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DHS Class of '68 to party and reminisce

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There's a battle outside
And it is ragin'.
It'll soon shake your windows
And rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'.
-- Bob Dylan, 1963



DANBURY-- Becoming independent, challenging authority and being carefree are just some of the things that come to mind when city resident Bob Faubel, 58, reflects on his days as a student at Danbury High School.

Along with more than 100 other members of his graduating class, Faubel will get to reminisce about those times this weekend at their 40th reunion.

The Class of '68 sure knows how to party -- the reunion will span three days. Today, graduates will meet for appetizers and drinks at 7 p.m. at Widow Brown's Café on Federal Road.

The fun continues Saturday at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel from 6 to 11 p.m. with a catered dinner, trivia, games and dancing with D.J. Bill Trotta of Sound Investment Entertainment.

On Sunday, it's back to Widow Brown's Café from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for brunch.

While some graduates live locally, others are traveling from as far as Nevada, Florida, Chicago, Colorado and Massachusetts.

The 520-member class has something to celebrate in addition to the get-together -- they represent Danbury High School's centennial class.

"In preparing for the reunion, I recently noticed that the school's logo says 'Founded 1868' on it, said Faubel, a minister. "No one ever said anything about this to us

the whole time we were students."

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A recent article in AARP magazine said with the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., the war in Vietnam, political unrest, civil rights demonstrations and the women's liberation movement, 1968 was the most cataclysmic year in U.S. history.

"Even with all the uncertainty going on around us, though, we were young and didn't spend time dwelling on it," said city resident Lynn Tomanio Meeker, 57, a school nurse. "We had fun times just living our lives day to day."

"For me, the biggest thing at that time was the music. It was the greatest music era that ever existed," Faubel said.



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