

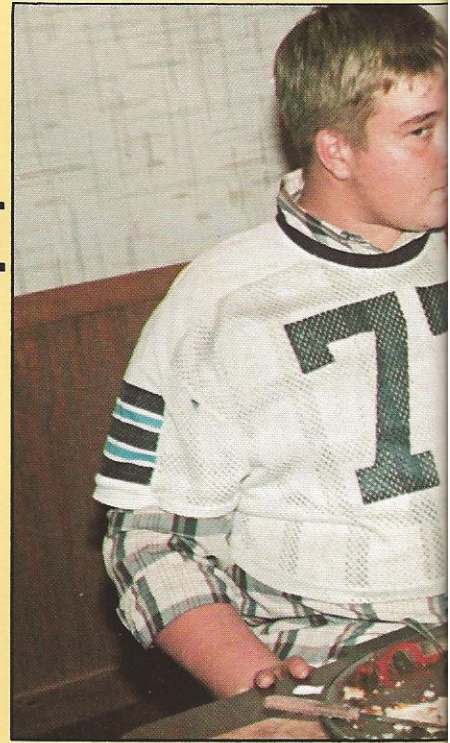
Concern Brings About Improvement

New Principal Bob Pence brought with him impressive credentials. Great leaps were made in areas like maintaining the school and increasing communications between students, administrators and parents. Another phenomenal task Pence completed was to lay the framework for a comprehensive program to improve the school in the future.

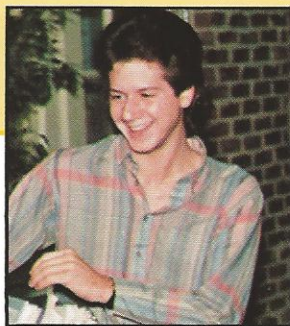
The academic programs of the Education Improvement Act came together in 1987 with a multitude of positive results, but the finances this Act promised were never seen. At the local level, the conservative tax payers appeared to influence the Board of Education's budget request of the County Council. Although a symbolic raise in taxes was passed, it came nowhere near what it would take to bail the school system out of its financial quagmire.

On the other hand, perhaps the problems of this school year prompted what could become a turn in the right direction. Colleton County voters became concerned enough about the school systems financial crisis to provide a more innovative group of representatives to the school board. It appeared to be a mandate for county officials to do what it took to get the school system on track.

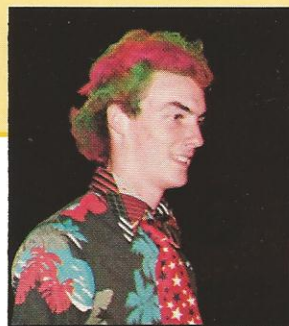
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Jarlece McMillian, sophomore "I was anticipating improvement, but nothing much has changed for me."



Greg Hiott, senior "Mr. Pence has made a significant improvement in the faculty at WHS."



Garland Sutton, junior "The support of fans at football games, band programs and all school programs was improved."

