

# Things in Motion ...

All things are in motion and nothing is at rest...you cannot go into the same (river) twice. --Heraclitus (540?-480?)B.C.

## *HAIL TO THEE, OUR ALMA MATER!*

When we graduate from high school, it is at least ten years before the first reunion, and sometimes longer. In my own case it was a whopping thirty years! My southwest GA small school, typical of most agricultural areas was steeped in tradition—whatever our grandparents did was fine with us; at least until we had moved away to larger cities and discovered different ways of thinking. My class had twenty-one members—which was about average for most rural high schools in the thirties and forties. Of that number, only twelve showed up for the 30-year reunion, but we made up for our small numbers by an enormous enthusiasm and the event was a huge success.



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We all voted to meet again in five years, but when the time arrived, no more than four or five responded—another five years went by and again, not enough class members responded. It was an incredible twenty-five years later before a sufficient number were interested in another reunion. By the time I saw my classmates I was unable to even recognize several of them. What on earth had happened to them all—the men were all beginning to stoop; most were losing their hair and a number sported pot bellies—as did I. The women were no longer pretty—nor shapely, either! Good Grief! All of us seemed to see ourselves reflected in our former classmates—and every reflection yelled OLD...OLD...OLD! Suddenly, we all seemed to grow much fonder and closer to our former school buddies. Two of our group had passed on, reminding the rest of us that our time to reminisce is limited by factors over which we have no control. We voted to hold our reunion every year after that.



59 years later

“The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the mind.”

--William Blake

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