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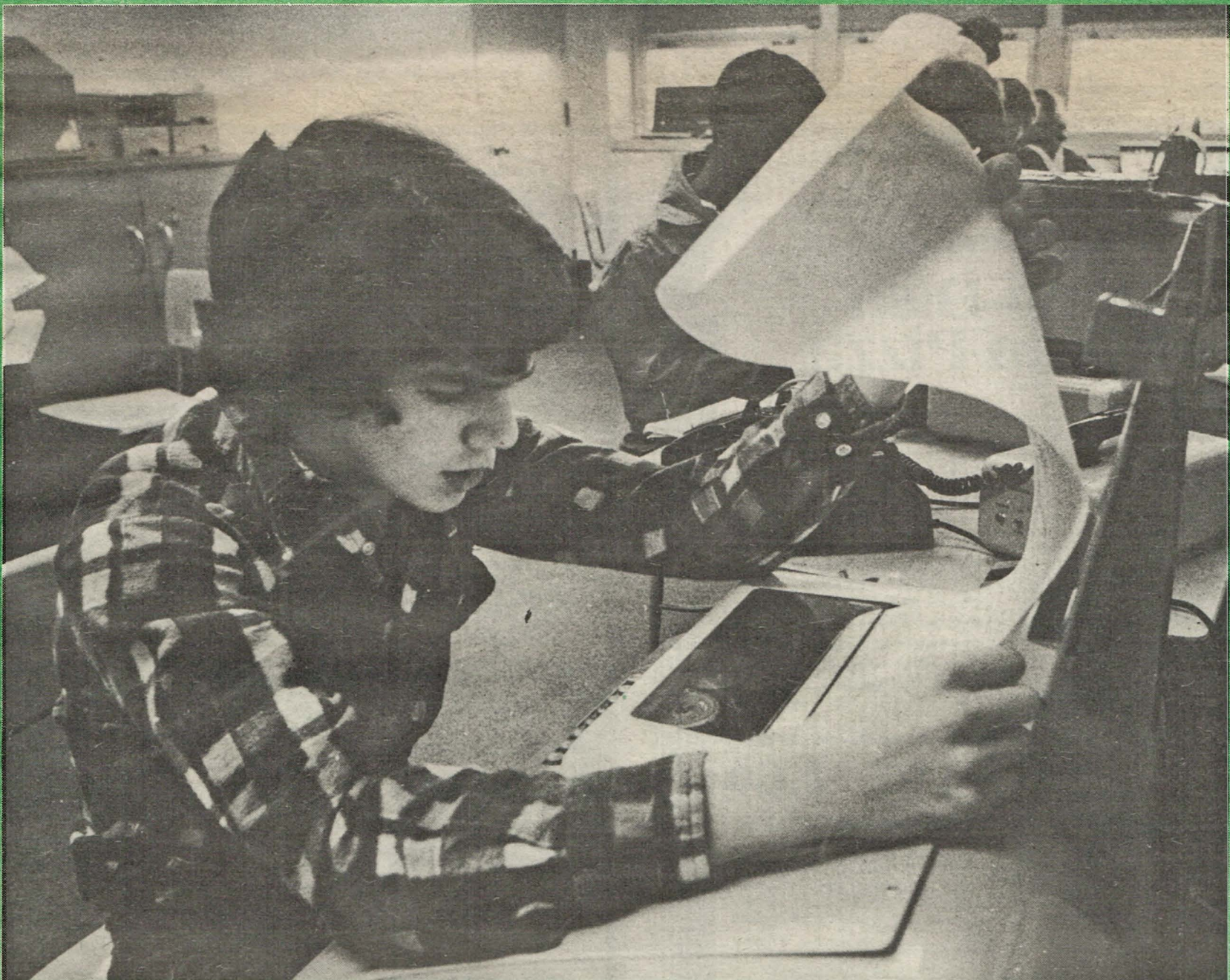
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**GW's computer wizards in national limelight**

