

Fashions from the 70s seemed to hang out into the early 80s

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It was the end of 70's, but disco, the clothes and muscle cars were still around when the Class of 1980 graduated.

Tina (Stacey) Meitl said Farah Fawcett hair was it and so were Levi jeans with a flare. Those cost around \$23. Gas cost \$1.25 a gallon while milk was \$1.69.

The top pop songs included "Call Me," by Blondie, "Lady," by Kenny Rogers and "Another One Bites the Dust," by Queen.

Every Friday and Saturday night, she said, Main Street was filled with vehicles and muscle cars from all around. The students were dragging Main Street, playing chinese fire drills at the stop lights and hanging out at the Powder Keg, then owned and operated by the late Kent Ploussard and Brenda Ploussard.

Both sides of Main Street, said Mrs. Meitl, would be filled with cars from Kansas and Nebraska.

When thinking back, she said, it's interesting just how much Oberlin has changed and yet the people students could count on as always being there are still here even though the faces may have changed.

There were 54 seniors in 1980, including two foreign exchange students. Of the graduates, 23 had attended all 12 years in the Oberlin School District.

Patti (Bryant) Richards said during graduation the class marched in like they were suppose to, got their diplomas, stood up and turned to march out when Kevin Unger grabbed Lisa

(Hafner) Arends hand and ran out yelling. The rest of the class, said Mrs. Richards, threw our hats in the air.

She said she remembers hearing that Principal Herschel Betts told the Class of 1981 that they would not act that way.

Remembering back, she said, it was the last year the wrestlers wore red leggings under their singlets.

For homecoming the girls on the court had to go to Atens Department Store to get the red material off the same bolt. Each girl, said Mrs. Richards, could pick out a different pattern, but the material had to be the same. Then they all wore the long white gloves and had a white mum with a red D.

During homecoming week, she said, the classes would work on their floats from 6 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The other classes couldn't see the floats until the parade, so each class would hide them and no one was allowed to tell where they were working on the floats.

Mrs. Richards and her now husband Barry were named prom king and queen. She said they started dating at Christmas that year when she helped Mr. Richards with a government paper and he took her out to supper to thank her.

Some fads, she said, she remembers were ankle bracelets, double pierce ears and spike heels.

The class plans to meet at 6 p.m. Friday, May 28 at the Re-Load and then from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mr. and Mrs. Richards home on Saturday, May 29.



CHEERLEADERS, including Patti (Bryant) Richards (top, above) posed for a picture. This invitation (below) has turned into a keepsake for the graduates.



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