

# TWELVE YEARS LATER

Twelve years later in 1982 there are still traffic jams and some new problems.

First there was the problem of where to put 1510 students. Then, where could they be put safely! Walterboro High had been used for fifty-eight years and time had taken its toll.

"Ceiling Falls at Walterboro High School" read headlines of **Press & Standard**. Fortunately school had closed just forty-five minutes before the ceiling fell. "I'd hate to think what might have happen if some one was in the class at the time," said Principal Jones after the event. His feelings were common because parents were wondering if the school was really safe. Parents were assured that the school would last for another year and life went on at Walterboro High.

Now students were busy deciding on which of the twenty-three organizations, (seven) athletic teams, and numerous community activities they would become involved in. Senior pictures having been

taken during the summer were now being distributed freely by the seniors.

All seniors seemed happy, but were they really? Knowing that they would graduate as the first fully intergrated class, and they would be the last class to graduate from W.H.S. gave them a sense of pride. But not getting to attend a Eight million dollar high school just didn't seem fair! Envy toward the juniors lasted only a short while when the seniors remembered their accomplishments. Through four years they had experienced winning football teams such as the "Mighty 26 of 1979" losing football teams, the outstanding basketball forward McKither Bodison, Tony Stephens setting a new shot put record and attending the Junior Olympics in 1981, and Greg Clayton running his 4.5 second forty down the sideline on Friday nights. They stood together until the end whether they win or loose. Surely they will stand together until the end with Walterboro High School.



Showing initiative, Gail Sherrill and Rita Hobbs pay close attention.

Listening attentively in class Michael Carter participates in a discussion.