

Students Prepared for the Real World

A question for many students was "What should I take?" Electives offered much relief to the hustle and bustle of their required classes. Most students were relieved to take a break from the daily agony of studying for tests.

Students found that the fine arts department offered interesting alternatives. Art, ceramics, art appreciation, and video technology were available for interested students. According to Mrs. Zielke, students interested in going to Governor's School for the Arts should take Art Appreciation before they go for their interview.

"I find art to be a break from academic stress," Dawn Garrett said.

"One of my greatest joys during my career in education has come from the teaching of Local Heritage, a course that almost everyone can relate to," Laura Lynn Hughes, developer and teacher of

Local Heritage, said. Local heritage, started in 1975, taught students how location, sociological conditions, forces, and events have shaped the lives of their ancestors in this area and how they are shaping their lives today. Students also developed appreciation for different ethnic groups and their contributions to the history of this area.

"It always gives me great pleasure when students begin to appreciate the historic sites of the Lowcountry and to be proud of the wonderful heritage of this area," Mrs. Hughes continued.

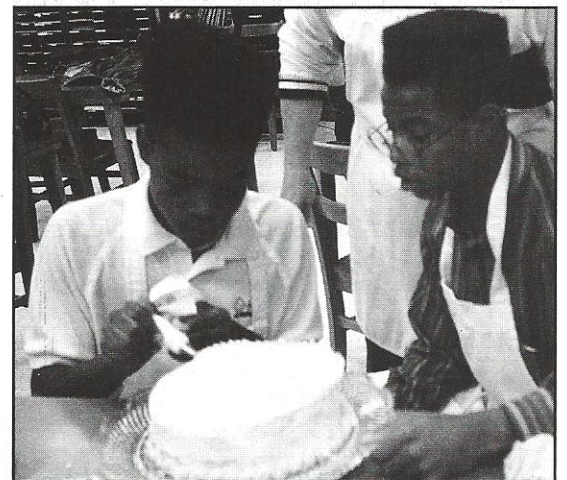
The vocational curriculum offered electives including Parenthood Education and Food and Nutrition. Students opted for courses which would benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Food and Nutrition taught students about the basic food groups and the contents of particular foods. Students found they could prepare healthy meals composed of all four food groups.

"You would be surprised to find out what's really in food," Dino Badger said.

Forestry and Pre-Vocational Education were choices for those who considered a career out-of-doors. Computer classes also offered skills to students who wanted to be ready for the job market. Likewise, keyboarding prepared students for a secretarial job.

— Amy Zielke



These puppets warn elementary students about Halloween safety, no talking to strangers, and the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Grace McMillan, Mary Bass, and Missy Adams presented one of the three puppet shows given by Teacher Cadets.

Putting the icing on the cake are Albert Smalls and Derrick Mitchell. Students took Home Economics to learn about cooking.