



Urbana High School

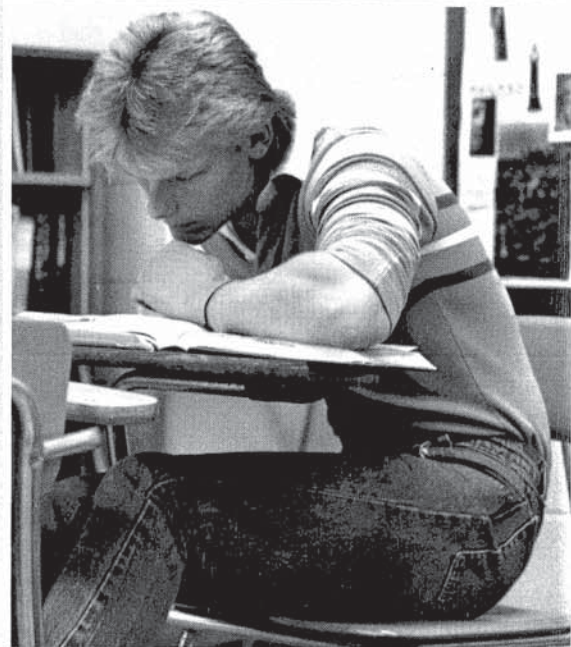
A collection of bricks and mortar, carved stone, and panes of glass. But it's more than that — more than just a four story structure. It houses the echoes of thousands of footsteps, the resounding slams of lockers, and the ghostly voices of those a century before. It is a valuable relic — but the building itself can't be appraised because the memories contained behind these walls are priceless. Each of us will carry forever mementoes of our high school years, and they are truly fine collectables.



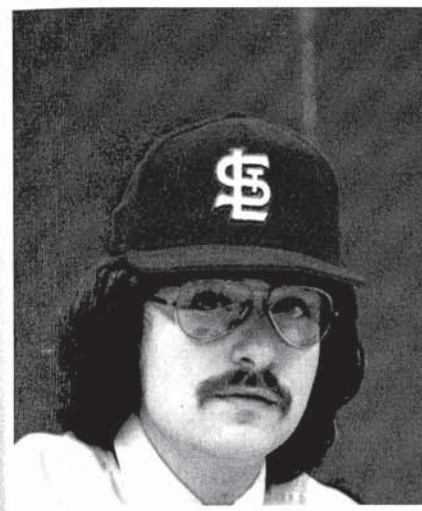
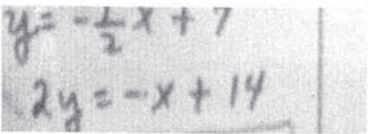
The chemistry WILL get done.



Jeff Stevens harasses Debbie George.



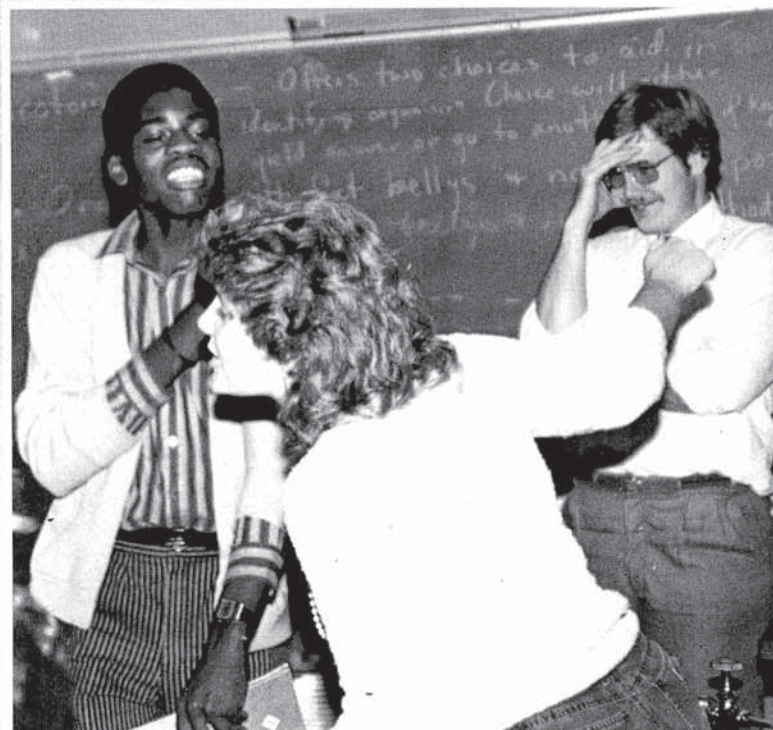
Doug Price looks for more.



