



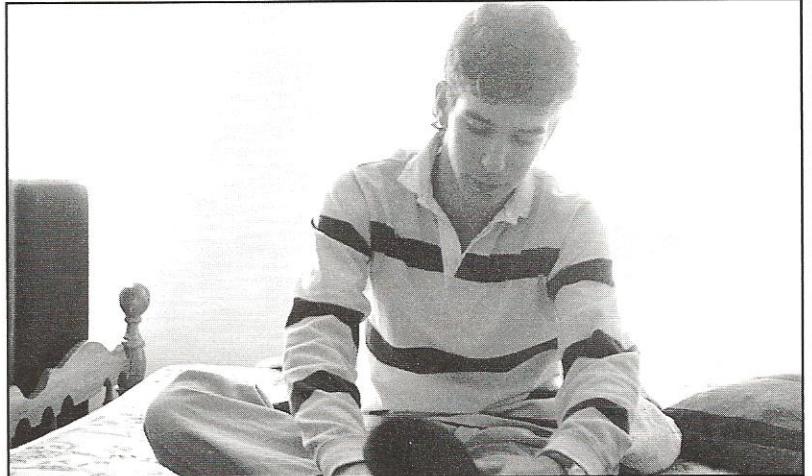
A RUDE AWAKENING

Whether it was by an alarm, music, or the sound of a mother's voice, waking up at 6:30 or 7:00 five days a week to get ready for school was not a pleasant experience for most, if not all, students. For them, it marked the beginning of another long school day. After finally dragging themselves out of bed, the students generally agreed that it took them about an hour to get prepared for leaving. The daily routine consisted of taking a shower, getting dressed, styling their hair, eating breakfast, and, for girls, putting on makeup. Sophomore Paige Hiers said "It takes at least an hour for me to get ready every morning."

After putting on the finishing touches, students had to find a way to get to school. Whether it was by bus, by parents, by friends, or by their own car, they reluctantly traveled the daily trek to school. Getting

there by 8:10, however, was another story. Students often stopped to eat breakfast, pick up something for lunch, or just hang out with their friends. Freshman David Simmons noted, "Going to the store to get a snack for lunch is a part of my everyday routine." For people with afternoon jobs, such as junior Chrissy Ward, before school was the only time that they could be with their friends.

After finally trudging to school, students again had the chance to converse with their friends. Many also took advantage of this opportunity to finish, or even to start, their homework for the day. By the time the 8:10 bell rang, most of the students were at least half-way awake and could make it to their first period class, sometimes, even with some enthusiasm. — Brandy Butler & Karen Fowler



Junior Missy Adams looks in the mirror as she applies her makeup as a final step before leaving school. Missy feels that putting on makeup is an essential step in her daily routine, as do many other students.

Putting on shoes to complete his attire, Junior Shea Robbins prepares to leave for school.