about that?). He is in Woodboro, MD. **Ryan Hardin** (82-83) has moved to Chicago with Target. He is still single and keeping his options open. **John Holst** (80-83) John is in Dothan, AL where he is with J.C. Penney Co. His group is number 1 in sales and profit dollars in the district. (Something about WKU swimmers, they only understand number 1).

Broker Jay McAtee (83-86) is still single and has started his own BMR Brokerage Firm. He handles investment and insurance. Call him for your needs (1-800-964-2671). He's very active in volleyball. **Lawyer Mike Neal** (83-86). I have been out of touch with Mike during his stint in Hawaii. However, Mike dropped in on us the other day at practice, toured the facility, and informed me that he is now practicing law in Louisville. **Bobby Peck** (80-83) is living in Lexington and still runs and swims very well. Once again, he ran the Bowling Green 10K. He looks fit and won the alumni meet in the breaststroke defeating members of, among others, the '93 team!

Dan Powell (84-88) is getting ready to open his ninth Get Reel video store. He is married to Angela Spence, also a Western Grad, and they have bought a 90 year old home in Bowling Green. **Coach T.R. Ross** (80-81). T.R., Linda, and their three little rugrats are back in "freezing up in Syracuse, stuck in their cars, while I'm lying here, neath the sun and stars". T.R. is coaching high school swimming in Baldwinsville, N.Y. **Coach Matt Rydson** (84-87) is the new coach at Elkhart Central (his alma mater) in northern Indiana. At last communication his team was 13 -1. Elkhart's gain was Bowling Green's loss after Matt had taken Bowling Green to a state title in 1993.

Tim Slattery (82-83) is still here in Bowling Green where he has completed a degree. Tim has done a stint in the armed forces. He and Elizabeth (Hocker) have two children. **Dr. Jerry Smith** will be married in South Carolina in July. Jerry is a resident at the Medical College of Virginia and is living in Richmond, VA. **Owner Kevin Swaidner** (80-81) is owner-manager of Concrete Producers, Inc. He and Ann have two children (Jordan and Kristen) and survived building a house this year. They live in Henderson, KY.

Dan Tiedt (88-89) is an Industrial Packaging sales rep for the second largest steel user in the country. Dan is living in Nashville, TN. **Calvin Watts** (85-86) is still in Bowling Green and is married to Carolyn (Hocker). They are expecting twins very soon. Calvin and Tim Slattery are brothers in law. **Jeff Whalen** (86-89). Jeff is aboard the USS George Washington and protects us daily. Now that's a scary thought!

Greg Wiegand (82-85) is a publishing manager at MacMillan Computer Publishing. He is the number 2 man in a division that will do over \$40 million in revenue this year. It and his two daughters keep him very busy. Greg says he felt like a freshman all over again when he logged onto his e-mail service and found a harassing message from Zorro (Chris Jircitano) who was a senior when he was a freshman. **Coach Charlie Wright** (88-90). Charlie and Angie surprised us with a visit to town last week. We (Joey, Slim, Smartie, and I) all went to dinner with them to rehash memories. Charlie is coaching swimming in Mount Vernon, IN.

Chuck Yager (86-89) stopped by a few weeks ago. Chuck is out of the military and at last report was networking in the Indianapolis area. **Ellen (Matthews) Ottinger** (84-85). Ellen, our student secretary for the 84-85 team, is a housewife with two children in Louisville. **Jim Rogers** (84-87) is the head swim coach at Hopkinsville High School and is turning out some good swimmers. He's also still a bachelor.

News from the 1990's

District Manager Dave Clark (89-92) is at Premiere Mortgage Company in Evansville, IN and is newly wed. **Chan Ferguson** (91-94) is a newly wed and is with Century 21 in Ashland. He and Lara stopped by this month for a visit to Bowling Green. **Mike Kotmel** (90-93). Mike is a softline manager in the K-Mart company. He and Joann were married last summer and are living in Acworth, GA. **Janet Grider** (89-90). Janet, our manager, is now a full time teacher in the Bowling Green Public Schools. She stays active in active in aquatics around town and helps out at college and high school swim meets.

