



aving Some Fun

The annual Rice Festival was held April 24-26. Booths were set up along Washington Street with the arts and crafts display surrounding the courthouse.

The Taste of Walterboro kicked off the Festival. Other events such as the Rice Pageant and the carnival helped to start the Festival on a positive note.

The Rice Planters served as the official hostesses of the Rice Festival. The Planters are selected from Ruffin High, Walterboro High, and Colleton Prep. The girls volunteer their time to help with events and promote the Rice Festival at other towns. Senior Stephanie

McCarter served as head Rice Planter and Junior Karyn Davis was co-head.

Downtown entertainment was held in front of the waterfall on Friday and Saturday afternoons. The chorus was among the performers Friday afternoon. Saturday started with the annual parade at 11:00. The parade started at Wood's Restaurant and ended near Belk's parking lot. The afternoon was full of events ranging from a dog show and soap box derby to the Rice Run and Big Wheels Race. One new event was the car show held in Belk's parking lot. It featured a variety of cars and trucks. Some were an-

tiques while others were brand new. The car show drew a large crowd. Saturday night ended with a teen dance on Washington Street with Charleston Mobile Music providing the entertainment. Sunday concluded the Rice Festival with colder weather. On Sunday, persons participated in the tennis tournament, softball tournament, bike race, or river poker run. The Chamber of Commerce kept the booths on Washington Street set up from 1:00 to 4:00 pm Sunday afternoon. However, only a few arts and crafts remained by the last day.

— Stephanie A. McCarter



Chorus members entertain the crowd at the Rice Festival. The Chorus provides downtown entertainment at the festival every year.



The Band of Blue Booster Club participates in the parade. Their float displayed a theme centered around Walt Disney World, the place of this year's band trip.

Juniors Kimbe Carter and Karyn Davis work at the "Information Center" as part of their Rice Planter duties. Karyn served as co-head Rice Planter.

