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welve years is a long time in anyone's life. The

1988 senior class, triumphing over the adversity and controversy that seemed to shadow the entire year, lived through those long twelve years and proved correct the old phrase, "life is what you make of it." The most admirable trait of the seniors was their ability to make much of their high school experience. The things that didn't seem fair, the rules that didn't

seem appropriate, and the decisions of a new and growing administration that just didn't seem to jive all melted in the background when the culmination of over a decade of laughs, tears, triumphs and setbacks finally descended upon the anticipatory shoulders of the senior class.

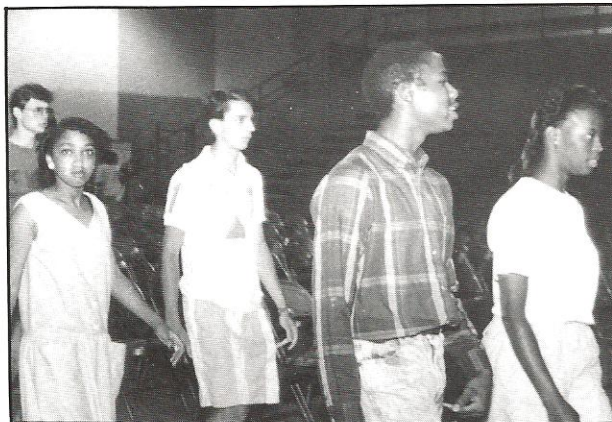
"Graduation practice was an experience in itself," commented Jennifer Smoak. "Where else could you find such a unique class?"

The diversity and unique situation of the

class of '88 was not only noticed by the students, but was also brought to the attention of the rest of the community. The school board was addressed frequently by students and parents alike. Matters of eligibility for Valedictorianship, the grading period for honors graduates, the request for additional points to be granted for AP courses, and the relevancy and practicality of the tardy system constituted only a few of the many problems.

### *Fun Facts*

**An estimated 6,000 people attended graduation, overflowing the gym.**



**On the final** countdown of graduation practice, Billy Rogers, Debra Walker, Mark Rourk, Omar Tucker and Renee Rutledge march to the recessional.

**Rhonda Robinson**, ecstatic at having graduated, finds herself unable to contain her excitement after her recent accomplishment.

