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any of the students' memories of high school involved the community. Community members became as involved in the school as high school students had in the community. Businesses in the area helped finance the bumper sticker incentive program organized by Mrs. Helen Bodison. In the spring, high school students volunteered to be Rice Planters, spending the three days of the Rice Festival acting as guides for the event. Students worked part-time at local fastfood restaurants, grocery stores, and privately owned businesses to earn spending money. Many students spent this money at local gas stations, restaurants, and clothing stores.

American Government teacher Greg Cranford got students involved in the community by encouraging them to attend County Council and City Council meetings, General Sessions Court, City Court, and School Board meetings. Some students got involved in the mayoral race by helping campaign for Mayor Elton Culpepper, Harry Cone, and Charlie Sweat, and students were at the courthouse when the election results came in, indicating that Harry Cone had won. That same night other students were attending a School Board meeting at which senior Leah Bell was presenting a proposal to the Curriculum Committee regarding the exemption policy based on attendance.

Students hoped that the community would provide opportunities for them to enjoy their favorite pastimes; however, many students often found nothing to do on the weekends. Many students found entertainment in the popular and age-old tradition of "cruising Jefferies," while others hung out at the local waterfall or recreation center.

