

# OUT OF AFRICA

As the long awaited moment finally approached, students gathered outside the lobby and gym eager to enter what is said to be one of the most memorable moments of a young person's life — the prom. Many of these "early birds" had arrived to have pictures taken before the actual dancing began. Some even found time to attend pre-prom "drop-ins."

When the doors opened at 8:00, students took to the dance floor eager to "strut their stuff" to music provided by Charleston Mobile Music. As the music raged all night long, the only break most students took was to talk to friends and get refreshments prepared by the home economics department. The only break in the music was the crowning of Prom Queen, Amy Easterlin; King, Joseph Pinckney; Prince, Gianni Garrett; and Princess, Monica Hickman. Also during this break, door prizes

were awarded. These included a gold chain, a sterling silver chain, a stuffed gorilla, and a stuffed turtle.

As one looked around he felt as if he were on a safari in the deepest depths of southern Africa. Sunset murals and homemade African "beasts" gave an original twist to the decorations. The students' favorite scene was probably the waterfall in the lobby that actually streamed with running water. "The decorations gave one a sense of really being in Africa," noted senior Dandi Brown. She continued, "Since the students actually made the animals, it made the whole prom seem almost . . . magical."

The transformation of a regular high school gymnasium into an African "wild kingdom" was indeed a night — and an experience — for many students to remember.

— Mary Bass



**Famished from all the dancing,** senior Heath Jones grabs a bite to eat from the elegant culinary display prepared by the home economics class.

**Senior Julie Adams** tries to coax her date sophomore Jeb Huckabee into going onto the dance floor. Julie is the editor-in-chief of the yearbook as well as the president of FTA.