



WHAT A WEEKEND!

Even in the extreme heat, all chorus members performed well according to Chorus Director Stephanie Drawdy. Chorus I member Kasita Siders commented, "We did very well despite the hot weather." The chorus started off the afternoon entertainment for the 15th annual Rice Festival. Rice Festival president Gene Varn commented, "We were glad to see a lot of local participation."

Students signed out early and rushed downtown for fun in the sun. Friday night the teen dance was held in the parking lot of the educational building. Teens from ages 10 and up attended the dance. At 8:45, fireworks adorned the sky while teens danced the night away. Music was

provided by Q107. Gene Varn also reported, "The crowds were bigger than last year for the Friday night dances and the parade Saturday."

The parade began at 11:00 Saturday morning. For the first time the Band Booster Club entered a float. The Mardi Gras theme won first place in the non-commercial division. The WHS Singers and the TNT club also participated in the parade.

After the parade, the rains came. However nothing could dampen the spirit of the crowd. Many of the arts and crafts displays closed down because of the rain. The Colleton County Student Art Show remained dry in the H & R Block building. Three students placed in the show.

Friday and Saturday, Main Street was very crowded as people from Colleton and adjoining counties came to town for the festivities. Many enjoyed the entertainment and the concessions. The Bulldog Booster Club grilled hamburgers and sold french fries and soft drinks. The Band Booster Club also sold baked goods and soft drinks.

The activities came to a close by Sunday afternoon. Many reported it to be the best festival yet.

— Amy Zielke



Rice Planters Nicole Ray, Allie Moseley, Tina Hoover, Stephanie McCarter, and Karen Davis wave to the crowd during the parade. The Rice Planters are the traditional hostesses for the Rice Festival.

"It shows that Walterboro knows how to party."

Sophomore Susan Smoak