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**Band Boosters Plan
Rent-A-Worker Day**

The Columbia High School Band Boosters is sponsoring a rent-a-worker day on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Band members will perform odd jobs, from baby sitting and raking leaves to washing windows or cars, to earn money for the ambitious budget the Boosters have for this year.

Students may be hired at \$1.50 an hour for as many as five hours at a time. For further information contact any of the following: Mrs. Reba Smith, 284-0353; Mrs. Rachel Seymore, 284-0369; Mrs. Lois Hege, 284-1003; and Mr. Robert Martin, 284-0604.

Columbia

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Tiffany Renee Cameron, Eugene Washington Campbell Jr, Eric Bernard Carr, Aisha Shaunnette Clay, Deundria Likisha Cody, Lorin Darnell Coefield, Delvecchio Montregg Collins, Nicole Janel Collins, Juanganica Aisha Conner, Florence Mignon Cooper, Tiffany Lenora Covington, Robert Lee Crawford Jr;

Errol Shallum Danley, Deanna Towanda Davenport, Jared Lamont Davenport, Nonica Nikita Davis, Kellie Diana Day, Gavin Bruce De Cantillon, Rickey Khary Deadwyler, Marcelle M Dean, Nikkia Chenelle Deane, Trakesha Rena Debose, Tiencia Dorothea Depass, Tomika Cecelia Dix, Timaley Shantille Duffie, Frederick Letols Durden Jr;

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Gregory Morris Gaines, Kelley Seal Gaither, Donna Nichol Gates, Shenica Shante George, Sharon Lashondra Giles, Darius Antoinne Gill, Monica Nicole Gissentanner, Keisha Miche Antionette Grant, Derick Demetreus Green, Rico Rodriguez Green, Christy Lynn Gregory, Chache Cantrell Grier, Nathaniel Robert Grier;

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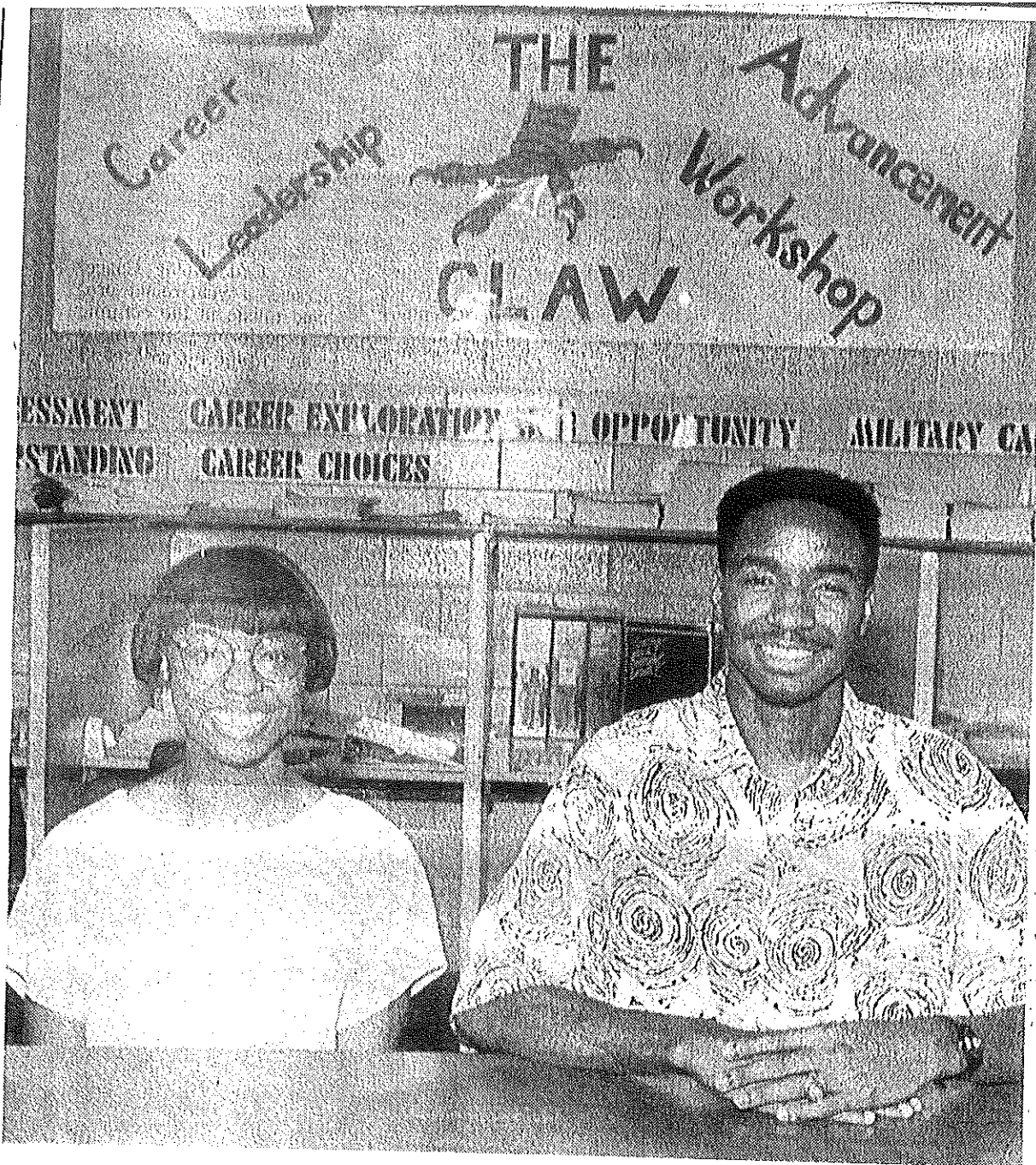
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Shimah Ajeenah Najee-Ullah, Tariq Shadeded Najee-Ullah, Daniell Devohn Nelson, Laundra Shunta Nichols, Brian James Norman, Shuntricea Lameka Perrimon, Tina Shantay Perry, Vita Lashawn Perry, Nicole Elayna Phillips, Ronald Orlando Phillips, Sandra Elaine Poore, Demetrius Marice Porter, Tobias Cartez Porter, Lawanda Pugh;

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Columbia's top students ready for new beginnings

Columbia High School Valedictorian Cortina Nicks, from left, and Salutatorian Willie Floyd are all smiles in the career center of the school as they look forward to graduation ceremonies

June 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Chapel. Ms. Nicks will attend Tennessee State next fall; Floyd will attend Georgia Southern. (Staff photo by Donna Williams).

