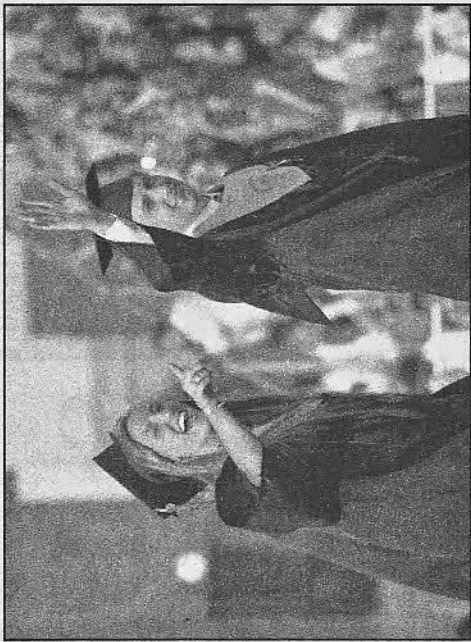


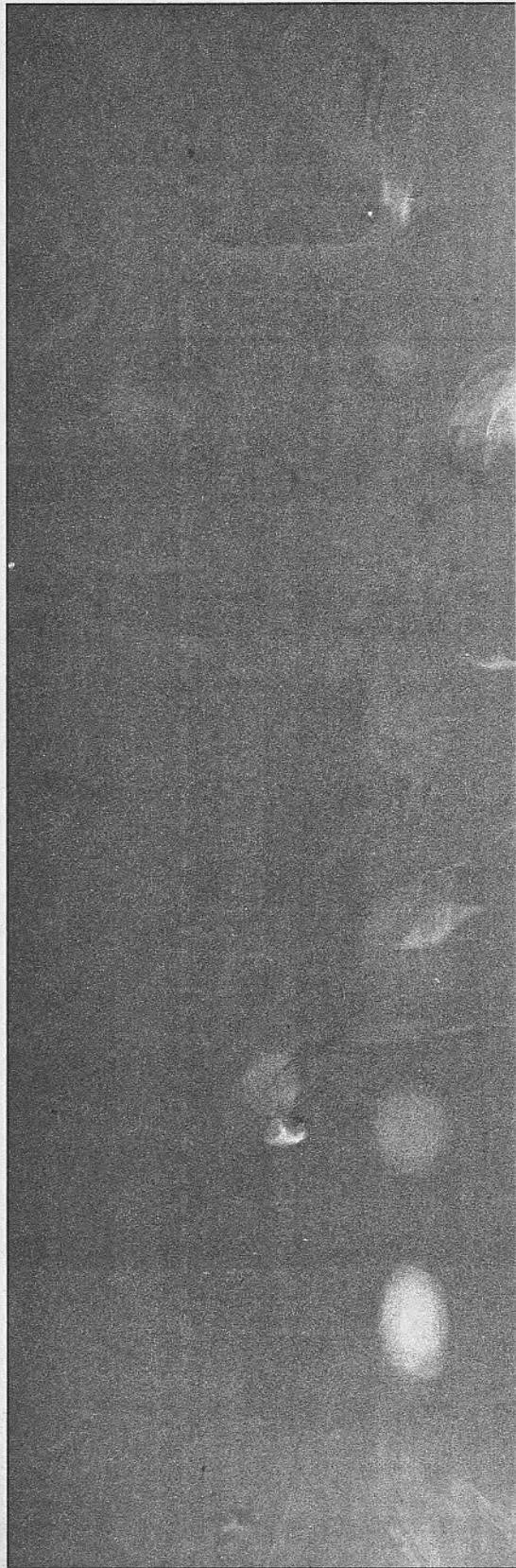
## NAPERVILLE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2007

# ...and memories to cherish



### **PARTING WORDS**

"Bearing in mind that our class has not pulled huge pranks, widely participated in senior Fridays, or shown exuberant examples of pride, it would appear that we lack cohesion, commitment and unity. To this I say yes, our class is not one unified body with a handful of leaders and a mass of mind-



less followers, but herein lays our strength. We seem dis-unified and unorganized because we are. The graduates of 2007 are not followers. We are a class of hundreds of leaders who are each determined to blaze their own path on the journey of life.”

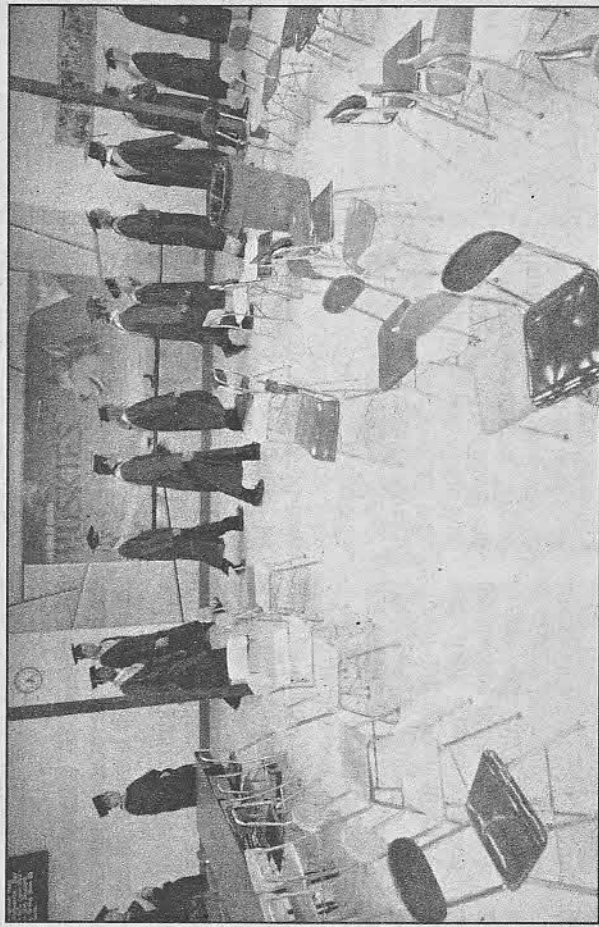
**Blake Fisher**  
NHS COMMENCEMENT  
SPEAKER

## TOP STUDENTS

**Valedictorian:**  
Benjamin Xie  
**Salutatorian:**  
Jason Wei



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**ABOVE: Naperville North High School graduates toss their mortar boards into the air. TOP: Melissa Savino, left, and brother Landon, both of Naperville, find their parents in the crowd at Naperville North at the start of commencement exercises Wednesday.**



**Naperville North seniors make their mortar boards through the school's cafeteria Wednesday, to commencement exercises.**

### COMMENCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Seniors Logan Black and Mark Tataro, both Eagle Scouts, presented the colors, and seniors Stephanie Gaden, Jennifer Kapelinski, Elena Morgan, Melissa Savino and Caroline Yoe performed the national anthem.
- Senior board member Katie Johnson presented the class gifts: a school song sign in the gymnasium; a mural of the school's mascot, a husky, in the field house; and landscaping outside the school's athletic entrance.
- "How long have we seniors actually been here on this planet?" asked commencement speaker Patrick McClure. He calculated that an 18-year-old has lived 6,574 days. The average American's life expectancy is 78 years, or 28,489 days, of which roughly a third will be spent asleep. "So, in essence, that only leaves us 14,610 days to accomplish whatever our missions are in this lifetime," McClure said. "With only 14,610 days left, we have to figure out what is important in our lives. I don't know about you, but, for me, 14,610 days does not seem like a whole lot of time."