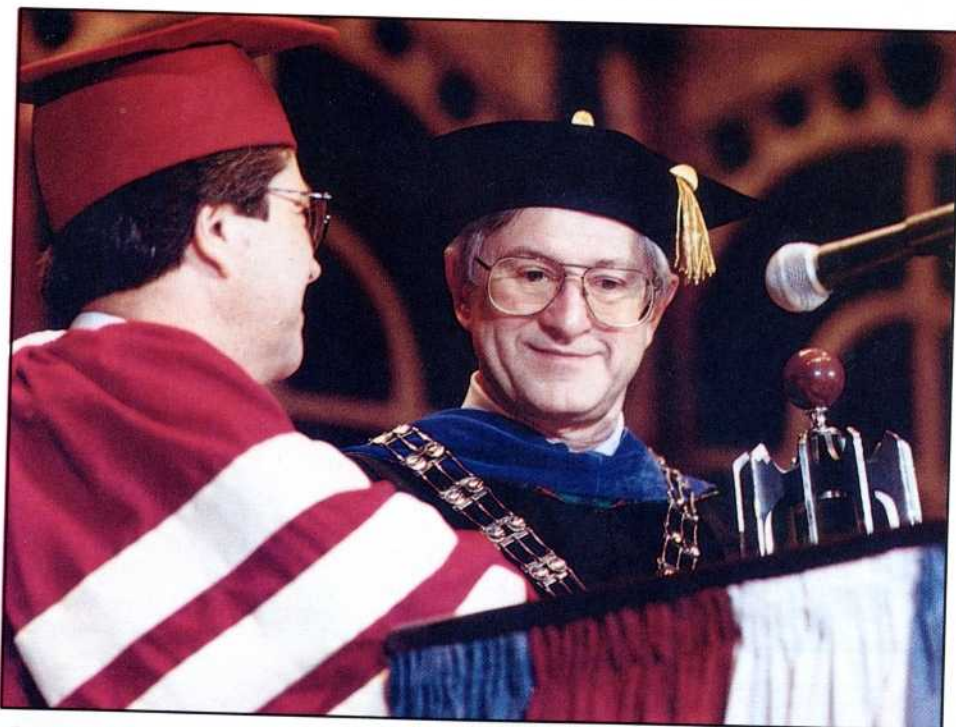


# THE CENTENNIAL



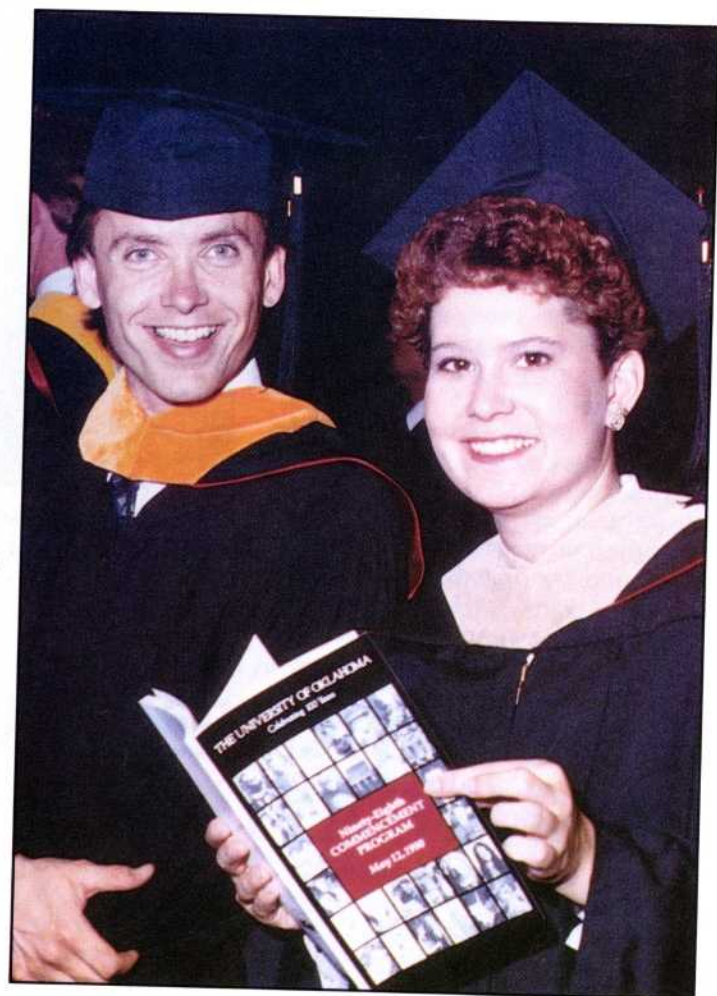
Centennial Commencement ceremonies held added significance for Richard L. Van Horn, right, as he was invested with the symbols of office as 12th president of the century-old University.



