

The Big Day

After 720 days of high school, the sound of the tympani on graduation morning was indeed a welcomed sound to the ears of 305 seniors. For the first time in a decade, soon-to-be graduates marched onto the field at Bulldog stadium.

The controversial change in site from gym to stadium was challenged up to the last moment, not by parents or school officials, but by the threatening weather. However, Mother Nature held the inclement weather in check for several hours to allow the seniors take the field.

After the National Anthem and the invocation by Kevin Moore, third honor graduate, Principal Bob Pence present-

ed the salutatorian medal to Second Honor Graduate Amy Harris. Amy gave what many felt was one of the most well-constructed salutatorian addresses ever. She welcomed the audience in this celebration, but "we must face the consequences of our posterity."

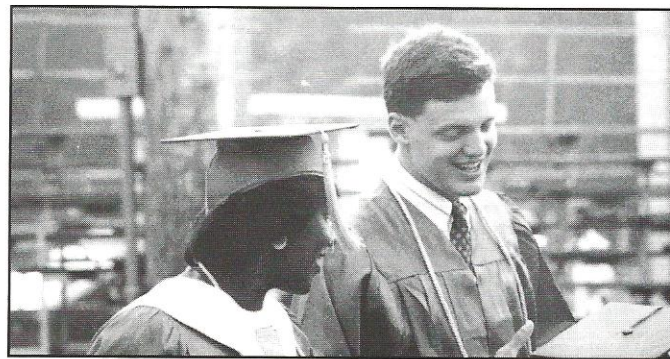
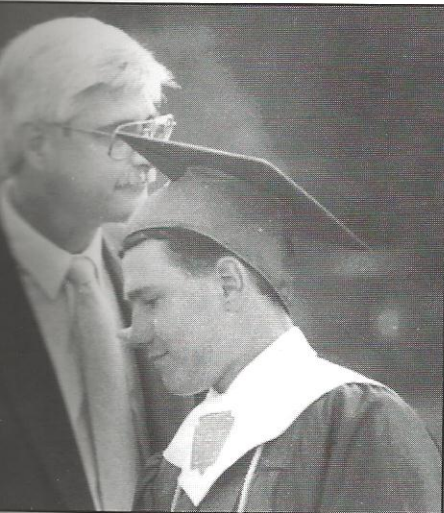
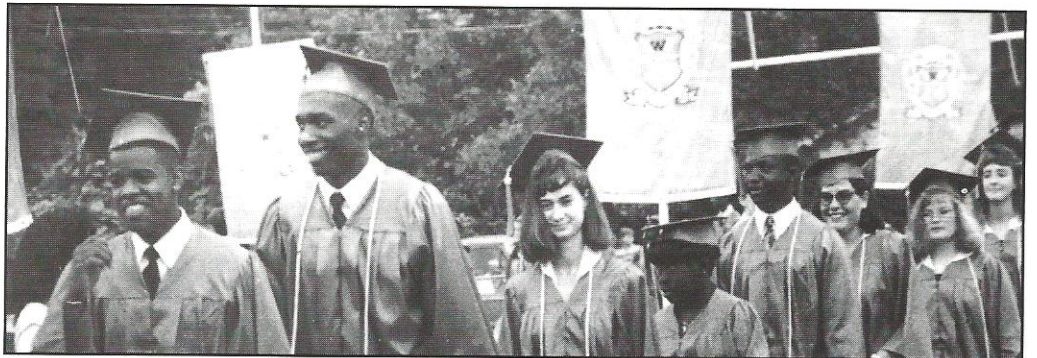
After the welcoming, Senior Class President Zenida Middleton presented the class gift of a new podium to Principal Pence. Next was the presentation of the valedictorian medallion to Johnny Thomas. Johnny also spoke about how the students should remain focused and that "graduation is a crossroad and now that we have reached that goal, we must

set new ones." It was then time to present the diplomas.

After the presentations and the emotional turning of the tassels, the class sang the alma mater for the last time as high school students. Finally Marvin Tucker, Student Council president, gave the benediction. Poyar's "Pomp and Circumstance" played as the graduates exited the field and entered the "real world."

After the last graduate had left the field and the chairs had been cleared, a peaceful shower began almost as if Mother Nature were washing away one era to make room for another.

— Andy Wilson
Class of 1992



Senior Counselor Bernice Waring presents Bubba Thomas with a carnation. Mrs. Waring retired after 46 years of serving the Colleton county School System.

Sharing a moment before graduation are Tara Nelson and Chris Gibson. Both had spent many hours on the stadium field as Band of Blue members.

Soon-to-be alumni march onto the field for commencement exercises. Not since 1982 had a graduation ceremony been held at the stadium.