

Principal's Proud Of North Brunswick High's 129 Graduates

BY TERRY POPE

Some North Brunswick High School 1991 graduates have gotten an early start on their careers, making Principal James McAdams a proud man.

One senior is already enrolled in college classes. Another has attended summer military camp. Others have served as candy strippers, or volunteer nurse's aides in hospitals, and as tutors for underclassmen having trouble with their studies.

One senior volunteered this semester to work with migrant students at Lincoln Primary School to help teach them English.

"That's why I'm very proud of this class," said McAdams at North's graduation last Thursday. "I'm going to miss seeing them in the hallways, sometimes when they're not suppose to be there."

North Brunswick presented 129 diplomas to its graduating seniors during the outdoor commencement program.

Also included in the group of graduates were two adults who attended extended day school to earn their diplomas, Jacquelyn Lancaster and Melvra Washington.

By a vote of the senior class, honorary diplomas were awarded to the families of four students who had since the third grade. Paul Thomas, Jennifer McPhatter, Steven Aycock and Scott Clark would have been members of the 1991 graduating class. It was the first time the school has awarded honorary diplomas, said McAdams.

The school's Senior of the Year awards went to Chris McBride, an honor graduate who has accepted an athletic scholarship to play baseball



CHORUS DIRECTOR Marva Robinson leads in the singing of the 1991 senior theme song, "From A Distance."

for UNC-Wilmington, and to Tabitha King, an N.C. Scholar and member of the National Honor Society.

The awards are given to a male and female each year who achieve academic excellence and who lead socially successful lives, said Assistant Principal Michael Brown.

Honors were also given to the class of 1991's N.C. Scholars, students who must maintain a B average in a rigorous four-year high school program of courses designed to challenge the students and to prepare them for college. There were six students in the first class of N.C. Scholars at North Brunswick several years ago, said Brown.

There are 16 in this year's class, including Rebecca Gwen Carmack, Durwood Thomas Clark III, Andrea Felicia Corbett, Ashleigh Brooks Dalrymple, Tracy Lynn Haddock, Tracey Lynn Hamby, Tracey J. Henry, Karen Evelena Jones, Timothy J. Kelly, Rhonda Louanne King, Tabitha Lynn King, Gary Wayne Martin, Jonathan Christopher McBride, Susan Dawn Nance, Christina Michelle Phelps and Terri T. Soders.

Kerri Elizabeth Smith and Crystal Maria Williams were also honor graduates but were not N.C. Scholars.

Awards went to Saultatorian Tracy Haddock and Valedictorian Gwen Carmack, who had to fight back tears when presenting the senior farewell address.

Being a senior, Ms. Carmack said, "means growing closer to your friends, sharing and being together when times aren't so good."

"It also means coming out of school knowing you've done it," she said, by achieving one's goals.

Brunswick County School Superintendent P.R. Hankins gave part of his speaking time to Board of Education Chairperson Donna Baxter.

However, he did advise the seniors not to be afraid of the challenges they will meet in life.

"You've had the same challenges that has faced all of us," said Hankins.

Ms. Baxter stressed the need for graduates to become good citizens by voting, participating in local meetings and by volunteering their



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IT'S A SENTIMENTAL MOMENT for Adrienne Willis, who a short while later presents her cousin, graduate Errico Graham, with a dozen red roses.

time for community projects.

District 5 Board of Education member Yvonne Bright assisted in issuing the diplomas.

Other seniors receiving awards were: Crystal Sloan, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship; Christina Phelps, Daughters of the American Revolution Award; James Walker III, Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship; Ramon Robinson, Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star Scholarship; Ronnie Payne, Johnson and Whales College Scholarship;

Also, Chris McBride, North Brunswick Booster Club Award; Tony Dixie and Felecia Corbett,

NBHS Citizenship Awards; Christine Yarbough and Timothy Kelly, School Spirit Awards; Christina Phelps, Spiritine Scholarship; Rhonda King and Durwood Clark III, U.S. Army Reserve National/ Scholar Athlete Awards; and LaTanya Blue, Woodmen of the World American History Award.

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GRADUATE FAYE Jillene Darnell gets a hug from her mother, Molly Darnell, after receiving her diploma.

How To Improve Your Home.

1. Think Before You Redo.

Consider the changes you'd like to make to your home. An updated kitchen. A new or remodeled bath. A larger master bedroom. Or maybe even a deck. If the improvements you have in mind are few, remodeling is a great idea. But if they add up to completely redesigning your entire home, you might want to reconsider.

Here's a basic cost guideline: If the investment raises the value of your home more than 15% above the highest-valued homes in your neighborhood, you may want to reevaluate your improvement plans. If you do "overimprove," it could be difficult to recoup your full investment.

But then, resale value isn't the only issue. After all, you're the one who lives in your home. Any improvement may be worthwhile if you have no plans to sell. So use the 15% guideline to set a maximum budget. Then let your imagination take over. Think about the way you live in your home.



