

Planting Season

Bad weather dampens spirits.

While many people attended Colleton County's annual Rice Festival, few knew the history of the celebration. In the early years of Colleton County, large plantations along the Edisto, Combahee, and Ashepoo harvested great quantities of rice which was a leading crop in America.

At the festival, some students worked in the booths to raise funds for their clubs.

"The Junior Civitans served rice and tea from the world's largest pot of rice in two hour shifts for the annual fund raiser by the Senior Civitans," said Junior Civitans Club president Jenny

Shomber.

So many people and rain showers caused some disappointment.

"It was crowded and rainy," senior Sarah Benton complained, "so we didn't get to look at the crafts."

The highlights were the parade and the bands.

"The Band of Blue was spectacular in the parade," said senior Angel Johnson.

"The annual Rice Festival is a special event the first weekend in April," said freshman Brian Allen. "I met a lot of cute girls there."

— Tracy Bladh



Hii-yaah! Junior Justin Pearce and Senior Richard Craven ride the Karate and Defense Arts float. More than 40 floats entered the parade.

Beginning in 1976, the Rice Festival has become a much celebrated tradition for Colletonians and neighboring counties.



Adventures in Baby-sitting. Senior Lauren Ulmer admires some of the craftwork on display with her little friend Ladson Fishburne. She took him to all the Rice Festival events that weekend.

Let's Talk About It. Sophomore Lee Youmans and senior Caroline Powers stop to have some lemonade. the two enjoyed weekends together.

