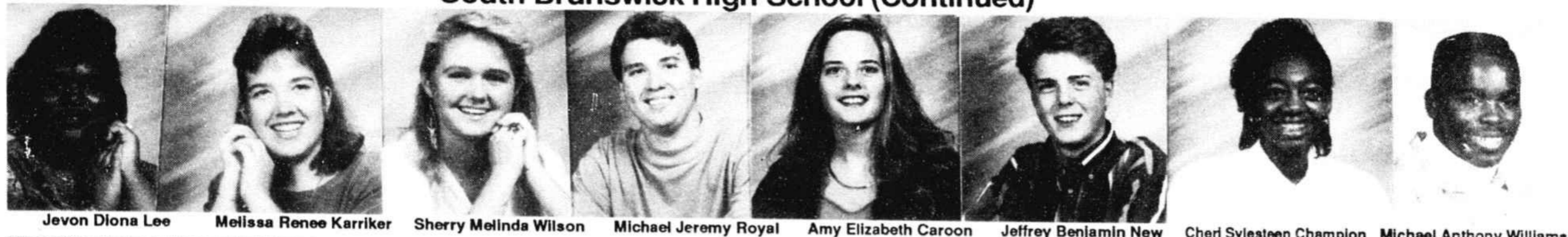
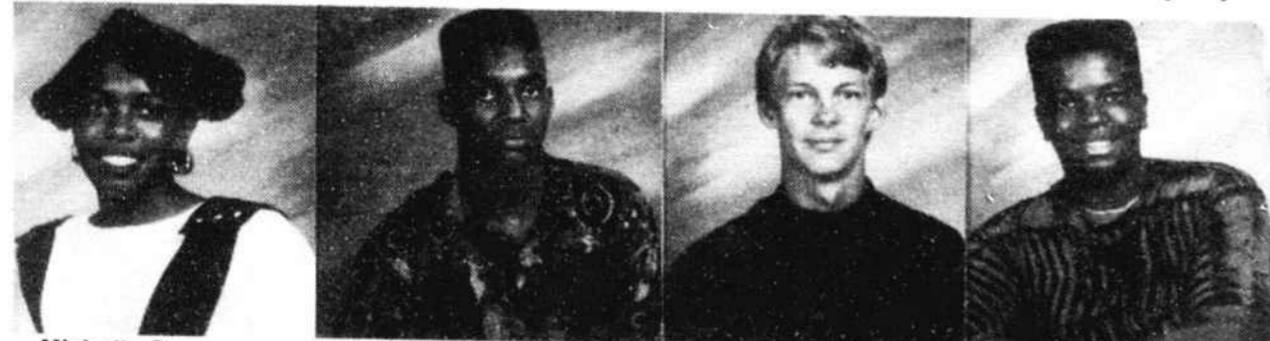


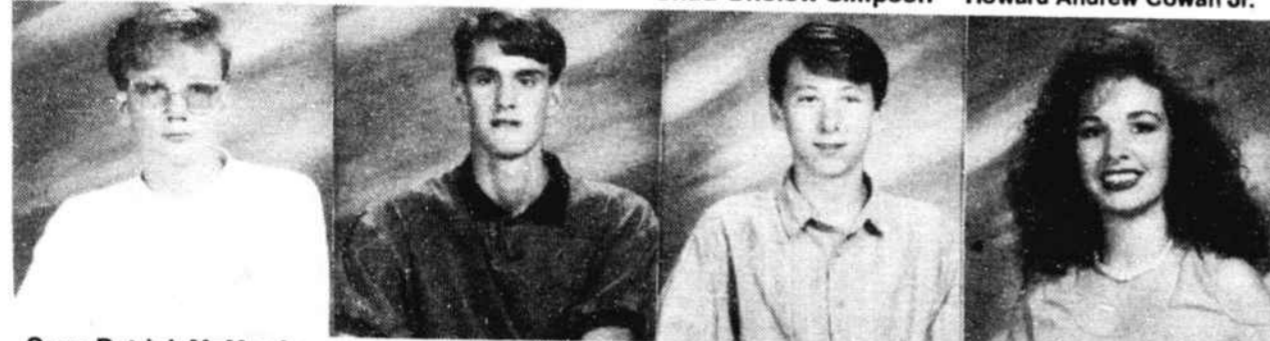
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## Long, Tall Senior Athlete Was Also Helping Student

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Everybody in school looks up to Preston McGriff. The fact that he's 6 feet one inch tall may have something to do with it.

An obvious choice for the South Brunswick High School (SBHS) basketball team, he has been a high scorer there and after his June 1 graduation, will move on this fall to more of the sport at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNC-W).

However, there's much more to Preston than physical height. He has demonstrated through his four years at SBHS that he has the maturity and sensitivity to be in a helping role, as well. He has worked with Special Olympics throughout his high school career.

