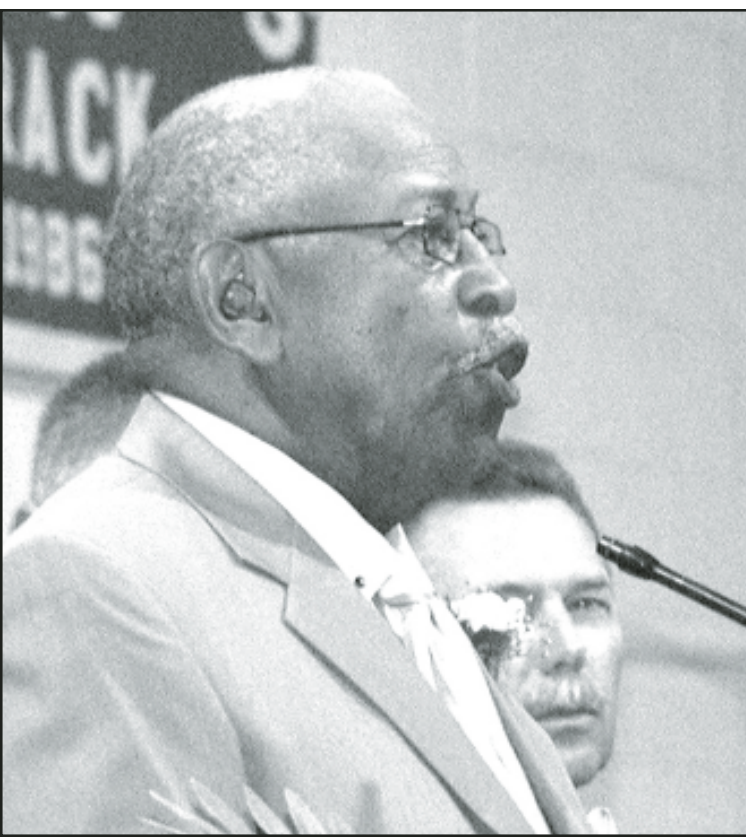


It's a standing tradition at Norton Community High School. As soon as they were declared graduates, the Class of '07 brought the Silly String out of hiding and the air exploded with the rubbery web.



Abner Williams gave his traditional speech to the graduates of Northern Valley. He told each what they meant to each other and what they meant to him and then gave them advice on how to remain good people.



Jessica Wenzl was one of three Northern Valley seniors to give a commencement address. She spoke of past memories and the future.



During his speech, Abner Williams asked the seniors to stand up and face the people who helped shaped their lives.



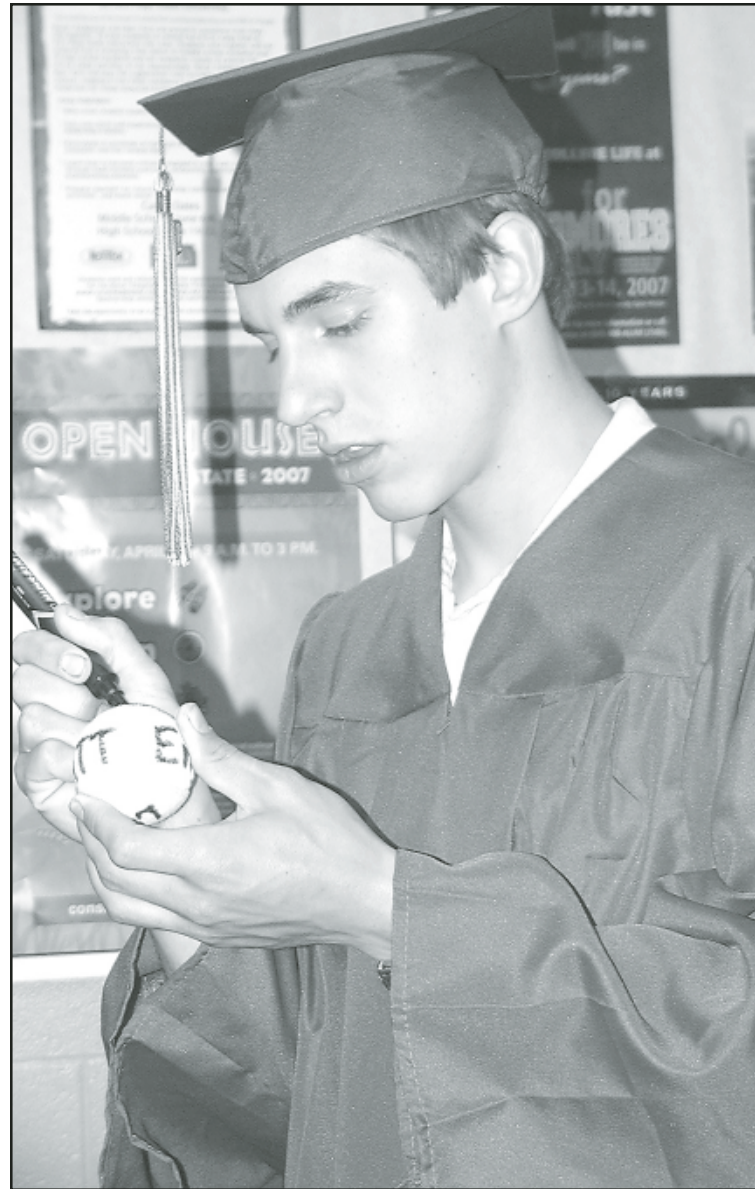
Graduate Kelli Cole chose a flower to give to her parents during the parent recognition at Northern Valley's ceremony. Junior attendants holding the flowers were Justin Lee and Hannah Ponstein.