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The following are expected to be 1991 graduates of Columbia High School:

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Beverly Denmark, Tonya Denmark, Anyetta Dennis, Tyrone Dennis, Ericka Dillipree, Deanna Dix, William Eady, Barinda Edwards, Carlos Ferguson, Byron Few, LaRonda Fletcher, Tonya Florence, Willie Floyd, Reginald Gaines, Derrick Gardner, Tamara Garmon, Vidal Gartrell, Derrick Gibson, Mark Gill, Yvette Glover.

Kiva Graham, Darius Green, Dennis Grier, Nicholas Handspike, Fernantlo Harper, Monica Harper, Curtis Harris, Donna Harris, Marlo Harris, Zandra Harvey, Jamal Hassan, Tirrell Hawkins, Tamara Haye, Michael Heard, Marlene Henry, Leck Herrington, Bernard Holiday, Carl Holloway, Derrick Holloway, Carmen Holmes.

Felecia Holmes, Mario Holmes, Bridget Houston, Kimberlyn Howard, Tempia Hubbard, Carletha Hugh, Marquis Hunter, Tameka Hutchinson, Anthony Jackson, Santonio Jackson, Kimberly James, Shun James, Heather Jearld, Shurnkita Jefferson, Wayne Jenkins, Tracy Jennings, Brian

Johnson, Jan Johnson, Tawana Jones, LaVonda Jones.

Cycloria Kendrick, Monique Lawrence, Tangie Lawrence, George Lee, Sonja Lewis, Tomeika Lewis, Rasheid Light, Aldolpha Lovett, Erica Lowe, Reginald Lurry, Shikeisha Lyons, Jamil Mackey, Charles Malon, Greg Malcom, N'Keshia Mapp, Ahren Matthews—Johnson, Jennifer McClen- don, Malanna McKerson, Johnny Mitchell Jr., Damion Morse.

Toriano Nash, Cortina Nick, Ryon Noel, Stacey Oliver, Darnell Palmore, Charisse Parker, Sidney Parker Jr., Raumoair Parks, Aquanus Pass, Tanya Payne, Chandrika Pharr, Charlette Pinkston, Justin Pitts, Yuanette Pleas, Chantavis Prater, Antonio Price, Raynard Price, Tiffany Price, Valeria Ragland, Ketrice Respress.

Lucretia Riley, Vonetta Roberts, Charsie Robertson, Keino Robinson, Willie Sanders, Czerny Seabrooks, Trixanna Shelton, Islaon Simmons, Bridgett Sims, Terince Sims, Quintiss Slaton, Angela Smith, Ava Smith, Aye Smith, Cantrice Smith, Diana Smith, Gwendolyn Smith, Stacey Smith, Tresha Smith, Valencia Smith.

Sharee Stanley, Natasha Starr, Cornelius Stephens, Norman Stevens Jr., Andrea Street, Damali Sullivan, Alicia Sumerlin, Tedra Tookes, Dusty Turner, Rodney Usher, Roderick Tate, Darrick Taylor, Stanley Taylor, Kartrina Thomas, Rhonda Thomas, Wesley Thomas, Andrea Thornton, Arnetilla Thornton, Latasha Wade, La'Kina Washington.

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Gwen Torrence Day Held At Columbia High

