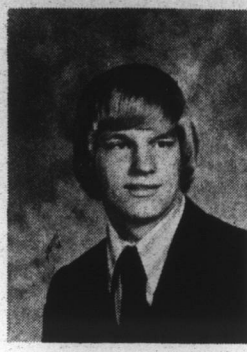
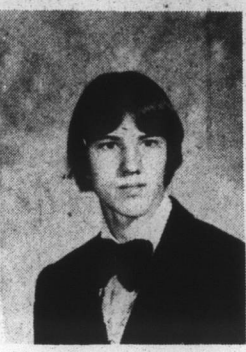


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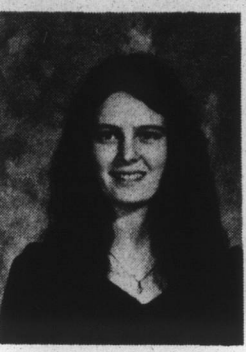
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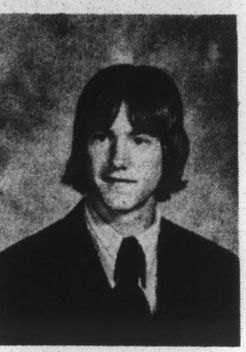
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### State Statistics Predict Number Of Graduates Will Decline By 1980

High School seniors in Edenton-Chowan Schools will soon join approximately 70,000 graduates throughout North Carolina who will receive high school diplomas this year. Graduation ceremonies will take place in many areas of the state during the first week of June. In Chowan County the case is June 11. According to the State

Board of Education's Division of Management Information Systems (MIS), some 70,018 students are expected to graduate this year, although the exact number of 1976 graduates cannot be determined until diplomas have been granted. Last year 70,094 students were granted diplomas. According to MIS projections, the number of graduates is expected to fluctuate between 70,000 and

72,000 during the next four years. In 1980, however, the number of graduates is expected to begin a gradual decline, decreasing to 62,494 students by 1985. The trend over the past 10 years in North Carolina's public schools has been toward fewer and larger high schools. In 1966, for example, there were 663 high schools reporting graduates as compared with only 365 high schools in 1975. The size of the average

graduating class in 1966 was 99.8 students. That average had risen to 192 students in 1975. Over the past 10 years, the total number of graduates continuing their education past high school has averaged around 57 per cent with some 30 per cent entering the job market upon graduation and around 3 per cent going into some branch of the military. In 1975 specifically, some 60.2 per cent of the state's

graduates continued their education beyond high school, 27.2 per cent became employed, and 5.1 per cent entered the military. Of the 70,094 students

diplomas in 1975, a total of 34,103 were male and 35,991 were female. More 1975 female graduates continued their education beyond high school, some 63.9 per cent of

them; than males graduates, some 56.3 per cent. Approximately 28 per cent of the male graduates and 26.4 per cent of the female graduates entered

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