

Left in the Right Frame of Mind

At first it was thought of as a handicap, an evil brought upon the devil. To be left-handed was a curse. Teachers made attempts to correct the child by forcing him to learn to write with the right hand.

Scissors, baseball gloves, and spiral notebooks were designed specifically for right-handed people until recently. Being left handed still proved to be handicapping in some ways.

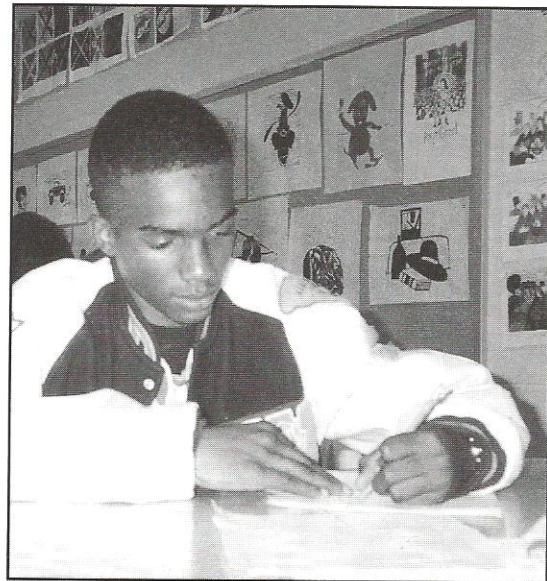
"One disadvantage of being left-handed is that I always have to always sit at the end of the table so that I don't bump elbows and have my food end up in my lap," said Senior Chrissy Lockaby.

In the auditorium, left-handed students have to use the desktop of the chair next to them because the desktop is on the right side. Computer mouses are placed on the right side of computers to the disadvantage of left-handers.

Left-handed teachers also faced problems coping with a right handed world.

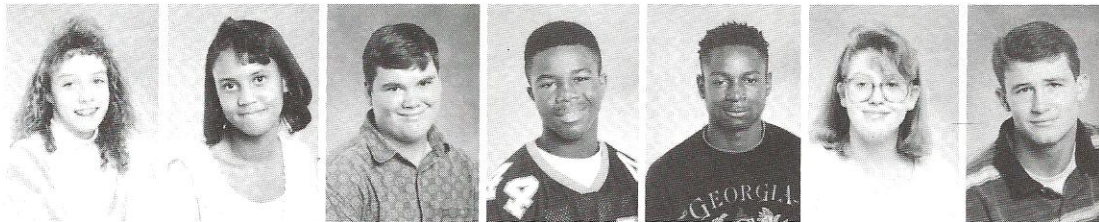
"Sewing machines and cameras are designed for right handers and in the United States car interiors are backwards," said Art Teacher Julia Waddell who constantly had to adjust to a right-handed world. "While most see being left-handed as backwards, I see it as different and challenging."

— Selena Taylor



Michael Salley writes a response to an essay question in Mrs. Turner's English class. Since 170 of the 1700 students attending school are left-handed, it was not uncommon to find a least one person in a class writing with his left hand.

Tiffany Nettles
Michelle Oliver
Alton Ottenien
Dedric Owens
Tyrone Owens
Nancy Padgett
Raymond Padgett



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Sheetal Patel
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