

Getting into the Swing of Things

The summer reading program seemed to be a burden for most students; nevertheless it had its merits. Freshman Teresa Tucker put it simply: "Although it might not have been a barrel of fun, it helped get me back into school." When students had been out of the classroom for two and a half months, summer reading was just what they needed to get back into the swing of the school year.

On the contrary, some students objected to the program and felt that its requirements were rather untimely. Because he felt that summer vacation was not for reading, senior Arnie Farmer said, "Summer reading often interfered with students' ac-

Reading and Relaxing During Summer Vacation

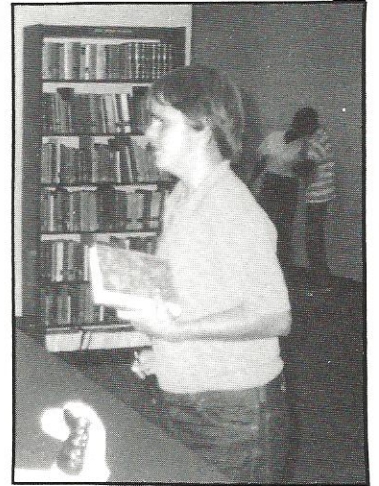
tivities and was often put off so late that it had to be done hurriedly and did no good." Identifying with Arnie was sophomore Roger Shepard, "I had to go to summer school and do six book reports. I'm not even thinking about reading anything else." Just wanting to enjoy a good book, freshman David Jarvis felt that summer reading must have been strictly for entertainment "since it didn't seem that reading the books helped me get good

grades on the tests."

However, freshman Hallie Gregory, as well as others, believed that the summer reading program was "good in principle" but sometimes failed to yield its intended benefits in practice. Although students recognized shortcomings in the program, they also expressed their views of summer reading as an enriching and legitimate requirement. Freshman Melody Lyons felt that the program should have

been applauded because the restricted selection gave students a chance to read books that they probably would never have read: "It allows us to read classics and other books that we would otherwise regard as too long or too hard to read." Other students liked the program since they did not have to worry about doing any other school work and could read at a much slower pace. In addition, many received summer reading well because they did not feel that the education process should be put on hold just because school was out. More appropriately, they felt that summer reading was really "on time."

By J. Dowdy



Reading a good book is one way to spend the free hours on the weekend. Harvey Shear checks out one from the school library.

Unable to resist anything that catches her eye, freshman Elizabeth Miller goes book hunting as though she were shopping. Although she came to the county library to pick up just one book from her summer reading list to read, she ends up choosing a number of them.