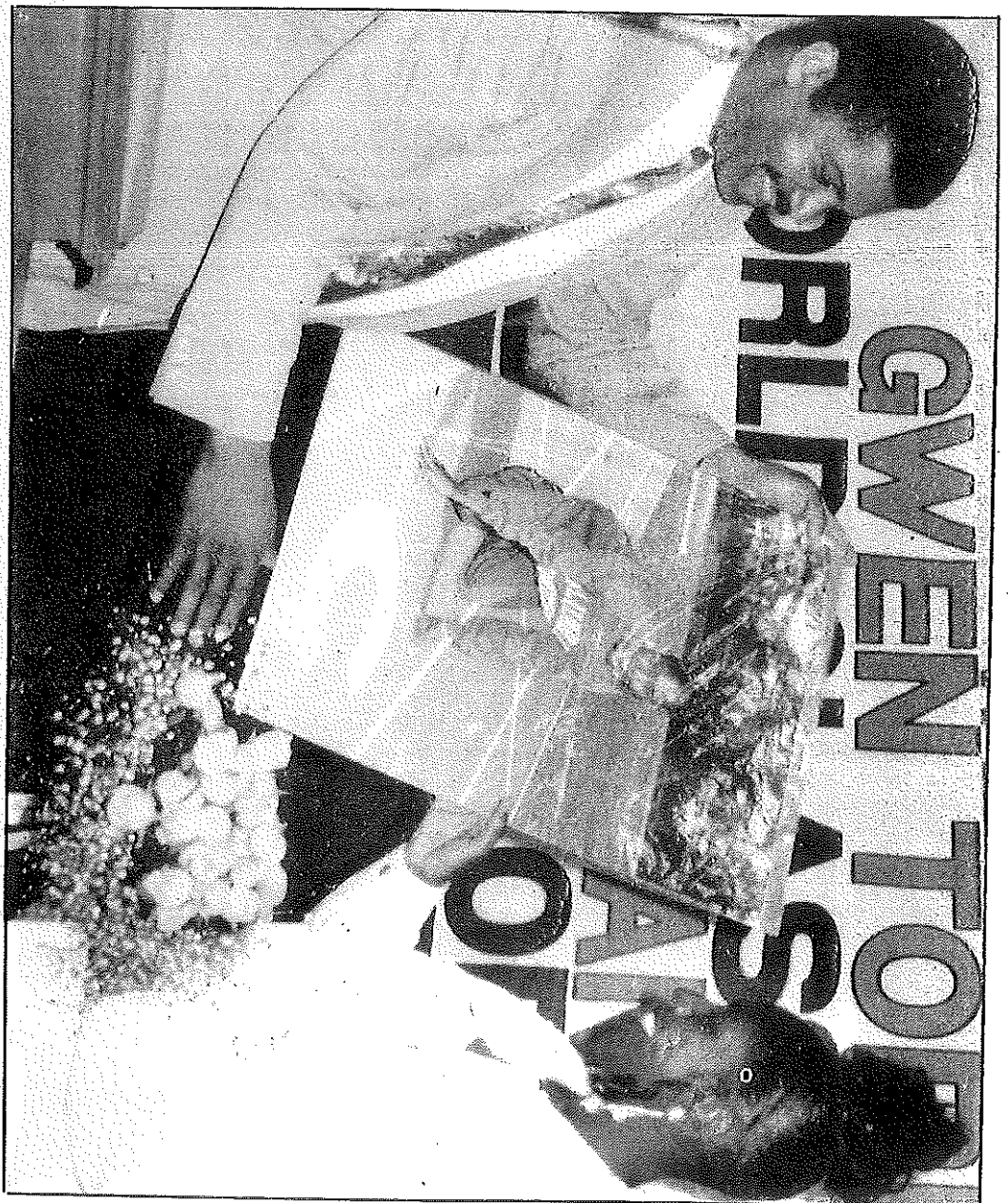
"Gwen Torrence Day" was celebrated at Columbia High School when the former student returned for a visit.

The world-class sprinter and silver medalist in the 1991 World Championship Games in Tokyo, Japan, was recognized for her accomplishments in track and field. Some of Ms. Torrence's other noteworthy achievements are the World record in the 55 meters (:6.56) and the American record in the 60 meters (:7.07). Additionally, she was an NCAA champion in the 100 and 200 meters and a finalist in the same two events in the 1988 Olympic Games held in Seoul, Korea.

The celebration was designed to congratulate Ms. Torrence on her international achievements and to commend her for the recognition she has brought to the school and to the community. Her message to students was "Set Goals and Fulfill Your Dreams." During the assembly, Stan Pritchett, principal of Columbia High School, presented her with a proclamation, a dozen red roses and an 18-by-22 photograph of her, outfitted in a Columbia High track uniform.

The photograph will be mounted on the Columbia High "Wall of Fame" along with photographs of other distinguished alumni.

Gwen Torrence is a 1983 graduate of Columbia High and was a state champion, "Parade All American" and record holder in the 100 and 200 meters which is her specialty. The Columbia High family extended to her best wishes in the



World class sprinter Gwen Torrence, a 1983 graduate of Columbia High School, was honored by the student body. Principal Stan Pritchett presents a photograph of the athlete in a Columbia High track uniform.

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Columbia High School Launches PAL Program

School, community and business leaders have joined forces at Columbia High School to kick off the Positive Atmosphere for Learning (PAL) Program at the DeKalb County School. The program is a cooperative venture to enhance student participation and achievement in the school and in the community. The program

is funded by a grant from the DeKalb Prevention Alliance. At the kick-off ceremonies were (l-r) Catherine Turk, Jean Thompson, Principal Stanley Pritchett, Al Phillips, PTA President Gwen Reese, Razikwe Adisa of the DeKalb Prevention Alliance, Phyllis Schwartz, and DeKalb School Board member Elizabeth Andrews.

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Columbia High Area Residents Asked To 'Sound Off' At Atlanta Project Meet

Do you and your school have problems?

Do you feel that DFACS and other agencies have control of your life?

Are drugs getting to your children? Do you feel safe in your own home?

Are health care costs giving you a choice between medicine and food?

Is your Neighborhood Watch program tops; one other neighborhoods need to copy?

Is a volunteer program at your school successfully bringing parents in to the educational process?

Has your church found a way to aid the needy, yet do it with the dignity of the individual in mind?

ISSUES you feel strongly about — the good and the bad — will be discussed at a meeting at Columbia High School at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, sponsored by the Atlanta Project.

The meeting is not only for the high school community but for residents of the geographical area served by Columbia High School and its feeder schools,

Snapfinger, Wadsworth, Toney, Knollwood and Columbia Elementary.

Chip Carter, who is in charge of this area for the Atlanta Project which is seeking to raise the quality of life in low income neighborhoods, and Columbia Principal Stan Pritchett have been meeting to establish basic plans and goals for the high school.

Mr. Carter has invited the whole community to be involved at the coming meeting to discuss weak and strong points there.

Answers aren't likely to be forthcoming that night but contributions from the public are expected to provide a framework for the ambitious future program.

Mr. Carter said that he is determined that needs be determined by residents themselves, before an actual program is "tailored."

Volunteers — corporate and individual — will be trained in specific areas for the Atlanta Project, with two persons to be employed in each "cluster" area.