Mr. Stoia, a sour-faced Cub fan.



Kristen, Tony and Frances ponder the intricacies of the French language.



The Challenge

Most of our time at Urbana High School is spent in desks, taking notes, passing and sometimes failing tests. We collect and store in our minds knowledge. By graduation we've spent some 2000 hours in the classroom absorbing and processing facts and ideas. We've read Shakespeare, mastered algebraic equations, and conjugated Spanish verbs. We've been challenged, stretched, and frustrated by teachers, administrators, and classmates. And through it all, we've grown and changed becoming the



Mitch Lammers falling around.



Roy Nigg waits for that special inspiration.



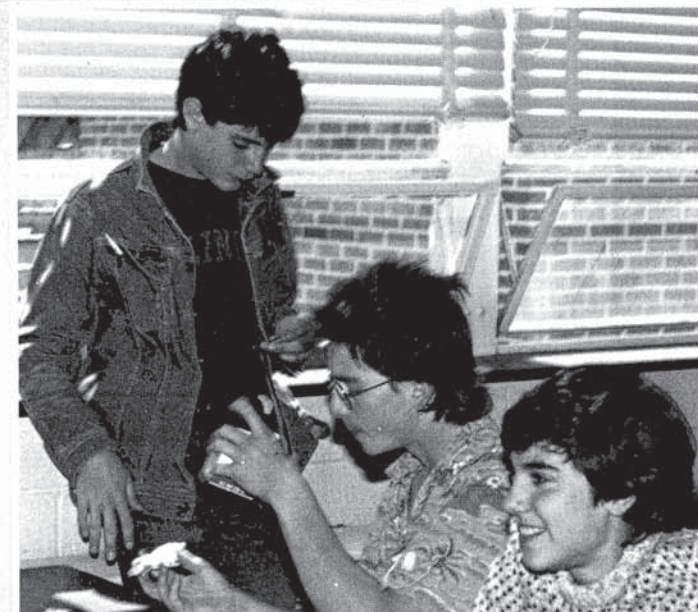
Stephanie Switzer takes a break from her workout.



Baseball buttons are being sold by Mike Johnson and Brad Lovett.



Kim Tebussek picking up the facts.



The Result

We hold recollections of long nights in the library struggling with a research paper, cramming for biology tests during P.E., and catching up on lost sleep during history. We have not so fond memories of time endured in detentions (that were not deserved) and running down three flights of stairs and back up (of course on the opposite end of the school!) Where else will our lives be regulated by bells? Bells telling us when to run to class, when to eat lunch, when to finally board that bus for home. We've learned



Geoff Baym looks enviously at Tony Gilmer's hat.



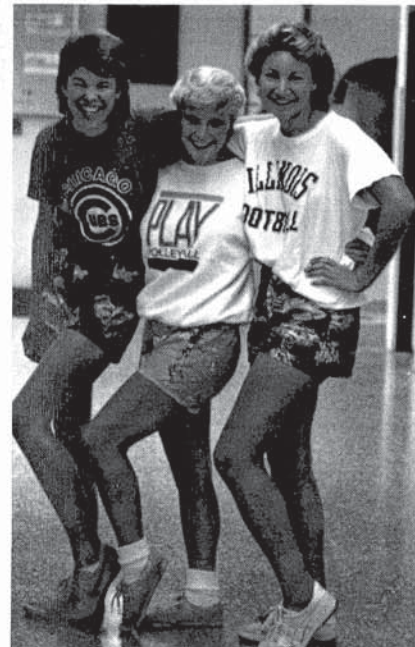
Success is OUR tradition.



Lisa Poor



Seniors Joelle, Kris, Debbie, Stacey, Jim and Mike enjoying themselves.



Jon and Vic take on a nonchalant stance toward rhetoric.

