

A Different Way Of Doing Things

One of the complaints students had about classes were that they were often boring and monotonous. Teachers tried to break the routine of lectures and note-taking with projects.

Each year, English IV students are required to perform an original presentation for their class. These presentations were based on novels, plays, short stories, or movies. These projects could be presented live or on video.

"Although preparing for the presentation was a lot of hard work, the reaction from teachers and students made it well worthwhile," said junior Selena Taylor.

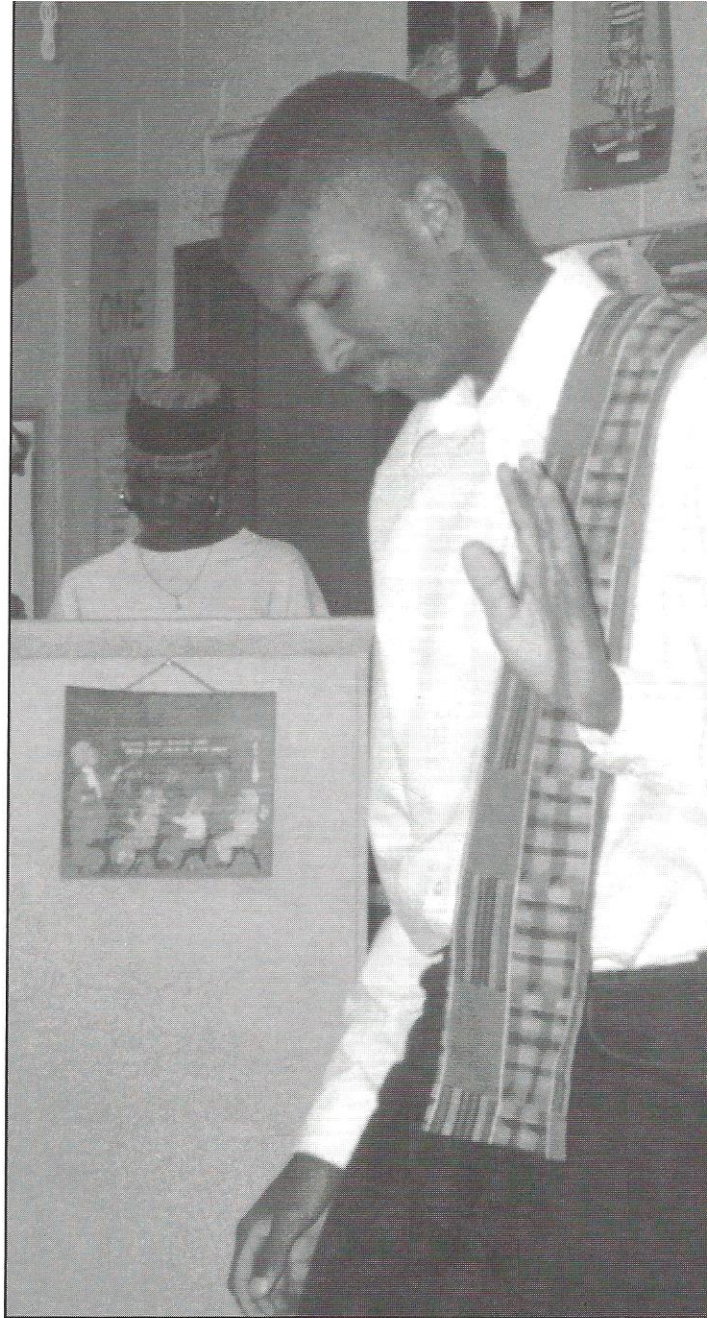
Another large part of any English class was term papers. For weeks students spent all their spare time at the library compiling information on an author, writing style, fictional character, or historical setting. On "D-Day" many classes were half empty and some students were caught catching "Zzzzzz's" in class after a night of trying to finish typing term papers.

"For me, finishing my term paper was like having a big load lifted off of my shoulders," said junior Adrene Binns.

Projects were also an important part of almost any subject. Most of the math classes researched and reported on career opportunities. Often, students brought in lecturers to speak on the responsibilities of their job. Several of the American Government classes were responsible for a project for each chapter studied. Projects included posters, political cartoons, and reports.

Projects were interwoven into almost every class no matter what the subject or level. In working on them, the students learned more than what would have been gathered from just reading a chapter or listening to a lecture.

— Rhonda Carter



Jurassic Art. Eugene Yarochowicz, Michael Bailey, and Robert Schluter, students in Mrs. Julia Waddel's Art II class, add plaster of paris to a dinosaur they are creating. The dinosaurs were later donated to the public library for young students to enjoy.

All Together Now. Working together, students learn just how many people it takes to make a commercial. Students in the video classes learned the many aspects of broadcasts and video production through many hands-on projects.