"A teacher asked me to help out when I was a freshman," he said, "and I just kept it up. I like hanging around little kids."

Softball throws and relays are some Special Olympic events he enjoys supervising.

The New Jersey native moved to Southport with his mother, Carletha McGriff, seven years ago and in his sophomore year played football.

"I stopped doing that, because I didn't want to get injured," he said. His basketball interest had sprung, however, from the advice of an uncle who was injured on a basketball court.

"I used to like football a lot more than basketball," he said, "because I like rough sports. But my uncle talked about how much fun basketball was, so I tried it."

This shy, soft-spoken young man said English and Spanish were favorite subjects in school, whereas he had encountered a little trouble with math.

"I've stayed after school to be tutored in that," he said.

In his spare time, Preston has typical teenage recreational interests: video games and television. And, oh, yes, he has a social life, too.

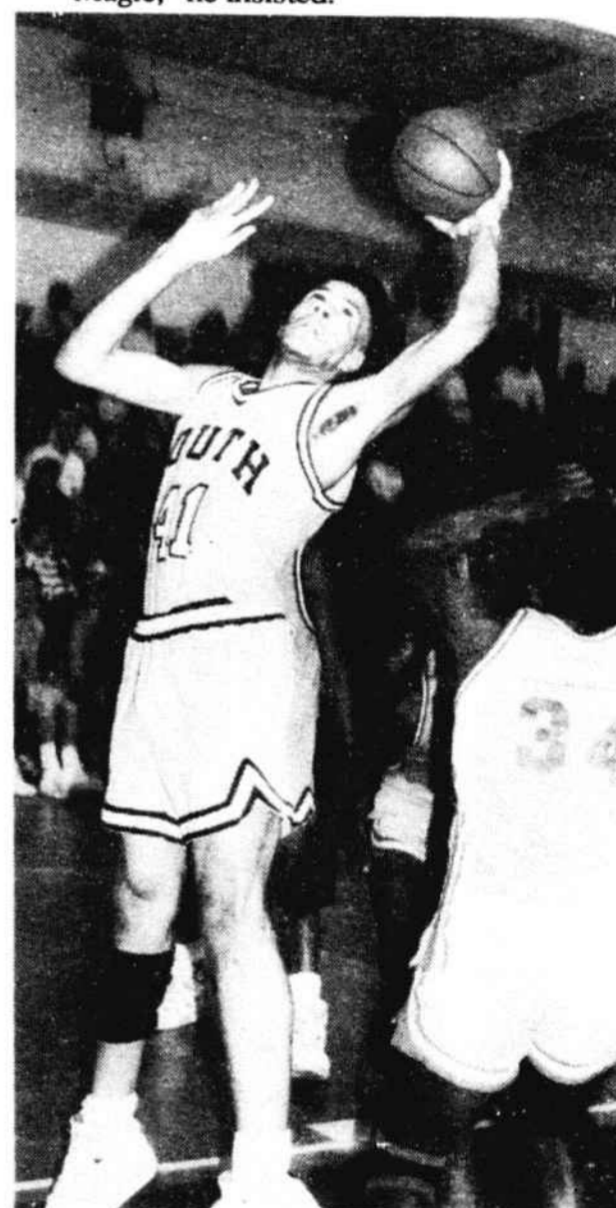
"I date a girl from West Brunswick," he said, smiling.

Preston has pinpointed his future, beginning with a communications major at UNC-

W.

"I want to do something like sports reporting after college," he said. Responding to the suggestion that the Bulls' Michael Jordan of Wilmington might be a hero, Preston shook his head.

"Magic," he insisted.



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PRESTON MCGRIFF'S best known for his performance on the basketball court, but he'll be remembered at South Brunswick High for his work with Special Olympics athletes as well.

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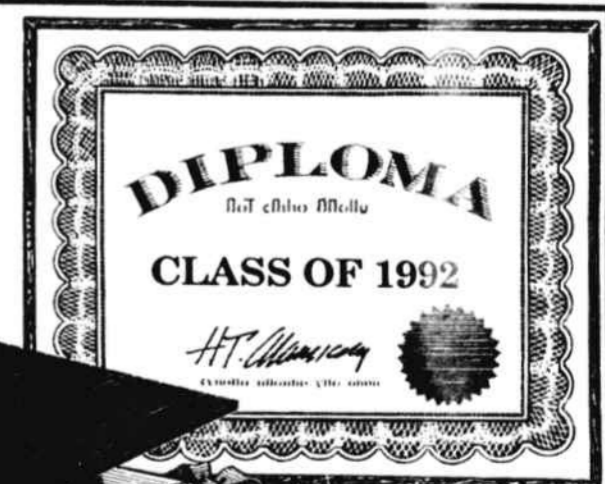
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