

Back to the Basics

The Teacher Cadet class gave a new meaning to hands-on experience.

The cadets spent the year being introduced to the world of teaching. After six months of classroom instruction, they ventured into the forgotten world of elementary school to assist teachers and hold classes of their own.

"It's a good experience," said senior April Arrington. "You learn to appreciate what teachers go through."

Made up of 17 seniors, the class learned how teachers determine the approaches that teachers used and developed an appreciation for education. For six weeks towards the end of the school year, cadets got field experience at local elementary schools.

"Teacher cadet helps to further one's knowledge of the teaching profession," said senior Bruce Blackwell.

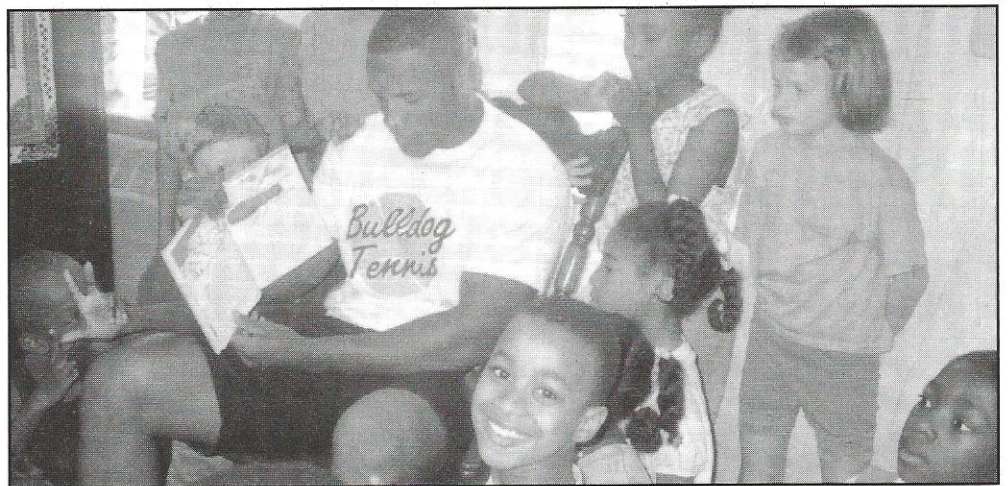
The cadets also made lesson plans and taught their peers one day. The class helped

improve leadership and communication skills as well as to provide a first-hand view of the profession.

"This class was enthusiastic about learning," said Mrs. Kim Lyles. "They are all bright, capable students."

The teacher cadets were Robin Ackerman, Forest Hills(FH)-Rogers; April Arrington, FH-Slocum; Michelle Bailey, FH-Doty; Bruce Blackwell, FH-Murdaugh; Dawn Bowman, Black Street(BS)-Creech; Sharon Hazel, FH Rizer; Paul Hitchens, Colleton Elementary (CE)-Steele; Robyn Keller, FH-Strickland; Indian Martin, FH-Mueller; Angela Mays, BS-Givens; Schanna Smalls, Parallel School-Carter; Linda Smith, FH-Carter; John Steele, CE-Rogers; Selena Taylor, BS-McClellan; Frank Ulmer, FH-Wilkinson; Darwin Walker, BS-Paker; Brandon Whitacre, FH-Herndon.

— Jennifer Babilon



Gather 'round kids! Darwin Walker entertains his students with a story at Black Street. Darwin helps Mrs. Brooke Parker's class.