

Readin' n' Ritin'

The Essence of Life

Studying for tests, researching for reports, and reading for pleasure, were the prime uses for the media center. The library boasted various new reference books and an extensive collection of periodicals. Tapes, movies, and records were available to check out for home viewing. The ITV programs shown in the classroom were also handled in the library. "I feel," began Mrs. Godwin, a librarian, "that the ITV programs are wonderful. The students are able to watch television and actually get something educational out of it."

English students constituted the majority of the group that used the media center during class time. The library even offered a program through which the students could learn the procedures for looking up

periodicals and searching out reference material. "If I hadn't known how to use the periodical index," claimed Wallace Guilford, "I would not have had as much information in my term paper as I did."

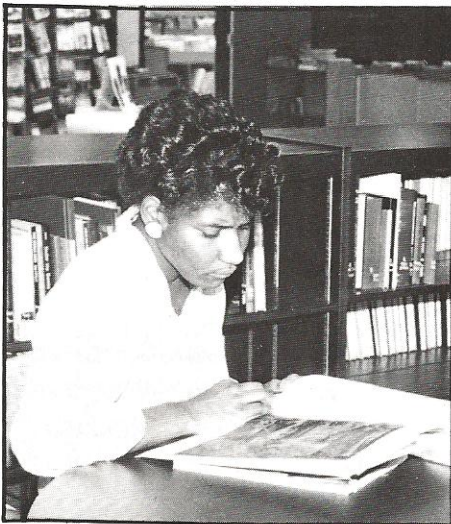
The media center and the English classes did work closely together; however, researching was not the only thing English classes did. Through the fascinating medium of literature, these classes travelled together to distant worlds and faraway places only attainable through the realm of the imagination. Shelly O'Quinn, an A.P. U.S. History student who also took American literature, felt that she had a "better understanding of why the writers wrote what they did and the different styles they used because "I am also getting an in-depth account of the condi-

tions and politics with which they had to deal."

The literary aspects of the classes were varied from teacher to teacher, but the main objective, to retain as much of the English language as possible, in its original form, was uppermost in the plans of most teachers. The deterioration of the language just "appalls" some teachers, Mrs. Janis Blocker included. "I just can't abide the way some people abuse the language."

The English department and the media center worked very closely together. Both tried to do whatever they could to help students receive decent educations. As Thomas Jefferson once said, "Thank God for books and the power to read them."

by Katrina Avant



Study Time

The media center is an excellent place for students to spend their study time. The quiet atmosphere allows good concentration for Alice Robinson as she peruses a book.

Just Ask

Mr. Mark Bowers offers some helpful assistance to Mary Ann Crosby on doing her homework. Most teachers are willing to answer any questions students may have about their work.

