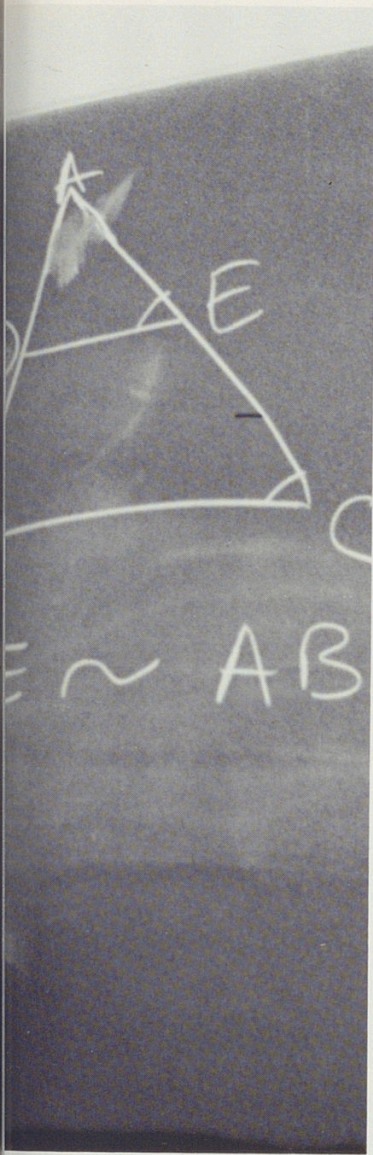


Joe Veys steps back to decide how to attack the complicated problem.



## Math is More Than in the Classroom

**W**hat kind of test could possibly tempt students to stay after school in order to take it? It was the Ohio Math League Test.

According to math teacher Cindy DePoe, who was in charge of administering the tests, it was a series of six tests consisting of six problems covering a wide variety of mathematics. A time limit of thirty minutes was given to the students to complete the problems. She described the tests as "... a couple of easy problems at the beginning, then as you go along, they get more challenging and require more thinking."

Students found their main incentive for taking the tests was the extra credit they received from their math teachers. Also, DePoe said, "...colleges like seeing activities such

as this on high school transcripts, and some students actually thought that taking the tests was fun!"

Junior Natasha Pace's reason for taking the tests was a little bit different. "I found that they gave me practice in using concepts I had learned in class, and they gave me a chance to see if I could apply my learning to different types of problems," she said.

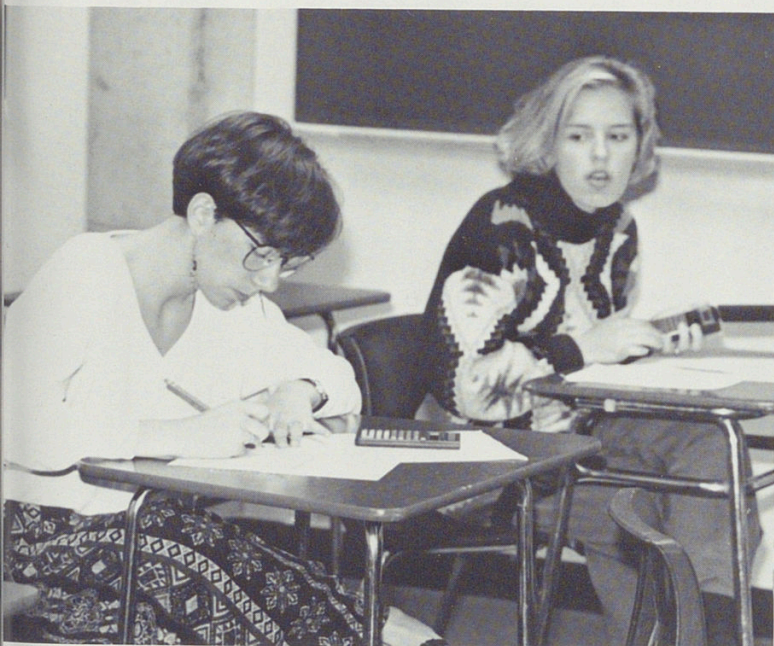
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Besides extra credit, additional practice, and appearing on transcripts, there was one other advantage to taking the tests.

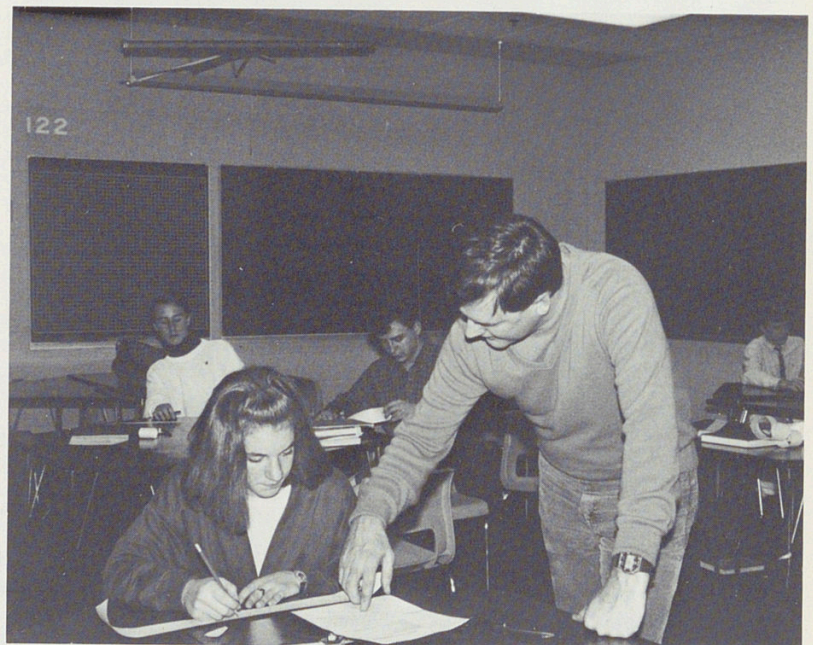
Although there were no individual awards given to high-scoring students, the school submitted the five top scores for a combined team score. The scores from all the tests were added together for the team to compete in county and state competitions. This way, students could get recognition for all the hours they put in after school to take the tests.

by Courtney Shackelford



arge Pierce concentrates intently on s math, while Dan Rapp takes time t to daydream.

Ali White looks to Lisa Hagedorn for help in figuring out how to use her scientific calculator.



Mr. Shelton helps Laura Egloff make a Mobias strip, a favorite activity of math students, while Cliff Mandola and Mike McKeown struggle alone.

