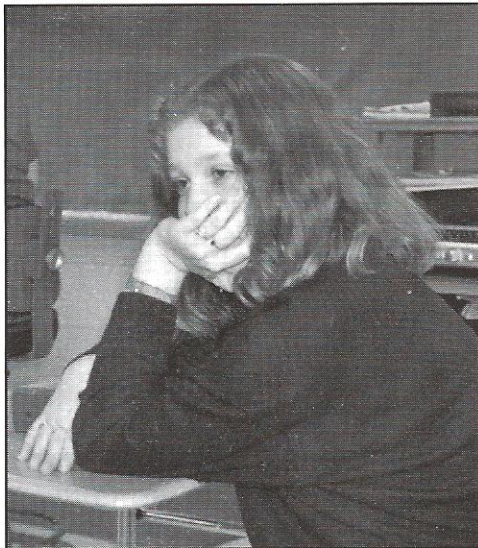


Sophomore Kalee Kinard takes a break in her Spanish class. Kalee was a JV cheerleader.



# Give Me Just a Few More Minutes ...

Throughout the years, the graceful art of procrastination has been passed down from generation to generation.

Whether it was term papers or just everyday homework, most students just seemed to put things off until the last minute. Throughout the year, any number of students could be seen in the computer lab, typing a paper usually due that day; in the library, studying for a quiz the next period; or in class, cramming for a unit test.

"Procrastination is at the root of most unsuccessful attempts at mastery," said biology teacher, Mrs. Arelene Finney-El. "To most students, homework comes after entertainment, and the students wait until the night before an assignment is due to complete it."

With most students holding down six classes, it just seemed as if there was not enough time to do everything that each teacher assigned. The battle cries

*"As a recent graduate and part-time sub, I know firsthand that procrastination is a high school trap that many fall victim to," said Theresa Hampton.*

of "But please, Miss, we have five other classes with homework in them, too!" and "We have after-school activities," could be heard wherever hard assignments lurked.

However, teachers struck back by assigning homework, days and sometimes weeks before it was due. But still, there did not seem to be enough time for some students to finish their work. In some classes "late work" baskets were put out for those people who just could not handle the amount of work. Use of these baskets, though, usually resulted in a point reduction that could go up to or exceed twenty points.

— Wayne Wright

