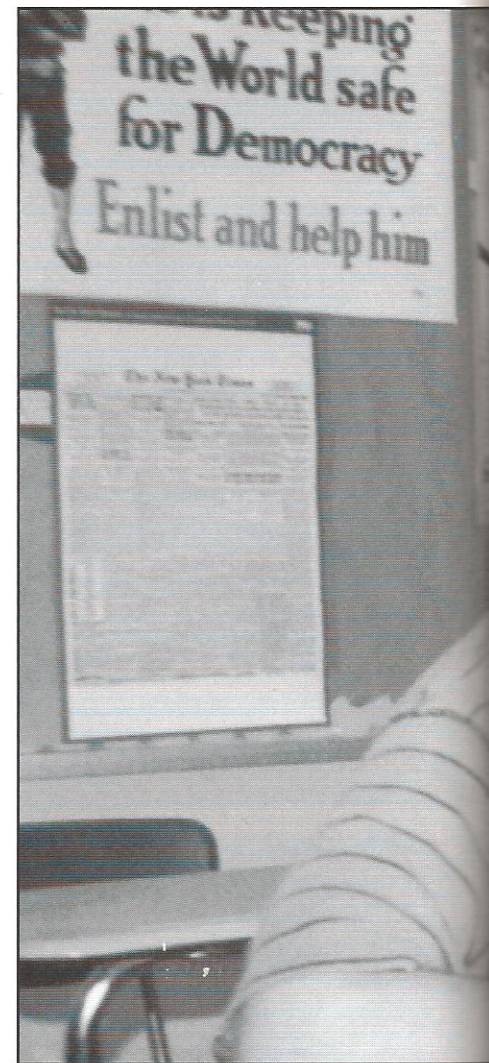
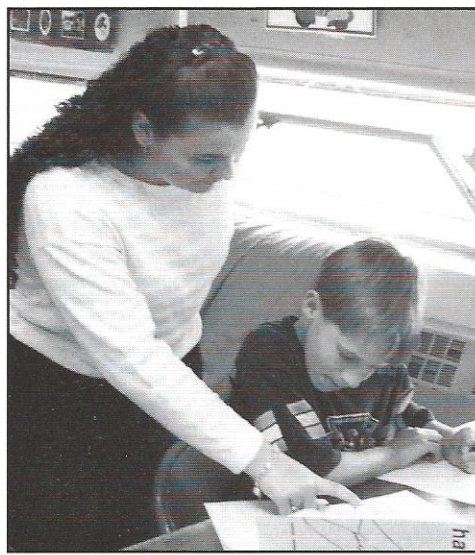


Samantha Waldrop helps one of her fifth-graders with his spelling. Sam helped Mrs. Barbara Steele's class at Colleton Elementary one class-period a day, four days a week.



So This is Teaching!

Puppet shows, children's books, and a soap opera during lunch. This was the world of the Teacher Cadet class. Every year a group of seniors signed up to be in this fun, but educational class.

The teacher cadets spent much of the first half of the year working on either a puppet show or children's book to perform for or read to the children at the local elementary schools. The cadets were also responsible for other "projects" due at the end of each grading period with the exception of the last quarter. These projects include doing bulletin boards or displays, essays, letters to the editor, and summaries of educational articles.

The fourth nine weeks was dedicated to the cadets' field experience when the cadets spent about 50 minutes of class time (Monday through Thursday) with a particular teacher a day. Each cadet had to teach at least one lesson to the field class. The cadets were also responsible for a journal that met certain criteria to document their field experience.

"I really enjoyed my field experience," said senior Shanna Cobb. "I loved being around my kids."

By the end of the year, the cadets had a pretty good idea of what teaching would be like if they decided to go into that profession.

"Teacher Cadet gave me a greater appreciation for the teaching profession," said senior Missy Barnwell.

The teacher cadets were Jennifer Babilon, Forest Hills (FH) — Cain; Melissa Barnwell, Walterboro High School (WHS) — Allgood; Heather Barwick, FH — Jernigan; Jamone Blake — FH — Williams; Amanda Brooks, FH — Murdaugh; Shanna Cobb, Colleton Elementary (CE) — Ordell; Nicole Constantine, CE — Utsey; Stacey Davis, FH — Bailey; Angie Dewitt, Hampton Street — Crosby; Stephanie Fennel, FH — Carter; Allison Herndon, FH — Hutchinson; Tahnee Johnson, WHS — Murdaugh; Keivy Lingard, Colleton Middle School, Campus A — Finnigan; Ron Martin, FH — Duncan; O.J. McDowell, FH — Rizer; Frankie Nettles, WHS — Hood; John Norman, WHS — Stephens; Tony Stone, WHS — Liles; Samantha Waldrop, CE — Steele.

— Jennifer Babilon

"Teacher cadet is a great class for giving students a preview of being a teacher," said senior Samantha Waldrop.