

# The 100th class graduated in 1989

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Twenty years ago the 100th class graduated from Decatur Community High School.

The Class of 1989 was filled with a mixture of milestones throughout their high school career, one of which was the 100th class.

That year the girls track team won the league championship title, for the second year in a row. It was the first year that the boys cross country team's race was 3.2 miles instead of two. Sandi Elwood was selected as the Halloween clean-up general as the first female ever.

According to the yearbook in 1989 the senior class won the red, white and gray day during Spirit Week for Homecoming, which wasn't unusual. The unusual part was the 98 percent participating, which was high.

Although Spirit Week may still be somewhat the same these days, lots has changed in the last 20 years.

Dan Grafel said he remembers that cruising



**IN THEIR** caps and gowns, members of the Class of 1989 waited to walk into the gym at Decatur Community High School to graduate.

Main Street was a big deal. A lot of the guys had Cameros and Mustangs, which everyone thought was cool. Occasionally there would be a big party at someone's house.

The Class of 1989 was decent size, around

50 people, he said, but at one point it was closer to 70 students.

Quite a few of the class went on to college at Kansas State University, said Mr. Grafel. Several of them, he said, have kept in touch.

Several have returned home to work and raise families including, himself, Shannon Metcalf, Dr. Shannon Addleman, Julia Rae and Bill Urban.

Mr. Grafel said he isn't sure how things have changed between his class and this year's class of seniors, because he doesn't really see them driving around on weekends.

"We were into our cars and music," he said.

Students listened to quite a bit of metal including Bon Jovi and Def Leppard. He said he still listens to Hair Nation, a program on a local station that plays metal.

Back in those days there were still music videos on MTV and the fashions came from there. Some of those fashions included stone-washed jeans that a person would roll and peg leg at the bottom.

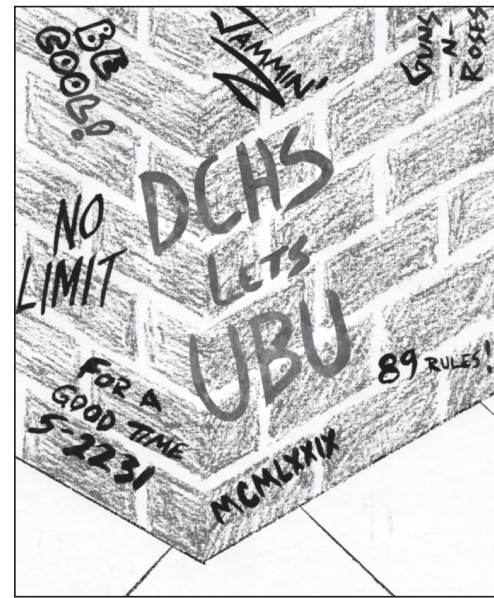
Lots of guys quoted lines from their favorite movies too, like "Top Gun," "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" and "Young Guns".

The show "Miami Vice" was also popular and so some of the fashion fopas might have come from there.

Another graduate, Mark Bricker, said he remembers things like four corners and oil wells,

although he commented that they didn't need any explanation. Members of the class would remember them.

The Class of 1989 plans to get together on Saturday at the American Legion.



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