Columbia High sets graduation June 6

The following are expected to be 1990 graduates of Columbia High School:

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II, Yusuf Corker, Harold Cost, Tabiba Curtis, Bridget Davis, Gertrude Davis,

Raquel Davis, Zaundra Davis, Sheronda Dillard, Dennis Dixon, Felicia Dorsey, Damerice Eberhart, Torano Echols, Timothy Flemming, Natasha Foster, Dedra Franklin, Harold Gary, Andre Gates, Terra Gay, Keisha George, Dorey Gibbs, Thytrone Gilbert, Charles Gill, Stephanie Glover, Michael Gover, Shontelle Graham, Demetris Gray, Tamekia Gray, Brian Greenleaf, Hubert Gresham Jr., Arinthia Grier, Djiana Griffin, Micheon Griggs, Robert Grissom, Michael Hall, Charles Hamn, Corey Hardaway, Jonathon Hargrove, Vickie Harmon, Sean Harris, Thila Harris, Tiwana Hawkins, Jessica Hayes, Mike Head, Ritchie Heath, Latorsha Henderson, Tonya Hillman, Latrice Holt, Alicia Hopson, Michelle

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Erton Love, Peteria Maddox, Michael Mannel, Melvin Martin III, Nikki McIntosh, Jesse Middleton, Kia Mitchell, Lydell Moore, Marianna Moore, Martina Morgan, Belinda Myers, Tameka Newson, Celeathia Nichols, April Odom, Kimberly Parker, Tito Parker, Ronald Perry, Quinton Pierce, Marlon Pierre, Willie Preston, Alex Porter, Lonnie Pullum, Gregory Rainey, Aishah Rashied, Erica Ray, Monica Reese, Sadie Reese, Jerry Reid, Broderick Render, Nelson Render,

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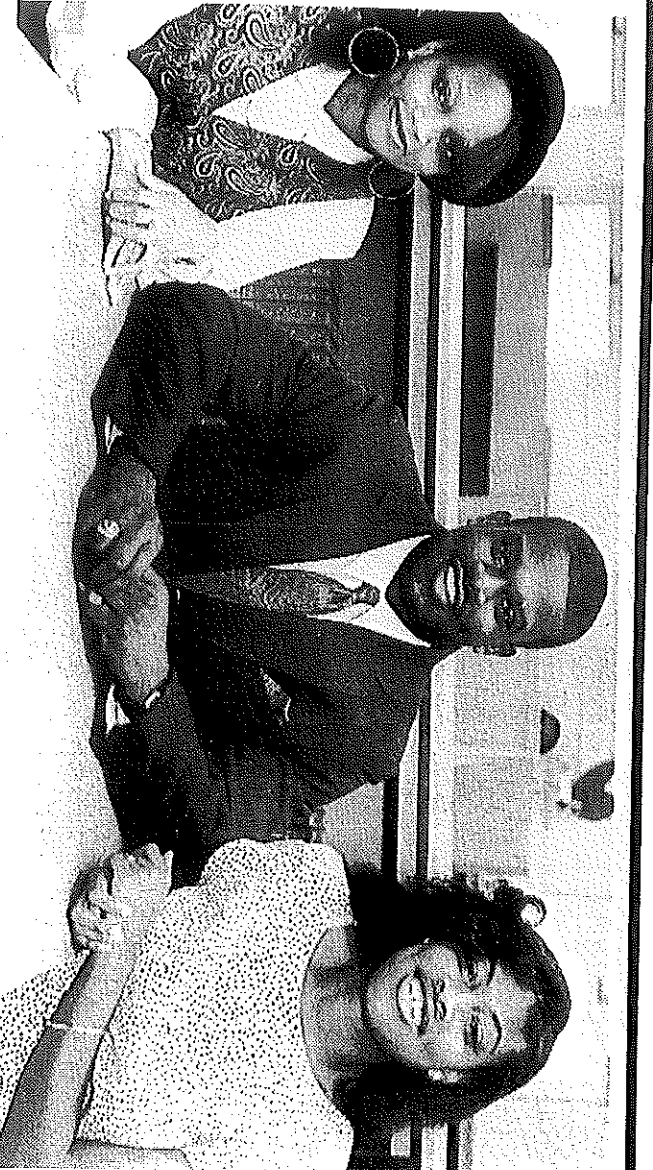
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Erika Stubbs, Paul Thomas, Christopher Tucker, William Twilley, Canka Wade, Marcus Wallace, Daniel Walker, Emory Walker, Derrick Ward, Travis West, Cornelius White, Talitha White, Curtis Whitehead, Michael Whitefield, Tameca Wilkerson, George Williams, Jason Williams, Kareem Williams, Latasha Williams, Mark Williams, McArthur Willingham II, Cephus Wilson, Candace Wright and Rachel Wright.

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June 6, 1990

225 to graduate from Columbia HS

Katrina Shy, from left, who plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology; and Reuben Jones and Aishah Rashied, who plan to attend Emory University, visit the Columbia High School library one last time before graduation June 6. (Staff photo by Donna Williams)

