

Baby Boom

During the month of November, the birth rate increased tremendously because of four child development classes. As a shock for both the staff and students, baby eggs were an experience that added fun to the year.

Approximately 120 students participated in four days of mock parenting. From sun up 'til sun down, through school and football practice, students carried one, two, or three grade A, large eggs which were symbolic of the single child, twins, or triplets they may one day have. Their responsibility was to nurture this egg as if it were a real live baby.

Mrs. Jane Rowe, a child development teacher, initiated a project which was designed to make students more aware of the great responsibility both males and females assume by having children. Obviously a success, Mrs. Rowe analyzed the project by stating "I think they enjoyed it and learned something from it, which was my main purpose."

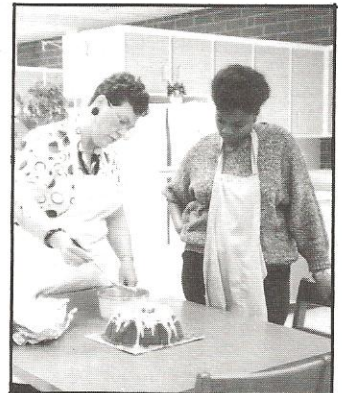
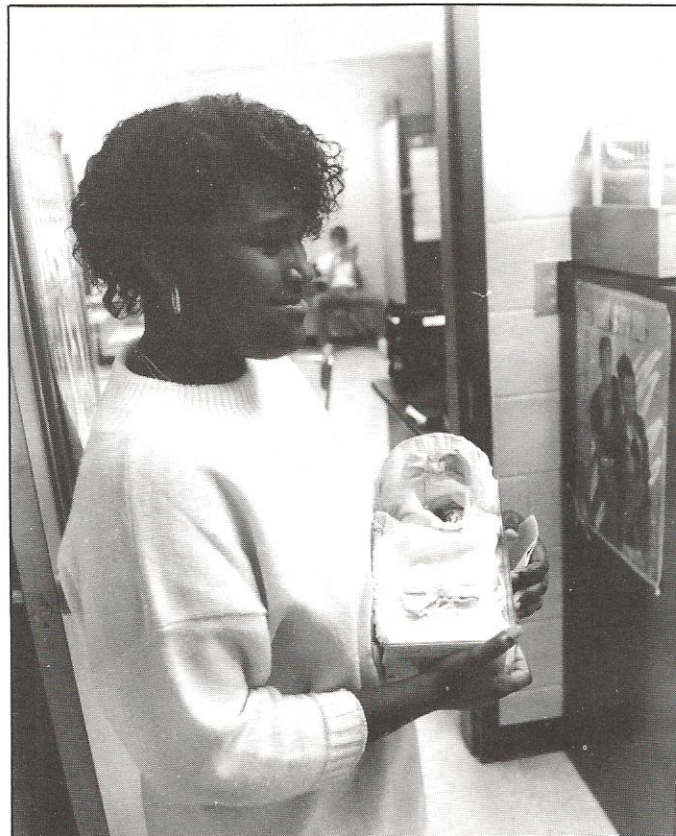
Requirements included completing a birth certificate, naming the egg, keeping a daily diary accounting for every hour, and paying \$.25 an hour when a babysitter was needed. The egg, like a helpless infant, was not allowed to be unattended un-

der any circumstances.

Through the course of the four days, several accidents occurred resulting in traumatic fatalities. Abandoned baby eggs were discovered shattered in Mrs. Bodison's office or in the floors of the halls. While some students made cradles for their "babies," others, such as Allen Fletcher, carried theirs in pockets to be crushed. However, minor injuries were healed with cartoon band-aids across small cracks.

Sherry Cole stated, "Even after the project was over, I kept mine on my dresser for a long time before I got rid of it."

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Just A Dab!

Mrs. Skelton puts the finishing touches on a chocolate bundt cake made by Karen Wesley during a Food and Nutrition class.

Rock-A-Bye Baby.

Angela Sanders cuddles her baby egg in a homemade cradle made especially for egg transportation.