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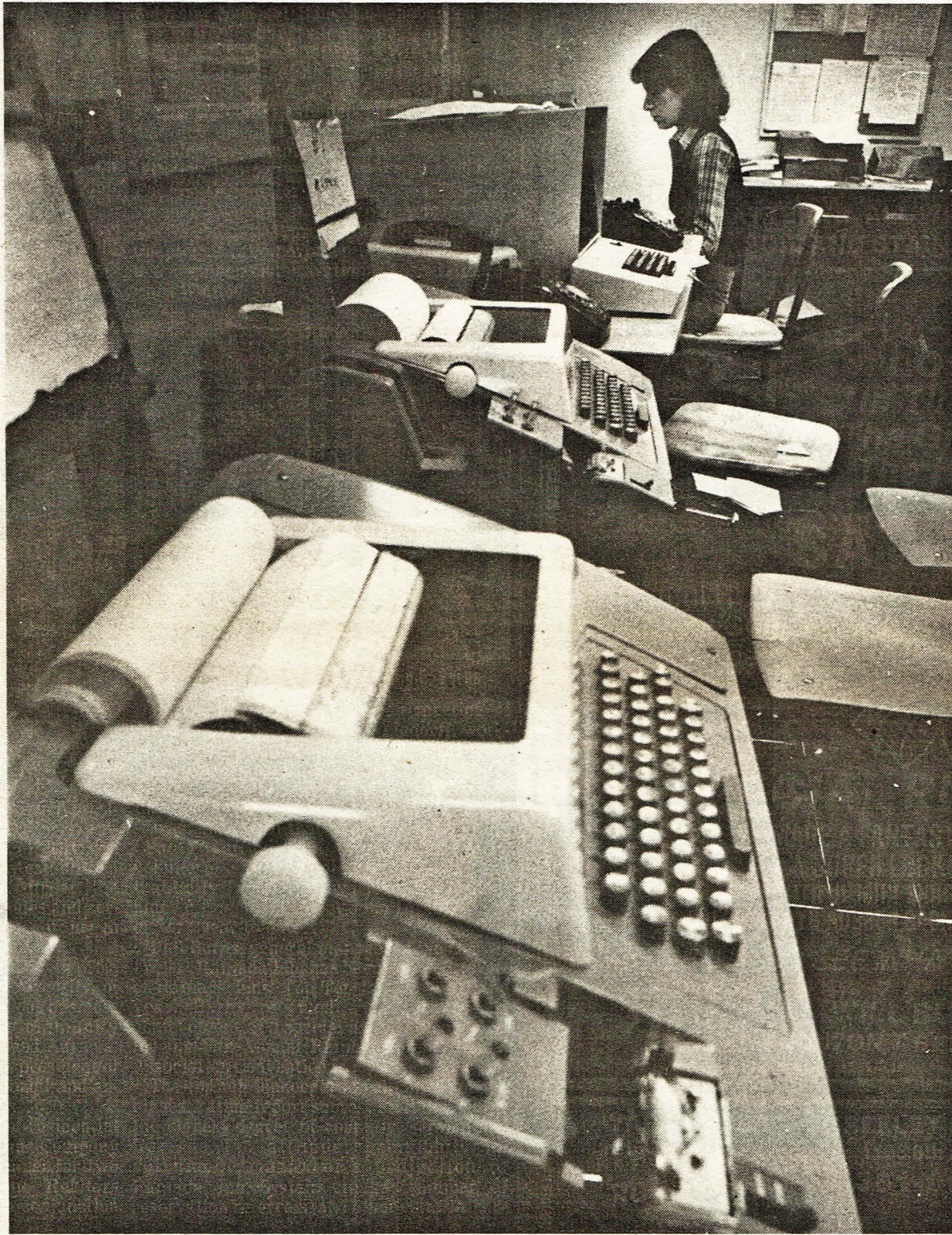
David Disler, one of Dr. Irving Hoffman's proteges at George Washington High School, reviews computer printout. (Photo by Eric Bakke)



# Computers have class

George Washington High School has known for years it has one of the best academic computer programs in the country. Now the rest of the nation will know it, too.

As part of a research project sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO) in Washington has selected the



Laura Freeman works at retrieving a program listing she wrote in an earlier class period.



