

Prom changed in 1990

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With only 26 students in the graduating Class of 1990, the school's prom grew to include juniors, seniors, students one year out of school and those invited from other schools.

Jeni (Shirley) Henningson said she thought the class was one of the smallest, if not the smallest. The 26 students include three foreign exchange students. There were eight girls in the graduating class, she said.

She said she thought the low class size also was why Leigh Davis, teacher, wrote the junior class play.

Mrs. Henningson was named the prom queen and Seth Lohofener prom marshal and king. The theme was "I Remember You."

At the beginning of the year Jody (Gaskill) Metcalf was named homecoming queen and Ed Geihlsler homecoming king.

The girls had a good basketball team that year, said Mr. Lohofener. They took third place at state.



THE 1989-1990 Decatur Community High School girls basketball team brought home the third place trophy from the state competition.

The girls placed again at state track that year, bringing home a second place trophy.

Of the 26 students 10 of them, he said, went through all 12 years in the Oberlin School District.

Back then fairly big hair was popular, he said, so were skinny jeans that were tight at the ankles.

People listened to rock bands including Metallica.

While students cruised Main Street, said Mr.

Lohofener, it wasn't as popular as it had been a few years prior. Students still drove around more than now.

Some of the class, he said, played quite a bit of golf, but not all of them.

A lot of the class, said Mr. Lohofener, still lives around Oberlin. He added that he does keep in touch with them.

Although they have been out of school for 20 years, he said, it seems things are still pretty similar.

Probably the biggest change, he said, is when the grade school did away with making the meals at the cafeteria. Most of it is the same, including that many of the teachers are still in the district.

At the end of the year Rachele (Unger) Gorrell was named valedictorian and salutatorian was Dawn (McEvoy) Beckman.

The class plans to meet at noon at the Decatur Rec Center east of town on Saturday, May 29.

Class of 2000 to celebrate 10 years out of school

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With the motto that "Life is too short to be taken seriously," the Class of 2000 knew how to have fun while in school.

Natalie (Brown) Barlett said while the class was made up of unique individuals everyone got along really well and could work together. That closeness and ability to work together showed during the class's junior year when they organized and decorated beautifully for prom.

Mrs. Barlett said their senior year the class won every day of spirit week, the wind decorating competition and the float competition.

"What I remember the most about our class," she said, "is that we were always very involved and ambitious. Members of the Class of 2000 were involved in every aspect of school from athletics, academics, music, theater, speech and debate, and clubs and organizations. By our senior year we were not only representing the school in each of these areas but also holding leadership positions in them."

She said she remembers helping organize and going on lots of trips her senior year.

"Every trip involved a long, rather uncomfortable bus ride often leaving very early in the morning, but we made it fun and memorable because we got to spend time together," said Mrs. Barlett.

Trips included the science club going to the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson, the National Honor Society going to the aquarium in Denver,

the student council going to Topeka to meet the state representatives and stopping by the Kansas History Museum and athletic and other competitions.

That might have been the first year in Decatur Community High School history to have two guys lead the promenade on Main Street, she said.

Mrs. Barlett said she remembers everyone having such a great time at prom. Everyone danced a lot and the guys did an unforgettable performance to "I'm too Sexy," she said.

The theme for prom was "Midnight Mystery." Danielle Bailey was named queen and C.J. Peters was named king.

At the beginning of the year Erica Martin was named homecoming queen and Brad Moore king.

That year the students took part in the 75th Halloween clean-up, according to the yearbook. Captains of the Monday evening event were Adam Lohofener and Michael Roe.

The class colors were black and silver, the flower was the sunflower and the song was "Magic Carpet Ride."

Roxann Corcoran was named valedictorian, Natalie Brown was salutatorian and Hillary Shike was national merit finalist.

Josh Williby, who now teaches at the high school, said he remembers the fellowship of the classmates in the halls. As a student you don't realize how much things are going to change.

Mr. Williby said he keeps in touch with mem-



AT BACCALAUREATE back in 2000 C.J. Peters, Kenzie (Abbey) Reichert and Hillary (Shike) McShea sat in the auditorium.

bers of his class who are still in the area.

"Thinking back about my class reminds me of how much fun we had together and how very proud I am to be a part of the Class of 2000," said Mrs. Barlett.

The class plans to meet at the American Legion at 7 p.m. Friday, May 28 and at noon at the new bowling alley on Saturday, May 29.