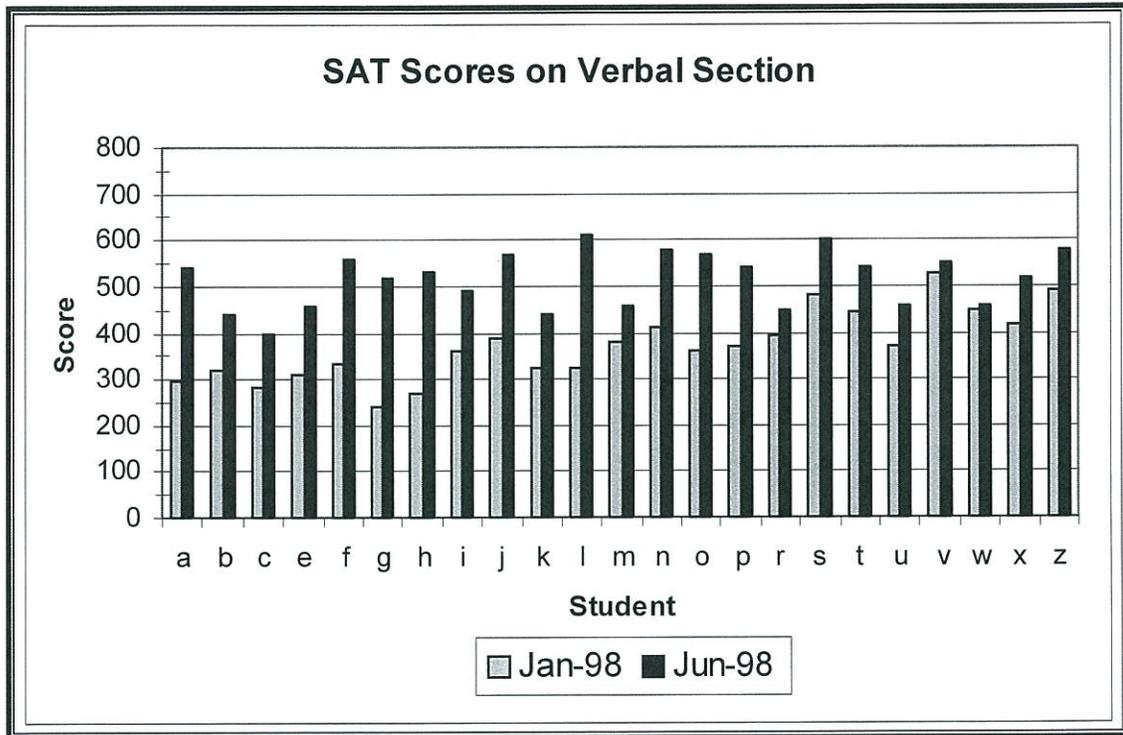
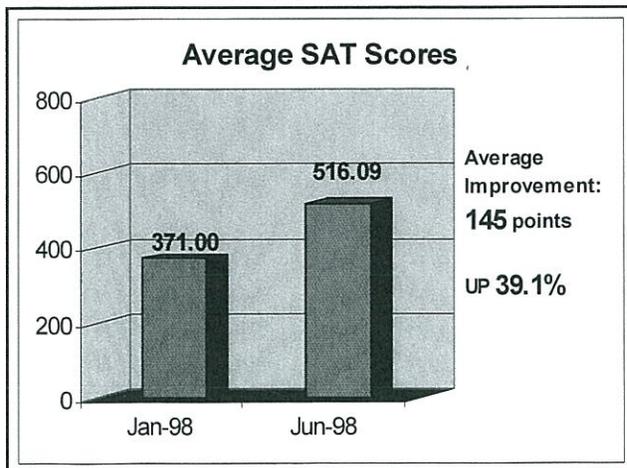


**SAT PREPARATION
FOR CRITICAL READING**
TOUCHSTONES DISCUSSION PROJECT

The tables below detail the scores and changes in scores for students using Touchstones' "SAT Preparation for Critical Reading" between the dates of their first test (January, 1998) and their second (June, 1998). Our volume, while part of an SAT preparation course, was the only volume used specifically for the critical reading section.