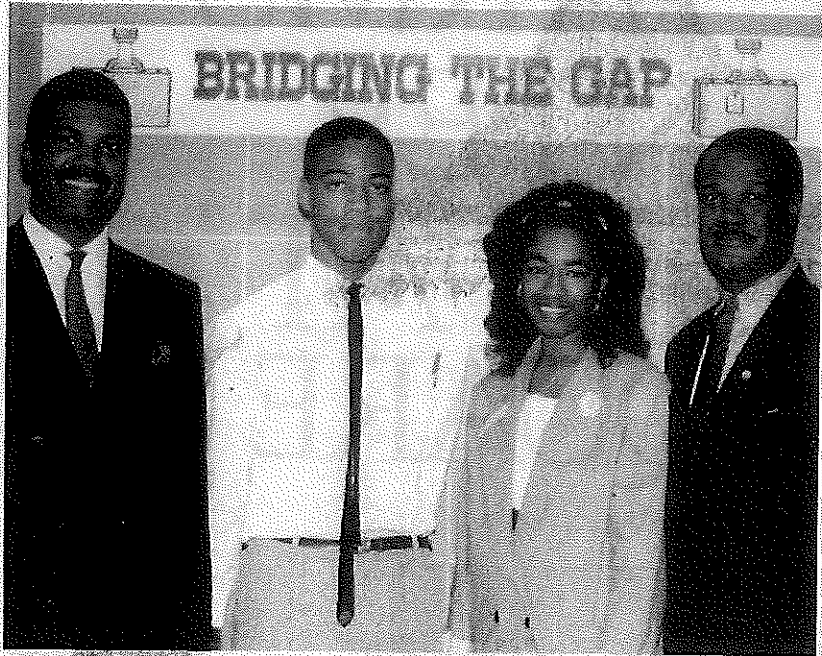


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Superintendent's Scholar

Katrina Shy of Columbia High School is congratulated by her mother, Catherine Shy, upon winning the Superintendent's Scholar Award at a recent tea honoring STAR Students and runners-up from each high school in the county.



Schools Hold Motivation Day

Columbia High School and McNair High School recently sponsored motivation days for their students. Guest speakers at the two DeKalb schools were invited to share career possibilities and work-ethic goals with the students. Shown (l-r) are Columbia principal Stan Pritchett, students Daniel Walker and Michelle Hosten with guest speaker Rep. Calvin Smyre of Columbus.

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Columbia High Eagles To Parade

The Columbia High School Marching Eagles have been selected as one of ten high school marching bands featured during the 1989 Macy's-Egleston Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2, in downtown Atlanta.

All participating bands, selected on honors, awards and individual style, will perform a specially-choreographed 1½ minute presentation for television broadcast.

The 120 Columbia High School Marching Eagles, under the direction of Robert Coln, will make a second appearance in the Macy's-Egleston Christmas Parade. Their first appearance was in the parade's debut in 1983. The Columbia High School Marching Eagles had the honor of performing at the 1988 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta. This band has entertained crowds in the greater Atlanta area through their participation in various community parades, including the West End Festival Parade and the Memorial Day Parade. The Columbia March-

ing Eagles will play "Misty" and "A Christmas Song."

The 1989 Macy's-Egleston Parade will step off in downtown Atlanta on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 10:15 a.m. Parade watchers will thrill to this cavalcade of happy clowns, award-winning bands, holiday floats, giant helium balloons, costumed storybook characters and appearances by celebrity guests.

Last year, an estimated crowd of 350,000 lined the route to watch the parade and 250,000 more watched the parade on television. This year, thousands of others will view the parade on television as it is broadcast live in Atlanta by WAGA-TV5 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For further information regarding bands selected to participate in the 1989 Macy's-Egleston Christmas Parade, telephone the Macy's South/Bullock's Public Relations Office at 222-2125 or Henrietta Egleston Hospital for Children at 355-4388.

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Torrence, Columbia Shatter State Records

By GERRY OVERTON

It is a sound that freezes the blood of track coaches. The starting gun for the AAAA 100-yard dash fired once, then again. Some unlucky soul would be disqualified for a false start.

Standing at the finish line, Columbia track coach Bruce Stinard couldn't tell who it was. But he could tell who it wasn't.

It wasn't Columbia's Gwen Torrence. She was still sitting in her starting blocks. Torrence is a notoriously slow starter, but she finishes so fast it hardly matters.

Stinard's five-girl wrecking crew did more than just win the AAAA track championship Saturday night at Lakewood Stadium. With 54 points to 30 for runnerup Walton, victory was a foregone conclusion.

In fact, winning was almost secondary. The real question was how many records Columbia would break; the answer was four. And when was the last time one team broke four all-classification records?

Torrence led the assault on the record book with two stunning times in Thursday night's trials: a :10.7 in the 100-yard dash and a :24.2.

On Saturday night, Torrence combined with Barbara Cooper, Kara Houston and Teresa Howard to make a shambles of the state relay records. Despite the absence of a serious push from anyone else, Columbia set an all-class mile relay mark with a 3:52.74. In the 440 relay, Columbia won in :47.37, the first sub-:48.0 time in state history.

Stinard shakes his head when he considers how fast Torrence will be when she learns the technique of a good start. "It would probably take two or three tenths of a second off her times," he said. "If she gets hold of a good college coach, there's no telling how good she can be."

Torrence, who intends to sign with Georgia, wasn't able to better her records set in the preliminaries because of strong headwinds Saturday night, but she did something equally impressive in winning the 220. When Deidre Hampton of Lowndes passed her with less than 60 yards to go, Torrence simply shifted into another gear and cruised back into the lead.

"That girl was battling," said Torrence afterward. "I



Torrence Set State Records In The 100 And 220

said, 'Pump, Gwen, pump,' but she was pumping, too."

Columbia also got an impressive pair of individual performances from Cooper, the freshman, who finished second in the hurdles and fourth in the 220. But Columbia did not corner the market on impressive AAAA feats by DeKalb athletes.

Lakeside's Stacy Shelton set a state record in the 880 with a winning time of 2:17.16. She also ran an outstanding second (5:11.65) in the mile, finishing more than five seconds ahead of former state champion Alena Palmquist of Walton.

SW DeKalb's Menka Sykes won the long jump at 18-10½, then finished a close third in the hurdles with a time of :14.90.

Columbia Senior Honors Told

Margo Morris was named Best All Around Senior at the Honors Night Columbia High School held for seniors.