A Learning Experience

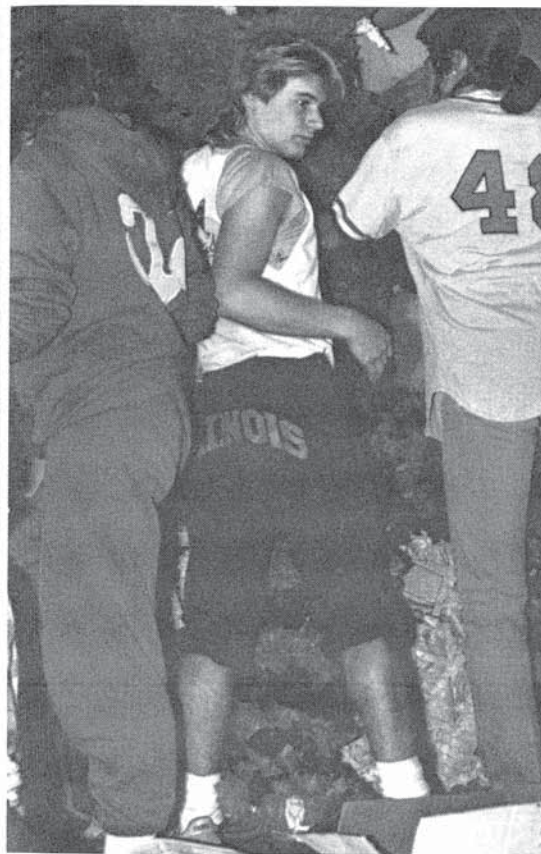
But our education at Urbana High isn't limited to the classroom. We will take away with us remembrances of triumphal victories and heartbreaking defeats on and off the sports field. We will look back on those priceless friendships begun by a passing smile in the hall, nurtured through a shared locker, and ripened by common interests. These friendships and special individuals are our most valuable keepsakes. Each person with their unique style of dress, talk, mannerisms, and hairstyles becomes a part of us



Devoted Tiger fans like what they see.

Homecoming Tradition

Traditions and rituals of each school year help to etch in our minds impressions of our year. One of our most memorable customs is homecoming — a time traditionally of coming together old and new, of fun and hard work, of high school spirit and Tiger Pride. The highlight of homecoming week are the hours spent at float building. More than just students were gathered here — our hands collected cuts and scrapes from chicken wire; our clothes were covered with newsprint. We took home an assortment of hammers, wire



A team effort on the senior float.

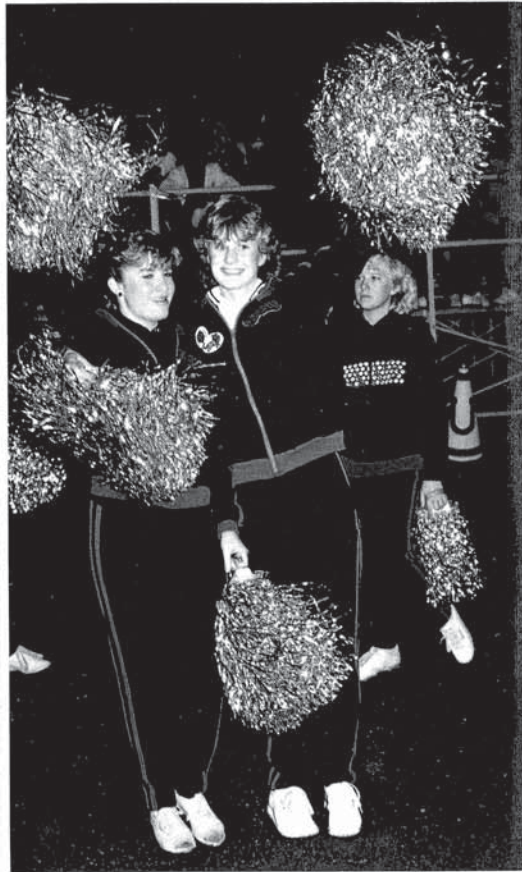


Sophomores find the key to success.





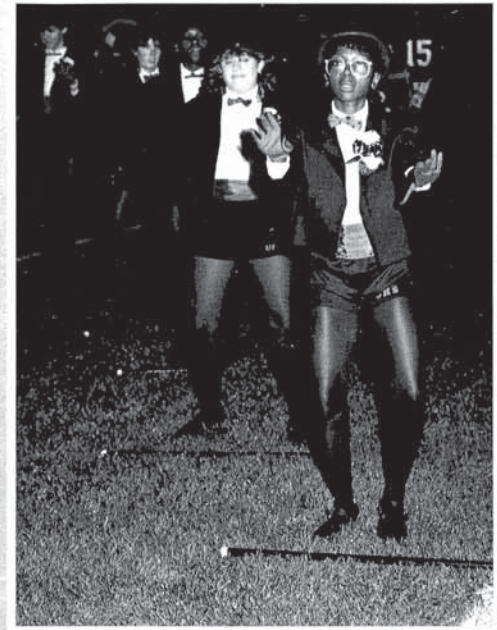
Andrew Pettigrew runs downfield for the touchdown.



Lori Harrison and Kim Tebussek cheer to the tunes of victory.



Playing "On Urbana", Paul Merkelo shows Tiger Pride.



Sandra Pelmore leads the Tigerettes in a spirit raising routine.



