

Memories of Azusa High School

Name: CHRIS ENGLUND

Favorite song: IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT

Favorite subject: HISTORY / MACHINE SHOP / GEOMETRY

Favorite teacher: MR. WATERS / MR. GILLESPIE

Favorite hangout: COFFE DANS WHEN WE HAD LOTS OF MONEY. BAKERS WHEN WE HAD A LITTLE MONEY. SOMEONE'S HOUSE WHEN WE WERE BROKE, WHICH WAS MOST OF THE TIME.

Favorite food: HAMBURGERS, FRIES AND COKE.

Favorite school activity: SPORTS. THE MOST DIFFICULT LETTER I EARNED WAS IN CROSS COUNTRY. WOW! THEY WORK HARD. I LOVED TRACK. IT WAS GREAT TO STRETCH OUT IN THE GRASS ON A WARM SPRING DAY. BASEBALL WAS FUN. I LOVED TO HIT THE BALL. TOO BAD I MISSED MOST OF THE TIME. BASKETBALL WAS MY LIFE.

Favorite summer activity: PLAY BASKETBALL AND GO SWIMMING IN THE HS POOL AT NIGHT.

Favorite outfit: I NEVER REALLY WORE AN "OUTFIT". THE GIRLS WORE OUTFITS. I WORE BLUE JEANS OR CHINOS WITH A SPORT SHIRT. IS THAT AN "OUTFIT"?

First car: I DROVE MY BROTHER'S '54 CHEVY WHEN HE WOULD LET ME. I DIDN'T GET A CAR OF MY OWN UNTIL I MOVED TO FRESNO TO GO TO SCHOOL. I BOUGHT A 1950 FORD WITH A FLAT HEAD V8. I HAD TO PUT A PIECE OF PLYWOOD ON THE FLOOR UNDER THE PEDALS BECAUSE OF A 6" HOLE. WHEN IT RAINED, MY FEET GOT WET. IT COST \$90.

First date: I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHEN MY FIRST DATE WAS. I USED TO HANG OUT WITH A LOT OF GIRLS AND GO PLACES WITH THEM. I SUPPOSE SOMEWHERE ALONG THE ROAD ONE OF THOSE OUTINGS TURNED INTO A DATE. GUYS DON'T THINK ABOUT STUFF LIKE THIS. ASK ME WHAT MY BATTING AVERAGE WAS IN THE 9TH GRADE. JUST KIDDING! I CAN'T REMEMBER THAT EITHER.

First kiss: THERE IS KISSING AND THEN THERE IS KISSING. I REMEMBER EXPERIMENTING A LITTLE IN THE 6TH GRADE, THEN MORE IN THE 7TH GRADE. I GUESS I WAS 15 OR 16 BEFORE I REALLY KNEW WHAT A REAL KISS WAS. SORRY, CAN'T SAY WHO. THAT WOULDN'T BE NICE.

Christmas dance date: SHIRLEY PATTERSON. I THINK IT WAS AT THE CHRISTMAS DANCE THAT I HEARD ONE OF MY FRIENDS SAY "YOU'RE LEANING ON ME LOUIS". SHIRLEY AND I HAVE REPEATED THAT SAYING MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS.

Senior prom date: SHIRLEY PATTERSON (SHIRLEY ENGLUND FOR THE LAST 46 YEARS).

Biggest crush: IT BETTER BE SHIRLEY PATTERSON OR I'M IN BIG TROUBLE. ACTUALLY, I HAD SEVERAL GIRL FRIENDS THAT MEANT A LOT TO ME AND MANY MORE OTHERS I WANTED TO KNOW BETTER.

Biggest distraction: SCHOOL. I WOULD HAVE HAD A LOT MORE FUN IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO CLASS AND DO HOMEWORK AT NIGHT. WORKING TOOK ITS TOLL AS WELL.

Fondest memory: HANGING OUT IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM WITH FRIENDS LIKE ROGER WHITELEY, CAROL RUFFING, RACHEL PILL, AND ALL THE OTHERS.

Funniest moment: LOTS OF FUNNY MOMENTS. I REMEMBER ONE WHEN DANNY GAYLE FORGOT HIS JOCK STRAP FOR ONE OF THE BASKETBALL GAMES AND PLAYED WITHOUT IT. DANNY WAS UNUSUALLY MATURE FOR HIS AGE. ANOTHER TIME THE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM WAS BEING INTRODUCED AT A RALLY. WE WERE ALL SUPPOSED TO DRIBBLE OUT AND MAKE A LAYUP... I MISSED! BOY DID I GET TEASED. I STILL LAUGH ABOUT THAT ONE.

Most embarrassing moment: WHEN I WAS CHIEF JUSTICE AND GOT CAUGHT GETTING FRIENDS OUT OF CLASS FOR "STUDENT COURT" BUT ACTUALLY GOING TO MY HOUSE WHILE MY PARENTS WERE GONE. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE. WE WERE BAD!

Biggest accomplishment (personal): ACCEPTANCE TO FRESNO STATE. WINNING LOTS OF BALL GAMES AS FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES. LEARNING HOW TO ACCEPT DEFEAT AS JUNIORS AND SENIORS. I HATED TO LOOSE BUT SOME OF LIFE'S MOST VALUABLE LESSONS WERE LEARNED IN THOES LATER YEARS.

Best summer vacation: I WORKED EVERY SUMMER BUT ONE YEAR I DROVE MY BROTHER UP TO HUMBOLT STATE BY MYSELF (WAY UP IN EUREKA, CA). I THINK I WAS JUST 16 AND "FREE AS A BIRD". I FELT SO GROWNUP.