

## KMHS Class of '02 receives diplomas

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Kings Mountain High School had 194 seniors walk across the stage Friday night at John Gamble Stadium.

Although rain was predicted for the weekend, no precipitation came down on Friday's ceremony.

And with the different people who graduated, there were also different plans for life after high school.

Geoffrey Owens said he was ready to get his diploma.

"I'm just ready to walk across the stage, get my diploma and go straight to college," he said.

Owens said he plans to go to UNC-Charlotte to study programming.

"I'm ready to go on with my future and maybe get married later on in life and have some kids, all that stuff," he said.

Valedictorian Kim Robertson and Trent

Hopper, who were helping each other get ready for the ceremony, said they both plan

to attend UNC-Chapel Hill.

Robertson said her time in high school was good, but she was ready for something else.

She hopes to go to medical school at the Chapel Hill school and become a doctor. "It's been fun but I'm ready for a change," she said.

Stuart Heffner was the Salutatorian for the senior class.

Lane Echols said he plans to go to the University of Tennessee and study business.

"(I've) just always liked it," he said.

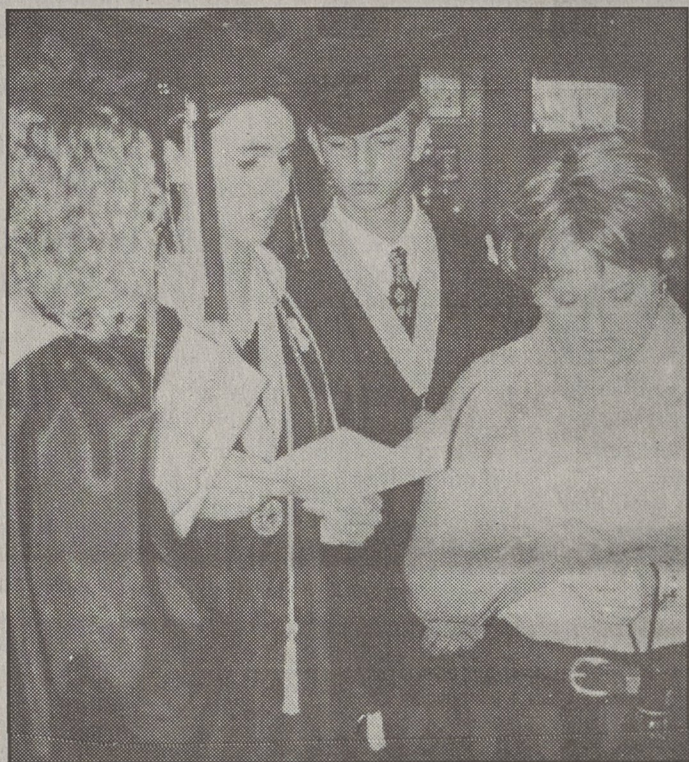
"(I've) been a big fan for a long time."

While some graduates head for Myrtle Beach, S.C. after graduation, Will Denton said he was heading to the Cayman Islands with a group of students.

Denton, who has worked at BBG Computers during part of his high school career, will be

going to Gaston College in the fall.

Alecia Dahl, who is also on the same cruise



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Lindsay Hamrick, Kristin Hardin along with teacher Angela Harris go over Friday's order before graduation Friday at Kings Mountain High.



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From left, Stephen Anthony, Tamara Ashe and Jamie Bagwell talk about each other's future plans before graduating Friday at Kings Mountain High School.

line as Denton, plans to attend Appalachian State University in Boone. She wants to eventually be a psychiatrist. Mountains are what drove her to Boone.

"After that, whatever happens, happens," she said about her post-college plans.

Michael Lail said he planned to stay in the area and study to be a paramedic. Graduation represented a couple of emotions to him, he said.

"It's kind of sad yet happy at the same time," he said. "Well, you're happy because you're going to school, but sad because you're missing a lot of people."

Tamara Ashe said she plans to possibly

move to Charlotte to study cosmetology. She said she has been looking forward to graduation.

"I've had fun through my years," she said. "I worked hard and I'm so looking forward to getting this night over with."

During the ceremony, senior class treasurer Jennifer Scism presented Kings Mountain District School Board Chairman Shearra Miller with an American Flag for the class gift.

Other senior class officers included: Crystal Miller, President; Catherine Gordon, Vice-President; Secretary, Emily Owens.



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Chris Crawford, Ashley Cook, David Crawford and David Creighton talk before lining up Friday at Kings Mountain's graduation.



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Kings Mountain High School graduates line up before heading toward Gamble Stadium Friday.

Crystal Miller, Kiera Jimson, Elizabeth Mejio and Stephanie Moore talk about Friday's ceremony before lining up during Kings Mountain High's graduation.



Trent Hopper helps Kim Robertson get ready for Friday's graduation ceremony at Kings Mountain High School.



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