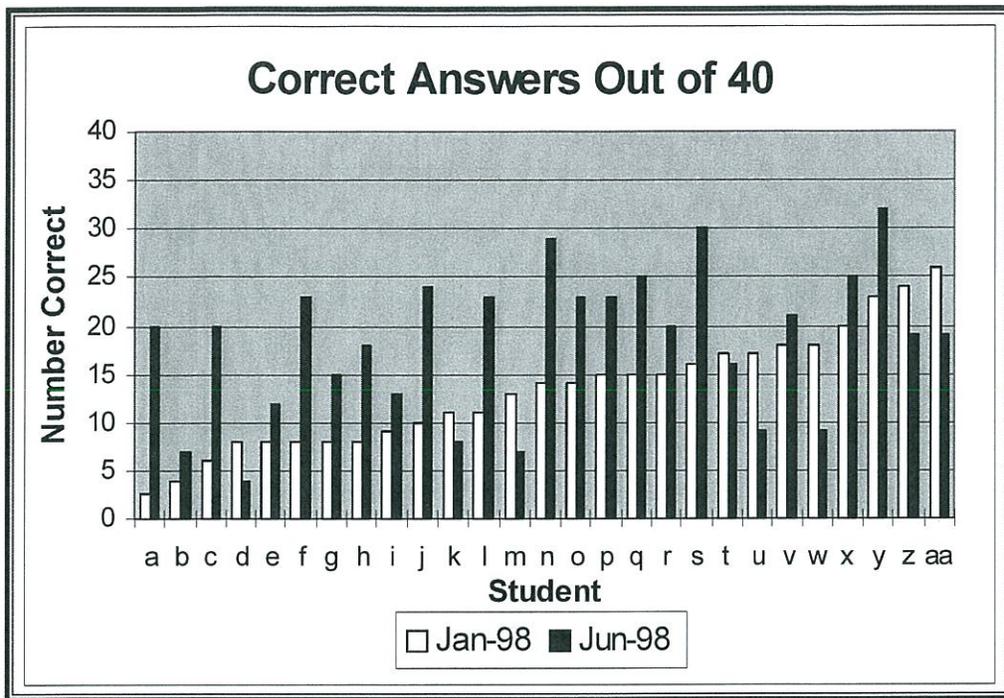


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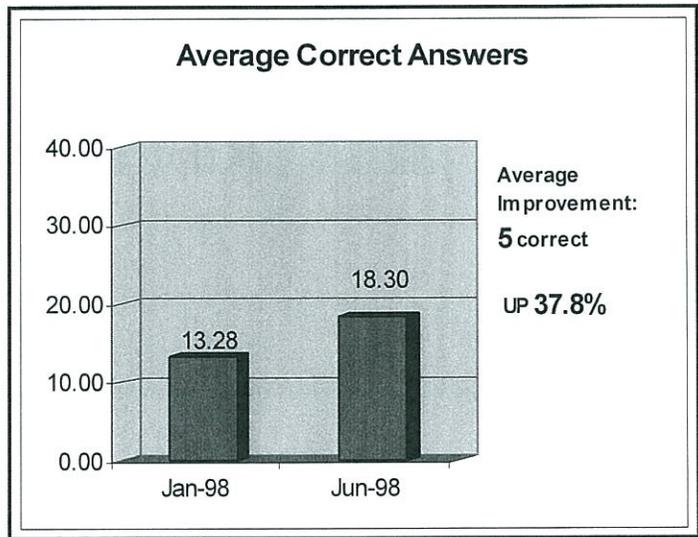
Average scores on the verbal section increased by a dramatic 145 points, a 39% improvement. In addition, the students who most benefited from the program were those that had scored less than 400 on their first test. These students' scores improved by an average of over 170 points, from 332.3 to 502.5. In addition, while 16 of the 23 students scored below 400 on their first test, all 23 students scored at least 400 the second time around.



The critical reading component of the SAT composes only half of the Verbal Section. These charts represent student's individual and average changes on the 40 questions that make up the critical reading section.

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Similar to the improvement in students' scores on the verbal section, the number of correct answers increased by 37.8%. Also similar is that the students who gave the fewest correct answers on the first test showed the largest increases after using the volume. While the entire class increased by an average of 5 correct answers, students who answered fewer than 10 correctly on the January test, increased even more dramatically. These students more than doubled their number of correct answers, going from 7.1 correct to 15.6.



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