John Sumner was honored for winning the National Math award and Charles Brock won first place in County and Region Sociology, Social Science Fair. Greg Dendler won first place for political science at the County Social Science Fair. Lisa Brooks won first place in the English Division of the County Language Festival and Martie Darnell won first place in Oral Interpretation in 7AAA Literary Meet.

The Baptist Home Mission Board scholarship to Mercer was presented to Rita Barlow. Keith Bumgarner won the D.E. Southeastern Fair Scholarship. The Freshman Honor scholarships to Mercer were awarded to Susan Chambless and Roger Cordes. Martie Darnell won the Atlanta Junior Miss Pageant Scholarship. The National Merit Scholarship to Georgia Tech and Bobby Dodd recognition award to Georgia Tech went to Greg Dendler. David Durham received a football scholarship to Georgia Tech and Graham Foran was named National Merit Finalist. Mary Gwyn Freeman won the DeKalb County PTA scholarship and Beth Goodlett was presented the James B. Duke Scholarship to Furman University.

Mark Hamby and Ann Soderman received scholarships to LSU. Glynn Harrison won a football scholarship to University of Georgia and Ann Marie Hill was presented the Drill Team Scholastic Award for 1972.

National Merit Letters of Commendation went to Susan Chambless, Roger Cordes, George McNamee, Carol Hutcherson, Elizabeth Kraft, Hal Peek, Tom Swafford and Debra Wheelchel.

Jack LaMar and Pal Sledge won scholarships to Mercer University, and Sandy McCollum won the Grady Hospital Nursing Scholar-

Walkemeyer won a scholarship to Mercer and Diane Watkins to Georgia State University. The State of Georgia Regents Scholarship went to Robert Wayne who also won the University of

Georgia Vocal Music Performance scholarship. Scholarships to DeKalb College went to Harold Webb and Dennis Wood.

The Readers Digest Valedictorian award went to

Pam Sledge and "I Dare You" awards to Connie Jordan and Roger Cordee. The American Legion Service to Community and School awards went to Mel Mayer and Robert Wayne

COLUMBIA HIGH CASE

Judge Clears Principal Of School Assault Charge

Citing a principal's right to protect his office, DeKalb Recorder's Court Judge Winston Harvey declined to bind over Columbia High School Principal J. Wesley Hardy to a jury after a preliminary hearing Thursday on charges of assault and battery.

The charges stem from an Aug. 22 incident at the South DeKalb high school which resulted in a scuffle between Hardy and a student. The student's parents then took warrants for Hardy on charges of assault and battery.

Hardy took the stand and testified under oath. He said on the day of the incident the student, Kerry Davidson, who had been withdrawn from the school by his parents the previous year, came to his office to register.

HARDY SAID IT was a hectic day and he was talking

only to students accompanied by parents and added he told Davidson he didn't want to talk to him until his parents were present.

He said Davidson cursed him and the principal told the youth three times to leave. When Davidson refused, Hardy said, he told the youth he would call the police if he did not go.

Hardy said he stepped out to see who was next and the youth cursed him again then tried to leave.

Hardy said he caught Davidson at the door and brought him back and told his secretary to call the police. Hardy said the youth wound up on the floor. Prosecution witnesses contend Hardy threw the youth to the floor.

Judge Harvey allowed anyone who would be offended by obscenities to leave the court-

room in Decatur, after which Hardy testified as to what the youth said to him.

A SECRETARY at the school testified she heard the youth admit to his mother that he had cursed Hardy because he hated him.

However, a prosecution witness who was present in the office at the time of the incident, testified she heard the youth say nothing which would warrant an assault.

Judge Harvey said he made his decision with some misgivings because he did not approve of a man using physical strength against a youth.

However, Harvey said, the youth probably could have avoided the whole incident had he stepped outside Hardy's office and gotten his mother, who was in the building at the time of the incident.

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Students Using Maps to Find Way Around Brand-New Columbia High

By DOROTHY NIX

New velvet curtains were hung in the cafeteria. Bells rang for homeroom. In the shiny new kitchen the first hot lunch was under way — and a new school was born.

Columbia High School last week moved into its new home at 2106 Columbia Drive, the 19th high school in the DeKalb County system.

Approximately 65 per cent of the student body came from Southwest DeKalb High School, 30 per cent from Towers and five per cent from Avondale. Since August, students have been in double sessions at Towers, going to school around noon and getting home after 6 p.m. Their new building, scheduled for completion in August, was held up by the 83-day carpenter strike, said Wesley Hardy, principal.

"The opening has gone remarkably well," he said. "Everyone — teachers and students — is so glad to be here." He said the 1,013 students were given maps to find their way around the 34-classroom building.

The school's already filled to capacity, with some classes meeting on the stage and in the cafeteria-auditorium, Mr. Har-

dy said. Six more instructional units are under construction, along with a gymnasium and indoor swimming pool. Physical training classes are at present meeting in mat-covered study halls.

THE SCHOOL includes only eighth, ninth and tenth grades so athletic competition has been on a B-team level, with eight football games played and 14 basketball games scheduled. Sports on a varsity level will begin next year.

School colors are orange and blue. "We had to pick some in

a hurry because uniforms had to be ordered ahead of time," explained Mr. Hardy.

"We just went down the list of 18 high schools and chose a combination of colors not in use."

There has been spirited interest in writing an "alma mater" for the new school. Students and adults have submitted songs. A selection will be made by Lewis Foster, band director, faculty members with a musical background, student leaders and PTA representatives.

"We already have an active

P-TA of 400 parents," Mr. Hardy said.

About 300 parents toured the building at an open house Thursday night, looking at the new facilities. There is a new walk-in type freezer in the kitchen and colorful lunchroom chairs molded in red, yellow and green.

There are triple mirrors in the homemaking department and a round built-in basin where baby-bathing skills will be taught.

A new industrial arts department will open in January.

