



CLASS MEMBERS OF 1987 who met for their 20th class reunion (above) included, Row 1, (from left) Glen Baughman, Pamela Votapka Huerter, Tracy Wisdom Huxoll, Dena Lauderback Dellere, Jennifer Chason Juenemann, Laurie O'Toole Nachtigal. Row 2, Keri Lines Bryan, Andrea Arnoldy Schuette, Jana

Junod Wilson, Darlene Sater Lindskog, Stephanie Unger Blau, Jody Whitaker Stull. Row 3, Shane Wurm, Mitch Bartels, John Kelley, Brad Simonsson, Kenny Gee, Brad Burmaster, Tom West, Brian Wood. Marching during graduation were (below, from left) Brent Jennings, Dallas Johnson, Jana Junod and John Kelley.

Mickey, Coke hot items in '87

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Styles were all "a go" during the senior year of the Decatur Community High School Class of 1987.

According to a story by Jody Whitaker in the Decatur Dictator, Coca-Cola clothes, Mickey Mouse shirts, high top bright-colored Reeboks, swatches, and PePes all were the radical styles for 1987.

Coca-Cola clothes were in for both guys and gals and both were seen walking down the halls with Coca-Cola written across their chest. Their jeans were also different colors such as red with Coca-Cola on the back.

Mickey Mouse shirts were another hot item with Walt Disney characters all over them. PePe's were jeans and they fit tight around the ankles.

When the class enrolled in the fall of 1986, Earl Barber was football coach and seniors on the team were Brad Burmaster, John Kelley, Brent Jennings, Shane Wurm, Dallas Johnson, Kenny Gee, Andy Matson, Mitch Bartels and Glen Baughman. Senior cheerleaders were Andrea Arnoldy, Heather Anderson, Pam Votapka and Darlene Sater. Coach Dick Ahlberg headed up the cross country squad.

Laurie O'Toole was crowned football queen and her attendants were Brent Jennings, Rachael Morgan, Shane Wurm, Jennifer Chason, Dallas Johnson, Baron Ferguson, Sandy Matson,

Heather Anderson, Mitch Bartels, Jody Whitaker, Kent Winder and Marilyn Seidel.

Class officers were Pam Votapka, president; Jody Whitaker, vice president, and Jason Raulston, secretary-treasurer.

On the farm, wheat was selling for \$2.74 a bushel; corn, \$1.69 and milo \$2.60 a hundred-weight and Mike Hayden of Atwood was elected governor of Kansas.

Classmates who attended school together for 12 years (Norcatur and Oberlin) included: Kent Winder, Brad Simonsson, Andy Matson, Jason Raulston, Dallas Johnson, Mike Humes, Tom West, Andrea Lauber, Darlene Sater, Mark Frickey, Amie Plotts, Rose Russ, Lucretia Thornton, Laurie O'Toole, Jody Whitaker, Marlene Tally Heather Anderson, Pam Votapka, Rachael Morgan, Stephanie Unger and Glen Baughman.

"Born to be Wild" is a special memory for the class, according to a story in the yearbook. "The Class of 1987 will be known for its unique qualities and rather strange quirks! I mean. . . what other class has become emotionally involved with a mannequin named Bob? Did I say mannequin? Surely not. . . Bob has feelings, too! Bob originated at Prairie Peddler in the basement. Brent Jennings took Bob from that basement and introduced him to the Class of 1987. Derek Bateman christened him Bob after Bob Francisco; the resemblance is uncanny.

"Bob and the class went through a lot together. He was the most important part of homecoming



floats and even changed races to accommodate us as juniors, during prom.

"A great travesty occurred to the Class of 1987 their junior year, as Bob was stolen. In letters cut out of newspapers was the message on the bulletin board in the hall, 'Bob is safe. He was left out in the cold with no clothes on and so he was kidnapped!' The class was devastated, but after a letter of apology to Bob for mistreating him, he was returned to the class."

The 1987 state qualifiers in track included: Darren Horn, Bill Harmon, Jody Gaskill, Catherine Braden, Stephanie Unger, Gina Klima, Chris Stanley, Laurie O'Toole, Jeni Peter, Kristy Unger and Kent Winder. Duane Dorshorst was coach with Patti Dorshorst and Earl Barber as assistants.

The Lady Red Devils captured the sub-state volleyball title and seniors on the team were Laurie O'Toole, Jennifer Chason, Rachael Morgan and Stephanie Unger.

Brian Wood was named a National Merit Scholar. KU Honor Scholars were Mark Fric-

key, John Kelley, Brad Simonsson, Pam Votapka and Brian Wood. John Kelley won the Dane G. Hansen top scholarship of \$3,500 for four years of college.

"Free at last. Free at last. Thank God, we're free at last," quoted salutatorian Brad Simonsson of Martin Luther King Jr. at the 1987 commencement exercises held May 18 in the high school gymnasium. His words appropriately summed up the class of 1987's emotions about graduating. But on a more serious note, Valedictorian Brian Wood discussed his feelings about the advantages of graduating from a small school.

The senior choir sang, "Stand By Me" and other musical performances were by the brass sextet, senior sextet and choir.

And no other words summed up the attitude toward life for the DCHS Class of 1987 better than the class motto, Julius Caesar's immortal words, "I came. I saw. I conquered."

Classmates will meet at noon at 101 S. York on Saturday for their 25th reunion. Pictures will be taken at 1 p.m.