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**Interviewee: Jill Rosenbaum**

**Interviewer: Allison Rand**

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Jill Rosenbaum: My name is Jill [Hashbarger?] Rosenbaum, and I graduated from the university in 1983. And I came in to share a story about a good friend of mine actually. My very first class of my freshman year, I met a friend who, Maggie [Hackett?], who, we became lifelong friends. And she was a first-generation college student, so she was very enthusiastic about coming to the University of Illinois. I grew up in Champaign-Urbana, my dad worked at the university, so I grew up on campus all the time and so it wasn't anything special for me. But she was so happy to be at the U of I and so enthusiastic that it was contagious. It made me enthusiastic about being a student here.

Since I was a townie, I lived at home to save money and so she introduced me to friends she was making at the dorms, and we all became lifelong friends. So that was really wonderful. She was a member of Block I and went to all the games and got us going to the games. And sadly, she died when she was young, only 29 years old. So I just kind of wanted to have a memory of her here at the university.

**Allison Rand: Do you have any specific memories of her that you want to share?**

JR: Well, she was outgoing and so that was really nice. So, our very first class was an 8:00 am math class which was terrible and so she just said after class one day, "You want to get coffee?" And we would make a habit then of going to the Union to get coffee every day. So I was very shy and she was outgoing and that was really nice cause she actually, even though I lived in town and I knew a lot of people from town, she helped me meet friends on campus which was really nice. And so she would come back every year after we graduated and go to football games and just was such an enthusiastic person and so proud to be a U of I alum that that was contagious for all of us. So that was really nice. And if she were alive, she would be here sharing a funny story so I just kind of wanted to share a tale about her.