Improvements That Pay Off*

Project	Average Cost	Average Recovery
Major kitchen remodel	\$20,906	98%
Minor kitchen remodel	8,320	100%
Family room addition	30,303	88%
Bath remodel	7,574	88%
Bath addition	10,867	98%
Master bedroom suite	21,680	88%
Sun room addition	15,560	79%

What features make the most sense for your family? List the specific things you want. Make your own rough sketches. Clip photos from magazines. Try to plan your improvement to blend with the style and character of your home.

And remember, the more homework you do, the easier it gets.

2. Be Prepared.

But no matter how much homework you do, it's still never easy. A major home im-

provement sometimes can be just as difficult as moving, take longer to finish and end up costing more. Many times, choosing the right remodeler makes all the difference.

Start by calling your local chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) or the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council (NAHB/RC). Your

local Home Owners Warranty Corp. (HOW) Council can also make suggestions on participating home remodelers.

You should discuss the specifics of your job with at least three remodelers. Ask for references and inspect a few finished jobs firsthand. Choose the lowest bid only if you're convinced it provides quality materials and workmanship. (Make sure your contractor is insured, licensed and bonded. And don't make any decisions without first contacting the Better Business Bureau. They can give you a customer-experience report on your contractor.)

Once you've selected a contractor,



It usually pays to call a professional.

your written contract should spell out all the details of the job: total price, payment schedule, cancellation rights, timetable, job specs, cleanup provisions, permits, inspections and warranties.

3. Get The Right Loan.

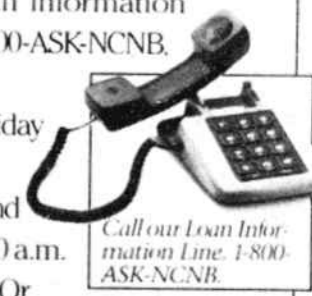
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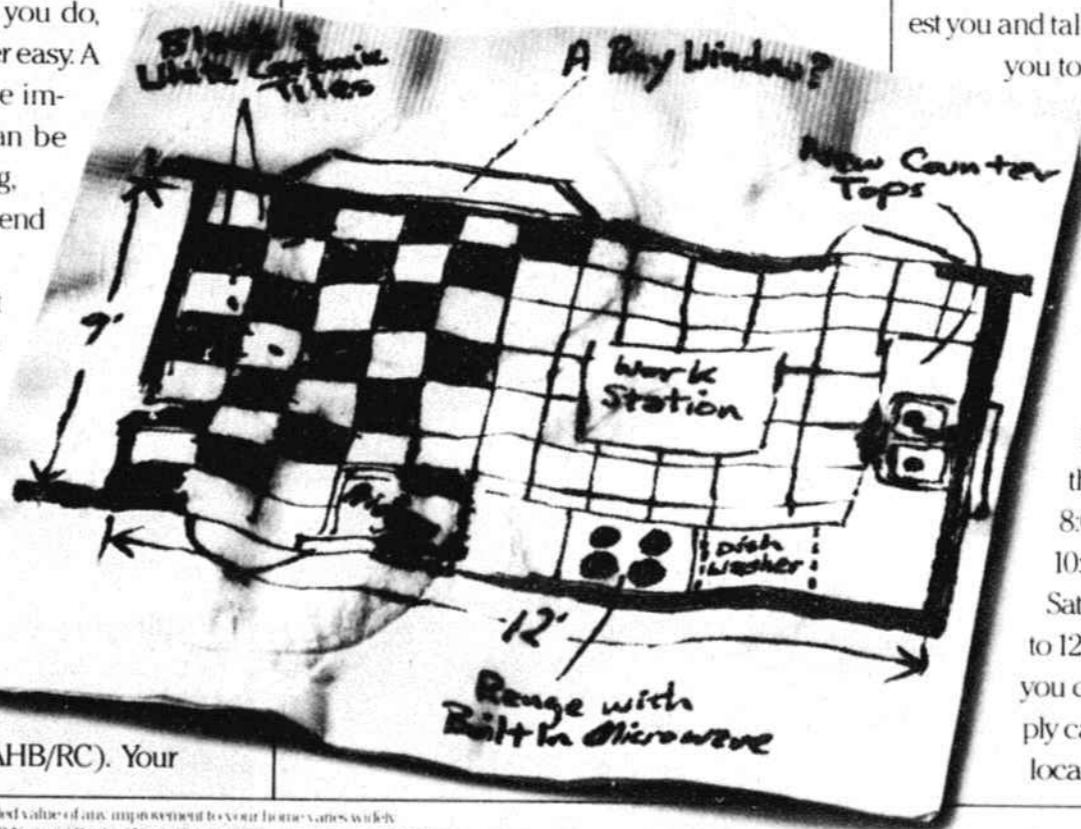
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