

SAT ... Friend or Enemy?

The SAT reaps havoc on poor, innocent students every year. "What's it like?" and "How do I study for it?" are two questions that race through students' minds before the test. This is how some of our senior students handled their "day of doom".

"The first time I did absolutely nothing to prepare," said Mary Lee Hodges. "The second time I got a book and pretended to study. I wasn't really nervous; I just wanted it to be over!"

"I took Larry Mills's SAT Preparatory class and studied my ten

SAT's," replied John Martin. "I was nervous at first that I wouldn't do well, and I was relieved when it was over."

"I took practice SAT's," responded Bill Dove, "but that was about all. I dreaded it. Afterwards I was very drained."

Camak Blair replied, "I didn't really prepare for the test, but like almost everyone, I felt tense beforehand. As I took the test, I eventually calmed down."

"Michelle and I read 14 Days to Better SAT Scores on the way to the Wilson Hall game," said Casey Bonds. "That lasted about fifteen minutes — so we covered about one

day per minute!"

Michelle Moody confirmed Casey's story. "On Thursday before the SAT on Saturday, I checked out the book 14 Days to Better SAT Scores. That Friday, Casey and I studied on the way to the game. We decided to act like "big seniors" and quizzed Sara Boyd and Gini on math problems. They answered more than we did!"

Even though these students had their own ideas about whether or not to do anything extra to prepare for SAT, they all knew that it would be one of the deciding factors on college applications.



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I really didn't do anything but get a good night's sleep. I was really nervous before taking it. During it I felt as if I was taking an extra long exam. Afterwards I felt relieved that it was over.

— Priscilla Rambo

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HOW TO PREPARE:

- Read SAT books
- Study vocabulary
- Get a good night's sleep
- Take an SAT class
- Review with teachers
- Take it more than once
- Read a variety of books
- Pay attention to teachers
- Take your time
- Concentrate
- Eat a good breakfast

