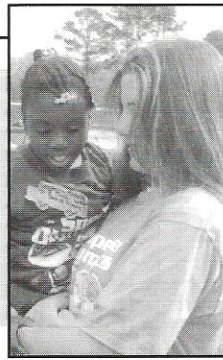
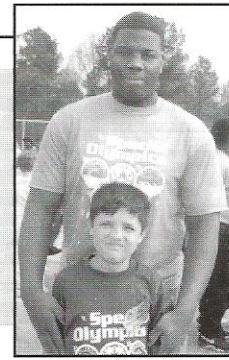




What a day. Working at the registration table of the Special Olympics, junior Heather Tinker volunteers her time to keep the event running smoothly.



The short and tall of it. Stopping to pose for a picture, junior Shawn Roberts and a Black Street Elementary School student break from the activities.



A friend like me. Sophomore Ashley Whetsell and her little friend Laquanda Mickets of Black Street Elementary School enjoy the day of sports and fun.

Special Olympics

A DAY FOR SPECIAL FRIENDS

The day began with the torch lighting ceremony. The torch was carried by a participant of this national Special Olympics. This was followed with a day filled with softball throws, 50- and 100- meter dashes, wheelchair races and many other events that allowed everyone to participate.

The Special Olympics is held every year. Students from Colleton, Hampton, Beaufort, and Jasper counties are involved in

this event.

"I really feel needed out there," said junior Heather Tinker.

At lunchtime everyone received a bag lunch. The break was used to relax and talk about victories attained during the day. Some used this time to prepare for races yet to be run. Others ran to the sides of the volunteer clowns and were entertained for the hours.

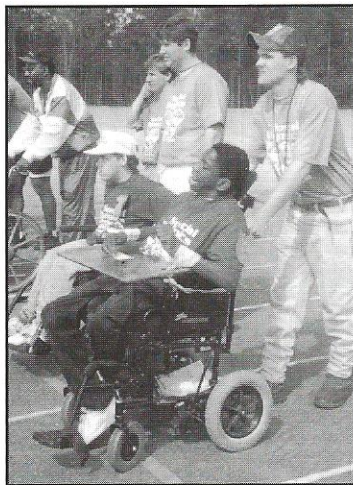
"All the little kids love this

clown outfit," said sophomore Leah Collette. "I'm glad I did this."

After lunch and the few events remaining, the closing ceremony gave participants and volunteers a chance to say goodbye to new friends and to look forward to the next year's event.

"I had a lot of fun with these kids. They are great," said sophomore Ashley Whetsell. "I think I'll do this again next year."

— Victoria Cunningham



A great day for the races. Ready to start the day's events with a wheelchair race, juniors Bobby Sarvis and Dustin Horn stand behind racers senior Patrick Jones and junior Morrow Wilson. Patrick started the day out with winning this event.

Send in the clowns. Sophomore Leah Collette along with other volunteers dress up in colorful garb to the delight of many of the participants of the Olympics. The younger children flocked to these well-dressed entertainers.