An Unprecedented Double

Columbia Becomes First To Win Boys And Girls State Track Championships

By GERRY OVERTON

If no other high school in Georgia had ever done it before, then how did Columbia make it look so easy?

On consecutive weekends, Columbia won AAAA state track championships with both its girls and boys teams. Neither victory could remotely be considered a upset, since both were accomplished in runaway fashion.

Indeed, at both meets Columbia had the crowds buzzing, but not because of the team victories. Winning became secondary to the record-smashing that was being done.

At the AAA girls meet, Columbia's Gwen Torrence set an all-classification state mark in the 100 yard dash (10.7) and the 220 (:24.2) during the qualifying heats. In the finals, Torrence combined with Barbara Cooper, Teresa Howard and Kara Houston to set all-classification records in the mile relay (3:52.74) and the 440 relay (47.37).

A week later, Columbia's boys set a record for team points (90) by a AAAA team and won best-performance honors in four running events the final night at Jefferson. Vinson Davis, who had swept both hurdles races the year before when Columbia was classified in AAA, scored another sweep with the meet's fastest runner in the 120 high hurdles (:14.07), the fastest cut-track time in AAAA history) and in the 330 intermediate hurdles (:57.95).

Davis also combined with Jip Smith, Fred Lane and Warren Henderson to win the 440 relay in :42.06,

another best-performance time. And John Howard, Davis, Lane and Ed White closed out the meet in style by setting an all-classification record in the mile relay with a 3:16.07.

THE SEEDS for this unprecedented double were sown five years earlier, when Brady Sigler joined the school as head boys track coach. A native of Miami with unbridled enthusiasm for track, Sigler ironically had been warned before taking the job that Columbia had a "losersville" reputation in sports.

That soon changed. A week before Sigler's first team took the track, another track fanatic, Penn State grad Bill Sheskey, was hired by Columbia as an assistant track coach. (Sheskey would later be hired by University of Georgia as a graduate assistant with its girls track team after the 1982 season.)

Columbia's boys won the DeKalb County meet Sigler's first season and have now won that title five straight years. They also have won the Headland Relays four straight years. Columbia won the AAAA state championship in 1980 and was runnerup to Carrollton the next two years in AAA.

Meanwhile, Columbia's girls were getting restless. They wanted a piece of the action, too.

Before the 1982 season, Columbia scored another coup with the acquisition of Bruce Stinard as girls track coach. Stinard had coached boys track in Hilliard, Ohio, the past 10 years, and he combined with Columbia head football coach Ray Bonner to give the girls program the attention it was beginning to demand.

Uncertain at first about the prospect of coaching a girls team, Stinard soon surveyed the talent available and announced his goal: "I want a dynasty, just like the boys team."

It sounded far-fetched, but it wasn't. Stinard's first team finished a surprising third at the AAA state meet as Torrence won the 100-yard dash, took second in the 220 and anchored two winning relay teams.

With the addition of Barbara Cooper, who won the county 110 low hurdles as a freshman, Stinard's 1983 team was even stronger.

And so was Sigler's boys team. In 1982, Columbia had set a record by winning the county meet with 143 points. This year's team fell eight points short of eclipsing that mark, but only because of a disaster in the 440 relay, where Columbia's No. 1 team was dropped a baton in the preliminaries and its No. 2 team was disqualified in the finals.

But in the field events at the county meet, Columbia had four champions out of six events. Balance that with Davis in the hurdles, newfound distance man Rod Alford and Columbia's ever-present strength in the relays, and Sigler saw no reason why his team couldn't win at state.

"We've shown what we can do if we put it all together," Sigler said after the county meet. "If we can run and jump and throw, we'll be hard to beat. We can put a kid in each event at state who can score, and some can score big. Now all we have to do is go do it."

And they did. And don't bet it won't happen again — for both teams.

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FILE!

Boy, 13, Hurt, 3 Charged In DeKalb School Strife

A 13-year-old boy was injured and three others face criminal charges as the result of two separate inter-racial scuffles at Columbia High School, authorities said Tuesday.

The scuffles occurred in a hallway and a stairway about two hours apart at the 2,100-student school at 2106 Columbia Drive in DeKalb County, Principal J. Wesley Hardy said.

Hardy said he was uncertain about the cause of the fights but admitted "both races were involved."

In the first disturbance, which occurred about 8 a.m. Monday, five students—three of them juveniles—"got into a fistful fracas in the hall," the principal said.

THE FIGHT was broken up by "four or five" male faculty members after the boys swapped blows, he said.

Charged with affray (fighting in public) were James Owen Stallworth, 3900 Memorial Drive, Apt. C-15, Decatur, and James Edward Yates, 1938 Willa Drive, Decatur, officials of the DeKalb Magistrate's Court said.

Both are 17. Stallworth is

white, a court spokesman said. Yates' race was not given.

Both were charged in warrants signed by Assistant Principal Dennis J. Fifield, court officials said.

JUVENILE PETITIONS also were sworn against three other students involved in the scuffle, Hardy said.

In a second incident about 10 a.m., two students apparently jostled one another

on a stairway and one of them, a 13-year-old, fell and fractured his leg, authorities said.

His alleged assailant, Robert Wade, 17, 2384 Crestknoll Circle, Decatur, was charged with affray in a warrant signed by Columbia coach Phil Knight, court officials said.

The 13-year-old boy, a black, was cited in a juvenile petition signed by Hardy, school and court officials said.

Columbia School Holds Field Day

Columbia Elementary held Field Day for the Primary through 4th grades and 5th through 7th grades this week. The Field Day is an annual school-P.T.A. event in which children in all grades compete in physical education activities such as the 50 yd. dash, bean bag throw, standing broad jump, pull-ups, relays, flex arm hang and tug of war.

