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Special Occasion

The morning dawned bright and sunny for the Special Olympic athletes. Chasing away the chill in the air, the sunlight made the weather ideal for a day of competition. The participants and volunteers lined up for the opening procession. After filing onto the field, the games were officially opened by the lighting of the torch, and the opening invocation.

Volunteers from Walterboro High School and Colleton Prep did a commendable job of helping the day run more smoothly for the Civitans, the local sponsors of the Olympics. Students worked on a one-on-one basis with the participants who required a great deal of attention. Huggers, standing at the finish line, lent a personal touch to the competition.

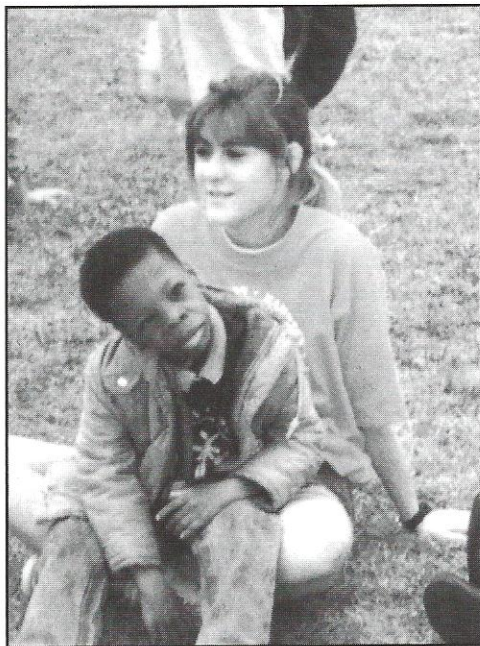
Not only were the kids involved, but adults from the Walter-

boro handicap centers also had the opportunity to enjoy the Olympics. Excited expressions and glowing faces were abundant as various colorful ribbons were distributed for achievement.

Kim Sapough, a Walterboro High volunteer, found it truly touching when she asked a child participant if he had won. The child replied, "I didn't win it. They gave me a ribbon just for running."

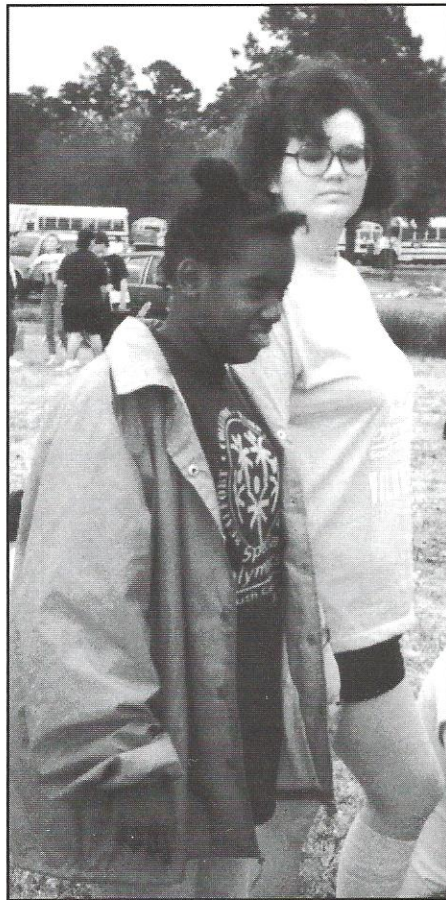
A sense of achievement was shared by volunteers as well as participants. The day of games was brought to a close with ice cream while some parting words were spoken by the chairman. Thus ended the day; participants and volunteers alike went to their separate homes with dreams of another year.

— Mike Verner



Senior Brandy Peurifoy and buddy rest after running a race. Brandy was a Teacher Cadet and a member of the NHS.

Junior Kim Sapough walks with a participant to the registration tent. Kim was a member of the Beta Club and the NHS.



Tickling their buddies are sophomore Lindsey Robertson and junior Chris Brownlee. Lindsey was a member of Honors All-State Chorus and Chris was a varsity football player.

