

# GETTING IT DONE

## STUDENTS WORK HARD TO GET THE GRADE

Students jumped at the chance to get good grades while having fun. Mr. Roger Dixon's English II class found time to explore new cultures by having a Cultural Food Day. Mr. Dixon said, "We started short stories and I wanted them to explore the culture of the stories. Making the food was their idea."

"It gives us a good chance to understand what food other countries eat," said Aaron Ellison.

Mr. Dixon also enlightened his class by using song poems to connect poetry and poetic expression to a popular student interest. Mr. Dixon commented, "This is designed to appeal to population's interest."

Mrs. Linda Harrell's biology class studied fruit flies. They were crossing wild flies and two mutants. The object was to see how an experiment is conducted, to make accurate observations and to interpret data.

Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. "It's an excellent hands-on approach to the scientific method," remarked Mrs. Harrell.

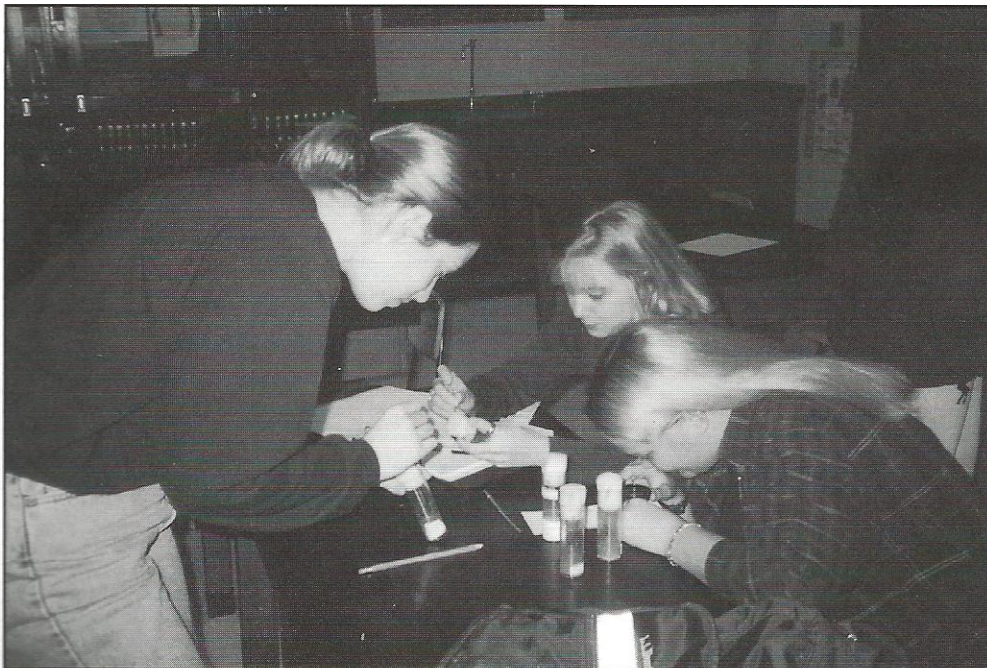
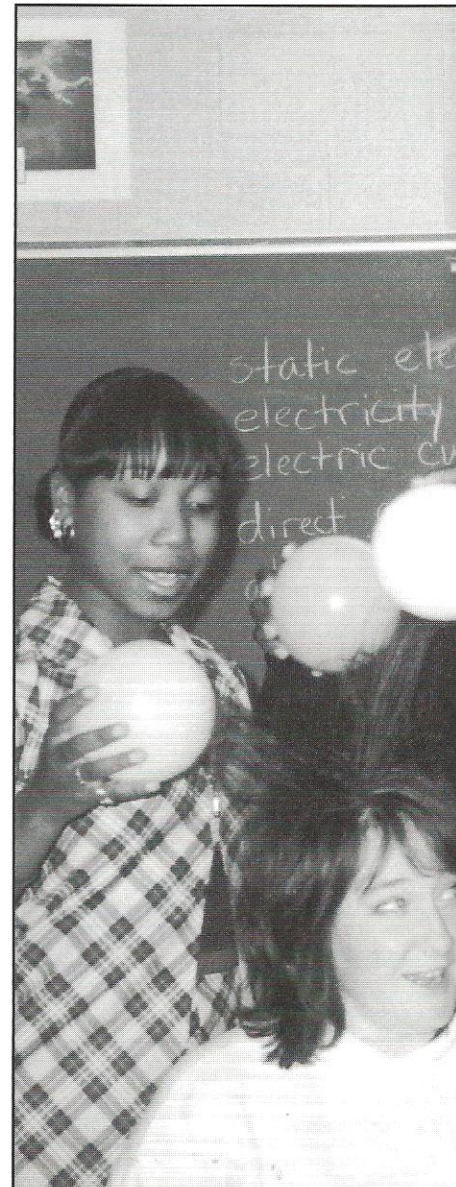
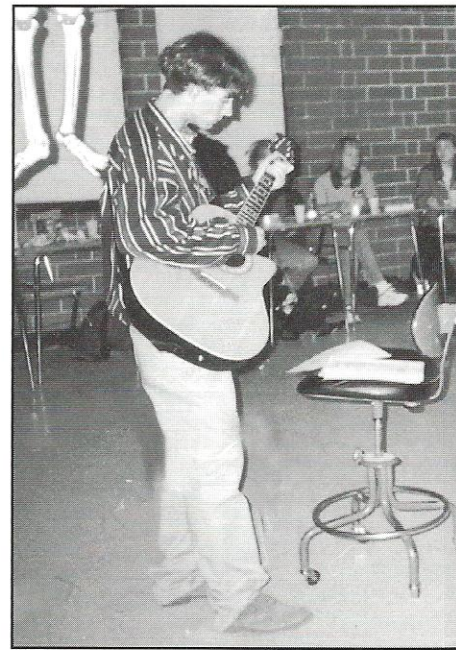
Foreign language teachers Mrs. Sharon Courtney and Mrs. Marie Reid assigned their students French and Spanish countries, for which each student had to make a flag. "My mom helped me out and sewed it up for me," said Emie Fishburne. Emie was not the only one who had help from his mom.

On the other hand, sophomore Leah Ellen Spangler said she got help from her dad because "My mom can't sew, but my dad can."

Homework was something that many people didn't enjoy, but in order to learn and get practice, every student had to do some type of homework during the school year. While daily homework grades counted less than test grades they were often very important.

Even though the focus was on test grades, many the students learned much more by doing projects and homework.

-Amanda Smith



**How fertile are you?** Seniors Jenna Crouch and Crystal Hiott and Christy Edwins are breeding fruit flies. The blue color in the test tubes was produced by the substance used to nourish the flies, a mixture of water and a special powder. Jenna was a NHS member, Crystal was in the Band of Blue, and Christy was a varsity cheerleader.

**Do I really trust them?** Mrs. Michelle Mostiler allows students Sherika Murray, a junior, Alex Pringle and Elliott Forsythe, both freshmen, to demonstrate static electricity by rubbing a balloon in her hair while Mrs. Mostiler laughs along. That was just one of several projects that her physical science classes participated in.