"Participation" was the theme as all children competed in events. Ribbons were awarded for first, second, third place winners. Participation ribbons were given to all children in the events.

The homeroom that scored the highest total of points received a Field Day Trophy which was kept in that room. Mrs. Stone's Primary II class won in the Primary. Mrs. Murray's 7th grade and Mr. Youngblood's 5th grade class tied for the trophy for the upper grades.

P.T.A. mothers and fathers served as judges and scorers and provided refreshments for the children.

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Water Ballet Program Set At Columbia

Continuing the theme, "Today's Youth," the Nov. 2, meeting of the Columbia High School PTA will feature Today's Youth performing in Water Ballet.

The meeting will be held in the Natatorium of the high school at 8 p.m. and the public is invited. Because of limited seating in the swimming pool area, interested persons are urged to arrive early.

The program, directed by Miss Judy Salenfriend, will be performed to music from "Fiddler on the Roof" and will involve 25 girls from eighth through twelfth grades. There will also be a comedy routine.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knight are co-presidents and will preside at the business portion of the meeting.

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Friday Noon Is Deadline For All-Star Nominations

As a reminder to varsity football coaches in DeKalb County, noon Friday, Nov. 17 is the last day to nominate your players to the News upcoming all-star teams.

Coaches are asked to submit in writing as much material as they feel pertinent about their athletes that will help in the determination of the various all-region teams that will be announced next week and the All-DeKalb teams the week after.

Prep Grid Scores

Friday Night

Avondale 21	Walker 7
Clarkston 28	Towers 7
Henderson 26	Cross Keys 14
Peachtree 14	Sequoyah 13
SWDeKalb 36	Marist 14
St. Pius 8	Lithonia 7
Tucker 26	Briarcliff 17

Saturday Night

Columbia 14	Murphy 0
Douglass 45	Decatur 14
Cedar Grove 13	Clarkston 'B' 7
Lakeside 37	Chamblee 6
Shamrock 25	Druid Hills 6
Ridgeview 12 (tie)	Gordon 12
Jackson 14	Stn. Mtn. 12

Since there were 22 varsities that played on the county level this past season, it is hoped that nominations from that many schools will be submitted.

However, athletes will not be penalized if their coaches fail to submit statistical data.

This year will mark the 5th annual selections by the News.

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Jerry's Gift Shop
Candler-McAfee Shopping
Center, Decatur, Georgia



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DUGOUT CLUB AWARD WINNERS

At the recent Atlanta Dugout Club Awards banquet, three DeKalb County high-school performers were honored. Ronnie Pearce (left to right), a pitcher for Gordon, accepts his

award from Georgia Tech baseball coach Jim Luck as other award winners, pitcher Scott McGlamory of Sequoyah and outfielder Butch Davis of Columbia, look on.

Charles Dickens 'Alive' At Columbia High

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By CHRISTINE MAY
Special to The News

A way of life for the 18th century French and English - their "best of times, their worse of times" - was relived this week in a Columbia High School English class.

In order to make Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" more interesting to the ninth graders, Mrs. Carolyn Lott and her students planned and executed a seance. Sidney Carton, Charles Darnay, Lucie Manette, Dr. Alexandre Manette, Madame Defarge and

many other colorful characters of the classic were recalled to answer questions concerning the life and times of the French Revolution.

The normal classroom assumed a mysterious atmosphere through black drapes, psychedelic posters, and white candles. To enhance this occult atmosphere, the desks were moved to one corner and all the students were seated in a circle on the floor.

With costumes to match the period and society, Deborah Scott as Madame Casteller called to the unknown world for Jerry Cruncher (Mitchell Tyre) to answer for his unmerciful beatings of his wife for flopping or praying. Ginger Myers as Miss Pross, the red-faced English companion of Lucie Manette, told of her hatred for Madame Defarge played by Joann Corley.

One candle flickered light for Lori Brown as Sidney Carton, Marie Byers as Monsieur Defarge, David Richardson as Charles Darney, and Tammy Henderson as Dr. Manette. Music of the times played continuously.

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Students Using Maps to Find Way Around Brand-New Columbia High

By DOROTHY NIX

New velvet curtains were hung in the cafeteria. Bells rang for homeroom. In the shiny new kitchen the first hot lunch was under way — and a new school was born.

Columbia High School last week moved into its new home at 2106 Columbia Drive, the 19th high school in the Dekalb County system.

Approximately 66 per cent of the student body came from Southwest Dekalb High School, 30 per cent from Towers and five per cent from Avondale. Since August, students have been in double sessions at Towers, going to school around noon and getting home after 6 p.m. Their new building, scheduled for completion in August, was held up by the 83-day carpenter strike, said Wesley Hardy, principal.

"The opening has gone remarkably well," he said. "Everyone — teachers and students — is so glad to be here." He said the 1,013 students were given maps to find their way around the 34-classroom building.

The school's already filled to capacity, with some classes meeting on the stage and in the cafeteria-auditorium, Mr. Hardy said.

dy said. Six more instructional units are under construction, along with a gymnasium and indoor swimming pool. Physical training classes are at present meeting in mat-covered study halls.

THE SCHOOL includes only eighth, ninth and tenth grades so athletic competition has been on a B-team level, with eight and adults have submitted songs. A selection will be made by Lewis Foster, band director, faculty members with a musical background, student leaders and PTA representatives.

"We already have an active

PTA of 400 parents," Mr. Hardy said. About 300 parents toured the building at an open house Thursday night, looking at the new facilities. There is a new walk-in type freezer in the kitchen and colorful lunchroom chairs molded in red, yellow and green.

There are triple mirrors in the homemaking department and a round built-in basin where baby-bathing skills will be taught.

A new industrial arts department will open in January.