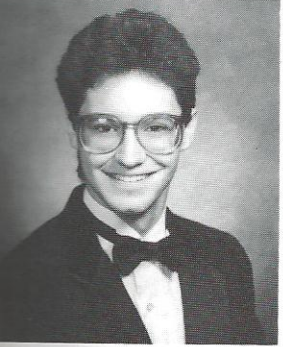


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James Walker truly appreciated the honor of being voted for the Most Athletic superlative. James ran track and played football. Football piqued his interest because of the physical contact. He helped lead the Bulldogs to a perfect 11-0 season and went on to play in the Shrine Bowl.

“Playing sports taught me discipline and how to take orders. That is one of the most important aspects of growing up. It teaches a young person how to be ambitious. When you play so competitively, it makes you want to win,” he said.

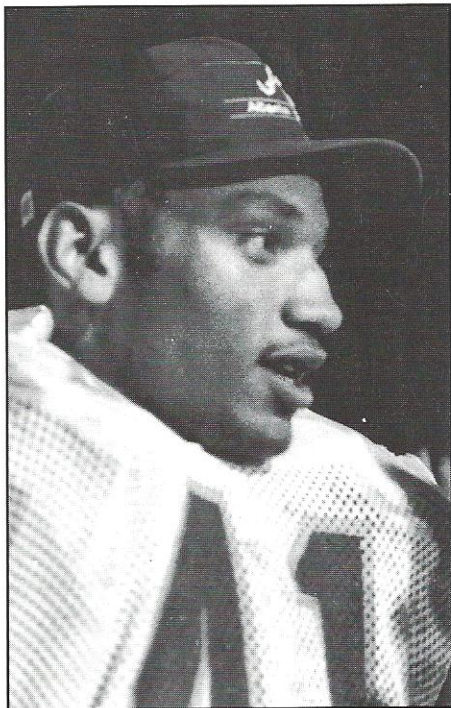
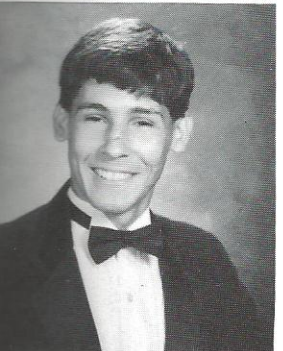
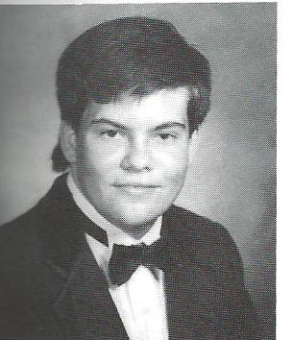
James accepted a full scholarship to N.C. State. “I want to make it to the pros.

Eventually, I want to pursue a career in engineering or real estate,” he said.

LaWanda Aiken has been in sports since she was eight years old when she played little league softball. Ten years later, LaWanda was playing a major role on the varsity basketball and softball teams. For basketball, she won the PHD (pride, hustle, and determination) twice a recipient of the 1991 Sportsmanship award, she lettered all four years. For softball, LaWanda won the Golden Glove award for catching the most field balls.

“Coach Adams has been such an inspiration for me. He was an inspiration to my sister, who was a player in 1981-1985. He’s been a family friend for several years and has given me a lot of encouragement,” she said.

— Steve Carroll and Wendy Garrett



The person behind the mask is really LaWanda Aiken. LaWanda was attending the summer camp sponsored by The South Carolina Association of Student Councils.

Taking a moment after a game to catch his breath, James Walker thinks over the plays of the night. His athletic talents led to a full scholarship to N.C. State.