

# Looking Back...

Looking back over the many years of school the memories are abundant. Some of the memories warm our hearts or bring a smile while others bring tears to our eyes. The graduating class of 1984 has had its share of both. There was a time when we were all young and carefree, but now we are faced with the world and all the reality it contains.

The teachers at Madison will never be forgotten. Those who believed in us and helped us through the rough times because they really cared will bring pleasant memories to mind. The teachers helped shape our lives and build our character. They taught us how to deal with reality and contribute to society.

The friendships which have been shared by the graduating class will remain throughout the years. We may all have come from different areas and from different environments, yet we have melted into one as the senior student body of Madison High. We have shared our hopes and dreams, our triumphs and defeats as we grew into adults. We have grown together with help from one another. Even though we may drift apart when we go our separate ways we will always be as on in heart.

School years are supposed to be the best years of life and certainly for the graduating class of 1984 they will long be treasured as we take our places in society.

## Farewell, Grads

By JULIE MEEKS

On Friday evening, Madison High School will bid farewell to the inspiring Class of 1984 as they take a step through the doors of opportunity when they receive their diplomas.

The seniors that are the Class of 1984 have offered juniors a challenge. They've given the sophomores a reprieve and were the idols of the frightened freshman class. The Class of 1984 also helped the teachers tighten their vocal cords as they prepare for next year's rowdy class.

Without the Class of 1984, Madison High wouldn't have been the fun it was this year. The Class of 1984 offered enthusiasm at the pep rallies, outstanding competition in the intramurals program and acted as partners in the Junior-Senior Prom.

The graduation march will be a trip down Memory Lane for the graduates and their families. Graduation Day is a time to remember, a moment to recall the four long years of work, hardships, laughs, teachers, friends and lessons learned.

Once the graduate has taken a step with his or her new diploma, they may feel alone in such a large world. In time, we all taste the sweetness of success and the bitterness of defeat. The graduate faces a brave new world, armed only with the lessons learned on the way to Graduation Day.

I wish all the graduates a long, successful and happy life, one in which lofty goals are set and reached.

# Seniors Name Ramsey Teacher Of The Year



FRANCES RAMSEY

By ANNETTE THOMAS

The senior class of 1984 has selected Francis Ramsey as the teacher of the year. Miss Ramsey teaches World History and Archeology, and is presently the sponsor of the Beta Club.

Miss Ramsey is one of the most popular teachers at Madison High and all the students have a high opinion of her. She's kind, witty and creative in class, making assignments interesting for her students. I have Miss Ramsey for World Cultures and I think she's an excellent teacher. She's a real artist when it comes to drawing maps or giving examples of how people lived throughout history.

Miss Ramsey is a graduate of Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Studies. She has been teaching for ten years.

Everyone in school knows that Miss Ramsey loves anything and everything that has to do with Garfield, the comic strip cat.

The Class of 1984 made a good choice in naming Miss Ramsey the teacher of the year. Congratulations, Miss Ramsey.

## Four Years Of Memories

As the members of the graduating class of 1984 look back upon their highlights at Madison High School, they realize that what seemed to be the hardest course, roughest teacher, scariest bully, most embarrassing moment, or best friend, all were part of molding together what is now the "Senior". The name with all the glory that stands behind it means more than just ending the high school years. It stands for adventure in the

future, job plans, futhering your education, choosing whatever lifestyle is in reach.

High School days are a rare few, but dealt with wisely are the most vividly remembered. An entrance to school with dedication is shown, and an exit with distilled pride follows each student as he crosses the stage to receive the diploma he has so steadily worked towards. Fond memories and beautiful dreams of the future fill each Senior's mind as

he realizes that the real world is out there, waiting to be grasped in the hands of a new awareness.

The many fond memories will hold steady in the mind of every graduating Senior and will be called upon many, many times after all caps are tossed and celebrations of graduation completed.

What does it really mean to be a senior? Does it mean you are "top dog" among high school



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