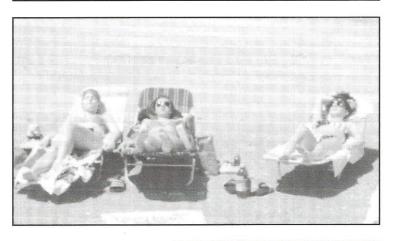


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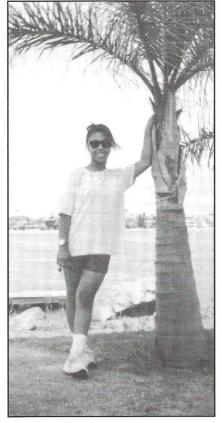
— Alicia Heape



Catching some rays.

Enjoying a day off from school, sophomore Monica Smoak and juniors Stacy Davis and Jessica Carroll work on their tans at Edisto Beach. Many students used teacher work days as an opportunity for mini-vacations.

Fun in the sun. While visiting her brother in Los Angeles, sophomore Nikki Young takes a day trip to Venice Beach. Nikki also visited Universal Studios while on vacation.



Sand in your shoes. Senior John Steele takes a walk on the sand dunes of Kill Devil Hills. John spent a week in North Carolina's Outer Banks with his family.

Get Me Out of Here!

Vacations

"I need a vacation!" Students and teachers made this exclamation during the stress of exams and the end-of-report periods.

Unfortunately, it was very hard for many to take the much needed vacations. School and part-time jobs did not leave time for many vacations in the busy lives of students.

Those that could get away got some well deserved R & R, but these vacations weren't without drawbacks.

"I got my assignments before I went with my family to Disney World, but I still had a lot of work to make up," said sophomore Ashley Ramsey.

The most common escape for students was a trip to the beach. Being only an hour away from Edisto made mini-vacations possible. On a gorgeous, sunny day, it was hard not to daydream about the sand, surf, and sun just an hour away. When the weekend finally arrived, many jumped in their cars and headed to the beach.

Some students were fortunate enough to travel to places outside of the state. Most of these week-long family vacations during the summer.

"I went to a family reunion in New York with my parents," said sophomore Vicki Cunningham. "While I was there, I was able to see the Statue of Liberty."

Whether it was just a day trip to the beach or an extended trip across country, most students agreed time away from their regular routine was special.

— Carolyn Hazel/Monica Smoak

