

WHAT GRADUATES HAVE GAINED

After the graduation of the WAFB students, interviews were conducted to sample the type of people who are using the extension at Wurtsmith. The following are samples of these interviews.

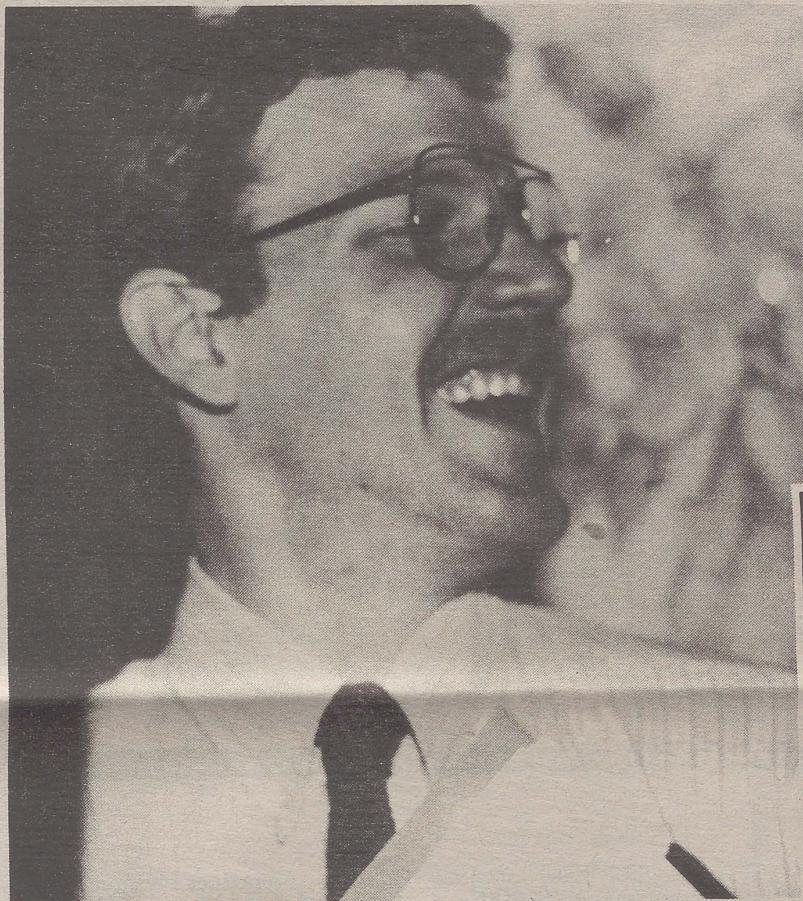
Karen Dubea is a working person who took advantage of WAFB's night courses. She received her associate in arts degree through 2 years of hard work. She said she found the courses met all of her needs at a time which was convenient for her.

Robert Dvorak also received his associate in arts degree. He is an air force dependent who transferred credits from another college and only had to take 2 semesters to complete his degree. He found the courses to be equal to what he had previously taken, and some were even more challenging.

Teresa Russell brought 727 hours previously earned through the air force with her to receive her associate in arts degree. She added to her electronic technology courses in English and Math.

She is a mother of 2 children whose husband is frequently on alert. She found the courses "quite challenging."

Anyone from dependents, to working people, to mothers can use the extension at WAFB to earn their degrees in various fields, and many people are presently doing just that.



GRADUATION

Graduation is...

- Graduation.
- Caps and gowns.
- Pomp and circumstance.
- Faces glowing with the pride of achievement.

All were in evidence in the traditional ceremony last Friday evening for the 21 ACC graduates at WAFB Center.

Graduation is the celebration of accomplishments and a conclusion of one phase of education.

Graduation is the gathering of families and friends to honor the graduates and, perhaps, to gloat a little at their contributions towards the end result.

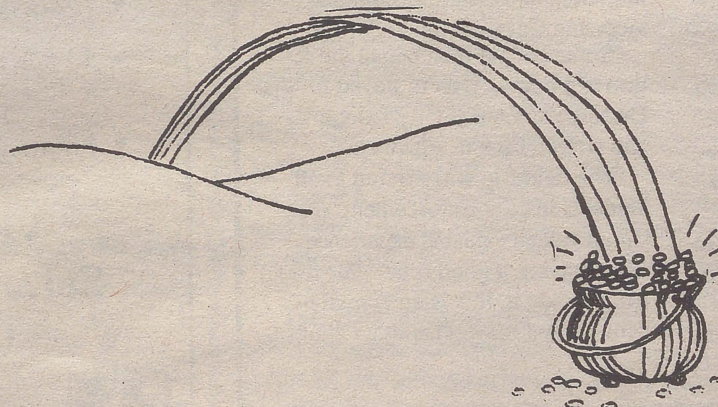
Gloating is perfectly acceptable and permitted at an occasion designed to applaud success.

Applause that is not only directed to the deserving graduates, but also for the people who supported and encouraged them and maybe sometimes nudged them along on their path towards their goals.

Graduation is also a bringing together; a culmination of all the efforts; a reward for work well-done.

Congratulations to the group at the WAFB satellite who will from here forward be known as the "Class of 87"!

Graduation, in summary, is the final step in moving from the halls of learning to a world filled with it.



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