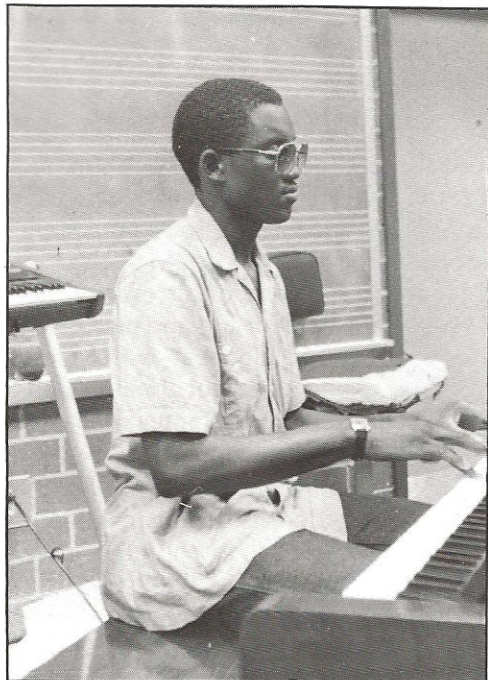


More Than Just A Senior



Guss Bodison, "tickles the ivory," creating beautiful music that mesmerizes his audience.

Guss Bodison made use of his ability to communicate through music

When freshman Guss Bodison arrived at Walterboro High School in the fall of 1983, he reached out for the leadership role of freshman class president and embroiled himself in the high school world of politics. Four years later he was still making contributions to the high school world. He now made a contribution as a musician—a drum major for the Band of Blue. However, being drum major was not the only donation to music given by Guss, he offered to WALD listeners music of his own. Guss' interest in music started at the age of four, when he first began to play the piano. His inspiration to write came from Dan Bodison. Guss expressed, "If it had not been for

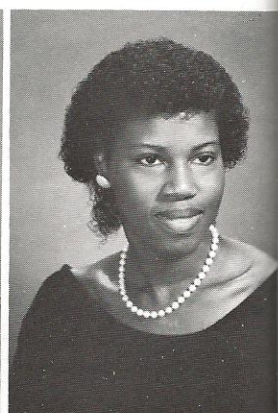
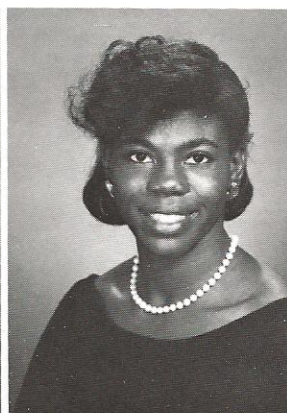
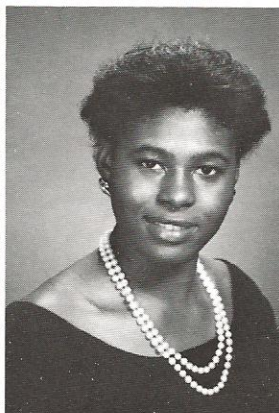
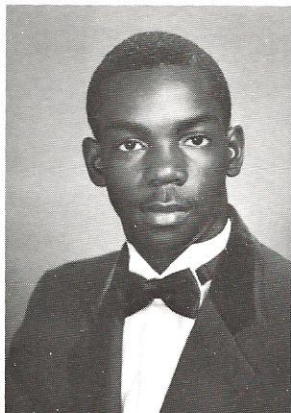
Dan I could not have done it." Another influence was his favorite pop/rock star, Lionel Richie.

In preparation for the recording Guss organized a band with the help of friend, Amy Alexander. The band consisted of Paul Seigler, drums; Tim Smoak, keyboard; and Guss on the piano and vocals. The song entitled "MORE THAN FRIENDS" gave Guss' secret talent of composing music and lyrics away.

The excitement of production was strenuous and at times hectic, but through hard work and a lot of encouragement from friends Guss' persistence paid off and he obtained a copy right for his original work.

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