**OOH AAH, SON OF A GUN, WE’RE THE CLASS OF ‘71**

**Who is the Class of 71?**

We are the class who won 1st place in Homecoming Float contest 3 years in a row.

We are the class who had the Ides of March play at an after-prom party at the Log Restaurant.

We are the class who had the Cryan’ Shames, Spirit, Sugar Loaf at pep assemblies.

Music was a part of our lives; from purchasing records at Hegewisch Records, playing music while working on floats, on our prom, or at dances in the basement of churches all around the area. Imagine that Louie Louie was banned by the nun at St. Victor’s

We are the class that somehow found a TFN cannon and brought it to a pep assembly before a North-South game.

We are the class who protested the school’s ban on celebrating the 1st Earth Day (think about that one). Many of us put on black armbands and headed outside (somewhere in the file cabinet archives of the school are the names of all of us subversives).

We are the class who gave The Rock as a gift to the school (although many other classes have tried to claim that right). The Rock has represented expression of thought for our class and all the classes who followed us and classes who continue to paint the Rock for their own reunions. Just think of how many layers of paint are on it 50 years later.

Take a look around the room and you will find classmates that helped be part of all the events of our high school days.

**Here is how we see the Class of ’71 by the numbers of those here tonight (our yearbook was used to compile these numbers so we can’t guarantee total accuracy):**

Our class Salutatorian is here.

15 of those here were members of Sophomore football team that won the SESC championship.

We have 9 varsity football players here.

There is the winner of the Schroeder Valor Award for football.

There are 3 Varsity swimmers, including 2 All Conference swimmers.

We have 11 Senior Lettermen here tonight.

There is 2 Varsity wrestler, who was also the Most Valuable Wrestler.

There are 5 Varsity track athletes.

There is 1 Varsity cross country athlete.

There is 1 Varsity basketball player.

There are 5 Varsity baseball players.

There are 3 SE Suburban Varsity swim champs.

1 cheerleader is here.

There is 1 Co-chair of our prom, African Mystique.

There is 1 Student Senate officer from our senior year and 5 senators.

There are 4 members of the Homecoming Court, including the King

There are 6 nominees of Prom Court, including the King and the Queen

3 of our class officers are here.

2 of the It’s Academic team are present.

There are 3 state finalists in Speech, including the 1st place winner in Serious Speaking.

There is 1 DAR nominee in the crowd.

1 member of the Girls Club Board is present.

There is 1 student who spent his junior year as a Foreign Exchange Student.

One person here had the coolest car.

1 member of the Varsity Band is here.

2 members of Triple Sextette are in attendance.

There are 2 Student Assistants present.

There are 5 members here of Vocation Organizations.

2 members of Key Club are here.

1 member of FBLA is in the room.

4 members of Communication Arts Organizations are here

11 National Honor Society members are in attendance.

1 Rebel Rouser Co-editor is here.

Thanks to all of you for being here. Some of you have never missed a reunion, some are coming to the first one and others have been to a couple of them. We appreciate all of you. You are all a part of the Class of 71.

**Happy 50th everyone!**