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The morning dawned bright and sunny for the Special Olympics athletes. After postponing the first day of the Special Olympics, the next scheduled day was a perfect day for competition. The day began with a parade. All the children participating in the events marched with different color flags. The participants and volunteers lined up for the opening procession. After the participants filed onto the field, the track and field events were officially opened by the lighting of the torch and the opening invocation.

Volunteers from Walterboro High School and Ruffin High did a commendable job of helping the event run smoothly and pleasantly for the local sponsors of the Olympics. Student volunteers worked on a one-on-one basis with some participants who required more individual attention. The volunteers did more than just pay close attention to some of the participants. They put a brighter smile on each child's face. They came dressed, as did Sharon

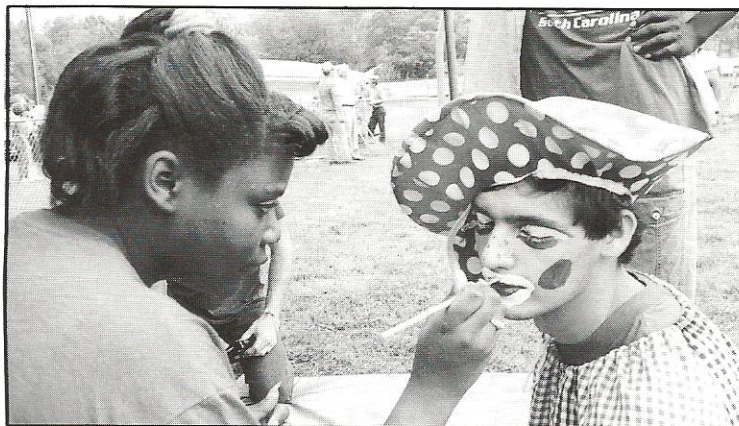
Ulmer and Shannon Murdaugh as clowns. Delane Stephens, Ann Golf, and Lisa McCall painted faces of supervisors and volunteers, as well as participants. Huggers, standing at the finish lines of the various events, lent a personal touch to the competition.

Carroll Ganaway commented, "I thought the day and the Special Olympics went very well."

Ann Goff, a two-year volunteer for the Special Olympics, said, "Helping with the participants took a lot of patience, but I didn't mind because I enjoy helping children, and they were having a good time and that is what made the day worthwhile."

Not only were the kids involved, but adults from the Walterboro centers for the handicapped also had the opportunity to enjoy the Olympics. Excitement and tension filled the air as various colorful ribbons were distributed for achievement. In addition to the blue and red ribbons, gold ones were given to all the participants.

ANN GOLF, a two year volunteer of the Special Olympics shows a serious face as she helps Shannon Murdaugh get ready to give the children the time of their lives.



MRS. GALLAGHER and her son Patrick took a lunch break after his events were over.

PENNY SPELL, Kelly Green, and Rosa Stokes take a break after helping with the day's events.