Poised to make her entry into Stull Gymnasium, Brianna Felton modeled her Class of '07 tassel.



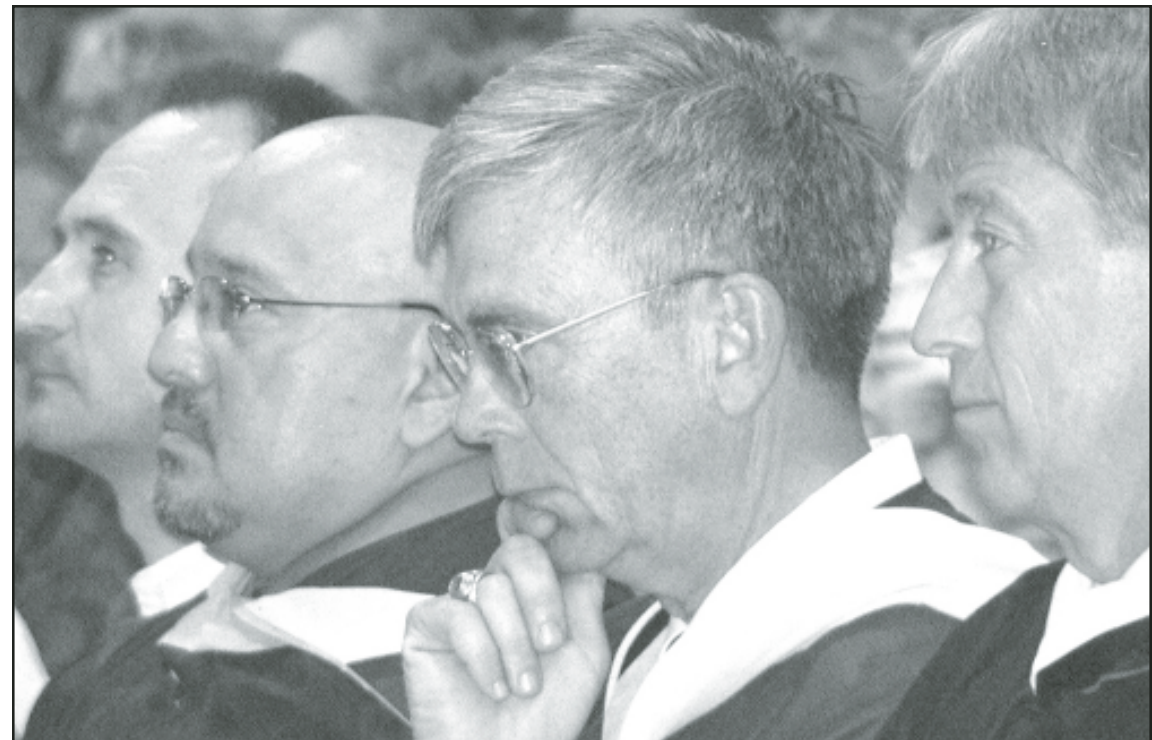
Northern Valley Superintendent Bill Lowry congratulated the Class of 2007 on their hard work and accomplishments.



With great precision, Matt Engel signed his name to a tennis ball. Each Norton graduate had a ball that they deposited in a box by the podium as they crossed the stage.



Chance Miller gave his Northern Valley teacher Staci Montgomery a big hug after walking across the stage.



Absorbed in the moment were, from left to right, senior class advisor, Shane Miller, high school principal, Rudy Perez, superintendent of schools, Greg Mann and junior high principal and high school activities director, Larry Mills.

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