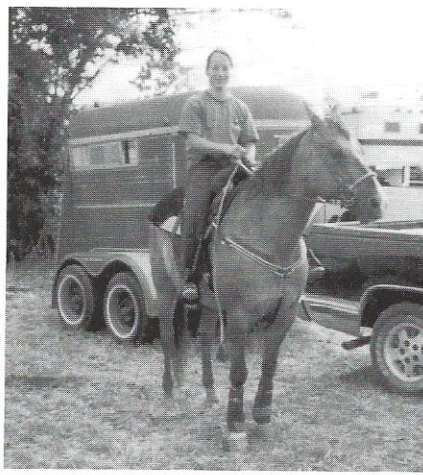


**Erin Driggers**  
**Junior**  
**Sport: Barrel racing**



**Ouch!** Barrel racing caused many injuries, but Erin Driggers rode on.

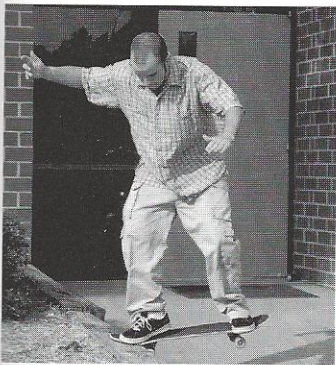
"The saddle horn once bruised one of my ribs. A horse stepped on my finger and broke it. A horse threw me into a pole and sprained my wrist. Two different horses fell on me one time, but I couldn't consider myself badly hurt," said Erin.

Erin began barrel racing at seven years old, but cared for horses her whole life. In order to be able to ride a horse well, a person needed to contain the strength to stop and turn the horse. Riding required coordination and excellent balance.

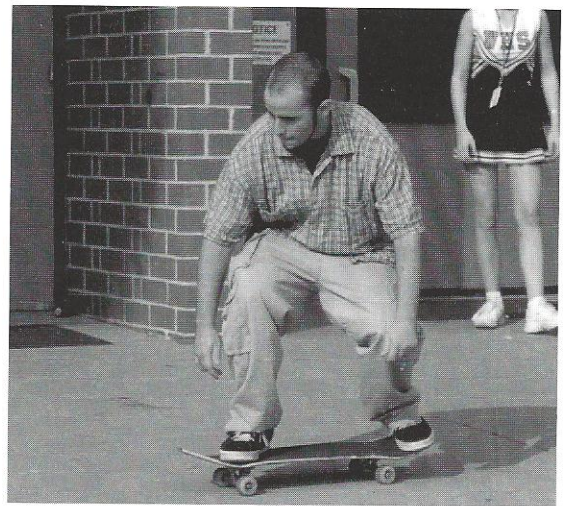
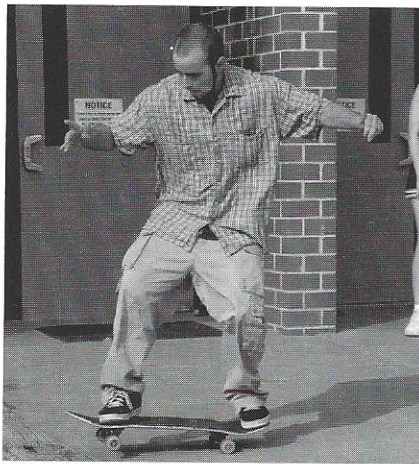
Erin qualified for the National Barrel Horse Association Youth World Finals. She placed third in the South Carolina second division.

"I love it, and I couldn't live without it- I've developed a need for it," said Erin.

-Olivia Barnes



**Jacob Murdaugh**  
**Senior**  
**Sport: Skateboarding**



**Crash!** When skaters practiced on their boards, the sharp scrape of gravel could be heard as they planted their wheels back onto the cement after attempting a trick.

"I think people enjoy the risk that at any time you could fall and mess yourself up pretty badly. But the best part of the sport is the sense of accomplishment one gets when one lands a difficult trick for the first time," said Jacob Murdaugh.

Although Jacob crashed many times, he never got seriously injured. The only injuries that he obtained are a few cuts and scratches, along with a little bit of road rash and a sprained ankle. Jacob started skating when he was fourteen, but he quit off and on throughout high school.

When he got in high school, he just "fell" in with the skater crowd, and it changed from just being a crowd, to being "a couple of great friends" who share the same hobby.