

# In Any Language

While in California, Band of Blue members realized that most of the United States is now bilingual. Spanish students were thrilled to be able to try some of their Spanish out on the various Spanish-speaking waiters and others that they encountered.

"I was surprised at how many Spanish-speaking people we encountered in California," said junior Sonya Colson.

Being able to communicate with others is the reason most students gave for taking a foreign language. Students in the two-year old Latin program site a greater ability to decipher the meaning of English words, which often contain Latin roots and prefixes, as their main reason for taking that course.

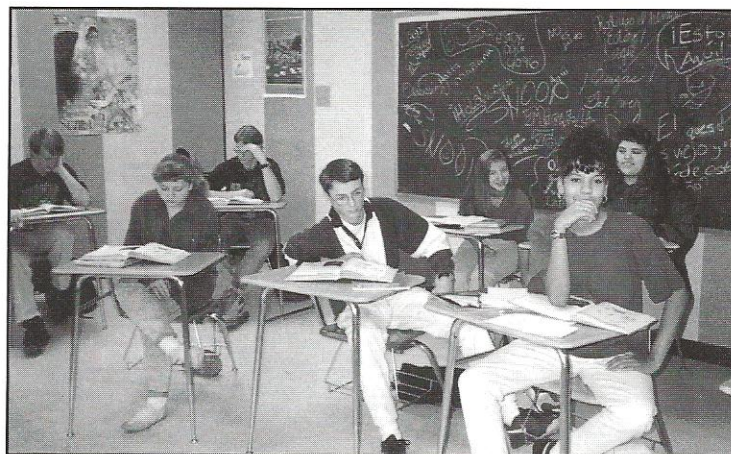
Mrs. Joan O'Briant, Mrs. Sharon Courtney, Ms. Edith Frasier, Mrs. Mary Bryan, and Mr. Charles Drake realized the task before them and worked to help their students learn both the language and culture of France, Spain, or ancient Greece.

Throughout the year, all language students researched and presented projects on a region of the world that spoke their language. These projects included presenting skits, making native dishes, creating maps and travel posters. This helped to expose the students to other cultures.

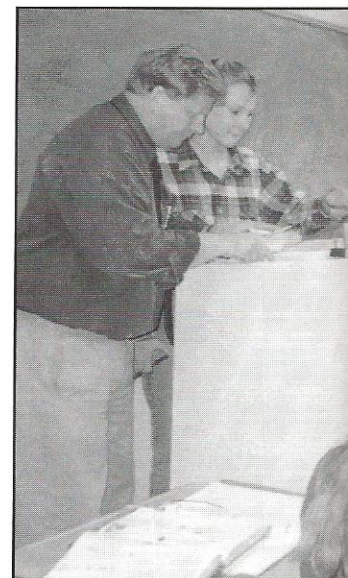
Foreign language students were also exposed to foreign games, television shows and movies. French III students of Mr. Drake played the French version of Monopoly. One treat for the students of Mrs. O'Briant was watching the Spanish versions of the cartoons "Popeye" and "Superman" and the movie "E.T."

"I really enjoyed getting to hear E.T. say "E.T. casa telefono," said sophomore Joy Roerig.

— Rhonda Carter



**¿Hablas Español?** Students in Mrs. Joan O'Briant's Spanish class listen to one of her lectures. Behind them is a bulletin board where students could write messages in Spanish.



**Loud and Clear.** Mr. Charles Drake helps Shannon Nettles with a translation she reads to her class. Nicole was accepted to Governor's School for the Arts.