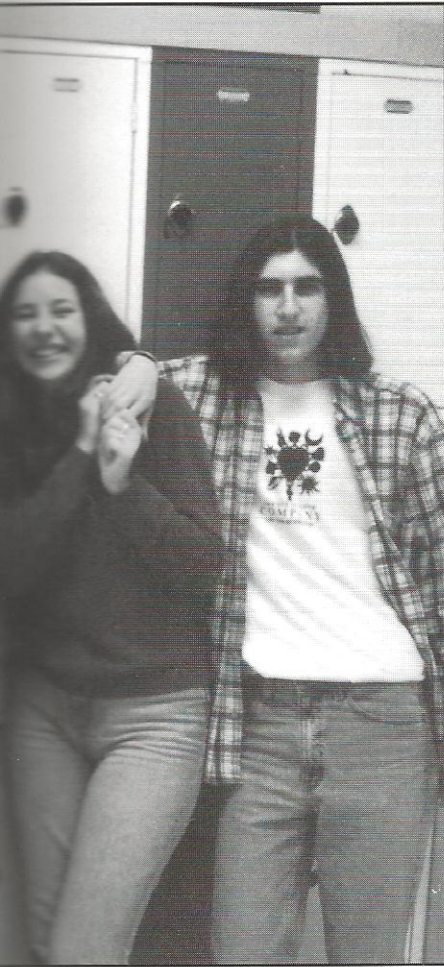


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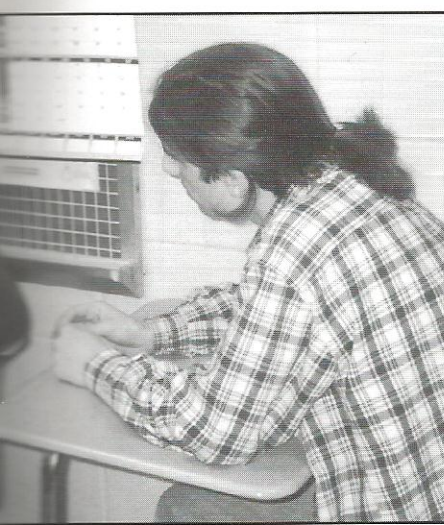
Five students affect a whole school.



A mixture of five different accents were heard this year as five exchange students spent their year in Walterboro. Alvaro Santiago traveled from Spain; Peter Andrade, Brazil; Laura Padilla, Mexico; Alexandra Schafer, Germany; and Adrienn Horvath, Hungary.

Four of the students took the opportunity to play on school-sponsored teams that might not have been available in their own countries. Soccer proved to be one of the most popular choices. Alvaro played on the boys varsity team while Laura, Alexandra, and Adrienn played on the first ever girls team. "I had never played soccer before, so it was very challenging. Everyone was very nice, and I enjoyed it very much," said exchange student Alexandra Schafer, otherwise known as Alex to all of her many friends.

Many of the exchange students also got to visit other parts of the country while on trips or vacations with their host family. Adrienn Horvath spent Spring Break in New York City. "I loved New York because there was so



I've enjoyed this year in America very much, because of all the friends I've made! Although Walterboro life is different from Germany it's been a great experience. Playing on the girls soccer team was a lot of fun and gave me time to spend with my friends.

Senior
Alex Schafer

many things to do! I visited Little Italy, and it made me feel like I was back in Europe," remarked junior Adrienn Horvath.

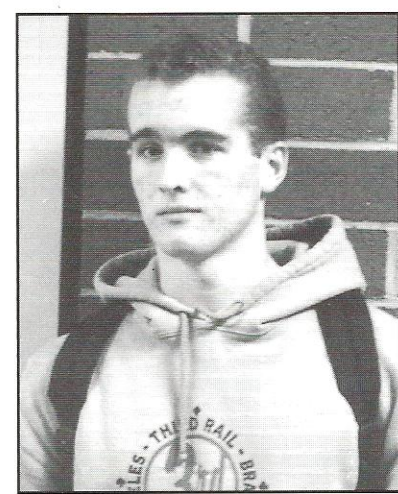
The students felt the pressures of the classroom as much, if not more, than any other student, too. One especially challenging class for Alex was Mrs. Janis Blocker's English.

School in America, in correspondence to their own, was also a big change. In Hungary you can't choose which classes you take. The government feels that everyone should take the same classes. In Germany schools get out early so that students can go home for lunch.

No matter what they did, foreign exchange students found Walterboro life different from their home countries but remained glad that they came to experience it for a year.

-Rusty Creech

Even though Dirk Platts was not an exchange student he was introduced to America after moving from Germany. He came from overseas to live with his dad.



Catching up. While in Mrs. Blocker's room, Adrienn and Peter take a break from class. Adrienn played on the girls' soccer and tennis team.