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Jubilant junior! Navigating through the halls after class, junior **Kinloch Smith** does not mind the hallway conditions. "I really don't mind the halls. I'm sure that the combination won't be that big of a space problem," she said.

students learn in cramped environments

Students moved daily from class to class in crowded hallways while concentrating on pushing through the maze of stalemated people. Already packed with 1700 students; what impact will the addition of 300 people have on the school?

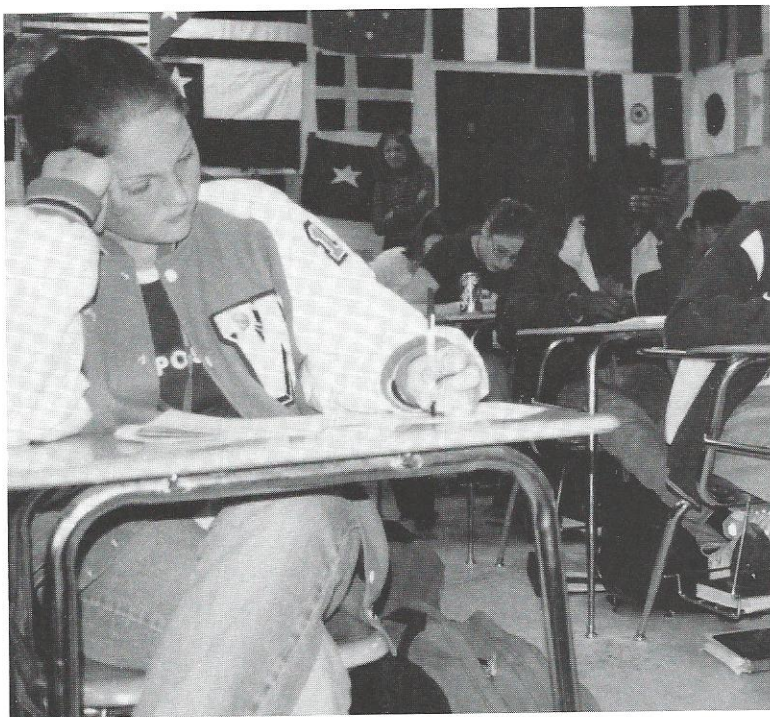
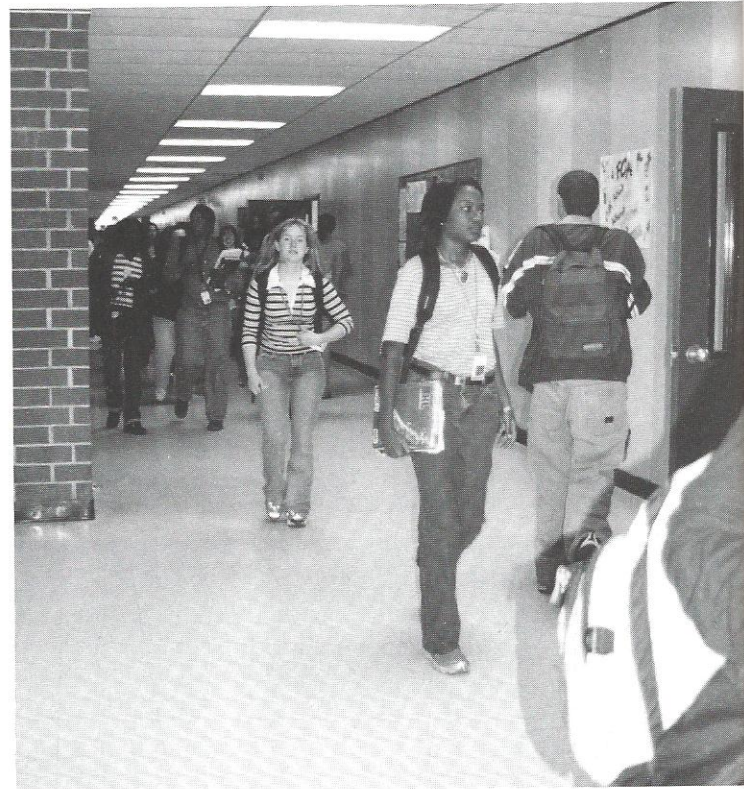
Students from Ruffin High School will combine with Walterboro High School students in 2003. Classes were already filled with nearly twenty-five students each, but the addition of twenty classrooms should provide more space for students. Students offered valuable opinions about the merger.

"I think the combination will give us more people to socialize with and add new and different opinions to class discussions," sophomore **Meagan Smith** said.

Students like senior **Nathan Breland** disagreed. "With the combination, classrooms and hallways will be almost unbearable. I'm glad that I won't have to worry about it," Nathan said.

Even though class sizes will increase and hallways will become less spacious, there are benefits of the merger. Though it may take awhile for students and faculty to accept the change, but over time, the positive aspects will show.

-Brad Peurifoy



Busy bees. Diligently working on a test, students in Mr. **George Smith's** first period are cramped together. It was a difficult task for Mr. Smith to pay each student attention.

Taking a break.. Looking at each other's work, seniors **Latoya Davis** and **Samantha Hodges** both agree that the combination of the schools will provide more diversity in the classrooms.