A Memorable Victory

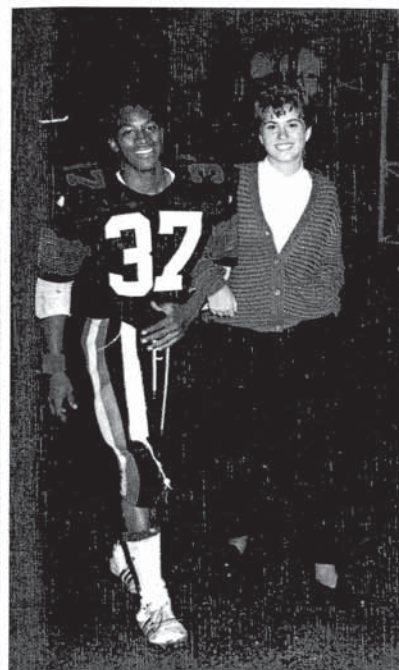
Homecoming excitement peaked at Friday's game against Decatur's Panthers. Cheers and screams encouraged the Tigers to victory. Even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the team and fans. Everyone was in their finest form, from the band and Tigerettes to Andrew Pettigrew. It was a game to be remembered.



The crowd enjoys the music of "The Last Gentlemen".



Homecoming King and Queen Steve Coombs and Sara Cogdal.



Junior Attendant Claudia Preparata and Josh Gillespie make their entrance.



Sophomore attendant Jeannie Bloome shares a laugh with her escort, Shad Barker.



A Night To Remember

The 1985 Homecoming Dance was marked by the first live band in years. Some hundred students danced to The Last Gentlemen, a popular campus band. The seniors are able to transform the UJHS gym into a surprisingly festive place. Homecoming Queen Sara Cogdal, flanked by attendants junior Claudia Preparata and sophomore Jeannie Bloome, received a dozen roses and shared a spotlight dance with her King, Steve Coombs.

Memories of 1985-86



The couples dance romantically to "Penny Lover".



Lisa Bentley and graduate Tim Taylor walk off the dance floor.



Looking in her finest, Teonee Moton smiles for the camera.



As the crowd looks on, Indra Macedo is crowned queen by Dr. Zeck.



In between songs, the couples compare dresses and tuxes.

All Night Long

Only the dance could have lasted All Night Long — as the theme to the 1985 junior prom suggested. This annual event was held in the Worden-Martin showroom and boasted record attendance. The showroom was transformed by tinsel and silver streamers, blue balloons and streamers. Mementoes of a wonderful evening were taken home to be reminisced over for years to come.



The 85-86 year has been full of joy and sorrow, victory and defeat, personal and national loss and gain. Our year was ushered in by one of the skies most spectacular sights — Halley's comet. It was first sighted in October as a flowing ball, but as the comet continued its space journey its tail developed and became visible in March.

Our eyes were turned toward space again as President Reagan proposed to put a teacher in space in the NASA space shuttle program. But that January launch carrying teacher Christa McAuliffe and six other astronauts was plagued by delays — a broken screw here, the wrong bolt there, and below freezing temperatures in Florida. Finally, the O.K. was given, the launch set for the morning of January 28, and millions watched the space shuttle blow-up in mid air. No survivors. The nation reeled at the shock of such a disaster, and Urbana High School remembered their own teacher Bob Drew having applied for the program. As of this time, there are still only guesses to the reason behind this second space tragedy in NASA's career.

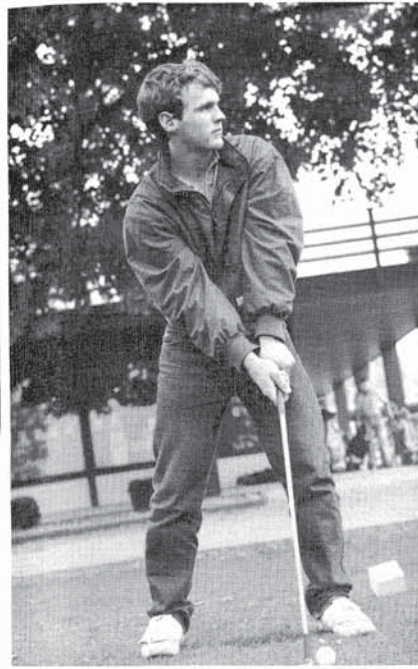
The nation was also shaken by the feared disease A.I.D.S. As it spread and received more publicity the American people responded. One Indiana boy was the object of controversy having been banned from school after contracting A.I.D.S. from a blood transfusion. Esteemed actor Rock Hudson became another victim of the disease as it left him a frail, sickly, old man until he died.

