

The Price Of A Good Education

School is not free! It cost a student enrolled in chemistry, U.S. History, Keyboarding, English, Spanish and ceramics \$74.00 when he walked into school on the first day. This included a \$3.00 parking sticker and, of course, the \$5.00 instructional fee. The instructional budget for the 1705 students amounted to \$246,502. That amounted to \$142.40 to be spent for each student. Unfortunately, that was not enough money to cover cost of materials, books, supplies. That was why students paid for expendables such as workbooks.

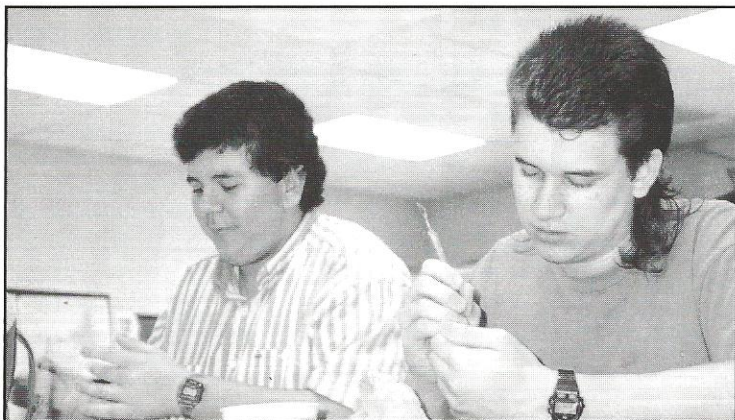
Required courses usually required a small fee to cover items such as vocabulary books for English classes. Students taking biology paid a lab fee to cover the price of the animals dissected during labs. Chemistry students paid a \$15 fee for chemicals as well as materials like litmus paper and the bunsen burners.

The art teachers complained about spending so much time collecting fees at the beginning of the year, but both agreed that they could not operate their program without the extra money. Students paid \$10 to cover the cost of glazes and clay for ceramics class. Art I students also paid \$10 for colored pencils, charcoal, and paint. This cost also included the sketchbook which all students were required to keep.

French I and II cost \$13 or \$14 for workbooks and magazines. French III required a higher fee to cover the cost of college books used for further enrichment.

"I paid \$70 in fees. I think that is too much to pay at one time," said senior Toni McGlothlin.

—Amy Zielke



Bill Roerig and Shane Fralin finish their ceramic projects during Mrs. Marilyn Zielke's first period class. Shane is planning a career in art.

Perfecting her ceramic project is Eva Clark. Students paid a \$10 fee for ceramics.

