

FESTIVAL TIME ... AGAIN

The Rice Festival is always an exciting and fun-filled way to carry out a local tradition. Once again the 18th annual Rice Festival not only proved to be a great success but also a good excuse for students to have more freedom and stay out a little bit later.

Friday afternoon took a different turn for students when school was dismissed at 1:00 for the first time in many years. The chorus gave its usual superb performance

downtown in front of the waterfall at 1:30. Each of the groups sang three songs in preparation for the annual spring concert.

Friday night, many students gathered downtown to watch the spectacular fireworks show. Afterwards, they danced the night away at the street dance by the waterfall. "Bone Fish," a band from Edisto Beach, provided the entertainment and attracted a diverse group of people making the street dance a great success. The band, "Tomcattin," also performed at the same place for the Saturday night street dance.

Saturday morning, hundreds attended the annual Rice Run. The parade at 11:00

gained more fame and prestige than ever with Mr. Del Beckhart, coordinator of the Rose Bowl Parade in California serving as Grand Marshall. He was here to publicize the selection of the Band of Blue for the Rose Bowl Parade next January. Because of his presence, the band dressed in full uniform rather than shorts and tee-shirts. The Band Booster Club entered a float depicting a beach scene with the theme "California Dreaming."

The chorus created an elaborate float with a theme from the play "The Pirates of Penzance." Several cast members wore their costumes while riding the float. The

chorus proudly claimed the first-place prize for the best float.

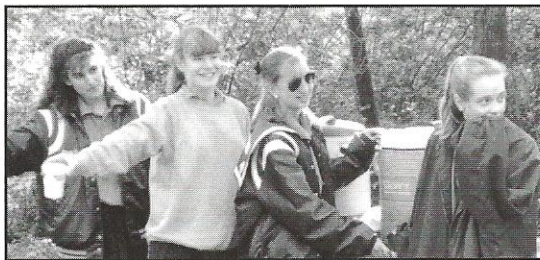
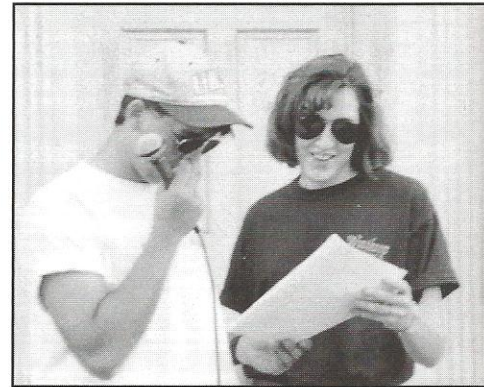
Rice Planters acted as official hostesses of the Rice Festival. They also manned the information booth downtown. These 15 girls volunteered with various activities throughout the weekend.

As always the courthouse square was filled by a mass of booths showing arts and crafts. The Junior Civitan Club and the chorus provided booths downtown serving refreshments, while the fire department provided a dunking booth. Several students volunteered to be dunked.

As Sunday brought the festival to a close, students participated in a number of sports tournaments including golf, tennis and softball. The Poker Run and Kids' Bike Race concluded the events. Though students regretted seeing the festival end, they had captured many memories for later reflections.

— Karen Beach

Richard Sheffield and Lynn Driggers attempt to sing karaoke at the booth provided by the Band of Blue downtown. Both Richard and Lynn were members of the band.



Serving as Rice Planters, Rhonda Dopson, Farris Langley, Stacy Davis, and Jenny Robbins provide water to the participants of the Rice Run. These fifteen girls were chosen from Walterboro High and Colleton Preparatory Academy.

