

Say Goodbye?

“Never! Vows Class Of 1989.

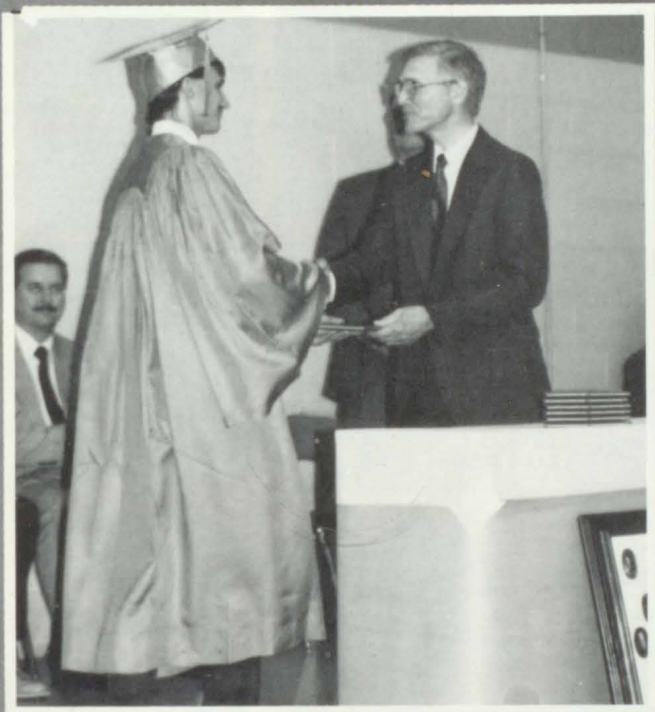
“Well ... we made it!” stated Amy Fabus, 1989 Valedictorian. “After watching so many other people graduate, it is finally us — can you believe it? I’d like to thank my friends for the times we’ve spent; you will always be in my heart. I would also like to thank my teachers for teaching us to strive for the best.” Amy read a poem, “Never Say Good-bye.” It focused on how she felt about our class — that we would never say goodbye because that part of our lifetime shared with these particular special friends would now become a piece of our heart that would never be left behind.

The Class of '89 was a unique one. Most people didn't talk about how they couldn't wait to graduate. They only lived one moment at a time.

Sadness was apparent in the eyes of the graduating seniors. Many of them had tears about leaving their friends or the stable life they'd had. There were also a handful of people who were ready to graduate and begin a new stage of life. As Chaunda Shaw, Salutatorian, stated: “It is a time for celebration of the success we have achieved and those who helped us achieve it.”



EXCITEMENT AND ANTICIPATION appear on the faces of Kim Beck and Brian Miller as they take their last steps into the gymnasium as students at Ashley.



ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE is Valedictorian Amy Fabus's way of telling the seniors to “Never say goodbye.”

RECEIVING THE DIPLOMA is the high point of the night for Bill Schmidt, who is handed his by Jim Fabus, Ashley School Board President.

SMILES AND HUGS of graduated seniors are often photographs taken. Chaunda Shaw and Kim Morris reminisce about the great times shared.

