

# Class' spirit warms up cool commencement temps

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The Farmington Hills Mercy High Class of 1994 selected a theme of "Going Forth to Show the Light."

Though the seniors wouldn't have minded if those rays reflected a little warmth on their commencement.

## MERCY GRADUATION

Temperatures dipped into the low 40s as 189 graduates received their diplomas May 26 at Oakland University's Baldwin Pavilion. The theme kept within the spirit of providing service to others.

"I expect to see them doing a lot of things for humankind," said Sister Regina Marie Doelker, principal at Mercy High.

"As a whole group, this one has some fine skills, and they should be able to make a difference."

Valedictorian Meredith Burnett of Lathrup Village plans to major in theology at Georgetown University. Burnett is the senior class president and assistant editor of the school yearbook.

She also received the Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, was a National Merit Finalist and a member of the Observer All-Star Academic Team.

"That kid's fantastic," Doelker said. "You wonder how she can do all that she does in addition to being class president."

Amy Watroba of Redford Township is the salutatorian. Watroba has been an Observer Academic All-Star and a member of 1992 and 1993 Scholastic All-Catholic teams.

Watroba plans to major in

mathematics at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Many of the 19 candidates for valedictorian and salutatorian honors had six years of science and five years of math, Doelker said.

Finalists had to have a 3.85 grade-point average and demonstrate service and leadership both

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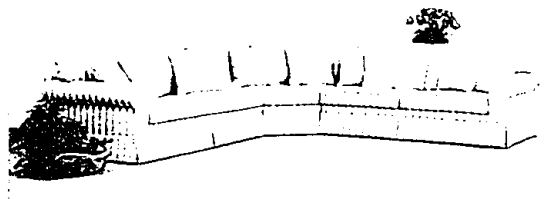
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Proud papa: Leo Vigi looks for his daughter Allison Vigi during graduation.



Cheerful so long: Patty Cahill whoops it up as Mercy High's commencement comes to a close.



Academic bliss: Mercy's Kathryn Dawn Hansz enjoys the conclusion of her high school days, which included graduating magna cum laude and being a member of the National Honor Society.

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