

GRADUATION

Students celebrate their accomplishments, excitement, and new anticipations.

After four years of hard work, seniors finally marched proudly on June 6, 1998. Graduation proved to be the end of fond memories and the beginning of a whole new world.

Starting off as freshmen, the class contained 500, just over 200 marched as graduates. Some headed into the work force, some enlisted in the armed forces, while others started all over as freshmen in college.

Leaving the comfort of Walterboro, as well as friendships was an adjustment for some.

"Hopefully I won't get too homesick at Clemson because one of my best friends, Amy will be my roommate," commented senior Jessica Eppinette.

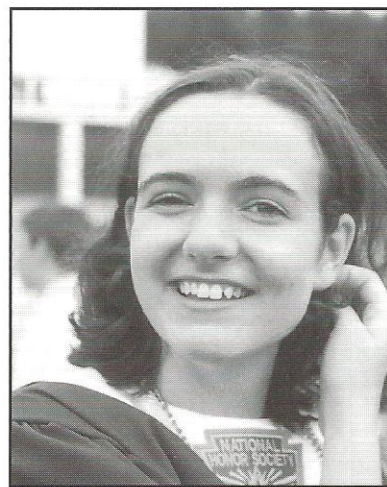
While there were dark clouds overhead, the rain held off until after the commencement exercises. Third honor graduate Melissa Nettles delivered a prayer to the crowd. Class president J'Gayla Behling presented Mr. Pence with a hands free microphone as the senior gift.

Karol Ramsey addressed her class first as salutatorian.

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Ready for the future. Rebecca Corbitt is caught by the camera just after the commencement exercises. She was a member of the National Honor Society.



Ironically, her twin sister Karen gave the valedictory address. It was the first time in the history of the school that two sisters received honors together.

Along with superintendent William Cason and Mr. Pence, senior guidance counselor Mary Martin presented the graduates with their diplomas.

The Band of Blue performed the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance" and the Walterboro High School Alma Mater.

No matter what direction the graduates head off into, they will always be able to look back and be proud of being a part of Walterboro High School.

The football team won their first ever state title, the varsity Cheerleaders went to the Gator Bowl, the Band of Blue won another state title, the NJROTC received many honors, and the first ever girls soccer team was formed. And this was just in their senior year!

--Alice Bickley

One last picture of the gang. Graduates Jessica Eppinette, Erin Davis, Rebecca Corbitt, Alicia Shelley, Jenna Crouch, Amy Hefner, and Alex Schaffer pose for a picture before the big event.