

Merry Minstrels

Singing Their Way to the Top

Remember Homecoming Night when the Walterboro High School Singers harmonized at half-time to sing the school's alma mater? Remember how the crowd united and sang with them? It was the same feeling at the Christmas Concert and the annual Rice Festival. Chorus I, Women's Treble Chorus, Performing Chorus and WHS Singers were the levels a music advocate could accomplish. The chorus agenda was filled with many civic and school-related performances.

After her eight weeks' maternity leave, four-year chorus teacher Stephanie Drawdy returned to school facing the last-minute preparations of the Spring and

Rice Festival concerts. Performing Chorus member Leroy Cook praised his instructor by saying, "In spite of Mrs. Drawdy's absence, she was able to pull through with all the upcoming spring events." The yearly Spring Concert featured many popular and sacred musical selections. Among the songs performed were Bach's "When Thou Art There" and favored pop tunes such as "A Groovy Kind of Love," "Ko-

komo," and "I Still Believe."

Mrs. Drawdy was pleased with the determination and skill the chorus members maintained during concert season. Always looking for new talent, she commented, "The biggest asset any member should have is a deep feeling for music. Just because a student may not have the highest grade level, the hard work and achievement put forth always shine on stage."

Although some people thought of chorus as just an extra-curricular course, dedicated individuals participated and gained recognition for the many community and school activities. The many hours a committed chorus member spent practicing were evident on stage. Perfection was the goal. Practice was the key. Not only did the school recognize these talented individuals, but friends and family throughout the community supported them as well.

By Rachel Miller



Dedication and commitment are a must for chorus teacher Stephanie Drawdy. She is also an accomplished singer and pianist.

United as one, the WHS Singers perform their hearts out at the Christmas Chorus Concert at the Hampton Street Auditorium.