

PROCRASTINATION

WAITING UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE . . .

"Why do something now when you can do it later?" rationalizes junior Lee Youmans. Many students lived by this simple logic when it came to doing their schoolwork. Students had all kinds of reasons for waiting until the last minute and all kinds of horror stories about the consequences.

When asked why they procrastinate, many students complained about their other activities. Junior Latoya Fryar said she procrastinates because, "... between my job and cheerleading, school sometimes gets put on the back burner."

Junior Bill Young waits until the last minute because he has "... so much other stuff to do, it's hard to find time to do everything." Bill admits that he always puts his biology homework off because he knows he has free time in biology lab.

Others claim they're too tired to do their work in advance.

"You have school all day, you go home from school, and you don't feel like doing anything," related junior Amanda Wertz.

Mrs. Arlene Finney-El assigned her AP Biology class two chapter outlines over the Christmas holidays. Amanda waited until the night before, so she stayed up until 3 A.M. writing fifteen pages of notes!

Junior Jesse Smith admitted his true reason for procrastinating.

"I'm lazy. I always do my homework during lunch because I know I'll have time. . . ." He's definitely not the only one!

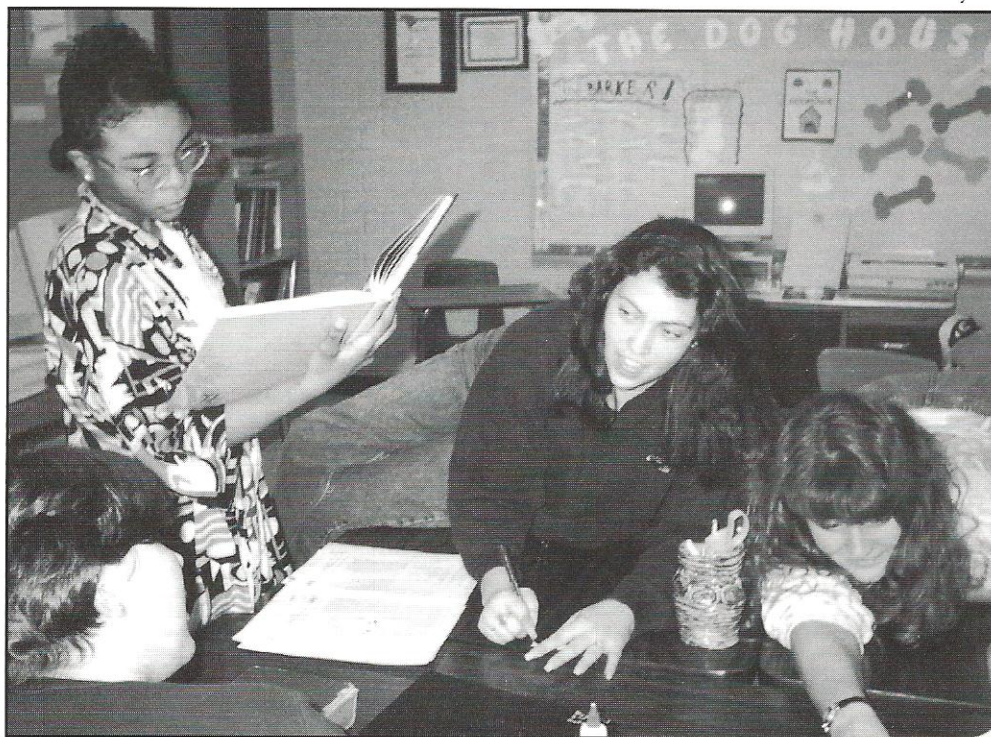
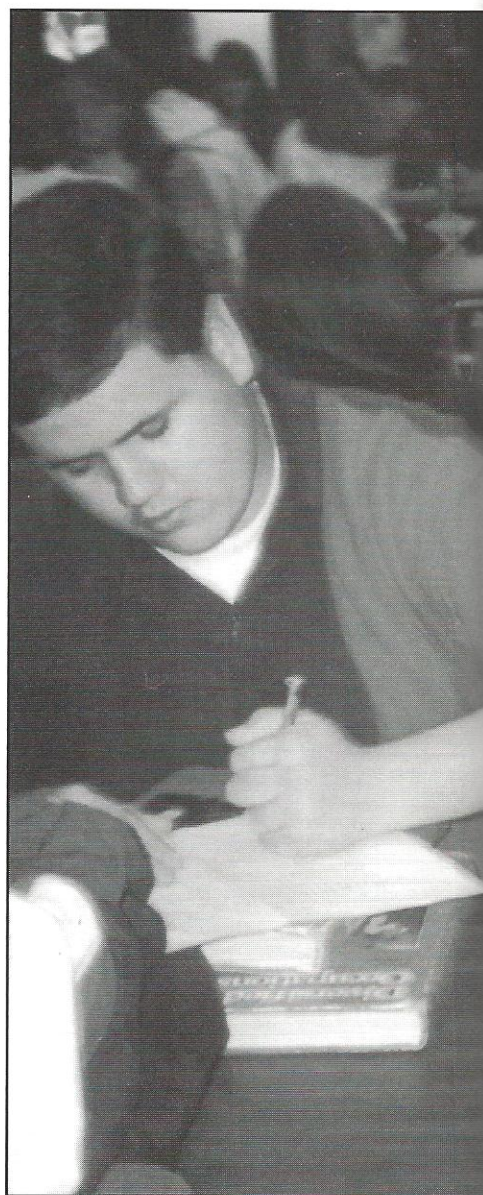
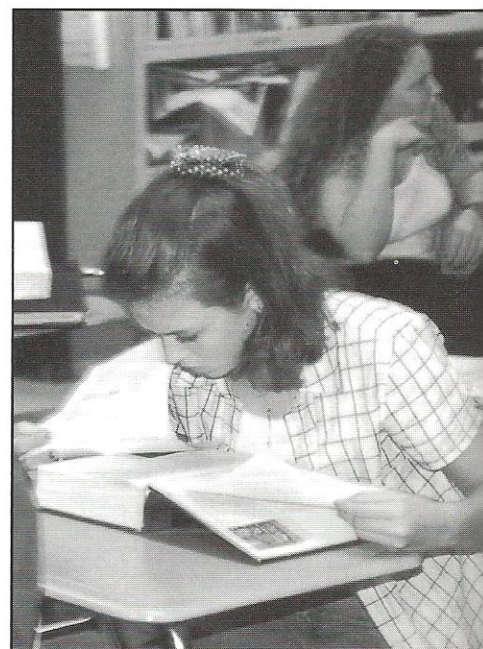
Every day during lunch, junior Kirk Walker does his Spanish homework. Kirk said he waits until lunch because "... I can copy people's stuff at lunch. . . I don't know how to do it by myself."

Mrs. Finney-El had a different outlook on the study habit situation.

"Being young makes them (students) think they have forever to live, so they think they have forever to do everything else, too."

Some students don't have time. Others are too tired. A few say they are too lazy. No matter what the reason, procrastination was the most popular homework and study method.

-Audra Flynn



Layout. Journalism staff members Sarah Keith, Tyeesha Davis, Amanda Smith, and Tanya Bluto take a break in the annual room. Too much relaxing and not enough working sometimes caused them problems when it came to meeting the all-important deadlines.

Bump you! Juniors Robert Hayes and Adair Wilkins complete Health Occupations worksheets during lunch. Robert is left-handed, so his elbow was always in the way at lunch, for whoever was trying to do homework or trying to eat.