

Focus On French

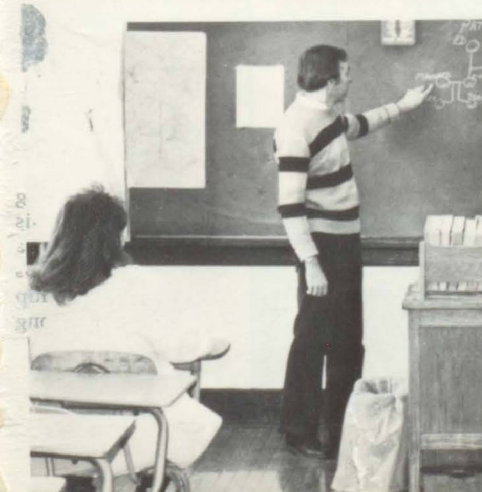
Sanford Lends Helping Hand

"I like to help people with their interests in careers as well as those with problems with school." These are the words of Mr. Fred Sanford, who has been our counselor for twenty years and has helped solve many people's problems. The people who come in to see him are the people who need help with financial aid or personal or academic counseling or need advice about their future after they graduate. "I enjoy being a counselor because I like to help people and the people like me. The people rely on me to get the job done. I hope I can continue to help them."

Mr. Sanford enjoys being counselor because he likes to help people with their problems whether they are problems with school or problems with the family. He comes to school early in the morning to start to help people with the problems. He returns home late at night to prepare for the next day to help more people.

"I feel that taking French class will improve students' English grades. I also feel that if they take French class, their scores on the SAT and ACT tests will improve," said Mr. Fred Sanford, high school French teacher. He enjoys teaching French class and wants the students to learn more about other languages and cultures by reading a monthly magazine, *Bon jour*. They have films about Paris, and crossword puzzles, comic strips and video cassettes taken from French television. They also present skits of restaurant scenes, the French Market, and newscasts. In addition, there are reports every Friday, taken from French news articles. "I wanted to teach French because I wanted to be able to actually hear a student speak in French. I also think that most of the people who take French class take it because of their interest in it and they have a good English background. It could help if they went to France or Quebec. A person's vocabulary can quickly change if he has the interest to learn French. There have been over ten thousand French words brought into the American language. When a student tells me that he enjoys French, it lets me know that I have made the class interesting."

Mr. Sanford only has three students in his fourth hour French class, so they can learn different French words and at the same time enjoy them because the class is small. Mr. Sanford and the students think that having a small French class is better than having a big class because then the students can set their attention on the subject of French instead of on another subject and get their studying done.



◆ Mr. Sanford helps the students learn new words from the textbook. They have tests over the new words that they use in their French vocabulary. They learn new and interesting words and learn about new cultures and languages by watching films and having video cassettes on the different ways that the French people live.

French students talk to each other about the problems that they have with the words in their French vocabulary. The three students in the fourth hour French class are Melanie Siebert, Erin Malek and Val Strouse. They enjoy French class because it is a challenge to learn another language and different customs. ◆

