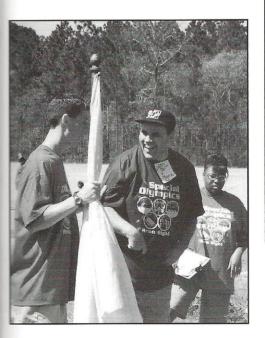


## Lighting the Torch. The Special Olympics Torch was lit as the participants and volunteers watched. It symbolized the beginning of the games.



## GO FOR THE GOLD

## MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Many students looked forward to the annual Special Olympics because it was an opportunity for them to build very special relationships with some very special people.

This wonderful event took place on April 2 at the W.H.S. track. Student volunteers arrived at 8:00 to setup and prepare for the long line of activities that would take place when the participants arrived at 10:00.

Activities began in the morning starting with the opening ceremony. This ceremony included the lighting of the Special Olympics torch. Events were then underway, ranging from the softball throw to the 100-meter dash.



In between events, volunteers painted faces for the participants.

Lunch was served to everyone and afterwards, the remaining events were concluded. During the Awards and closing ceremonies, volunteers and participants bid their final farewells but knew they would never forget the experience they encountered and the friends they made.

"Working with the participants gave me a new outlook on the challenges they face every day," remarked Leah Ellen Spangler.

-Amanda Morrissey



A Special Friendship. Freshman April Bullock encourages a participant to do her best in the upcoming event. April ran cross-country and played both soccer and basketball.