

head of the class

having the potential to be honors material

Leaders of the pack. Throughout school there were many honors classes that were offered. These classes were supposed to be more challenging than that of the college prep classes. Long and strenuous activities and load after load of homework seemed to make these honor classes so hard. Much will and determination was required to keep good grades and stay in these classes.

"Honors classes take a lot of work and are very time consuming, but they are definitely worth taking," junior **Deidre Bartley** said.

Honors classes had their pros and cons. Students who took honors classes and did

poorly saw the effect their grade made on their GPAs. But those who stuck with the classes admitted they were better prepared for a future in college. Being in honors classes not only benefits students with knowledge, but colleges respond well to these classes being on applications.

"Being in honors classes prepared me well for the future by giving me a feeling of a somewhat college-like atmosphere," senior **Brian Teasdell** said.

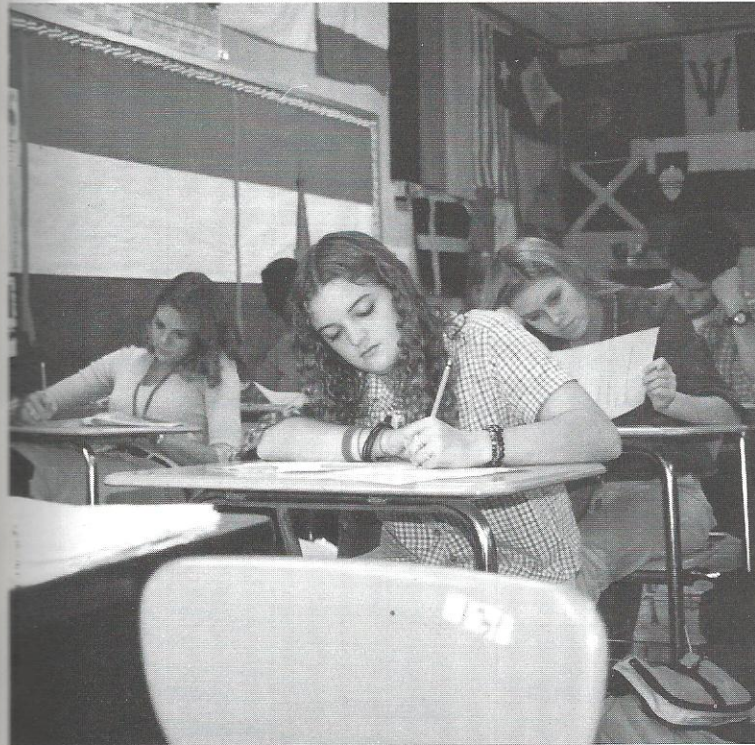
One of the most positive aspects of being in honors classes was that it put students on a different Grade Point Average scale, which made it possible to make above a 4.0 GPA. This meaning that if one

did very well in taking honors classes, it would make his or her GPA higher than that of a student doing equally well in college prep courses.

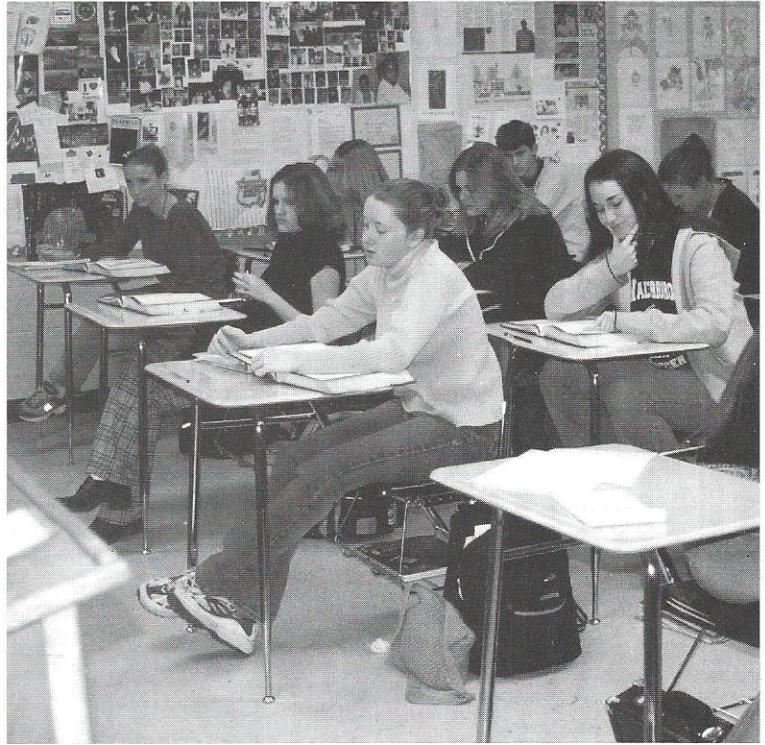
"One reason I like being in honors classes is because when I do really good in these classes it raised my GPA higher than what I used to get before I was taking honors classes," freshman **Vickie Hoff** said.

Honors students did not mind the extra work because the benefits of taking honors classes outweighed the losses.

-Hunter Thomas



Doing everything possible. During Coach Smith's AP US History class, junior **Mandi Breedlove** takes a major test. Mandy has been in honors classes since the beginning of her high school career. She didn't mind doing all of the long and grueling work because she knew it would pay off in the long run.



Reading Time. During Mrs. **Susan Nettles**'s English II honors class, students take the time out of their busy work to read. In this class students were required to read the assigned stories that were in their literature books. They were given tests to make sure they had read them as well.