

# Realizing the Dream

The culmination of twelve years of academics came June 5 when approximately 300 seniors graduated. Although this event marked the end of high school, "the education of a man is never complete until he dies," as realized by Robert E. Lee.

Graduation was a time for recognition of those students who excelled. Over \$68,000 in scholarships was awarded. Those

students who made over 1000 on the SAT were also recognized. Salutatorian John Stephens did not just break 1000 but scored over 1400.

Graduation was also a time to cling to friendships made in high school. It was a time to rekindle memories and relive them once again.

Only hundredths of a point separated Salutatorian John Stephens from Valedictorian Miriam Belcher. The two of them, along with other members of the class with high rankings, shared a competitive spirit that bonded them together in special friendships.

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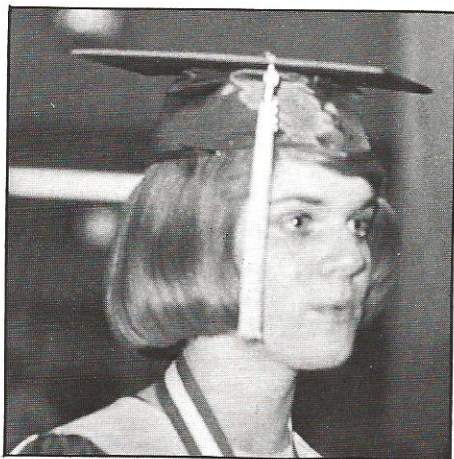
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The feelings of the whole class were expressed by the conclusion of Miriam's valedictory address.

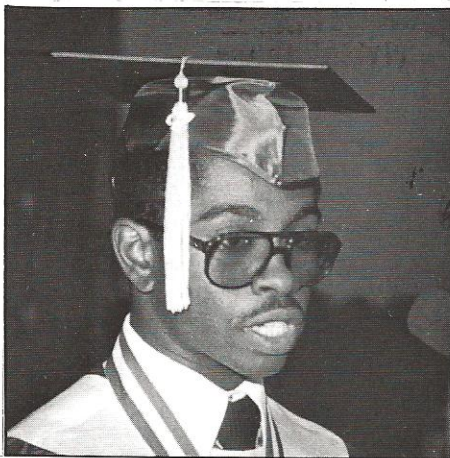
"I'm sure that the words of the Irish blessing will comfort us all. 'May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun be on your face and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.'"

by graduate Joan Johnson



**"I'm sure that there are** many questions on each senior's mind tonight-Will I be a success, Will I be good enough, Can I make it in the real world?"

—Valedictory address, Miriam Belcher



**"Tonight is the culmination** of twelve years of hard work, but as the word culmination suggests, tonight is also the beginning of the long journey down the road of life."

—Salutatory address, John Stephens

**Moses Bowman displays** a miracle of medical science and personal determination as he marches to receive his diploma. Moses was injured in a bus accident early in the year, and it was not known if he would even walk again, much less graduate with his class.

