The quietness is deafening. School is out and the halls are empty. Everyone is gone. What exactly do students do

After The Bell

Finally, the last bell. Students pour out of the classrooms and into the hallways, heading for their lockers. The halls are alive with the chatter of voices and the screeches of scuffed feet. Soon, as the door closes behind the last student, the halls fall silent. But where, one could ask, does everyone go?

The answer to this question is far from conventional. Some go directly home to relax in front of the TV. Others are not lucky enough to lead this life of carefree happiness. They go straight to work after school or head out to practice. And still others sacrifice their free time and stay after school to do extra work in a particularly difficult class or practice that certain tough passage of music.

But, most importantly, this time is a time for us to do as we please. To do what we want to do. It lets us grow as individuals; allows us to discover ourselves. It shapes our likes and dislikes. It gives us time to be ourselves, not a carbon copy of the norm.

The first bell rings. It is morning once again and it's time for first hour. Students groan their way to class, chatting about all that happened to them after the bell the day before. After the bell. The time that goes so quickly. Too quickly.

> POSTERS, POSTERS, POSTERS! Cheerleaders Stephanie Melvin and Amy Andersen help pep up our school by making poster after poster. Those hard working gals averaged 8-10 hours of practice per week. "It's not easy," stated Stephanie, "but it's fun."

> RIPPING DOWN THE REBOUND is all part of a typical practice as Scott Brzak, Jim Stehlik, Scott Polash, Charlie Howes and Jim Drummond surely know. "Our hard work and determination during practice paid off during the games," agreed Jim Stehlik.