The nation looked outward as President Reagan met with Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev to discuss among other issues the arms race. This summit was called successful by both countries. President Reagan also became concerned with terrorism aimed at Americans in foreign countries. There were waves of bombs planted and Americans killed and kidnapped throughout Europe and the Middle East.

Americans were also shocked by more natural occurrences that hit throughout the world. A major earthquake rocked Mexico City, and the poignant rescue efforts filled the newspapers for weeks. Our attention was also turned toward South Africa where its law of Apartheid raised the ire of the American people. Until the media blackout of South African violence, we watched the atrocities of whites against blacks in a segregated country. Through threats and killings, the black South Africans continued to do battle for a more equal country and a balance voice in their government. Also in Africa, after years and years of drought people throughout the world finally banded together to help the starving of Ethiopia. The most publicized help came in the way of a worldwide concert called Live Aid.

Live Aid was followed by Farm Aid, a benefit concert performed at the University of Illinois stadium to raise money for the plight of the American farmer. Bankruptcy was ruining the small farmer and Farm Aid was a supportive gesture to the nations farm families. Brain child of Willie Nelson, Farm Aid attracted not only country western singers but also rock singers such as Sammy Hagar, Eddie Van Halen, Bob Dylan, and Bon-Jovi.

Musical celebrities were not the only personalities to visit C-U. The Chicago Bears, after losing only one regular season game to Miami, came to Urbana to practice under the U of I stadium's bubble before traveling to New Orleans for the Super Bowl. Chicago met the New England Patriots and dominated the entire game with the game style shown throughout the season. It had been a long time since the Bears were in the Super Bowl and the 46-10 vic-



First Time in Years

In many ways, 1985 was a great year for the Urbana Tigers. Hal Wertich coached the team to a 6-1 record and to their first playoff game in twelve years. The Tigers won the first three games of the season and finished in second place in the Big 12 East.

It was the year of an explosive offense, as the Tigers out-scored their opponents 207 to 154. Junior running back Mark Pelmore emerged as one of the top rushers in the Big 12 by running for an amazing 1,157 yards, third highest in Urbana history. What made Pelmore such an effective rusher was the threat of senior fullback Andrew Pettigrew. Pettigrew ran for 880 yards and gained 1,129 total offensive yards. The real key to the great running of the Tigers was the offensive line. Seniors Randy McMillion, Tony Thompson, and Rob Sidors, and junior Kirk Mammen opened many holes for the backs. Junior Sean Williams' words echoed those of most of his Tiger teammates. "Pelmore's running helped every time, but you have to give the line a lot of credit. Without them, we would have been nothing."

In the air Hursey finished his impressive career fourth on the all-time Tiger passing list with 1,306 yards including one great game leading the Tigers to a 30-7 romp of rival Central.

The Tigers also had a great defense, where the same line, with the help of senior Matt Helmich played havoc on opposing quarterbacks all year. On defense Mammen shone, leading the team with 98 tackles. Despite a tough loss in the opening round of the 3A playoffs, most people feel that 1985 was indeed a great year for the team.

— Geoff Baym



Cliff Jones shows his school spirit.



Rolling out, Hursey looks for a receiver.



Jones reaches high for the pass.



Darren Hursey calls the play at the line.



Using Tiger instinct, Andrew Pettigrew charges past the defense.



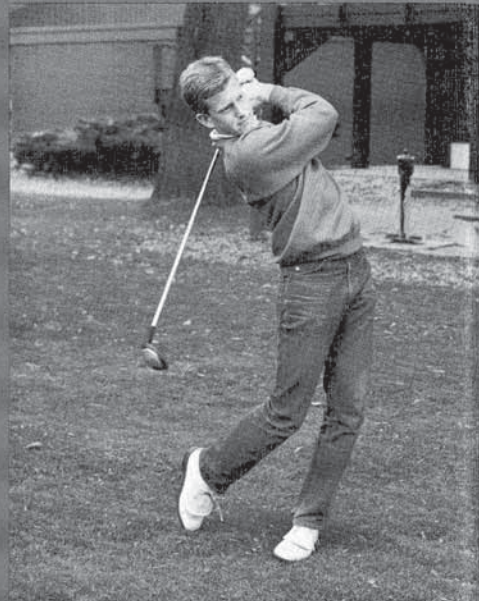
Tony Thompson moves in for the sack.



Urbana fans show their true loyalty.



