

# IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF AN END

August 24 was here again!

The first day of school meant students had laid out their outfits and had turned in early the night before.

The first day of school was the morning that freshmen entered an unfamiliar place, sophomores and juniors felt a little more confident than the year before, and seniors returned to a faculty who knew them by name.

The first day of school saw freshmen getting lost between classes and seniors barely making it to class before the tardy bell.

The first day of school meant spending hours in homeroom doing a little of everything and not much of anything.

The first day of school had confusing schedules and long lines in the guidance office for schedule changes.

The first day of school started band, football, volleyball, cheerleading, and cross-country afternoon practices for many students.

The first day of school filled seniors with memories of the past and underclassmen with expectations of the future.

"Even though the atmosphere was relaxed, I'm glad it was my last first day of school," said senior Kamilah Smith.

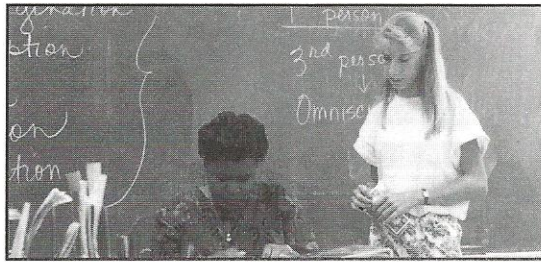
In any given class, teachers did everything from calling the role to administering textbooks. Many teachers took this opportunity to pass out

syllabi and explain class rules and expectations.

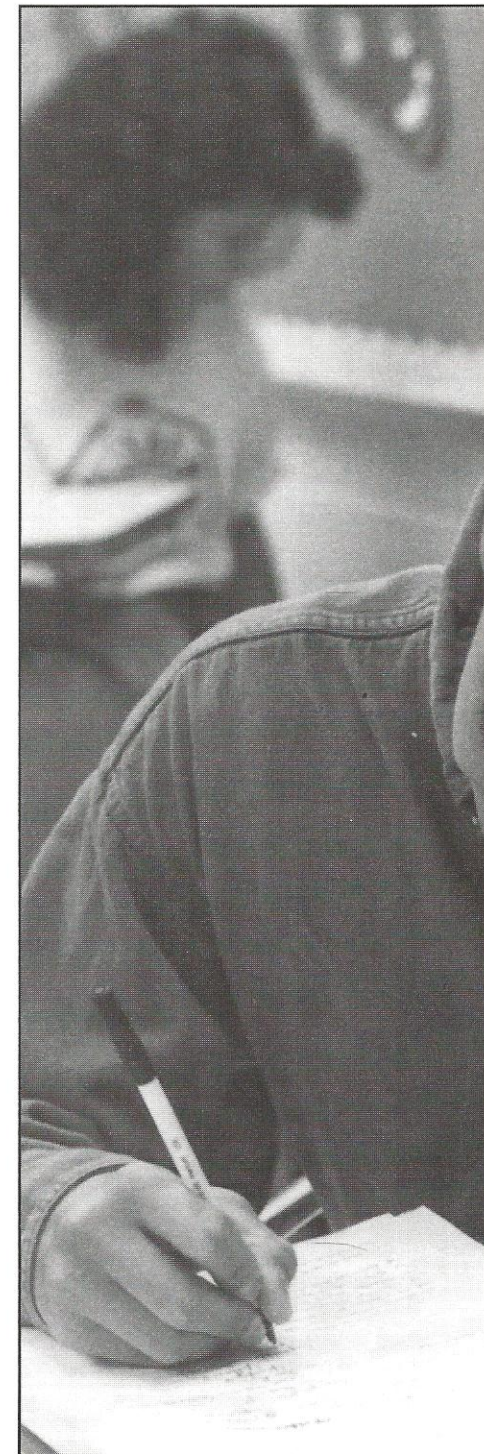
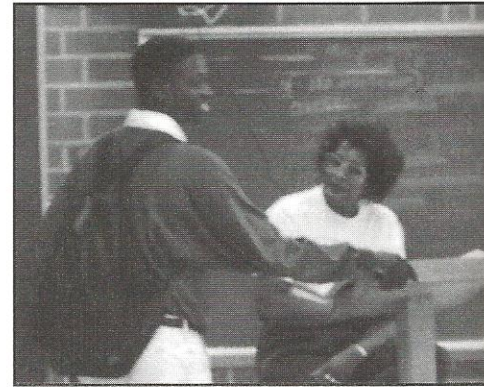
The office personnel stayed busy collecting fees from the previous school year and broadcasting endless announcements.

So no matter whether a student was a freshman or a senior, the first day of school provided lasting memories because it was the beginning of something new.

— Karyn Davis



**M**elissa Jones pays her workbook dues to English teacher Mrs. Vinnie Williams. Textbooks are supplied by the state but workbooks are purchased by the students.



**T**rying to justify his tardiness, Manuug Thomas is having a difficult time convincing Mrs. Annette Johnson. This year, five tardies to class counted as an absence.