

A SHUTTERBUG found a spot among the graduates at South Brunswick's ceremony last week to snap a photo.



SOUTH BRUNSWICK High School seniors Steve Vernon, left, and Eric Beachum, hold on to their caps during the breezy outdoor graduation ceremony last Wednesday evening. Both Vernon and Beachum were among the six graduates of the N.C. Scholar's Program.

## South Seniors First To Graduate

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Approximately 164 South Brunswick High School seniors received diplomas last Wednesday evening in an outdoor graduation ceremony held on the school grounds. The recent resodding of the football

field moved the site of the annual event to the school yard in front of the parking lot. Following the ceremony that lasted less than 40 minutes, the class of 1985 "whooped" and screamed while a few tears were also shed. A number of graduates even tossed their navy blue caps toward the South Brunswick Carolina-blue sky to end the first of three graduations held in Brunswick County last week.

"If you take one lesson with you from these halls," Brunswick County Board of Education Chairman James Forstner told the graduates, "take with you your readiness and willingness to learn.'

Several outstanding seniors were honored during the graduation exer-

cises by school Superintendent Gene Yarbrough. Six students completing the N.C. Scholar's Program from South Brunswick High were Eric Beacham, Elizabeth Berry, Leo Bohland, Darrell Brown, Steve Vernon and Mike Walton.

"The N.C. Scholar's Program is a new program designed to be more rigorous than the standard high school schedule," Yarbrough said. "We're very proud to have this number of North Carolina scholars in the graduating class this year."

Also honored were two graduates who attended the Brunswick County Training School in Southport before it was consolidated. Ruby P. Davis and Peggy Parker returned to school this year through the extended day school program at South Brunswick and earned their diplomas. Both graduates also completed nursing assistants training through Brunswick Technical College.

"The future is filled with pitfalls, many successes and some failures,' Yarbrough told the seniors. "In a very, very significant way, failure will teach you more than success can. The thought to be left here is that you keep on striving."

Seven students were also honored for receiving Presidential Fitness Awards in February. They were Candi Somers, Eric Trunnel, Leo Bohland, Elizabeth Berry, Eric Beachum, Wesley Kirby and Darrell Brown.

"We all hope that each of you who have worked with these graduates over the years feel a deep measure of pride," Forstner added.

School salutatorian Darrell Brown gave the welcome while valedictorian Candi Somers delivered the farewell. Principal Mose Lewis presented the certificates and diplomas.

"Some of us will succeed, some of us will fail," Ms. Somers said in her farewell address. "Some will lead, some will foliow. I believe in you, so remember, believe in yourself."

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FOR SOUTH Brunswick senior Shelia Butterworth, graduation night was spent in a New Hanover Memorial Hospital bed. Shelia, who was hospitalized following a car accident, received her diploma at the hospital immediately after graduation ceremonies Wednesday

night. Presenting the diploma are from left, Assistant Principal Donald Andrews, senior guidance counselor Betty Gavin, senior advisor Marsha Cochran and Principal Mose Lewis.









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