Jay Hansen (89-92) is a stock broker in Nashville. He has a high pressure job on the stock exchange floor, but being a WKU swimmer, he can handle it. Jay keeps abreast of what's going on in WKU swimming. **Brian (Slim) Nash**

(90-93). Slim is - get this - teaching in the sociology department at Western. He is getting his masters and will be looking for a full time job soon. I wish Western could hire him. He is great to have around and does a great job of officiating meets here. **Richard Rutherford** (89-93) is teaching and living in Patoka, IN. I guess Patoka is a suburb of his hometown - Hatfield! He can still swim like a champ and won some Indiana state championships in the Masters division last year.

Craig (Smartie) Smart (91-93). Craig is here in Bowling Green finishing his degree and coaching our age group team. He is fabulous with the kids and a born coach! Another guy I'd like to keep around. **Marty Spees** (88-91). Marty and Tina are expecting for the fourth time - soon. Marty is officiating swimming and keeps me posted with good times from Michigan. He is with an engineering firm and lives in Fenton.

Up to date on last year's grads

Jonathan Combs (93-94). Jonathan is finishing up his degree work in engineering here at Western. **Jason Gager** (92-94) is also finishing up his degree work here at Western. **Ben Graves** (91-94). Ben is also finishing his degree work and has helped me out as an assistant coach this year. He has done a great job of handling our sprinters. **Joey Keillor** (91-94) Joey has moved to Indianapolis within the last month. Still no address yet.

Whew! That's a mouthful - but I think it's a record for our alum letter.

Keep me posted on your accomplishments. Thanks for your donations to the record board. We did well and almost got it paid for. If you have not sent in your donation you can still do so. I am erecting a plaque with the names of all those who have donated, so send your donations soon and get your name on the plaque in the new pool.

Keep in touch -

Coach

25 Year Reunion Attendees

- Tom Angsten, 77-80
Mark Bezold, 78-79
Chris Bingaman, 82-84
John Brooks, 87-90
 Ted Burton, 82
 Brian Collins, 74-75
Bobby Couch, 81-84
 B.D. Diercks
Mike Dingfield, 88-89
Scott Drescher, 87-90
Mike Dressman, 76-79
 Dennis Fackler, 71
 Jim Faulkner, 84-86
 Ron Finley, 78-81
 Tag Garrod, 74-77
 Jay Glick, 90-93
Mike Gonzales, 86-89
Janel Grider, 89-90
Mark Hackler, 77-80
 Jay Hansen, 89-92
 Chris Healy, 90-93
 Mike Hill, 75
- John Holst, 80-83
Scott Irwin, 79-82
Chris Jircitano, 79-82
 Mark Keen, 71
 Mark Klaine, 78
Mike Kolmel, 90-93
 Rick Kral, 75-78
 John Mardis, 70
 Joe Mason, 79-82
 Jim Massey, 75-78
 Jay McAtee, 83-86
John McClure, 75-77
James Mullikin, 76-79
 Brian Nash, 90-93
Tyler Nelson, 82-84
Mark Owens, 74-77
Bob Peck, 80-83
 Rick Peck, 83-86
 Larry Phillips, 80
Tracy Phillips, 76-78
 Dan Powell, 84-88
Seth Reetz, 90-93
- Mark Ritter, 78-81
Keith Romine, 73-75
Mickey Roney, 77
 Tim Roszmann, 83
 Tom Ross, 80-81
Richard Rutherford, 89-93
 Matt Rydson, 84-87
 Mike Sims, 84-88
 Tim Slattery, 82-83
 Craig Smart, 91-93
 Jerry Smith, 84-87
 Marty Spees, 88-91
Kevin Swaidner, 80-81
 Todd Urban, 73-76
 Calvin Watts, 85-86
 Jeff Wells, 75-78
Greg Wiegand, 82-85
 Mark Wells, 75
Charlie Wright, 88-90
Rick Yeloushan, 71-74
 Rick Zavidil, 72-73

