

Just for Fun

When the average student was asked what he thought of school, he said it was boring or he hated it. Maybe this was why students fell asleep in class, pulled practical jokes, and tried to come up with funny excuses. These were their ways of livening up a humdrum day.

Some teenagers often used classes as a time to catch up on their sleep. Many found a class boring and had trouble staying awake. As Denise Holmes, a junior, expressed, "I fall asleep if I'm in a class that's not one of my favorites." Some teachers realized though that tired teenagers often were awake late the night before, working or

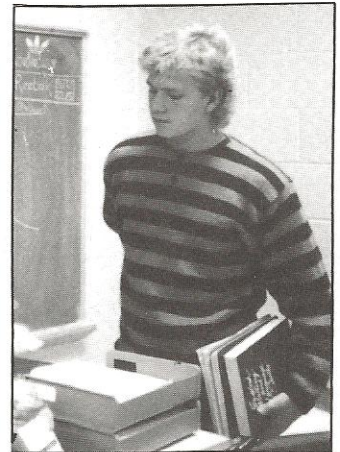
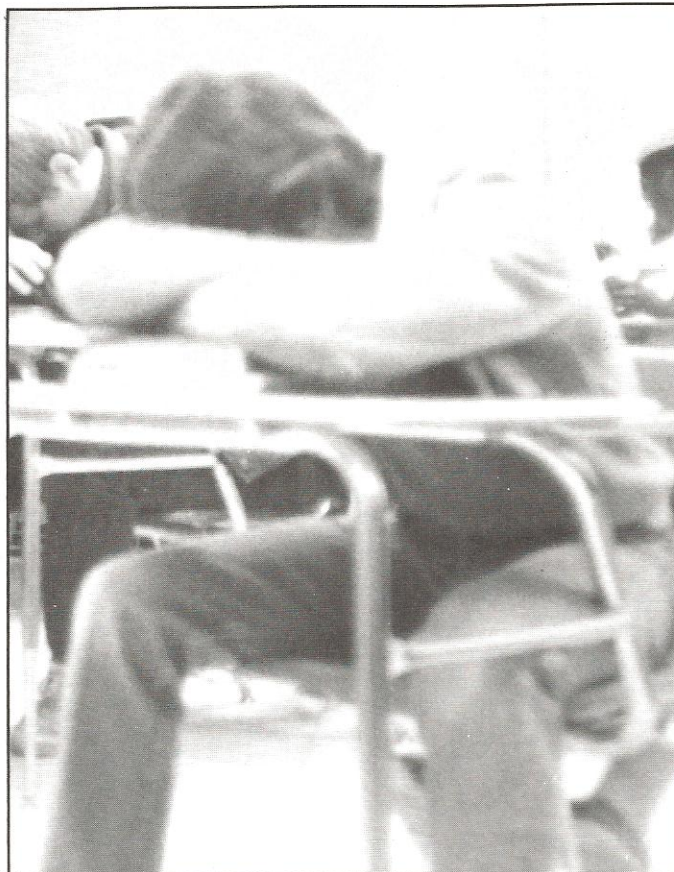
competing in an athletic event.

Almost everyone could think of a class clown who pulled practical jokes on teachers and friends. All was in fun, but teachers did not like it when a prank disturbed the class. As April Mixon, a freshman, said, "One time I brought a whoopie cushion and put it in somebody's seat. When the guy sat down, the whole class cracked up. Then, the teacher made me write." Wisecracks and practical jokes did add excitement to the day.

Every student had used some kind of excuse whether it was the old standby "my dog ate my homework" or

another explanation. Karen Beebe, a junior, explained that her most common excuses were "a death in the family, revival services, eight-hour virus, and my calendar was marked for the wrong day." Teachers have heard the same excuses over and over. Sometimes, however, a student came up with an unusual excuse. One of junior Billy Stanfield's most complicated excuses for being late was, "There was a lot of traffic in the hall, and then there was a fight and somebody knocked my books down and I had to go by my locker."

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It's Here Somewhere . . .

Danish exchange student Kent Holm digs deep into his pocket for his English homework he has neatly tucked away.

Do Not Disturb!

After a draining economics test, Charles Allen catches some zzz's. Sometimes Charles fell asleep in class when he had worked late the night before.