

A Record of Pawsibilities

Ever since the Paw Print's theme for 1984-85 was decided, the staff busily searched for interesting facts and records that pertained to our history. This is only a partial listing of the information we came across, but we think this collection is most interesting. Almost 60 years ago, in 1926, only 12½ units were required for graduation. Today's requirement is 18 units and 1987's requirement will be 20 units. In 1927, a Colleton County teacher's salary averaged \$1,050. Today's average salary is \$16,500. The annual tax appropriation per student was \$1.00. Today it is \$57.75 per student. Also in 1927, WHS installed boxes called "lockers." In 1928, there were six high schools in Colleton County. Today there are only two. In 1929, a session of summer school cost \$10.00. 1985's summer school session will cost \$80.00. The population of Walterboro, Colleton County's seat, was 2,592 people. Today's population is over 7,500. Walterboro High School students voted for a National Honor Society Chapter. The senior play was "Come Out of the Kitchen." And in 1929, a class of 49 was graduated from WHS. 1985's graduating class will number 320. In 1930, WHS established a boxing team. Colleton County schools were recognized as making the highest progress of any county in the state. Also in 1930, Colleton County teachers made "highest score" on a teachers Association Checkup. In 1931, Colleton County school buildings were given a grade of being in good shape. Around 50 years later, the Hampton Street facility, (WHS) was condemned. In 1932, students were divided into sections called "homeroms." Walterboro High contemplated a lunchroom. And in 1932, the contemplated menu and prices were: 2 sandwiches for 5¢; soup and crackers for 5¢; a hamburger for 10¢; slice of pie for 5¢; and milk for 5¢. A plate lunch was 15¢ while today's plate lunch, a nutritious yet delicious meal, is 65¢. And in 1933, the Walterboro High School Varsity football team's weight averaged 125 lbs. Only 22 players tried out that year. Today's average weight is 180 lbs. and the team has 36 players.

The sporting statistics listed are facts recorded since 1980. **Football:** North-South All Stars; Mike Ford, 1980 and Stevie Riggins, 1984 . . . Shrine Bowl All-Stars; Tony Stephens, 1983 . . . Low-country Players of the Year; Tony Stephens, 1983 and Stevie Riggins, 1984 . . . Longest Field Goal; Mike Hardee/38 yds., 1982 . . . Longest kickoff returned for touchdown; Stevie Riggins/95 yds., 1983 . . . Most Points scored against Walterboro; Summerville/57 points, 1984 . . . Most points scored by Walterboro in a single game; 62 points vs. Burke, 1984 . . . Longest run from scrimmage; Stevie Riggins/95 yds., 1984 . . . Most touchdown passes in a game; Benji McCoy/3 vs. Summerville, 1984 . . . Most team yardage in single game; 590 yds. vs. Burke, 1984 . . . **Basketball:** Walterboro High School Wildcats beat Summerville, 92-2, in 1927. Not until 58 years later, in 1985, did the Walterboro Bulldogs beat Summerville, 66-64. The District Championship was captured by the Walterboro Wildcats in 1929. **Baseball:** Most homeruns in a season; Garrett Carter/12. Bulldog Varsity Baseball team was eighth in the nation and first in the state with 46 homeruns in 1984. (new state record), 1983 . . . **Track:** All-State; Tony Stephens/Shotput, 1983. **Golf:** Lowest Score on 18 holes in one match; Scott Halter/68 at Dogwood Hills, 1983.