

Looking Toward The Future

“And to think I was just mommy’s little girl yesterday,” sadly commented senior, Erica Jones. Though the atmosphere consisted of longings for the past, many of the graduating seniors were excited about their future as adults. The traditional, “Pomp and Circumstance,” played as the graduating class marched onto the football field. Lead by junior marshals, Sandi Gratic and Olivia Lucas, the class was bright with anticipation. “It was an honor to lead such an academically inclined group of students,” remarked Sandi Gratic.

Class valedictorian, Lindsay Dixon, made a beautiful speech that moved her peers and the others attending. The band performed “Still,” inviting the seniors who would no longer be a part of its union.

All Decked Out
Being awarded her diploma, Tiffany Craig shines in her gold accessories.

The chorus also allowed the seniors to join them as they sang “Till We Meet Again.” Touched by the traditional gesture, Beth Clowney, “wasn’t ready to let go. I’ll miss the bond we all had as we shared the same goals. I do hope we meet again.”

While some would be joining one another in college, others would be split up for the first time. Tommie Feaster pouted that “Rudy and I are going to different colleges. It will be hard getting use to not seeing him everyday.” Connie Shields, Shonda Irby, and Robert Thomas were off to Clemson together. Connie stated, “At least I won’t be too homesick. To make it even better, Shonda and I will be roommates.”

The graduating class was introduced to the audience and given a standing ovation. After they were led off the field, many met up with their loved ones. They finalized their plans with their friends and family as they approached their first hour as adults. When asked what his plans were now that he had graduated, Adrian Long replied, “I’m going to Disney World!” Though all of them may not have had the same ambitions, they wished one another the best in their future endeavors.

Please Stand
Honor graduate, Shakeem Lane recites a poem.