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I'm still bitter about it years later

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image. Overweight kids with early hair loss would be good candidates for those gatherings because they probably don't look any worse now.

Still, it's nice to see how people turned out. I know a couple so-called geeks, who couldn't do anything in gym class, became dentists. I know one guy, who I was positive didn't like girls, is married and has a couple kids. Another guy became a golf pro, and one of the girls married a guy who played with the Montreal Canadiens.

I wish I knew what happened to some of the other guys and girls. I went to that Web site, classmates.com, which it turns out isn't only a good idea, but also a profitable one. I'm not sure I'm interested in paying to e-mail a name from the past, if only out of principle.

I've run across school friends over the years at various places, including one guy I didn't even remember. He went on and on about the good times we had, and for the life of me I couldn't place him then and still can't. It bugs the heck out of me. I didn't have the heart to tell him; I just laughed and shook my head at the appropriate times.

About 10 years ago, an old gym teacher of mine called my parents home to get in touch with me about a class reunion. The thing I remembered most about him was that during a gymnastics segment he and I played catch. He was working on his pitching and I was a catcher. Then he gave me a zero for gymnastics. Thank you very much.

I wouldn't mind talking to some of my other teachers who told me I was never going to amount to anything. Turns out they were smarter than I thought.

Except for one guy who gave me a D- on a major geography project because he said I plagiarized the whole thing. Since I did no such thing that turned out to be quite a compliment, although I'm still bitter about it 25 years later.

I have no illusions about my high school years. I wasted them about as badly as they could be wasted. Wouldn't we all like to go back to that time, knowing what we do now? I'd be a lot smoother with the girls, I can tell you that. Or maybe not. In any event, I'd attend my classes more regularly and do my homework.

I'd also be less self-conscious. I guess that's typically teenage, but what a waste of time. Of course, you don't know that until you're older.

We were so worried about what other people thought about us and could be so superficial. There was this one girl who was probably the nicest girl in my class. We got along great, laughed all the time, and told each other our secrets. She saw me in a romantic way, but I discouraged her from going in that direction for the simple reason that she was overweight. Wouldn't want to be seen with a tubby girl, that would ruin the image. I don't know whatever became of her but I hope she's happy.

When I was in high school I couldn't wait to get out of there. It's funny now how I keep going back.

Result worth it: Ninaber

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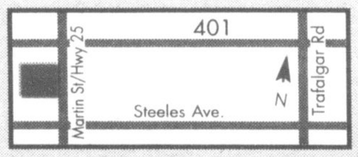

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