25th REUNION ALUMNI SWIM MEET RESULTS

50 YARD FREESTYLE

1 - Richard Rutherford	(93)	22.41
2 - Seth Reetz	(93)	22.80
3 - Dan Powell	(88)	22.90
4 - Jay McAtee	(86)	23.01
5 - Chris Healy	(93)	23.21
6 - Marty Spees	(91)	23.29
7 - John Brooks	(90)	23.57
8 - Jay Glick	(93)	23.76
9 - Mike Gonzales	(89)	23.98
10 - Tex Ritter	(81)	24.09
11 - Jerry Smith	(87)	24.23
12 - Tim Roszmann	(83)	24.47
13 - Rick Yeloushan	(74)	24.54
14 - Kevin Swaidner	(81)	24.55
15 - Tim Slattery	(83)	24.76
16 - Matt Rydson	(87)	25.03
17 - Tyler Nelson	(84)	25.55
18 - Jeff Wells	(78)	25.76
19 - Rick Zavadil	(73)	25.76
20 - Rick Peck	(86)	25.92
21 - Calvin Watts	(86)	26.75
22 - Keith Romine	(75)	26.92
23 - Mickey Roney	(77)	27.63
24 - Mark Klaine	(78)	28.07
25 - Mike Dingfield	(89)	31.08
26 - Charlie Wright	(90)	31.71

50 BREASTSTROKE

1 - Bob Peck	(83)	29.93
2 - Jerry Smith	(87)	29.96
3 - Brian Nash	(93)	30.28
4 - Craig Smart	(93)	31.26
5 - Jim Massey	(78)	31.31
6 - Tom Ross	(81)	32.92
7 - John McClure	(77)	38.71
8 - Rick Yeloushan	(86)	40.50

50 YARD BACKSTROKE

1 - Mike Gonzales	(89)	26.74
2 - Ron Finley	(81)	27.53
3 - Marty Spees	(91)	28.06
4 - Kevin Swaidner	(81)	28.86
5 - Chris Bingama?	(84)	30.71
6 - Tyler Nelson	(84)	30.75

100 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

1 - Richard Rutherford	(93)	57.76
2 - Bob Peck	(83)	59.77
3 - Jay Glick	(93)	1:03.73
4 - Dan Powell	(88)	1:03.93
5 - Tim Slattery	(83)	1:05.08
6 - Rick Peck	(86)	1:07.24
7 - Todd Urban	(76)	1:09.91
8 - Mike Dressamn	(79)	1:11.06
9 - Mark Hackler	(80)	1:13.19

50 YARD BUTTERFLY

1 - Seth Reetz	(93)	24.82
2 - B.D. Diercks	(93)	25.26
3 - Jerry Smith	(87)	25.35
4 - Scott Drescher	(90)	25.57
5 - Jay Glick	(93)	25.98
6 - Ron Finley	(81)	26.71
7 - John Brooks	(90)	27.34
8 - Craig Smart	(93)	27.70
9 - Brian Nash	(93)	28.77
10 - Rick Zavadil	(73)	29.39
11 - Mike Dressman	(79)	29.75
12 - Mark Hackler	(80)	30.53
13 - Tom Angsten	(80)	30.69
14 - Mark Bezold	(79)	30.69
15 - Calvin Watts	(86)	31.78

ONE METER DIVING

1 - Greg Wiegand
1 - Tom Angsten,
1 - Chris Jircitano
1 - Larry Phillips

(A rare four way tie for first)

200 FREESTYLE RELAY - (A Bunch of Damned Cheaters)

Here's the splits if you know what lane you were in and what leg you swam.

Heat 1

<u>Lane 5</u>	<u>Lane 6</u>	<u>Lane 8</u>
25.84	24.23	26.61
14.22	26.26	29.92
17.46	25.83	27.61
16.64	22.74	14.83
1:14.16*	1:39.06	1:38.97

Heat 2

<u>Lane 3</u>	<u>Lane 4</u>	<u>Lane 5</u>	<u>Lane 6</u>
23.37	37.10	25.34	26.23
24.66	19.35	28.39	29.08
53.82	21.00	14.42	24.34
00.00	23.55	33.46	24.51
1:41.85	1:41.00	1:44.16	1:44.16

Lane 7

26.48
30.37
22.94
22.47
1:42.26

* Denotes world record for the 200 freestyle relay