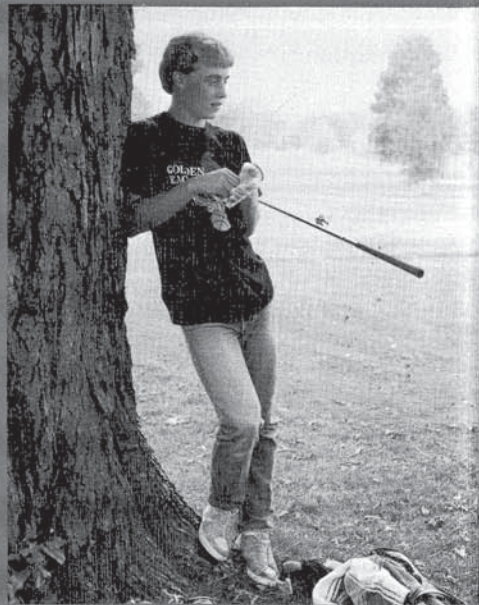
Saul Boast and Chris Propst watch hopefully as the ball rolls to the cup.



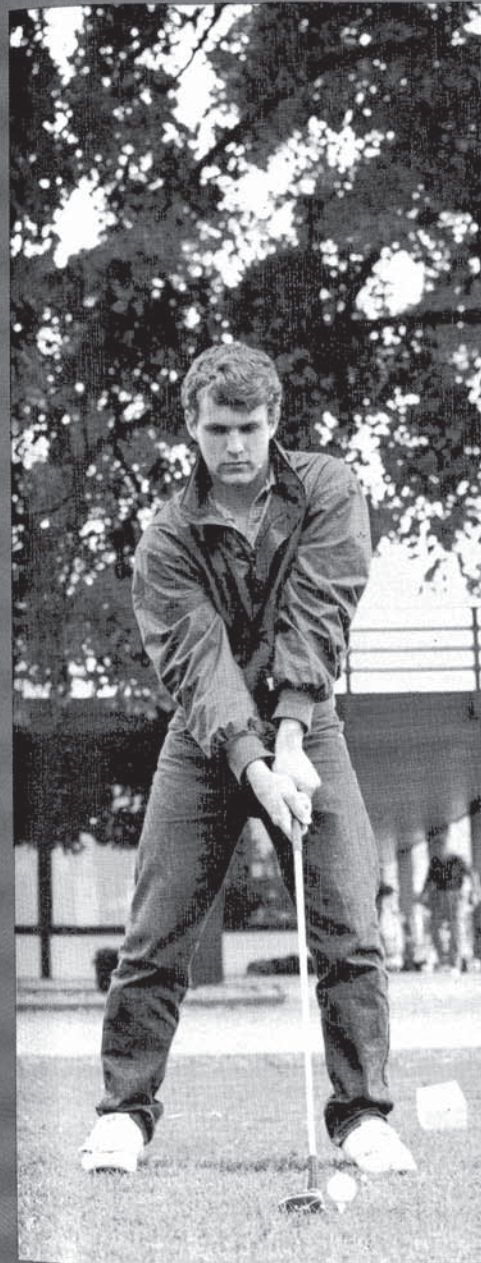
Mike Burns takes a few practice swings.



Carrying his equipment, Mike Larson gets ready to play.



A break from the action.



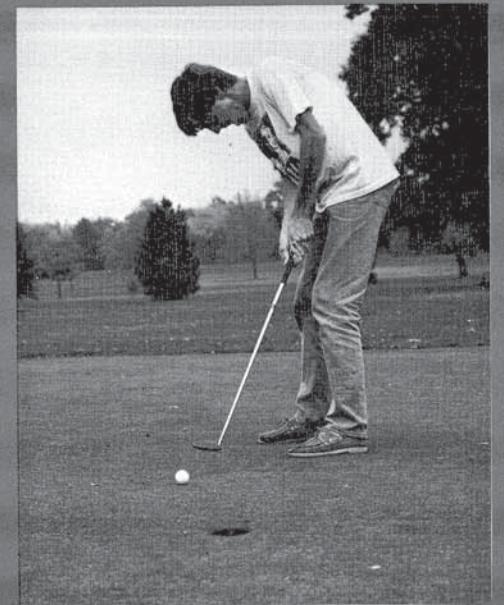
Gary Benson tees up.

Mastery on the Green

The Urbana High School Golf Team finished the season with twelve wins and only four losses. These four losses came against Central, Mar-toon, and twice against Danville. Although this was their worst record in five years, there were some highlights in the season. After losing to Bloomington the past four years they finally beat them by five strokes at the Urbana Country Club, 208-213.

On a cold and windy day in early October, the Tigers placed third in the Big 12 Conference Championship. Their highest place in over a decade. Led by senior Chris Propst, who shot an 81, the Tigers shot 428 to place third, twenty-two strokes off the lead. Junior Ned Hill also turned in a solid performance, shooting an 82. Propst's 81 tied him for fifth place in the conference, and after a three hole playoff, he emerged the victor. Coach Oscar Adams said, "Although we had no 70's, all our boys played pretty consistently."

