

**Hugs And Kisses!** Playing with her special friend Bruce, senior Leah Steele gives him a hug. Leah was a volunteer all four years.

**A Bulldog Smile.** Senior Shon Johnson, also known as Spike, chats with his friend Marrow Wilson. Being the mascot meant that Shon had to attend many school functions.



# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

A day full of laughs, tears, exercise, and excitement!

The day began with the torch lighting ceremony; Patrick Jones, a former student at W.H.S., lit the torch carried by a number of participants and volunteers.

Athletes participated in many events including softball throw, wheel chair races, and 100-meter and 50-meter dashes. The events lasted throughout the day.

"Volunteering for the Special Olympics was a great experience for me because it allowed me to work with a lot of terrific kids," said Darlynn Stephens.

The Special Olympics was an annual event hosted at W.H.S. Students from Colleton, Hampton, Beaufort, and Jasper counties participated.

The Civitans, sponsors of the event, provided a bagged lunch for all. This lunch break allowed time for participants to talk with one another about their victories and ribbons. The Jr. Civitans sponsored the Olympic Village where athletes went for face painting and games.

Following lunch and the few remaining events, closing ceremonies gave volunteers time to say good-bye to new friends made during that special day.

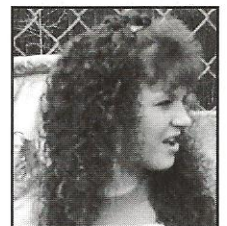
— Jamie Virga

## TALK BACK



"When the children looked at me and laughed, I couldn't help but laugh myself. I loved that chance to make hundreds of children laugh."

— Abby Litchfield



"I enjoyed volunteering for Special Olympics because it made the children happy and that, in itself, made me happy."

— Tracy Bladh