

# MAKING IT A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR TODAY

# HIGH SCHOOL THE ROOT OF MAKING IT!

High School is extremely important in becoming a success. Not because of anything you learn, of course — success today has nothing to do with knowledge. No, High School is important because this is where you lay the groundwork for your 10 YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION....



## PRIOR TO GRADUATION

An "AFTER" photo is only as dramatic as its "BEFORE" photo. Right now is the time to consider what your friends will be comparing you to in ten years. Keep these points in mind as you go through high school:

**1. THINK CAREFULLY BEFORE BECOMING STUDENT BODY PREZ OR HEAD CHEERLEADER OR FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.**

Can you maintain this success forever? In ten years will you be running for Congress? Have your own TV show? Be quarterback for the Raiders? Or will you be pumping gas by day, reading the yearbook by night? Nothing is sadder than someone who peaked in high school.



**2. ON THE OTHER HAND, DON'T BE A DORK.** If right now you can name all of the Enterprise-class starships



or you weigh 300 pounds or if you're just a social outcast in general, and then in ten years you waltz into the reunion a fit, witty, trendy, successful Beach local, you'll be treated like a sideshow geek. Your high school-to-reunion transition should not look like the result of a deal with Beelzebub.

## GRADUATION NIGHT

Burn the image of all your classmates into your memory — especially Stacie Dimplelaff, the girl who would never go out with you.

## FIRST 5 YEARS AFTER GRADUATION

During these years you can go to college,

drift through Europe, join the Moonies, go to prison, surf, bounce around a rehab center, join the Navy, have a

short-lived marriage, experiment with dozens of lifestyles, suffer a tragic romance, or just do nothing. It really doesn't matter, since nothing you do during this period will have any impact on your life whatsoever after another five years.



## THE NEXT 5 YEARS

Become financially self-sufficient, buy a house at the Beach, marry well (optional).

## 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE REUNION...

you will receive your invitation. You'll have several questions:

**1. SHOULD I GO?** Yes!

If you don't, everyone will think you're a loser afraid to show his face.

**2. WHAT DO I CARE WHAT THEY THINK?**

Because you'll think it, too.

**3. WHAT'S STACIE DIMPLELAFF LIKE NOW?** Gorgeous, divorced, bitter, and cynical.

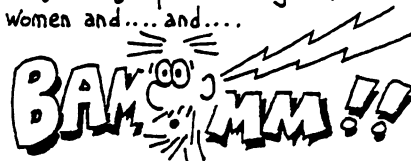


## 3 WEEKS BEFORE THE REUNION

Try to lose twenty pounds.

## THE REUNION

This is it! Most important night of your life! Most important? C'mon... (You'll see....) Sure, it's kinda gratifying that the jocks look like Smurfs now.... (Wait for it....) And, yeah, it's kinda ironic that Stacie Schmeer-fartz (née Dimplelaff), her biological clock ticking like Big Ben, wants to buy you a drink.... (It's comming....) But this is just a group of ordinary men and women and.... and....



Suddenly, in this room of dreams and plans that became unrecognizably twisted, you see your life, for the first time, in complete perspective — where you've been, where you are, and (gulp) where you're headed... unless you do something about it **RIGHT NOW!!** That's right, Buddy: **BAMMM!!!** You've just heard the Two Minute Warning of your life.

## AFTER THE REUNION

**1. ADJUST YOUR LIFE ONTO THE RIGHT TRACK.** Whatever it takes.

**2. TOSS OUT YOUR YEARBOOKS.** Your classmates? Forget 'em. They served their purpose. Yeah, you promised to call them, but you won't. Oh, except Stacie. Call her. Take her out. Have a torrid affair. Then dump her like a barrel of toxic waste. You've waited 10 years; you deserve it.