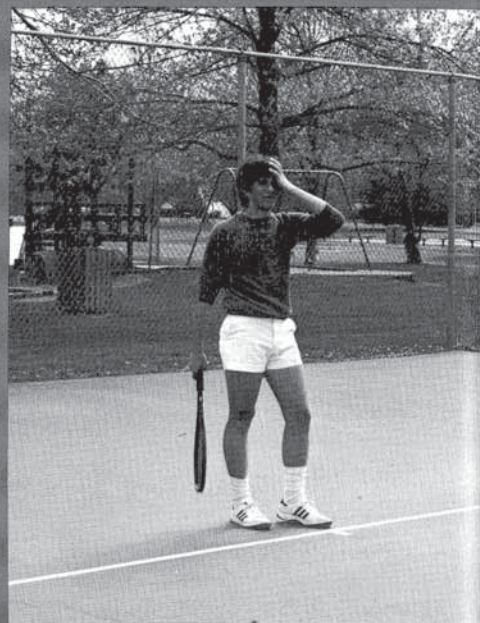
Two weeks after the Conference Championship, the Tigers traveled to Brookhill Golf Course in Rantoul for the Regional Playoffs. Here, however, the Tigers stumbled to a season ending seventh place. Chris Propst shot a seven over par which put him one stroke behind the leader.



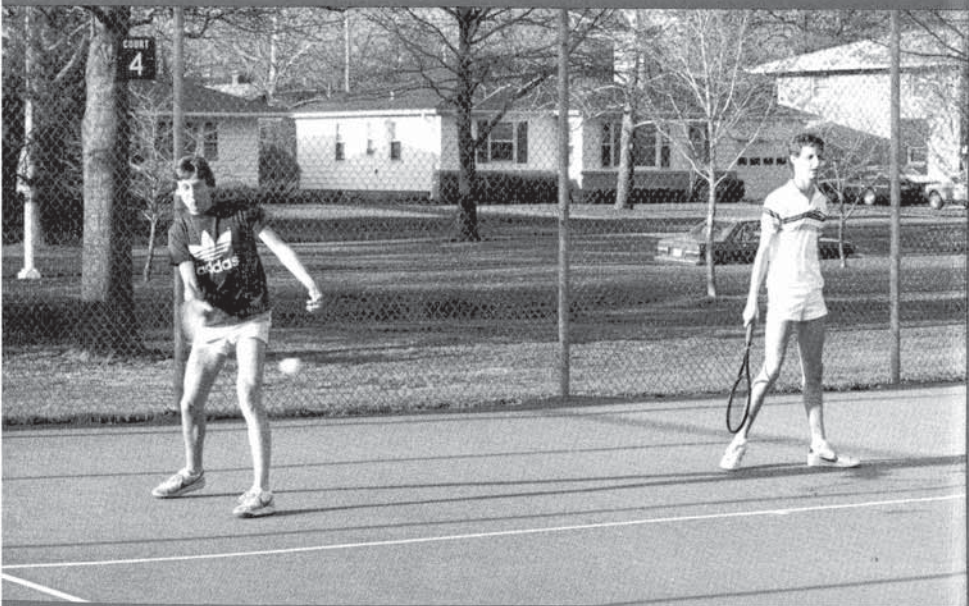
A tense moment on the green.



Randy Seals looks for an answer.



Ben Weaver mopes over a lost point.



David Swanson and Steve Coombs wait for a court.



Cohen struts his stuff.

Tennis Topspins Season

The Boys Tennis team shot off to a tremendous 3-1 start, but finished the season at 8-8 with a disappointing 11th place show in the Big 12 meet. Alumnus Pete Cohen led the young team, and qualified for state. Seniors Steve Coombs, Ben Weaver, Randy Seals and Mike Berns look to lead the team in 1986 spring play. Coach Sondra Davis has high hopes for the team, including sophomores Gordon Kaye and Charlie Hall. Also returning this year are juniors John Ikenberry and Rob Shapp. These high expectations should be met this year with improvements over last year's record.



Berns beats with backhand.

