

What's New Now?

To add spice to the same routine schedule, many students decided to take some of the new classes offered. Students who expected to pursue a career in education took Teacher Cadet. Students learned how to be effective teachers by observing teachers and administrators at elementary and middle school levels. Senior Melanie Colson noted, "Being a teacher involves much more than teaching from a book. Patience, creativity, and a desire to teach are also necessary." Senior Emily Sullivan commented, "This class was different from normal classes. It was more fun than sitting in a classroom with a teacher lecturing. Students got more involved in the teacher's work and

Teacher Cadet, Speech, and Spanish III Classes

learned from first-hand experience."

The goal of the speech class, as teacher Mark Bowers stated, was "to enrich communication skills and gain a knowledge of correct public speaking." The twenty-two students learned the different techniques of speech, discussed world issues and talked about their own experiences. "Speech was certainly a very interesting course. Mr. Bowers knew how to make the class even

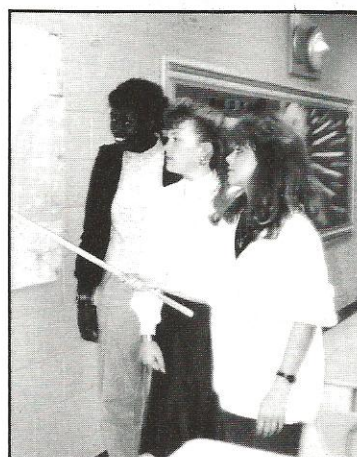
more unusual. For example, he demonstrated breathing exercises by lying down on his back with a book on his stomach." Senior Darren Christianson added, "This class not only improved my speech but also my personality and helped me to re-evaluate ideas." William MacCumbie commented, "Correct English influences people more than slang or street talk." Basically, students lost the fear of speaking in public, and learned

how to communicate more effectively.

Ms. Edith Frasier's Spanish III class had a different format from Spanish I and II. The students refined their skills in speaking the language and discussed the Spanish culture and customs. As Spanish is becoming such an important language in America, Senior Christy Bashnan felt that two years of a foreign language was not enough. "I want to be able to communicate with native speakers, but two years of a language doesn't give enough background."

By Beatrice Gurita

Exploring the world of their Spanish III class, Angie Elliot, Tammy Byrd, and foreign exchange student Christina Fernandez point out the different regions of Spain.



Senior Melanie Colson enjoys the special benefits of Teacher Cadet as she lends a helping hand to the children with the Ball Toss at the Colleton Elementary Halloween Carnival. Melanie is also the color guard captain for the Band of the Blue.