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pect the different responses given by both genders.

Another theory is that our genetic makeup differs from the boys'. A female brain develops faster than a males', so we develop mature feelings way before the guys even realize we're no longer in the "cootie" stage. This just furthers the communication gap.

Now that we have identified the

differences between the sexes in communication and the possible reasons for such, allow me to leave you males listening in with some advice:

1. Think about what we mean, not what we say.
2. We are not trying to manipulate you.
3. Respect these differences; don't further the gap.



Junior Angie Laswell is just one of many students who are kept busy inside the classroom and outside at an afterschool job. (photo by Courtney Alexander)

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males and females, and it is usually the woman that starts the conflict, claiming that the man is not listening. This could be avoided if the woman would say what she means, instead of trying to use faint suggestions and hoping that the man who is used to direct comments and requests will pick up on them.

For example, take the following conversation: Sally--"Are you hungry?" Rich says no and continues about his business, when in reality Sally was trying to suggest her own hunger. I find this type of behavior to be completely absurd. If Sally was hungry why didn't she

just say that and get fed?

Listening is the biggest gripe that females give to us guys. They say "Why don't you listen to me blah blah blah." I think this problem runs back to the language difference. If females would just say what they mean then we would know what is going on and could understand what they are saying.

Well, the differences I have discussed only scratch the surface of the different languages used by males and females and women should just adapt to the masculine way of speaking. Remember, you can't spell female without M-A-L-E.

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also stated that her stress level hasn't really changed since she now has school before having to go into work.

"My schedule starts at 6:30 so I can get up and get ready for school. I get home at 3:35 PM and then I have to go into work at 4:00, and I get off at 9:00 PM. On the weekends I usually go in at 11:00 AM and get off at 8:00 PM."

RCHS football player and sophomore Brad Wesley say that

he is always stressed--about football, the big game or grades. Wesley practices every day of the week for three hours a day and says that he is always stressed out before a game.

"I'd rather play football than have a job. There's no way that I could handle both."

Wesley also stated that he doesn't have enough time to do his homework, because he is constantly busy.

"As soon as practice is over I come home, do my homework, and go to bed."

DeBorde believes that as the years go by teens' busy schedules will get worse. Laswell believes that as time progress that this issue will become a major health risk in teenagers.

"If this issue is getting attention now then I think it will get more, and people will start to realize that it is a big issue."

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