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## Hats off (and on) to caring students

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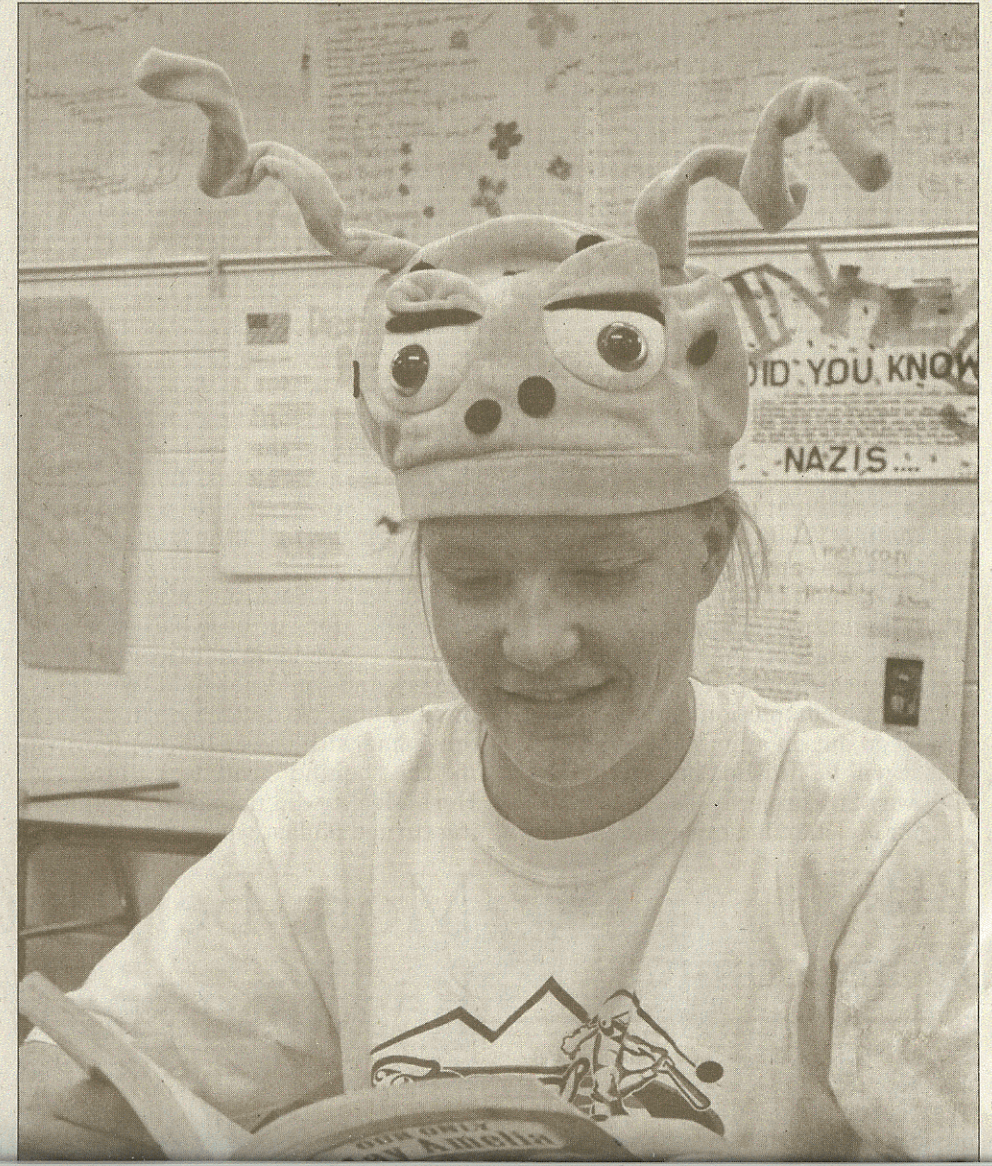
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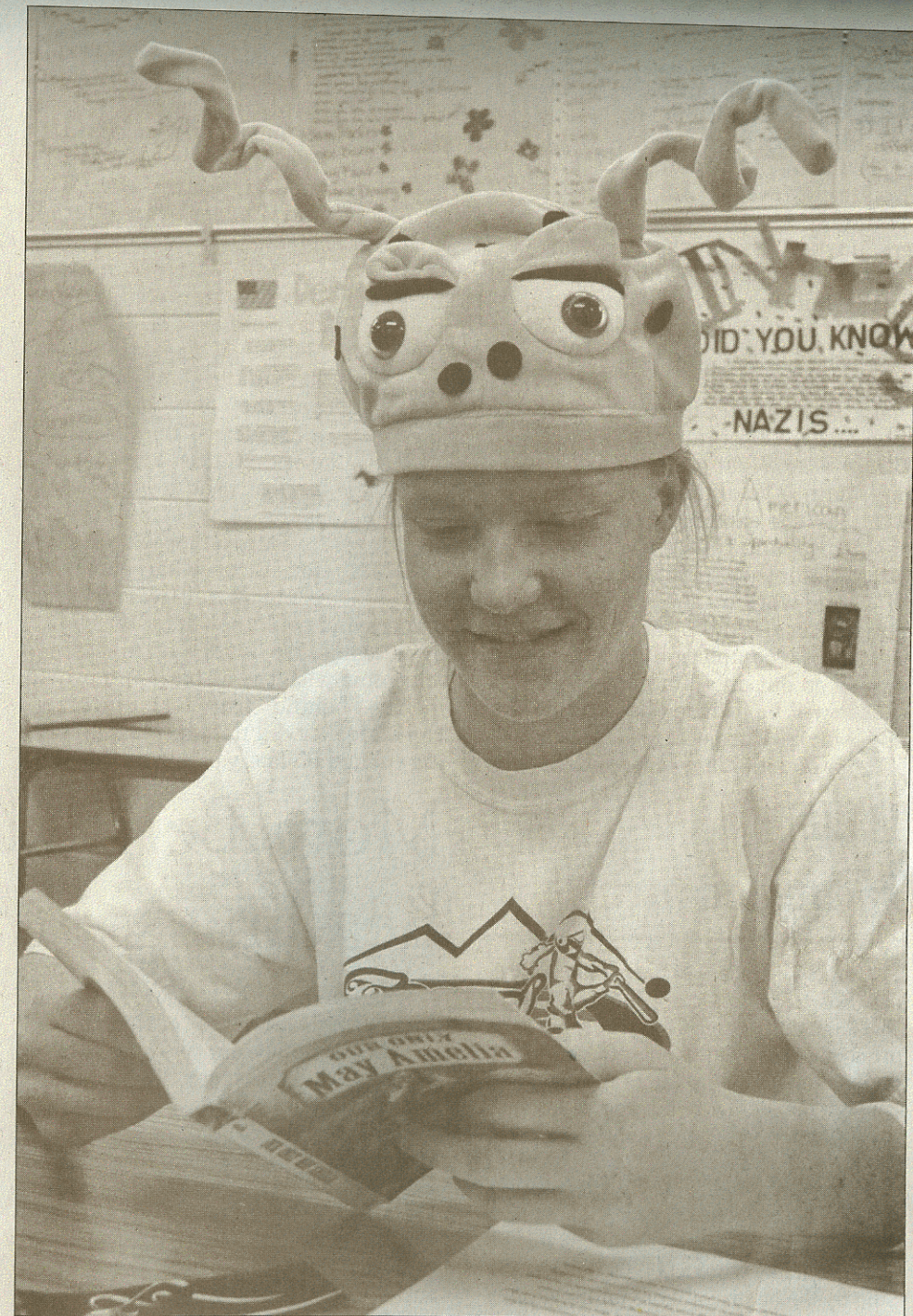
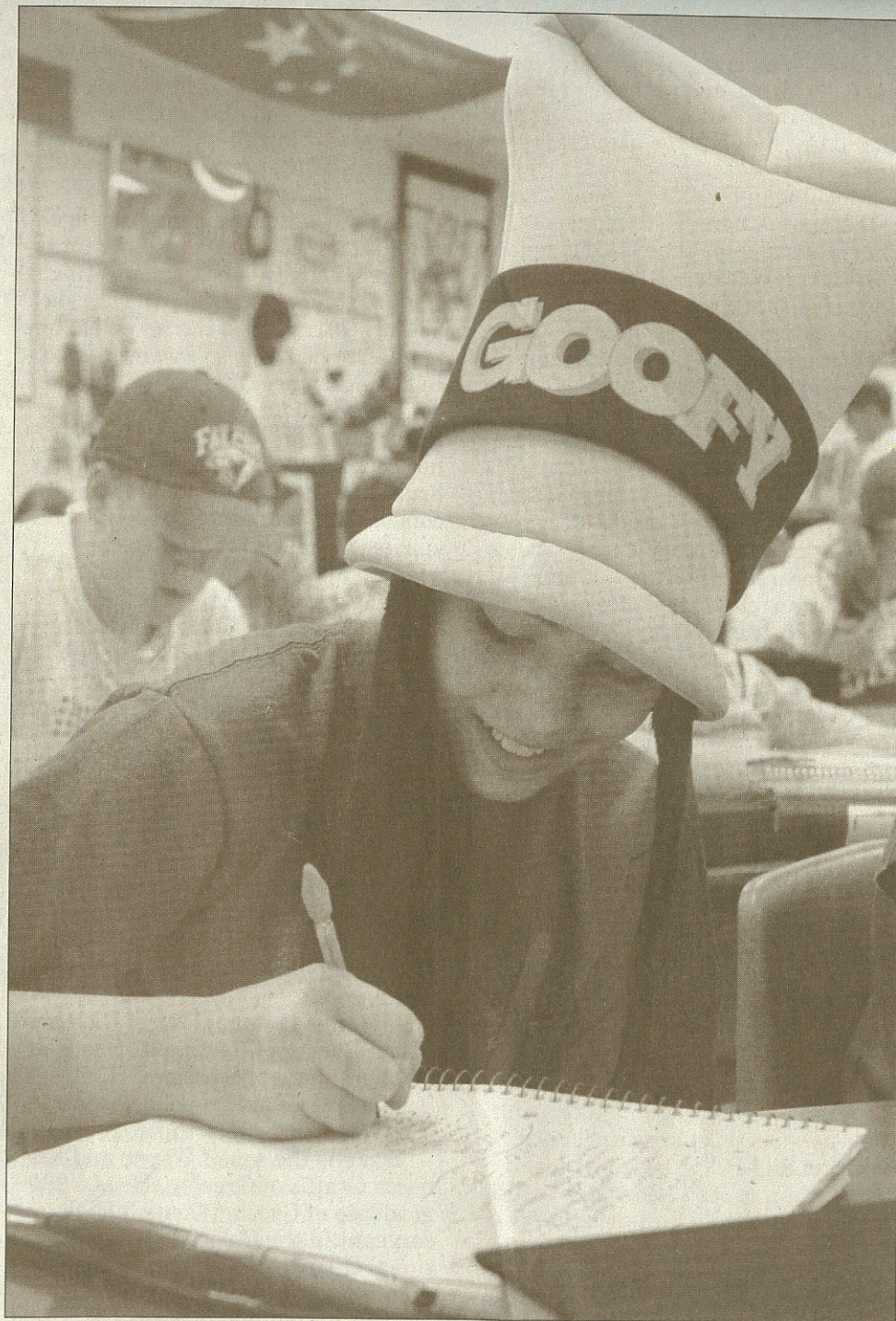
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The students' sense of fun is serious, though, because it enables them to move toward their goal of raising a thousand dollars to help other teens in need. Hats off to them.



**Krystin Schooley, 12, (left)** wears her Goofy hat to class last Friday at Turner Middle School, while Amy Ekart, 13 **(right)** reads wearing an unidentified — but just as goofy — hat. The two had purchased "hat passes" for \$2 to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. Assistant principal Bill Siebers said that the goal was to raise \$1,000 through the students and that \$200 had already been raised by noon Friday.

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