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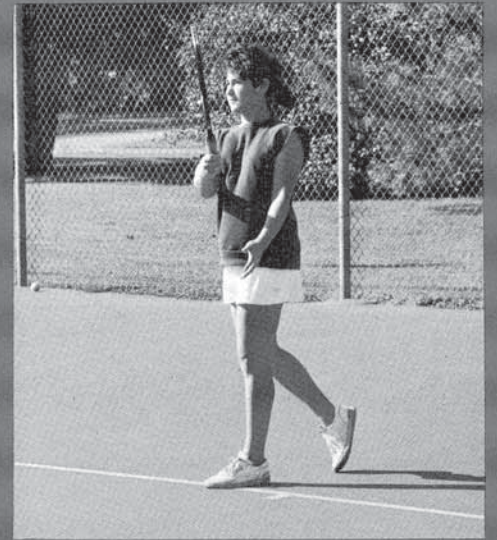
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J. Hill practices her backhand.



The forehand return keeps R. Fleming on her toes.



Looking smug Shara Gingold eyes a successful hit.



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Ahead for Lisa Wolfe, Stacy McClain and Stacy McClain.

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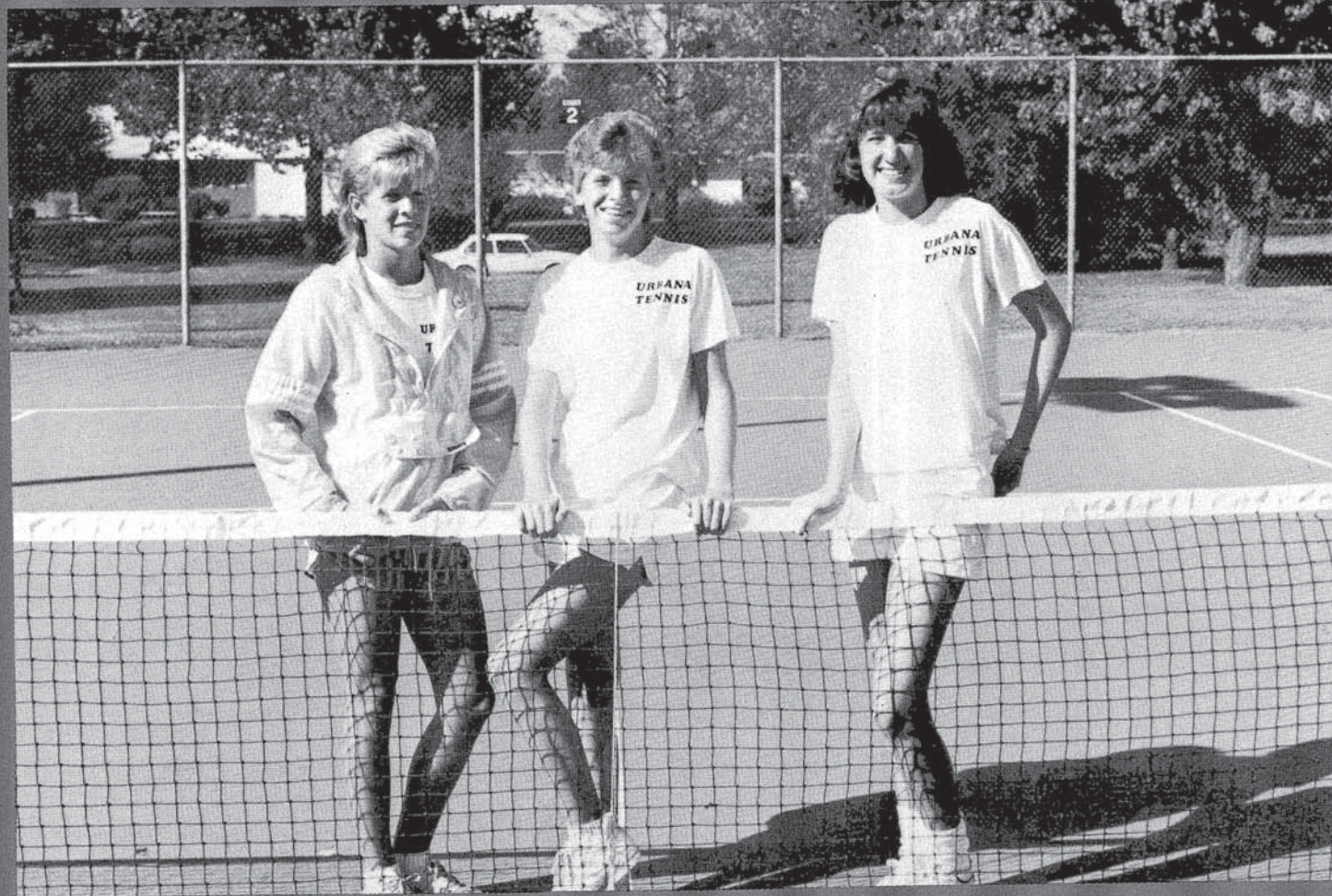
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