Changing Scenes



One hundred years ago















five young men and five young women gathered with parents, faculty and friends in Busey Hall for what were the first commencement exercises to be held by a class of Urbana High School. This year, over 300 seniors will march in caps and gowns to receive Urbana diplomas. Those 1883 seniors had completed a rigid classic curriculum. 1983 seniors will have followed a highly diversified curriculum in their individual pursuits of that valued diploma.



Student life











is quite different from that in 1883. Most early students were from farming families; the rest from local businessmen's famlies. They walked to school or came by horse and buggy. Now students wheel into the parking lot in all varieties of automobiles. Some ride prized bikes, motorcycles or big yellow Harmon busses. One item the generations have in common is the ever comfortable pair of jeans.









Many activities









are still around from the early times. By 1905 an orchestra, the glee club and a chorus were going. Soon after, in 1910, THE THORNBURN THISTLE and the ROSEMARY were started. A German club, a debating team and a tennis team followed. Activities come and go, depending on student interest. THE THISTLE is now ECH0; ROSEMARY is still with us; a German club has revived after several years of inactivity, and the variety is wide when a student chooses to be involved.













Athletics have grown



since the 1880's. In 1893 the School Board agreed to sponsor a football team and donated ten dollars for equipment, a small basement room for changing and some nails for hanging equipment. Over ninty years later, sports are a major part of extra-curricular activities. Girls have enjoyed this competition only since the early 1970's





Homecoming









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has a surprisingly short tradition. This year Tuesday and Wednesday evenings found students striving for the perfect float. Thursday brought the expected bonfire and snake dance. Friday saw the first crowning on the football field in an afternoon assembly and a defeat for the Tigers in the night game with Springfield. King Tony McDade and Queen Laura Tatman reigned over spirited activities in spite of the game. Homecoming ended with the traditional dance.





Asahel Bruer













celebrated his first Christmas as principal at Urbana by bringing a gallon of whiskey and a bushel of apples to the school's Christmas party. One year later, when he failed to bring whiskey and apples to the party, the boys locked him out of the schoolhouse. Asahel calmly solved the problem. He covered the chimney with boards from the roof and smoked the boys out of the school. Principals have come and gone here, but whiskey and apples are just gone.



have stayed much the same in some ways. The class of 1883 were required to take all the following: Crayon Drawing, Penmanship, Cicero, and Natural Philosophy. No grade levels existed. The A class finished that year; the B class the next. Today sophomores, juniors and seniors complete three years of study in a comprehensive high school and take courses designed to suit academic and vocational preferences.





"There's Rosemary, that's for remembrance," And so let our little book be, Keeping forever fresh in our mem'ries Glad days of our school gayety. Rosemary — 1912







1. Tony McDade gets in shape for the long trip ahead. 2. Cherie Parsons and Andrea Ritter learn to use a magnetic compass.



Programs offer alternatives





PATHFINDERS. C. Parsons, Sponsor Joellen Roberts, S. Dow, A. Ritter, ROW 2: B. Sponsor Jeff Nelson.

Programs had a great deal to offer the student of 1983, from the Pathfinders, who travel to the Great Southwest, to the new Medical Assistants program. This year the Pathfinders will study the Westward Migration. In preparation for their journey they master such skills as first aid and map reading.

 Peer Counselor Kristen Jessop helps a student with her homework. 2.
Rhonda Zehr prepares for her internship at Carle Hospital. 3. The Passive Solar Project House, designed by the drafting classes, has a projected annual heating/cooling cost of \$100.





YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING. L. Fayon (France), R. Kuvaja (Finland).





PEER COUNSELORS. J. Bode, E. Sarabi, Hooshmand, C. Smith, T. Willis, V. Smith, T. White. ROW 2: K. Jessop, M. Brown, S. V. Howard.





LIGHTING, L. Kiesewetter, A. Ritter, T. Seidman, B. Kiesewetter, J. Friedman, L. Kingery. ROW 2: H. Young, B. Crummey, M. Langan.

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This year, the Peer Counseling program provided students with an opportunity to talk with fellow students about problems they were having. The Youth for Understanding program brought foreign students to U.H.S., and the lighting program taught students about dramatic effects with lighting equipment. The Executive High School Internship (EHI) program allowed students to work in various prospective career areas in the community.

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PUPS. W. McDonald, L. Hinners, T. Green, D. Hellberg, T. Spillers. ROW 2: P. White, S. Cassavant, T. Corray, S. Wingler, B. Brooks, B. Anderson, R. Blackman, C. Ruschmann, E. Zwettler,

J. Robinson, M. Soliz. ROW 3: B. McMillion, R. Klein, R. Panepinto, T. Lewis, S. Wisdom.



M. Johnson, D. Johnson, E. Guldbrandsen, R. McKin-



CWT. J. Grant, T. Dial, B. Kersh, Sponsor Pat Atchley, A. Watson, B. Brown, T. Beals. ROW 2: K. Beaumont, T. Dillon, J. Heck, C. Smith, R. Flanigan, P. Woodson, M.

Thomas, A. Butcher, ROW 3: J. Decker, B. Marshall, A. Wozencraft, D. Moody, D. Taylor.

House Construction participants built the new passive solar home, designed by the drafting classes. The Career Work Training (CWT) program taught good work habits and work skills, while the PUPS (Parenting Utilizing Pre-kindergarten Skills) program stressed the value of understanding child care, as students worked with pre-school children on the U.H.S. campus.



LIBRARY AIDES. C. Carter, J. Bloemker, J. Cooper, L. Jones, G. Deckman, C. Carter.





OFFICE AIDES. D. Dunayer, A. Bass, D. Luster.

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SEA EXPLORERS. G. Reiss. ROW 2: R. Harrison, C. Engelgau, T. Wimmer, T. Wimmer, N. Rebeiz. ROW 3: M. Hinchee, M. Duell, S. Dow, T. Gomez.



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MEDICAL ASSISTANTS. J. Heck, D. Ronk, R. Wilson, B. Heath, K. Wingfield, Sponsor Marge Keller.

The Office and Library aides learned basic clerical skills such as filing and cataloguing while providing assistance to the secretaries, librarians, administrators and students. Two new programs joined the ranks in 1983 — the Medical Assistants and the Sea Explorers. The Sea Explorers traveled to Jamaica during spring break to study marine biology. The Medical Assistants spent practical time working in local hospitals.





1. The enthusiastic crowd cheers on Urbana. 2. Jerry McCullum receives punt return. 3. Coach McDermott yells at the defense. 4. Kevin Killion runs up the middle while John Lenoir blocks. 5. Vince Howard catches a pass for a first down. 6. Randy Hoggard stops Springfield.



The Tigers came into the season with high spirits as they avenged last season's losses to Champaign Centennial and Stephen Decatur, and they beat Lincoln for the second consecutive season. These spirits were dampened as the Tigers suffered losses to rival Champaign Central and to Bloomington. The Springfield Senators handed down a Homecoming upset, leaving the Tigers with a 3-6 record for the '82-'83 football season.









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an, D. Helman, F. McGavran, J. Williams, K. Conerly, H. Thomas, Coach J.C. Caroline. ROW 4: E. Hursey, H. Luckett, B. Ford, M. Gremer, A. Southwood, T. Cunningham, K. Killion, C. Ekstrom, K. Dorner, B. Hacker, R. Hoggard, V. Minor, P. Williams.