

Roy Carroll, vice president for planning for the University of North Carolina, delivered the commencement address on "Free Men in a Free Society."

# Class of '89 largest ever

Although they march solemnly and are clothed in black, a thank-you message taped to a mortar board or a champagne bottle and confetti stashed under a robe remind family and friends that graduation is indeed a time for celebrating.

The 1989 UNCW commencement on May 13 was the school's fortieth ceremony with the largest graduating class ever. Baccalaureate degrees were awarded to 1,068 students and 82 students received master's degrees. A capacity crowd of proud, camera-equipped relatives and friends filled the second level stands and overflowed into a standing room only section at the rear of the coliseum.

Dr. Roy Carroll, vice president for planning at University of North Carolina General Administration, delivered the commencement address that focused on "Free Men in a Free Society." Carroll told graduates that true freedom consists not in doing as we please but in doing as we choose.

"What you are this day, and what you will become, depends on your choices. Choose, therefore, to do your very best to fulfill the potential that lies within you," advised Carroll.

Susan Wolfson, senior class president, urged graduates to remember those who have helped them attain goals by taking the time to help others.

Several special awards were presented: the John T. Hoggard Medal to the graduate who, in the opinion of the faculty, has shown the most improvement during enrollment at the university, and the Alumni Association Award for the highest grade point average.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs William A. Bryan presented the Hoggard Medal to Wanda Michelle Worrell, a native of Clayton, N.C., who earned a bachelor's degree in education. Announcement of her award was greeted by a standing ovation from the entire graduating class and the faculty.

Four graduates were presented the Alumni Award for perfect 4.0 grade point averages for their academic careers. The recipients were Paula Chenier Eissens of Chadbourne, N.C., Shari Holder Rogers of Jacksonville, N.C., Robin Joseph Boucher of Wrightsville Beach, N.C., and Paul Augustine Cardullo of Rockville, Md.

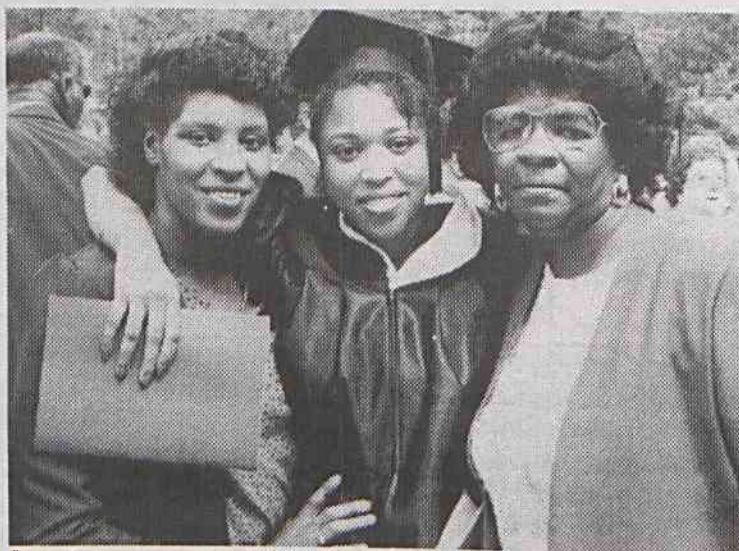
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Adding a special touch to UNCW's commencement ceremony was highland bagpiper Dorothy Dempsey who piped in the platform party.



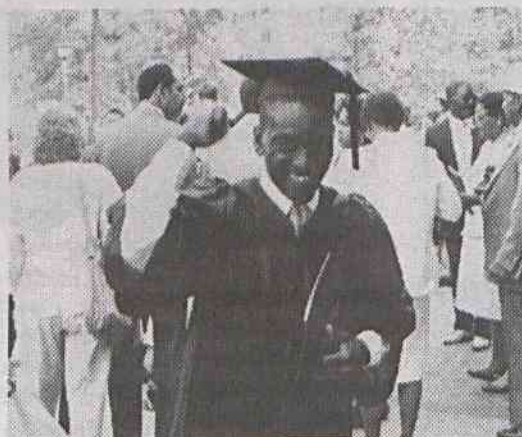
Susan Wolfson, senior class president, gives welcoming remarks at commencement.



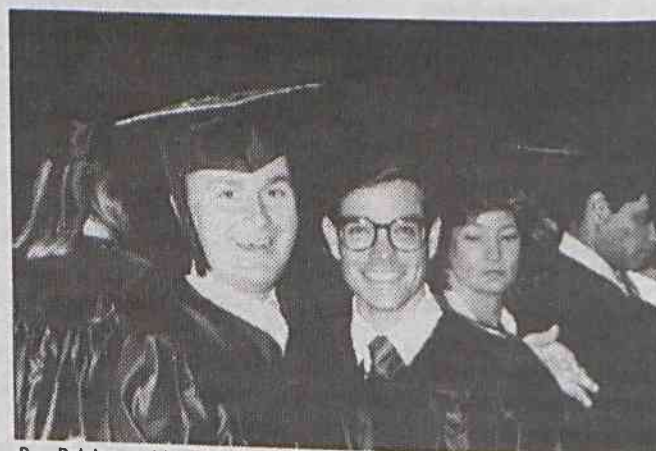
Twyla Vereen gets a congratulatory hug from her family.



Can I buy a vowel? UNCW graduates used their mortar boards as billboards for various messages.



Tim Kornegay of Dudley, N.C., a student intern in the University News Bureau, celebrates at graduation.



Dan Belcher and Kevin Colaner, UNCW Ambassadors, give each other a pat on the back for their hard-earned college degrees.