



Class Valedictorian Amy Kirk challenged her fellow classmates by asking, "Will your life be a force or a farce?" Amy was named "Outstanding Student" in the areas of home economics, English, first year Spanish, and Chemistry II.



Speaking of all the teachers he had ever had, Salutatorian Robert Hodgen said, "I am the sum total of their efforts." Robert was named "Outstanding Student" in economics, agriculture, and calculus.

## ICLU makes prayer an issue for graduation

The actual graduation ceremony was not unusual when compared to past years. Prayers were spoken, speeches given, diplomas handed out. What made this tradition noteworthy in 1993 was that it took place despite threats from the Indiana Civil Liberties Union (ICLU) to sue any school corporation that endorsed prayer in its official graduation ceremonies.

Many schools in the state decided not to have prayer, but North Putnam's Board of School Trustees decided to allow prayer as long as it was voluntary on the part of the students.

On May 29th at 2:30, David Roberts, class president, led the class into the gymnasium, then Jennifer Walker stepped to the

podium and said a prayer on behalf of herself and her classmates. Later, Stacey Scobee ended the ceremony with prayer.

Valedictorian Amy Kirk and Salutatorian Robert Hodgen delivered their respective addresses, and 1992 graduate Bonnie Grimes sang an inspirational song. After the presentation of the diplomas, Roberts stood before the class and said, "Let's do it." Roberts and the class then turned their tassels.

For their part, Superintendent James Bates and Principal Darrell Durham each wished the class well. Mr. Durham's final words were a quote from the last episode of "Cheers". The quote: "Have a good life."