A gleeful graduate grabs a balloon that didn't make it to the top of Lloyd Noble Center.



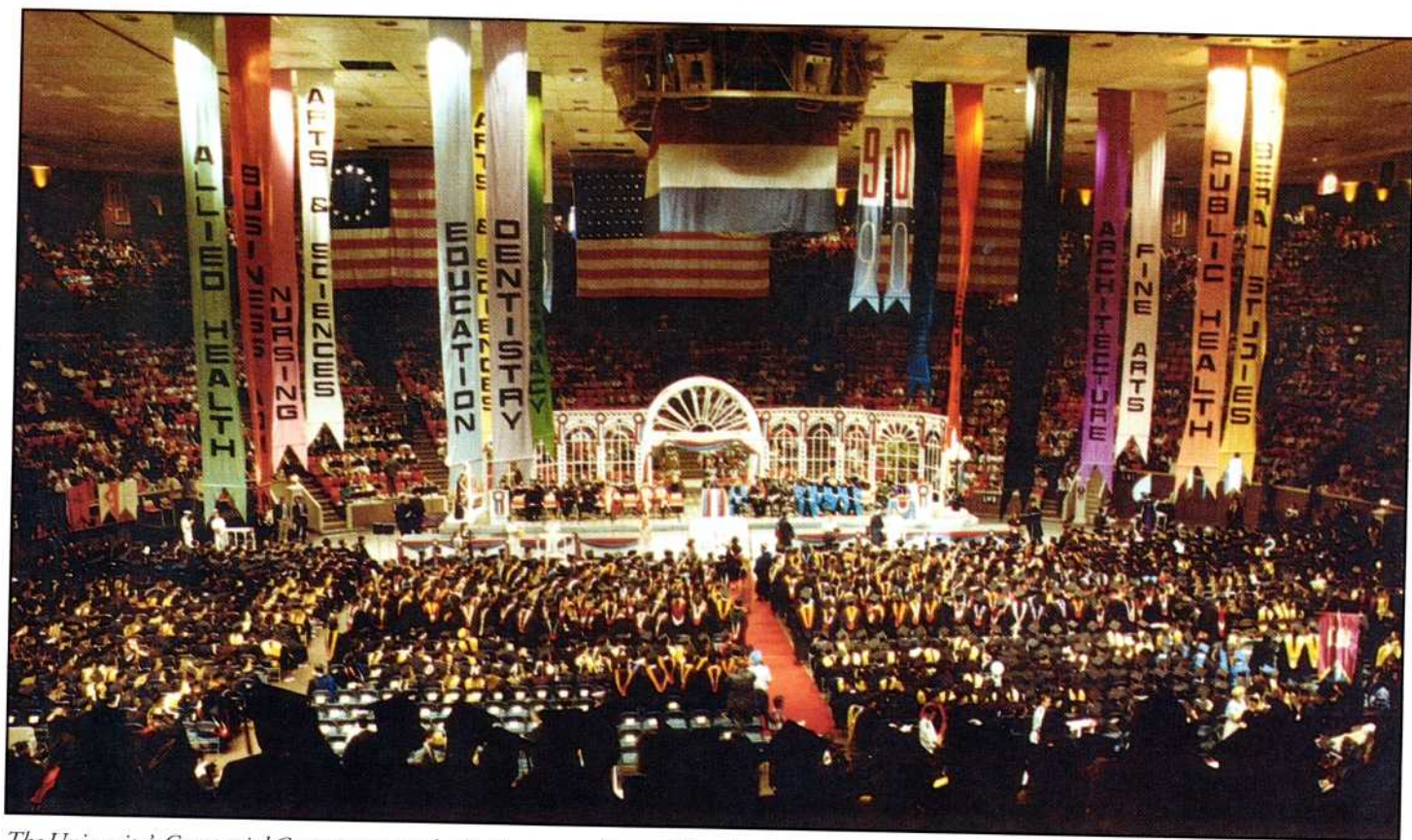
ABOVE: As the engineers leave their college's pre-Commencement convocation, an international graduate has his moment in the sun recorded for the far-away family he will rejoin after years of study abroad.



