



Now What!!

Does this sound familiar?

"Class, let's continue to —"

"May I have your attention please . . ."

Normal classroom activities were constantly being interrupted by many, sometimes avoidable, distractions. These distractions soon became a part of everyday procedure, making them as normal as classwork.

One of the biggest annoyances was the intercom. Many students and teachers wished it came with an on/off switch. End-of-class announcements were bearable, but middle-of-class interruptions were somewhat intolerable.

"Several times my teachers would just get started with something and be interrupted three or four times in the same class period by the intercom," said senior Daniel Garvin. "It became very discouraging to both the students and the teachers."

"Another 'biggy' was illegitimate fire drills. Although faculty and students realized that fire drills were mandated by

the state, they also realized that 90% of the time the fire alarm went off, it was a false alarm. It got to be so bad, students would actually wait in the classroom until an announcement came on with instructions on whether or not to exit the building.

Distractions such as these broke concentration levels and sometimes even got the teacher off track. They were especially aggravating during tests.

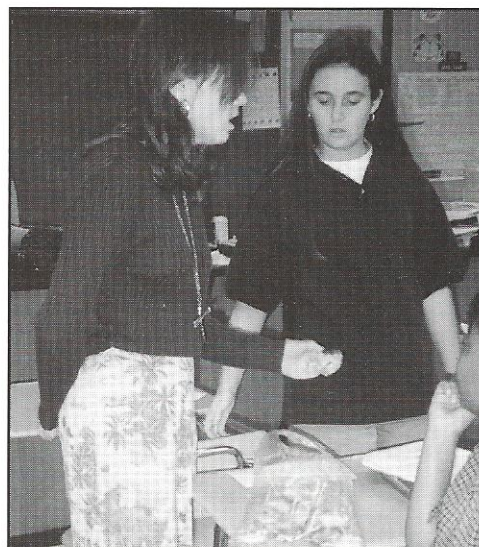
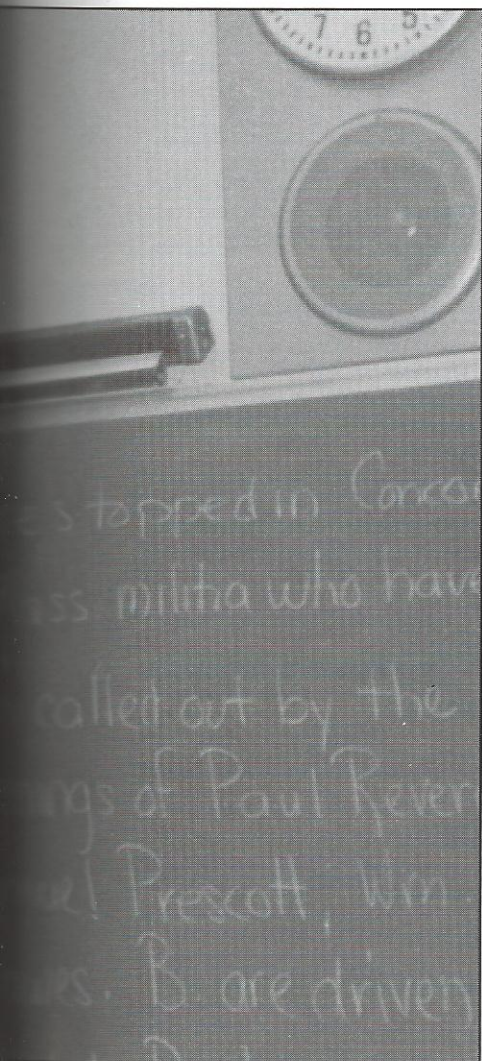
Other distractions such as these included power outages, students selling candy during class, and the computer network going down. A favorite of teachers was, and always will be, students signing a yearbook

"Distractions or interruptions destroy the train of thought for the teacher and impede the learning process for the student," said Mrs. Janis Blocker.

during class.

"A favorite distraction of mine was when the class would get involved in tangents which had absolutely nothing to do with the class," said senior Missy Barnwell. "The teacher usually got just as distracted as we."

— Jennifer Babilon



Classmates Ashley Heaton and Lauren Ulmer consult each other to decide which lolly-pop to buy from fellow classmate Mara Davis. Mara was selling the candy as a fundraiser for Student Council.