

Punching

in the Time Clock

When many students were enjoying quiet hours after school, others were diligently laboring long after 3:10 p.m. Only a few students had the perseverance or parental permission to shed school attire and dawn the prestigious uniform of a Burger King employee. While a few lucky students worked simply for their own pleasure, most worked because they desperately required extra cash. How else can a teenager pay the costly price of being a junior or senior? Class rings, senior supplies, prom attire, Junior/Senior weekend, and most importantly, college money left many students' pockets quite bare. Other expenses also chal-

lenged students. "I need money to pay expenses for a car and car insurance," replied Blythe Buchanan.

Although summer had brought substantial paychecks, numerous students endured seeing their pay cut in half when school started. Others left their positions behind cash registers and greasy grills in search of higher grades and more free time. A few students opted only to work on weekends, leaving their weekday afternoons free for resting, studying, or watching television. "A job can take up a large portion of a teenager's life," freshman Beth McDaniels stated. "Even though it is a lot of work

and I have to make a lot of social sacrifices, I feel that it is a good experience and it prepares me for life."

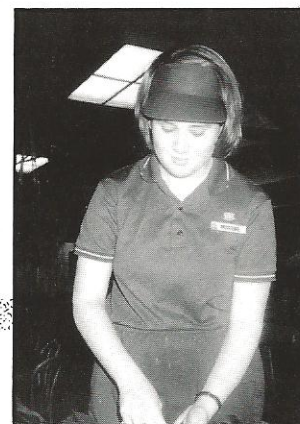
Learning from the responsibility was another benefit students received from working. Many students found the gratification of being thought dependable enough to hold a job, and not to mention getting a salary, highly rewarding. Shea Robbins, who worked at Video Village remarked, "I really enjoy working with people. Getting paid is just an added plus."

By Mary Bass



As employees at Bogoslow and Jones, senior Leah Bell and sophomore Nichole Nettles review papers in the firm's library.

While restocking the salad bar at the Burger King near the interstate, Christie Byard gives up a Friday afternoon.



Watering plants, Jennifer Coe, a junior, proves that standing behind counters and cooking fast food are not the only jobs that Burger King workers have.