Capping

The evening before Commencement, the “seniors” are “capped.” This tradition dates to the early days of the College when each graduate selected one younger student to place the traditional mortarboard upon her head. Today, each senior selects two or three freshmen or other women who are special to her. Only women participate in Capping; faculty and administrative staff of the College do not cap students. This ceremony is held on the front steps of Main Hall, weather permitting, and all participants are dressed in traditional white.