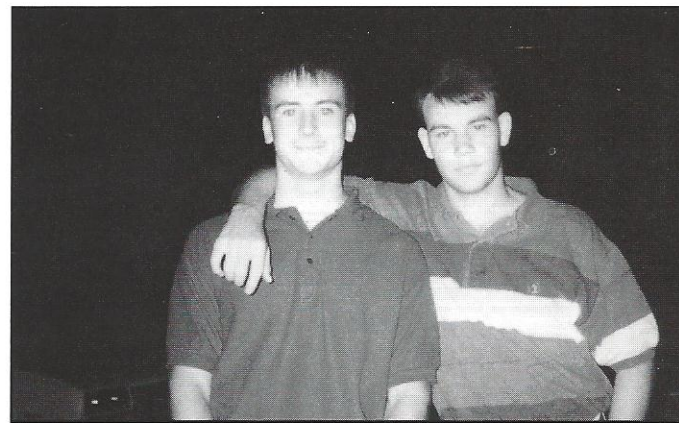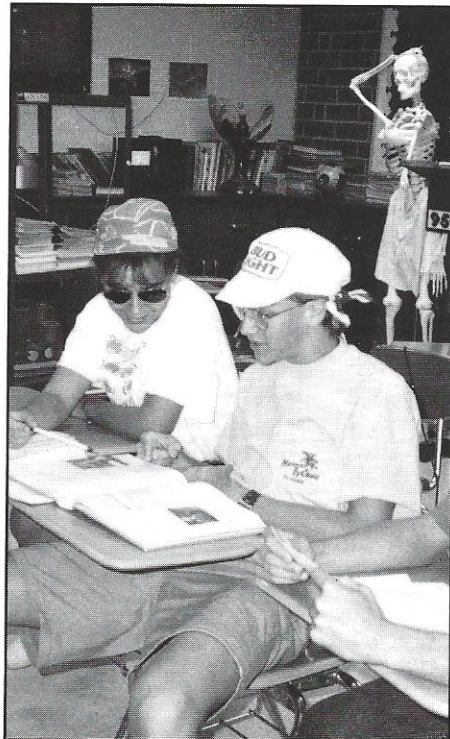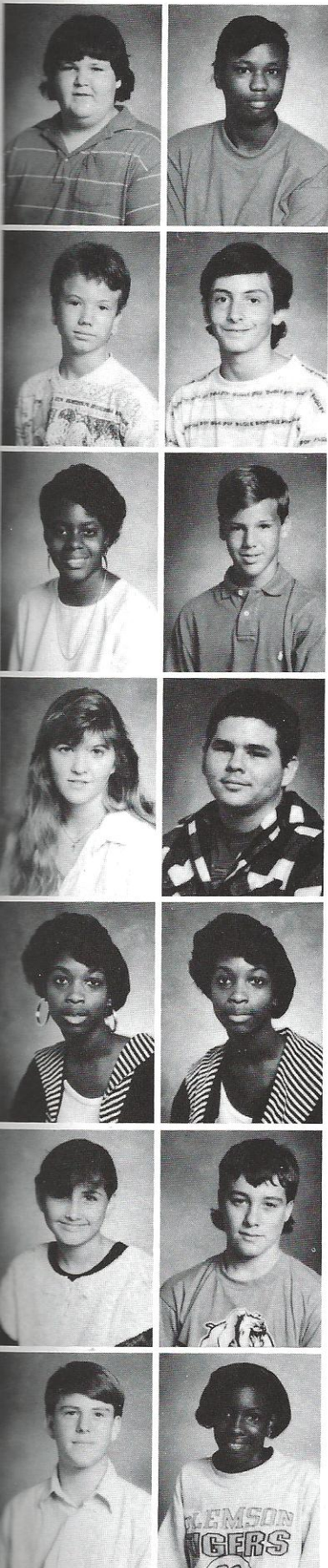# By Any Other Name

A nickname was a name given other than a birth name. Some nicknames were just a shortened form of a given name, such as junior Michael Risher being called "Mike." Others described the way one looked or acted. Senior Matt McLaine's resemblance to television's "Doogie Howser" prompted many to call him "Doogie." Still, other nicknames had no significance whatsoever. "They just started calling me that," said senior Doug "Elwood" Robinson. No matter what the reason the nicknames were given, the recipients soon found that they were answering to them as much or more than their given names.

"I like my nickname because it reminds me of my favorite pastime, football," said junior Nathan "Boomer" Nettles. Nathan got his nickname because he is a left-handed quarterback like NLF star, Boomer Esiason. Friends started calling him "Boomer" soon after he transferred to Walterboro from Georgia. Another football player with a nickname was William "The Legend" Moore.

Rupert Eugene Rhodes III was given the nickname "Trey" because the Spanish word for three is "tres." Who would have guessed that Trey's real name was Rupert Eugene?

— Bramlett Easterlin

Nathan "Boomer" Nettles and "Mike" Risher chill at a party. "Boomer" was on the football team, while "Mike" was in the band.

Karyn "K.D." Davis and Lawton "Smitty" Smith study for Mrs. Finney-El's Biology II test before class begins. The two were wearing hats and shades to show school spirit on "Hats and Shades" Day during Spirit Week.