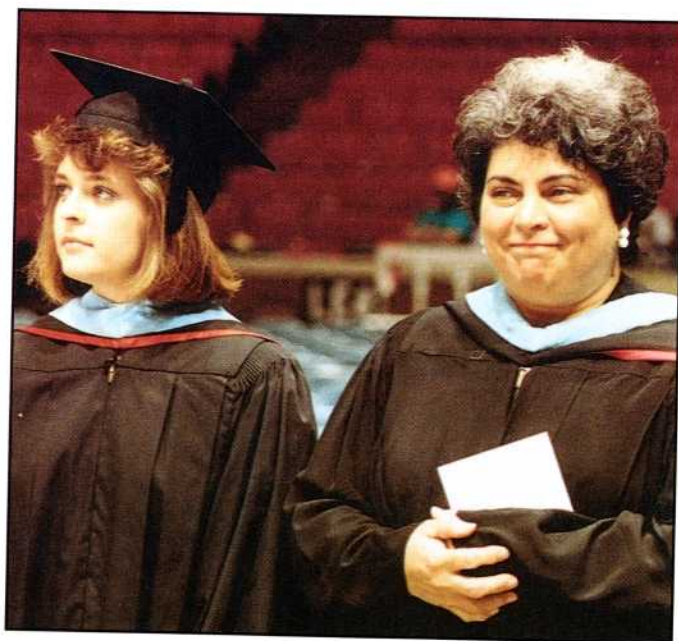
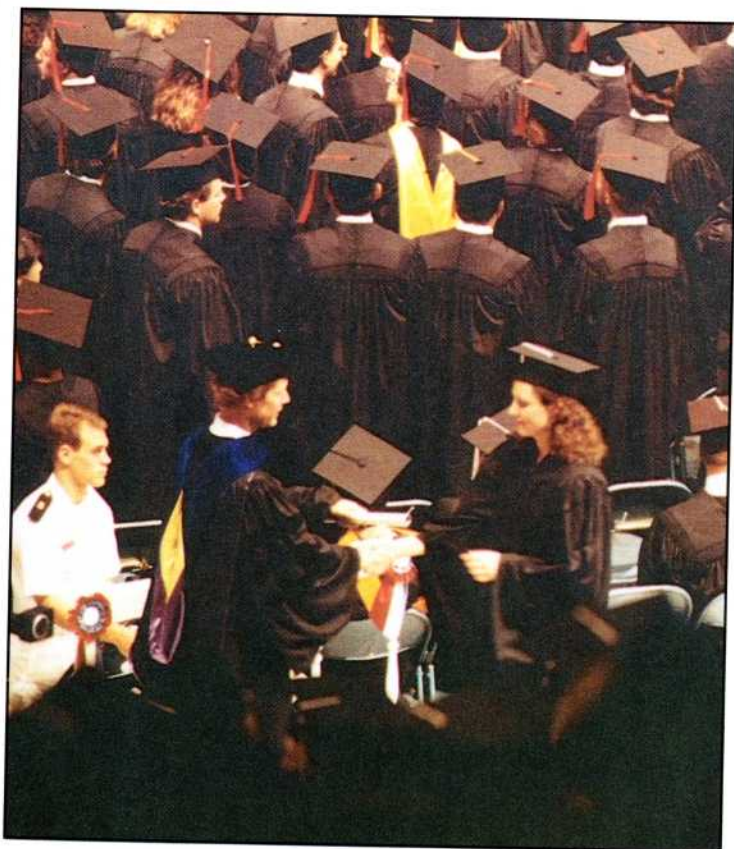
RIGHT: While waiting patiently in Lloyd Noble Center for the long processional to begin, two new graduates check to be sure that their names really are recorded in the Centennial Commencement program.



# COMMENCEMENT



*The University's Centennial Commencement had to be memorable, and Fine Arts Dean Nat Eek pulled out all the stops. This most colorful and exciting of the 14 ceremonies he had directed was also the last one the veteran University administrator would stage before his retirement.*



*ABOVE: Few occasions in life so justify a feeling of complete self-satisfaction as the end of that long journey to a college degree.*

*LEFT: A newly minted alumna receives congratulations from the dean. Multiple platforms, all operating at once, enabled the hundreds of graduates from 14 degree-granting colleges to receive individual recognition. The College of Medicine has separate ceremonies.*