



GRADUATION DAY IN CENTRAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

by Bob Tis

One hundred and twenty-five students graduated from Gilford High School last night in a ceremony that addressed some very serious issues from a humorous perspective.

Actor Phillip E Walker delivered the keynote address to a standing room only audience in the auditorium

Walker described what he perceives as, "the empty life commercial," explaining that people often develop, "a false sense of invincibility." People think everything is supposed to come out one way, and then all of a sudden something happens and the person realizes he might not be invincible, Walker said.

"We start to expect success," said Walker. "Then when the slightest little problem occurs, we freak."

Walker said the immediate reaction is to search for a problem. "There has been a myth perpetrated on us," said Walker. "Human beings are perfect."

Walker told graduates "the most positive thing one can do is to find a meaning in our lives."

"It's there," said Walker. "We just have to search it out."

"Everyone has a purpose and a meaning to their lives," Walker said. "It is no accident that we are here."

"Ask your soul," said Walker. "You will get an answer, and once you accept that answer, you will start to feel some meaning to life."

Walker said he discovered the purpose of his life has something to do with the illumination of truth in people.

"A profession is only a path to finding your purpose," Walker said. He said people can find their purpose in life through a process of elimination.

"After you find your purpose others can help you uncover your talents," Walker explained. "You can become so committed to your work that you would do it for free," he said. "Money is not the goal," Walker concluded. "That is just the byproduct of a professional."



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