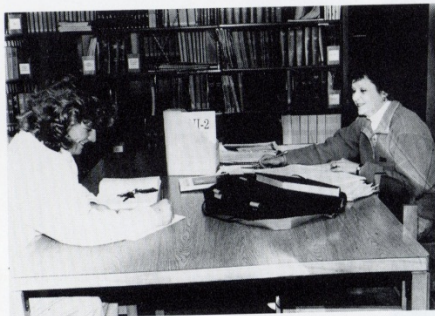
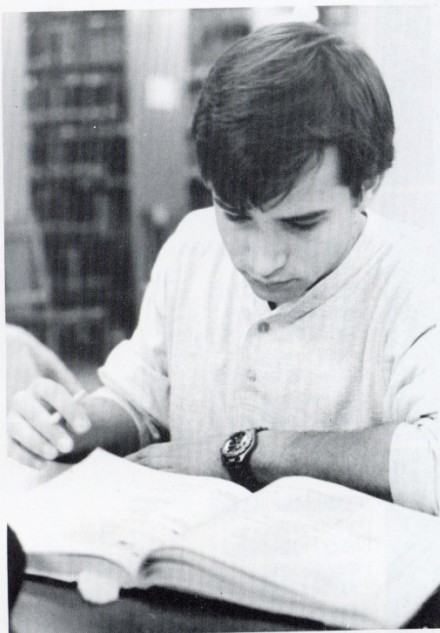


## Study sessions

# Another all-nighter

**HITTING THE BOOKS.** Sophomore Jason Brinley finds some much-needed quiet time in the library, so he can concentrate on schoolwork. Photo by Adam Robison.



**ANOTHER STUDY SESSION.** Angie Willingham and Gail Robbins prepare for a difficult exam by studying together in the library. Photo by Pamela Hicks.

Does this sound familiar? You've been putting off studying all day for that dreaded, horrible, mind-boggling test. Then you look at the clock and realize that it's already 10:30 p.m.

Your procrastination has gotten you into trouble again. Time to panic? Yes...or maybe not. Rest assured, you can always pull a successful all-nighter.

There are certain elements that are necessary to complete an all-night study session—one of which is coffee. Students should always keep a pot of this much-needed, caffeine-filled beverage brewing all night. Of course students can make their own coffee, but it's often better to go somewhere besides home for study time. "Sometimes it's best to study in a restaurant that serves a bottomless cup of coffee," suggests sophomore Jennifer Empric. "The distractions keep you from falling asleep, but there's enough privacy to really get some studying done."

Another thing that is a must for working through the night is to have already obtained all the notes which will be needed. An important courtesy to remember is not to call any classmate at 3:00 a.m. on the day of the test to ask, "Would it be possible to make a copy of the notes I missed last Wednesday?" Besides having your notes assembled, it would also be beneficial to have purchased any needed study guides which may be the key to completing this mission.

Often, many students who try to learn it all in the night before the test have not attended class regularly, but sometimes this is not the case. It's merely that life may have been too complicated lately to get any studying done. Sophomore Adam Robison said, "Once in a while, time just runs out. Between work and actual school time, there may not be any other choice for me but to study all night. Fortunately the few times that I've had to do it, it's worked."

The library is always an excellent place to study, but it does not stay open throughout the night. Many students were annoyed by how early the library closed—midnight on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday; 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday, the library closed in the early evening. Junior Andrea Hall thinks that the library hours should be increased because, "Students need access to the library's resources up until early morning hours."

Surprisingly, not everyone has had to study all night. With the "if I don't know it now I'll never know it" philosophy, sophomore Jamie Sims has taken the approach of resting easy the night before the test. She said, "If I don't get at least six hours of sleep, then my mind won't function." Still other students take an even more laid-back approach like freshman Brant Butler who said, "I'll take a zero before I study all night."

Although some students may never have to learn seven chapters in one night, the truth is that most students will at one point. Students who must face this overwhelming task should remember to remain calm and drink plenty of coffee. Another hint is not to get too comfortable or something terrible might happen—such as sleeping through test time. So whenever you decide to study, remember these tips and good luck!

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