

College Life

Imagine reading ten chapters of history for a test or writing essays almost every day for English class. These are things students in AP (Advanced Placement) classes did. These classes involved hard work, but they provided a chance for students to earn college credit for English and U.S. History. All seriousness aside, AP classes could be fun.

Kelli Stallings, a senior in AP English, expressed, "Because of the closeness of the students in my class, we were like a big family." One advantage of taking an AP class was that the classes were smaller than most others. According to Johnny

Bell, a junior in AP U.S. History, "In a small class the teacher and the students could relate better, and there was a relaxed atmosphere." AP classes also differed from other classes in the approach to the work. "We didn't have any little quizzes; we just had several major tests," explained junior Lisa Hiott, an AP U.S. History student.

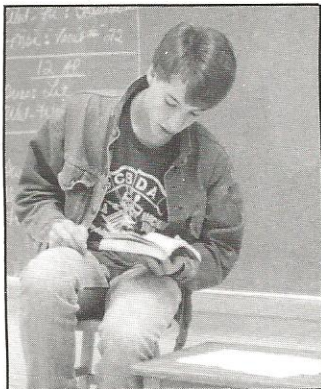
Another advantage was the preparation students got for college classes. Junior Michael Portereiko, who took AP U.S. History, stated, "I think this class will prepare me for independent work."

AP students learned to

balance their time wisely. "I definitely had to budget my time. I made it through AP English and U.S. History by the skin of my teeth and sometimes not even that," recalled Pete Lommen, who took both AP classes as a junior.

The AP students' experiences culminated in the AP exams in May. Students scoring a three, four, or five were given college credit. Most AP students agreed that the fun-filled times and the experience gained from their AP classes made all the hard work worthwhile.

By Chrissy Greene



Double Time!

As part of an AP English project, Pete Lommen teaches the class about *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair. Each student in the class is required to teach a novel with emphasis on symbolism, style, and other literary devices.

AP—Artistic Person!

Senior Kelli Stallings cuts out circles of aluminum foil to decorate the gym for the Jr.-Sr. Prom. Not only is Kelli an AP English student, but she is also very artistically talented.

