

# Seniors' Night Out

By early Spring this year's seniors were excited and counting the days until they would receive their diplomas. Finally the week

came, and it was time for graduation practice. The seniors

had their usual good time, complete with Deann Gross blowing bubbles. They realized that this would probably be the last time they could really joke around with one another.

Then Swingout came, May 27, 1987. To offset the finality of wearing their caps and gowns seriously for the first time, many of the seniors wore sunglasses during the ceremony. This swingout was attended by students, faculty, parents, and friends and was the seniors' time to say good-bye to one another and to the teachers and friends they had grown to know over the years.

Then came the big day: Graduation. While parents,

Lori Haruska, Holly Harlow, Cynthia Keller, and Cara Burk's faces reflect their happiness and relief now that they have their diplomas in hand and are finished with the long tiring hours of school.

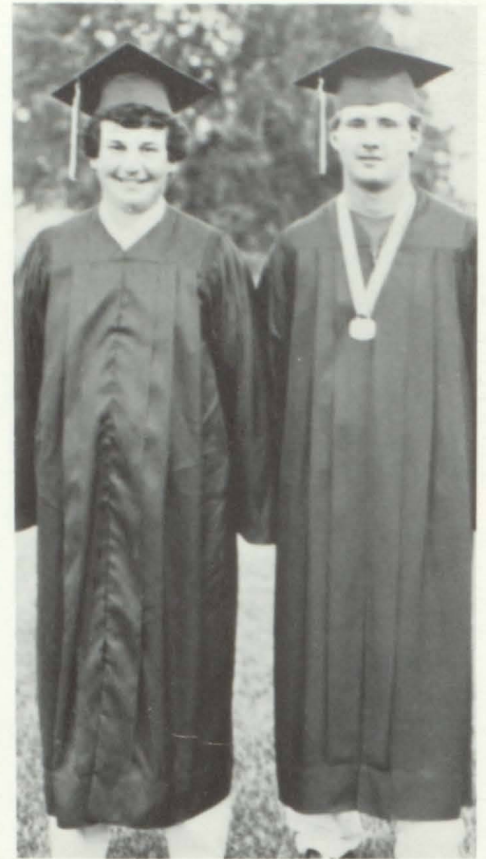
teachers, students, and friends filed into the gym, the seniors straightened their mortar boards and pinned on boutonniereers in the home economics room. They were happy and eager, yet sad.

This was the night that they would receive the diplomas they'd worked so hard to get, but it was also the night they would say good-bye to old friends and start planning the future. As the

graduation ceremonies began, Senior President Sherry Cook's welcome speech brought tears to their eyes. She talked about how friends can turn on you and others can be there to pick you right back up. Other speakers

were Reverend Roger Burk, Salutatorian Lori Haruska, Valedictorian Duane Schneider and William Motz, LCC professor and Ashley High alumni. A high point of the evening was when Todd Andersen nearly knocked the flowers off the display stand in front of the podium after he'd received his diploma. Fortunately, Mr. Wayer quickly caught them before they hit the floor. After all the diplomas were handed out,

Reverend Burk offered a benediction. It was over and the 1986-87 graduating class turned and went out into the world.



Graduation is a special time to share with a special friend. Rob Kral and Mike Morris are happy to be teamed together for the Senior Processional at Swingout and Graduation.

