

My visit to Azusa High School

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Hurray for the State of Kiowa! This week has found me mentally tripping down 1961 memory lanes. My visit to the Azusa High School campus vividly focused my thoughts on our years together. As I started my visit, all the students were in class, so the halls and walkways were mostly empty. The “Senior” quad area seemed to echo with our laughter from 50 years ago. The original buildings looked exactly the same, but the trees had grown huge provided cooling shade. I heard that the gym locker areas were no longer in use and that the original swimming pool was no longer being used. The Library was filled with computers – an alien product to our 1961 generation. I wished that all of our classmates had been there with me – remembering those formative years.

I was graciously received by all Azusa High School staff members when they discovered a 1961 graduate stood before them. Guess it is rare that graduates come back to visit during the normal school schedule. It would be quite an experience if we could get a group of 1961 grads to visit the school during the reunion to attend a football assembly, speak to a social studies class on what happened to '61 grads, see the student government in action, to visit classes, or just enjoy (?) lunch in the cafeteria. (I was told that some of the furniture from the 60's is still on campus!)