

# A HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1985

As we, the senior class of 1985, begin to make that final walk of our senior year, we must take time to reflect on our past experiences at KHS. As sophomores, we faced the excitement of coming to the "high school." Open lunches and air conditioning were just a couple of the assets that would make this school a paradise compared to others. To the complaints of many students, the annual homecoming parade was replaced by a homecoming festival. The festival consisted of a pep rally and an afternoon of fun. That same year the homecoming won against Rocky Mount (20-0) capturing the first conference title in KHS' history-the Big East 4-A Champions. Local, city, and county officials discussed the possibility of a merger of the school systems, although the issue did not directly affect the majority of us.

Our junior year, we talked of class rings, PSAT and SAT scores, and colleges. The Southern Association Reaccreditation process began, bringing with it hard work for the faculty and students. Another event that required hard work was the Junior Miss Scholastic Program. After weeks of rehearsals and sacrifices, Susan Wade became Kinston's Junior Miss 1985. Another student who captured the hearts of many was Rejane Lucchesi, the Brazilian exchange student. A major event of our junior year was the Junior-Senior Prom. "Sail Away" was the theme of the dance. During the summer, the VIKING PRESS shone through at the North Carolina Scholastic Press Institute.

It captured first place in sports and advertising, second place in editorials and layout, and fourth place in news. This success came after a year of hard work and determination by the staff members. Luckily, the merger issue died. State-wide, the drinking age was raised to 19, much to the dismay of the students. Nationally, George Orwell's 1984 was the topic of many discussions and comparisons. Shocking the world, a suicide mission in Lebanon killed countless numbers of Marines. Beginning our senior year, we faced college applications and acceptance and rejection replies. Susan Wade brought fame to Kinston by winning the North Carolina's Junior Miss Scholarship Program. John Oxford also brought honor to KHS by being the recipient of the John Motley Morehead and Century III Scholarships. In the area of art, Bob Sabiston and Stacie Ham won a Hallmark Honor Prize and the North Carolina Art - Educators Award, respectively, in the 1985 Scholastic Art Competition. These students are just a few of the many talented ones in the class of 1985.

During our senior year, Coach Tom Daly, Mrs. Beulah Hussey, and Mrs. Nancy Reynolds chose to leave Kinston High. At the beginning of the year, we were saddened by the death of Mr. Frank Baker, a substitute teacher who influenced the people around him to do their best. We were also saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Dorothy Keel, who had been teaching here for only five years.

Our senior year was eventful not only here at KHS but throughout the world. At the homecoming game against Greenville, Junior Simms made the winning touchdown. Mrs. Ann Ross became the advisor for the annual staff after a transfer by Mrs. Mary Bear. Our senior prom, where the theme was "Drifting and Dreaming," was a large-scale success in comparison to previous attendance and enthusiasm. Locally, Mr. Chester Stocks became Kinston's new city school board chairman. President Reagan was re-elected to serve his second term by defeating Mondale and Ferraro. She was the first woman vice-presidential candidate on a major party ticket. This situation brought about numerous arguments from the male chauvinists and women libbers. A main concern of all the world was the starvation and poverty in Ethiopia. Two groups of countless performers, Band-Aid and USA for Africa, raised millions of dollars for the needy.

After looking at the events that shaped our lives, we can't forget the people who influenced us-our friends, our teachers, and our family. They are the ones who make our years at KHS special. Now we must look ahead. But no matter where we go, the fond memories will always remain in our hearts.