

# SACS

## The Accreditation Process

Statewide educators through the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges visited the Colleton Area Vocational Center and Walterboro High during the week of March 6-8.

The SACS program gives schools a chance to get accreditation which indicates that the educational opportunities have reached certain levels of achievement. This accreditation process is done every 10 years. It includes a self-study by the school and a thorough visit by a team of nominated educators from various counties. This group's job is to evaluate not only the building's stability, but also the teachers' and the students' attitudes and opinions about their school environment.

Names of people who were interested in serving on the SACS committee were sent to the State Department of Education SACS Committee. From this group of names, evaluators were chosen for each school visit. The school had a chance to review the list and approve or disapprove on an individual basis.

The faculty prepared for SACS for two years. When asked if the preparation for SACS put a lot of stress on the teachers, Mrs. Cheryl Murdaugh exclaimed, "Definitely! However, if you are 'on your toes' daily, it just takes a little touching-up." She also mentioned that the curriculum changes that the math department made had involved two years of hard work.

— Amanda Brooks  
Ashley Heaton



**Smile for the Camera.** Mr. Bob Pence and Dr. Jones, head of the SACS Committee, discuss the improvements made at WHS. Mr. Pence and the rest of the faculty have worked hard for two years to prepare for this week of evaluation.

## Benton's Feed & Seed & Garden

1738 N. Jefferies Blvd.  
Walterboro, SC 29488 • 538-4071

**Advance  
AutoParts**

*Over 50,000 Parts and Accessories  
For Domestic and Import Applications*

## TC Jewelers

321 Bells Hwy.  
Walterboro, SC 29488  
549-6995