

# So Many Festivities So Little Time ...

Students left school early at 1 pm on April 22 with only one thing on their minds ... curiosity and excitement about what was going on downtown at the Rice Festival.

The afternoon included various activities downtown including concessions, displays, arts and crafts, and musical entertainment. Soloists from the WHS choruses performed in front of the waterfall. At 2:30 chorus members starring in the play *OKLAHOMA* convened in full costume to present musical scenes from the play.

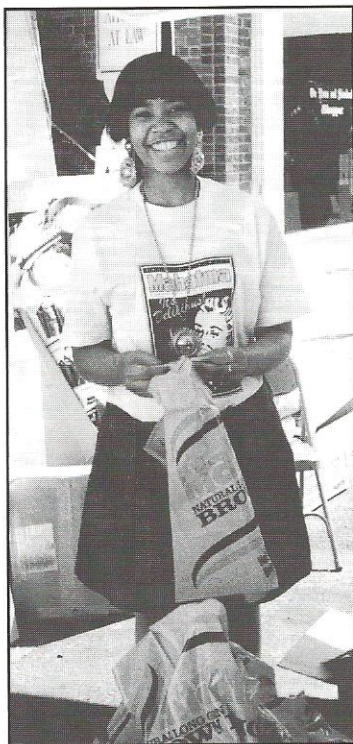
In the evening many students made the trip to the Recreational Center to see the 19th annual Rice Festival softball tournament starting at 6:00. This was also a good time to visit the carnival at a new site on Hiers Loop Road.

Night activities for Friday and Saturday included the annual fireworks display Friday night at 8:00 and street dances in front of the waterfall. Despite the summer

**Baggin' It Up.** Junior Adrene Binns contributes to the festival by working hard in the Mahatma Rice booth. This was only one of the many booths where students could be found volunteering their time and services.

showers throughout the evening, these events proved to be well attended. The band "The Sands" played at the street dance Friday night, and "Nearly Normal" provided the entertainment for Saturday night.

Many rose bright and early Saturday morning to participate in the Rice Run and Walk at 8:00 a.m. The 11 am parade also took its usual route down Jefferies Boulevard. WHS students were



represented in the parade by the band, the chorus, the Rice Planters, Dogs Against Drugs and many others. The chorus proudly claimed the first prize for the most elaborate float with an "Aladdin" theme.

Whether they worked behind booths, enjoyed the World's Largest Pot of Rice, or simply walked up and down Washington Street with friends, students could always find a familiar face and a good laugh. Softball, golf, and tennis tournaments were held for those interested in sports.

As usual, several students acted as official hostesses of the festival by serving as Rice Planters. Of the twenty-five Rice Planters, fifteen were WHS students. These girls volunteered their time and services during the weekend serving as official hostesses to the 10,000 who enjoyed the festivities.

— Karen Beach

**The Hostesses With the Mostest.** Waving proudly to the crowds, the Rice Planters show off their float. These fifteen girls were chosen from Walterboro High and Colleton Preparatory Academy.

