

UNCOMMON THINGS IN THE COMMONS

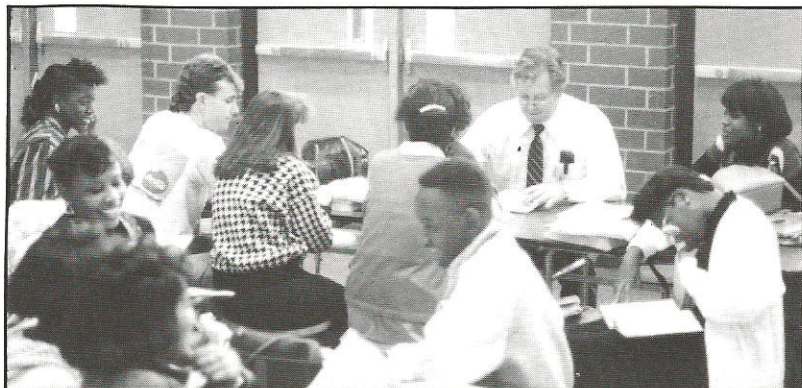
The commons area was not only a place to eat — it was also a place where students spent a great deal of their time. During the morning, many students made sure they got to school early to be with friends or make last-minute preparations for classes. Junior David Britt commented, "If I am at school early, I do some of my homework." Eating breakfast was also a popular pastime for students. A mandatory law was passed that all South Carolina schools must offer breakfast.

Students returned to the commons area again during their lunch period. While some students spent their time eating, others socialized or did homework for afternoon classes. When asked what he did in the com-

mons area, Freshman Johnny Salinas replied, "I look at girls!" When asked the same question, Sophomore Becky Haddock said, "I usually just 'bum' around and talk with friends." While others talked to friends at school, Senior Kim Dandridge, found her lunch period to be a good time to use the telephone to call that special someone.

After school, many students waited in the commons area for their parents to pick them up or for after school practices to begin. While waiting for their ride home from school, some students, like Junior Christy Bryan, grabbed a snack from the newly installed "Dog Bone" machines.

— Brandy Butler



Mark Bowers finds the commons area to be a great place for his students to learn to project their voices, which helps them improve their speech skills. The students not only had to write speeches, but they also had to learn to deliver them.

"The common's area is a great place to meet and be with friends."

Sophomore Paige Hiers

