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## Is It Their Right?

Should 17-year-olds drive

## buses or not?

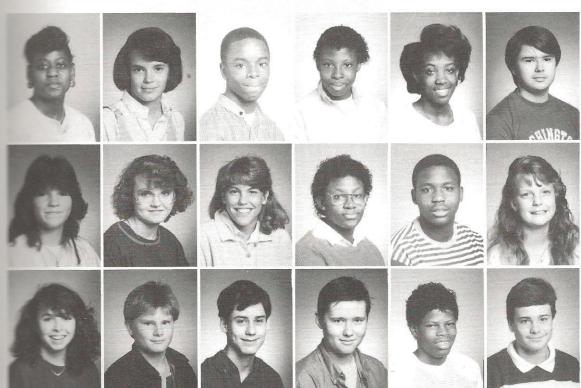
This year in South Carolina, several bus-related accidents occurred which led to the deaths and serious injuries of children. These unfortunate circumstances paved the way for a slew of questions and open discussions concerning the competence of several of the school bus drivers. Many young people, specifically high school students who were age seventeen, were given a great deal of criticism because of their apparent immaturity in apparison to the adult drivers.

This spurred the passing of legislature that would diminish the amount of student drivers and as a result, had the South Carolina School Transportation System employing only adult drivers with good driving records. Students with a blemish-free driving record were allowed to complete the remainder of the pass as bus drivers, but next year, all student drivers are to be the passible, aware, and able as many adult drivers. Others felt as Ricky Grant did, who stated: "Maybe it wasn't negligence on the part of the driver, but just the way God intended for that person to die."



Marvina Megett "chats" with a friend before performing her duties as a bus driver.

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