Graduation a sacrifice that paid

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Naturally, a capacity crowd filled Rollie. And the robes of the facty and graduates had been seen in ens of similiar ceremonies.

To a casual observer, Saturday's ommencement exercise would Dave looked like any other.

But few casual observers would

ave been found in a cross section of Take the parents. Their feelings

pride and satisfaction were any-aing but casual. They had made too any sacrifices in order to see this ery ceremony.

The same went for brothers and

iters. Though their attendance eemed more often dutiful than de-ighted, they didn't fail to be in rested when at least one graduate ssed the stage

For the graduates themselves, re was no question. They were he key participants, and their mphant grins showed it.

For the University, it was a conregion of the manual while the maduates were seated in one room to remind them that they are excted to make something of them-

"I hope you have developed the ability to separate fact from opinion, and that you have developed the capability of making sound decisions and forming defensible opinions based on fact," Chancellor Paul W. Murrill of Louisiana State Univer-

Some graduates sensed the tradi-ion of the ceremony. They thought fivy covered halls, sagacious pro-essors, and all the other romantic rappings of academia.

Others were impressed with the

emony itself. As ceremonies go, raduation is monumental. It rivals be coronation of the Pope for color

And why not? In the grand cycle of existence (birth, graduation, leath) it represents the least ranom, if not most significant event.
To all of the graduates who attended, the ceremony was a few hours of dessert after years of dining m food hard to swallow and harder o digest. But to at least one graduate

erely knowing that he had finished was sufficient. Instead of attending his own graduation ceremony, he "I just imagined myself walking

cross stage and receiving my diploma," he said. "To me, that was = Roach spray

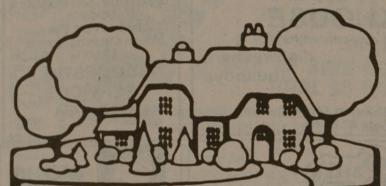
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s sentenced to 10 years in prison nd fined \$5,000 for killing her month-old nephew by spraying m in the face with roach spray. ry Monday sentenced Patricia sley, 19, after convicting her of ntary manslaughter.



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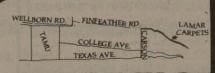
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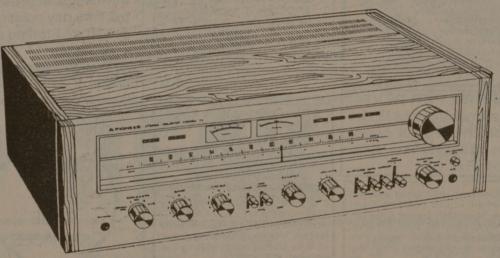
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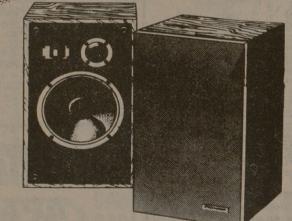
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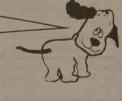
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