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The Gold

Racing into Bulldog stadium at 10:00 on April 12, three volunteer law enforcement officers passed the torch to WHS senior Gianni Garrett and his "one-on-one" partner Teddy Amick. With the lighting of the olympic flame, the games were officially open.

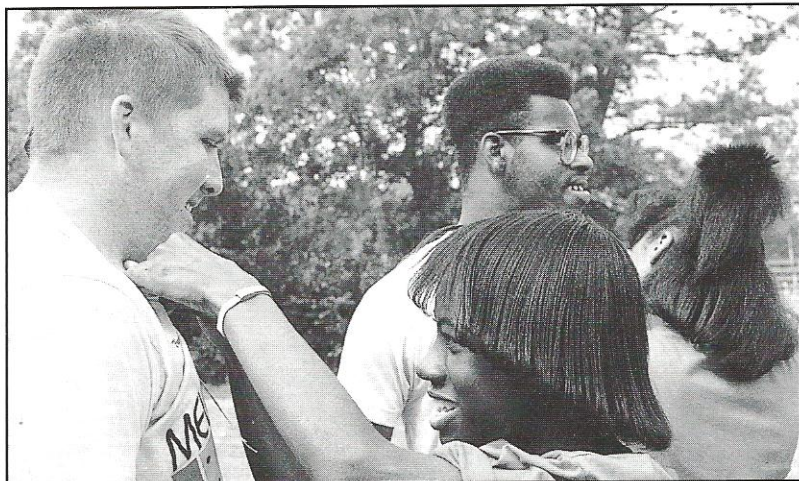
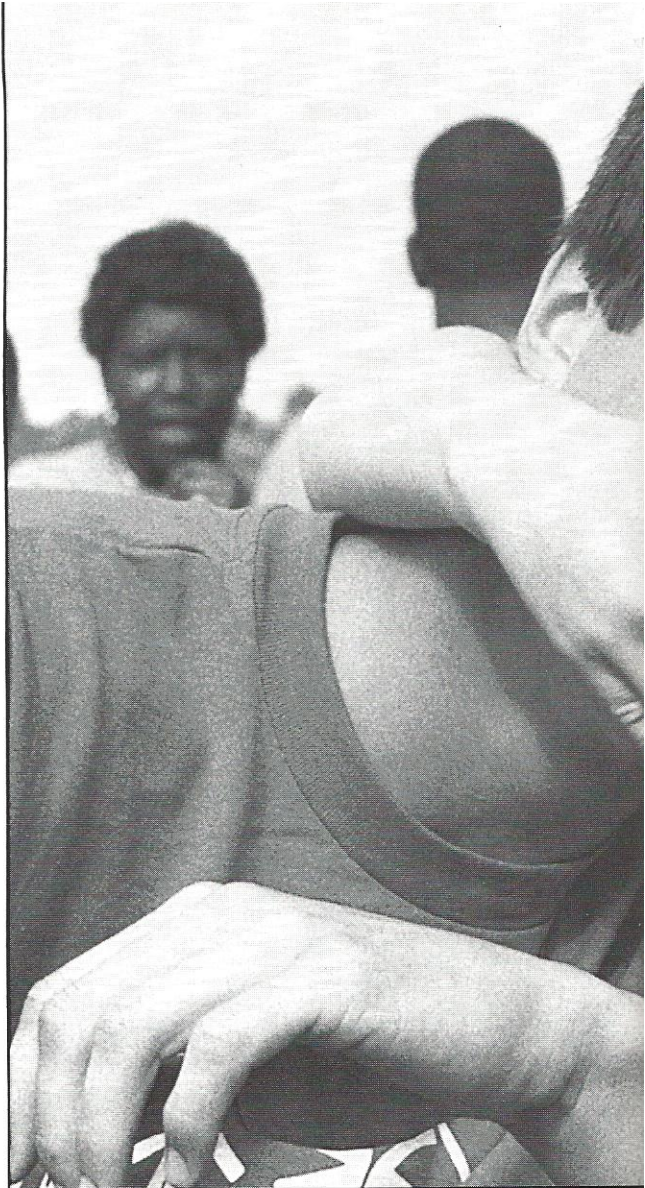
"This is the fourteenth year that Special Olympics has been held in Walterboro. The event was originally sponsored by the teachers of participants, but it is now sponsored by the Civitans. Special Olympics is a good opportunity for the volunteers to intermingle with participants and possibly develop an interest in working with the handicapped," said Coordinator Cindy Sarvis.

More than five hundred participants, volunteers, coaches and spectators from Colleton, Jasper,

Beaufort and Hampton counties watched the events of the opening ceremonies. Of the crowd that had assembled, four hundred were participants age eight and older. The participants were in age groups of 8-11, 12-15, 16-21, 22-30 and 30 and over.

Some of these events were the 50m walk, the 50m run, the 100m walk, the 100m run, the long jump, the standing broad jump, the shotput and the softball throw. Also available for the participants amusement was "Olympic Town." In this area, participants and volunteers could have their faces painted or play games. The fire department brought a fire truck to the stadium for added entertainment.

— Stacie Murray



Kathleen Boatright, who served as a hugger during Special Olympics, pins the blue ribbon on a participant after he

won the 100m run. Huggers congratulated all participants after the race.