Robert Helfant copies chalkboard mode equation.

computer course designed by GW's Dr. Irwin Hoffman as exemplary in five of six categories. GW was listed first in each category and was the only high school given five exemplars.

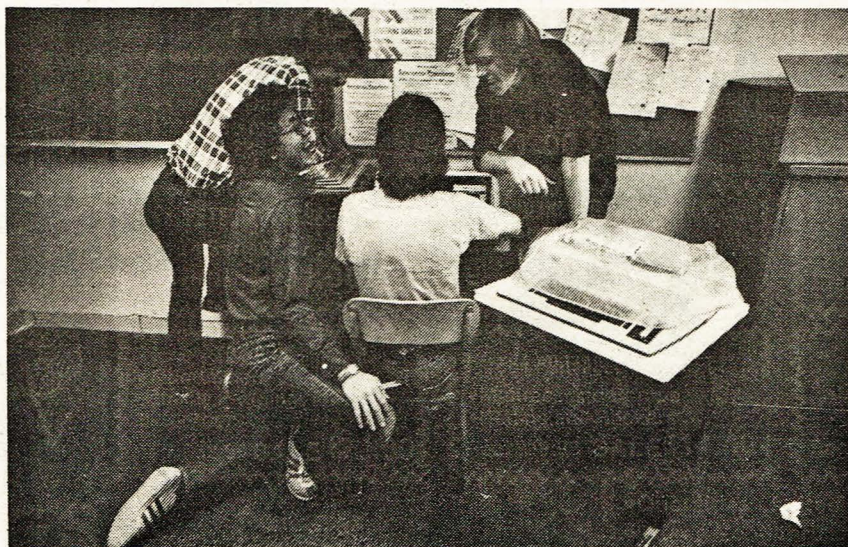
Hoffman expects to be busy showing his program to educators from around the nation after HumRRO publishes its list of exemplary institutions. GW also will be listed in HumRRO's "Academic Computing Directory."

GW Asst. Principal Armand DeSaverio said the only thing keeping GW's computer program from being even better is lack of money. As it is, Hoffman has parlayed several grants and awards into an impressive display of computer equipment.

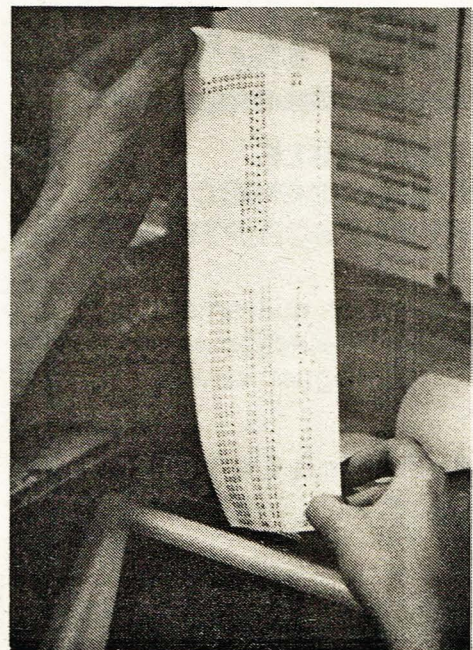
The result is that by the time they graduate, many of Hoffman's students know eight different computer languages. And for a high schooler, that's quite an accomplishment.



Robbie Gilmore averages grades



One computer draws crowd during run of Fibonacci sequence



photos by Eric Bakke



# GW math instructor honored as teacher

Dr. Irwin J. Hoffman, computer-mathematics teacher at George Washington High School, is one of four finalists for the Colorado Teacher of the Year award. He was cited for creating a "living curriculum" in a Dec. 2 ceremony in the Governor's office.

Hoffman was given a certificate by Gov. Dick Lamm and Calvin M. Frazier, Colorado Commissioner of Education.

He was honored for teaching excellence in areas such as income tax, buying food, population growth, buying insurance and learning the metric system.

Hoffman, a top tennis player, was also cited for helping to promote the sport among handicapped and minority youths by supplying free racquets to youngsters who cannot afford them through the Colorado Youth Tennis Foundation.