

# for Thought

What came twice a year and was dreaded by every student? The infamous exams. Although studying for and taking exams was tough, students found many ways to lighten up the load. As senior Yalanda Pinckney stated, "The first thing I did after I got home was to get a snack. Then I'd take a nap and wake up about 7 o'clock ready to cram."

Most teenagers obeyed the unwritten law that students never start studying for exams until the night be-

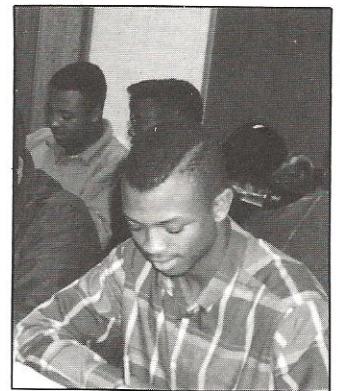
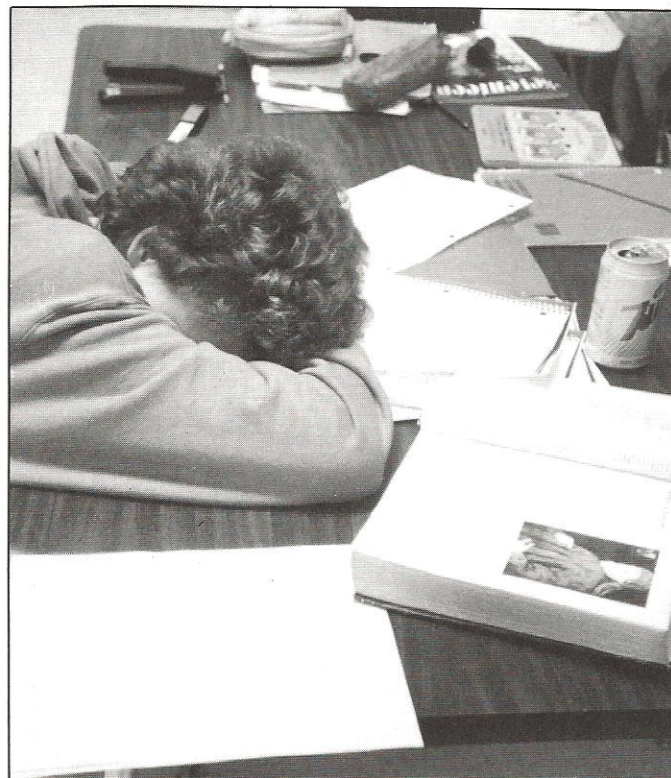
fore the test. Sandra Boozer, a junior, explained, "I studied the night before the exam so the information would be fresh in my mind." Cramming was a way of life during exam weeks. Junior Penny Spell described her game plan for exam week, "When I got home from school, I'd change into sweatpants and a T-shirt. Then, I'd get a snack and go in my room with my books spread out all around me and start cramming!"

Many students had "exam

survival kits" which included snacks, aspirin for headaches, eye drops for sore eyes, coffee or some other caffeine-containing substance to keep from falling asleep, and comfortable clothes.

After cramming in all the information possible and staying up into the wee hours of the morning, students went to school to take their exams, hoping that all of their studying would pay off.

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### Pre-exam Week.

Taking advantage of his study hall, Marc Bright, a senior, reviews his notes in preparation for exam week. Although many students wait until the night before exams to study, some students with study halls uses that time wisely.

### Studied Out!

Surrounded by her grammar and literature notes, Jessika von Platen, a senior exchange student, takes a much-needed break from cramming for her English exam. The 7-up in front of Jessika is an essential part of the official Exam Survival Kit.