



"Organizing the graduation ceremony was a hassle, but seeing the smiles on the graduates' faces made it worthwhile."

# The Time is Now . . . Off We Go

The class of 315 graduates marched into the gymnasium to the familiar processional "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Band of Blue.

The exercises began at 11:30 a.m., June 6, in the gymnasium before a crowd of 2000. The ceremonies were moved from the football field after a 5:00 a.m. downpour drenched the field. Mrs. Delores Hiers, chair of the Class of '95 team, directed the graduation ceremonies. Principal Bob Pence presented engraved gold medallions to the first and second honor graduates.

Debra Mitchell, the president

of the class, opened the ceremony with the invocation. Afterwards, on the behalf of the Class of '95, Debra presented Mr. Pence with a portable microphone system for the school.

Second honor graduate, Salutatorian, Michelle Bryce gave a warm welcome and spoke of this day that she and her fellow students had been anticipating for so long. She reminded them that the future is no more than an accumulation of day after day in the present.

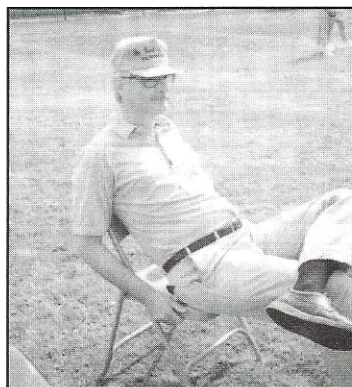
Valedictorian Frank Ulmer, first honor graduate, delivered the key address. In it Frank stressed the "R" word — res-

ponsibility. He acknowledged that the class is inheriting an imperfect world that can be made better or worse according to what contribution they made to society. He reminded them that "the time to act is now."

As Superintendent Dr. Bill Cason presented the graduates their diplomas, Mrs. Linda McMillan, Class of '95 counselor, gave a long stem carnation to each one.

Dawn Bowman, third honor graduate, led the class in the turning of their tassels followed by the benediction given by Paulita Lloyd, president of the Student Body.

— Jessica Carroll



**Maxin' and Relaxin'.** Principal Bob Pence takes a breather from the four-hour grad practice on the football field in the 90 temp. After an early downpour, Mr. Pence had to move the ceremony from the field to the gym.



**The Fabulous Five.** Class President Debra Mitchell, Salutatorian Michelle Bryce, Valedictorian Frank Ulmer, third-honor graduate Dawn Bowman, and Student Body President Paulita Lloyd patiently observe the tedious process of practice.

**How Sweet It Is.** Daryl Erwin expresses exhilaration while giving a high-five to a buddy. Daryl was a four-year band member.

