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"When I saw Mr. Wayer, I realized that life as I knew it was over and I was about to begin a fresh new start away from all the securities of Ashley High School," commented Kristen Fabus.

Graduation 1997 was an emotional roller coaster for most seniors, family members, and friends. One minute there were tears, the next minute laughter rang out. It was the beginning of a new stage of life and the seniors were excited and sad at the same time. They were leav-

ing behind their closest friends, but now were on the road to making a new life and new friends.

"It was so sad to see all of my classmates get their diplomas; the thought of graduation didn't hit me until that moment," said Missie Dennis. The emotions of the seniors were evident on many of their faces. Several had tears streaming down their cheeks, while others did their best to hold them back.

It wasn't only the seniors who shed their share of tears;

many underclassmen also did. "It's a lot harder to be left than it is to leave, and I am definitely going to miss the seniors," remarked Denise Garcia.

As usual, after the ceremony, relatives, friends, and teachers gathered on the grass outside the school to hug the graduates and say their last final, sad goodbye.

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