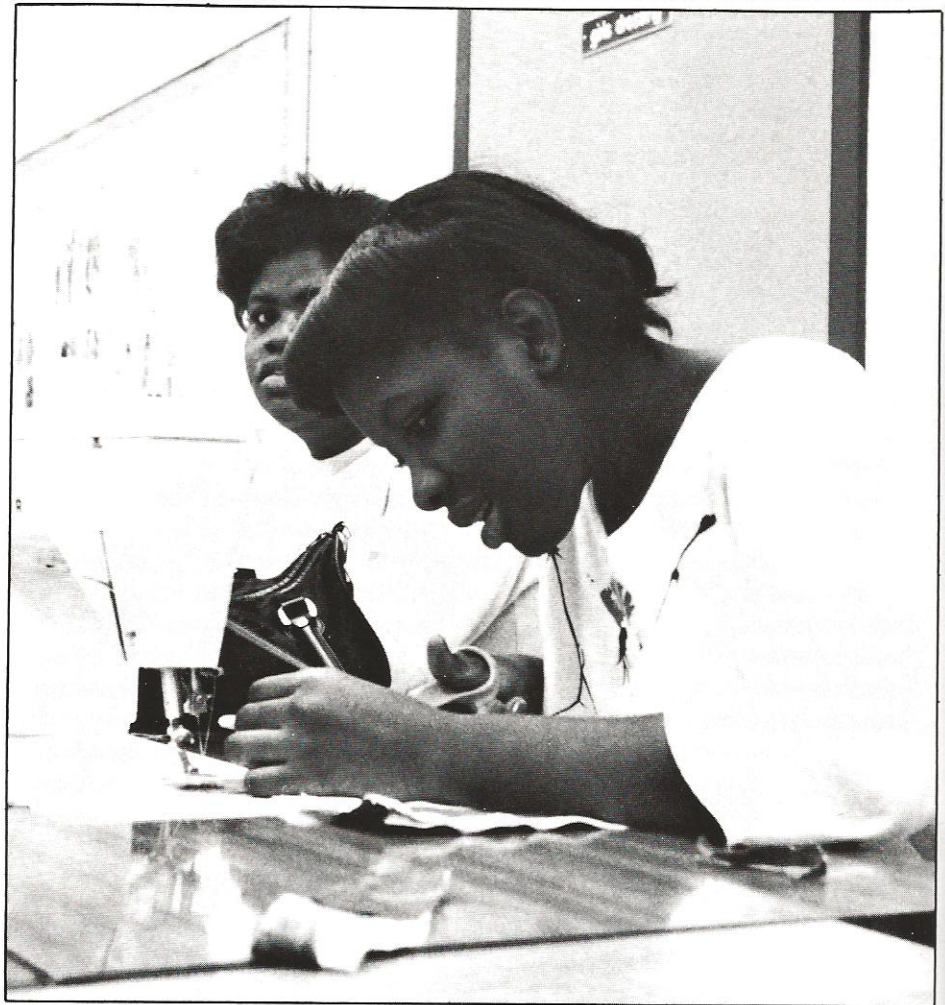


### New sewing techniques

Stacy Sharpe learns the backstitching method on her sewing machine as Jennifer Cone carefully snips the thread from her garment. The two are students in the clothing and textiles class taught by Mrs. Carolyn Lewis.

### Team work

Jennie Colleton and Jamel Bodison stir up "little smokies" for prom night.



# New Skills

## *Vocational classes teach day-to-day living*

Very often, students found themselves in a rut. Tired of purely academic courses, they took classes like Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, and Agriculture. Classes such as Foods and Nutrition and Prevocational became stepping stones for students who planned to go into vocational school classes such as Food Service or Masonry.

Foods and Nutrition, taught by Mrs. Carolyn Lewis, helped students learn about nutrition. Sophomore Sharon Middleton found Foods and Nutrition I "really helpful" because she planned to attend the vocational school for Food Service in her junior and senior years. Senior Helana

Strickland took the course just to get the basics in cooking. Having never really tried to cook before, Helana was extremely proud of her first cooking accomplishment—peanut butter cookies for a teachers' meeting. The Foods and Nutrition classes culminated their cooking skills by preparing all of the food for the prom.

Clothing and Textiles, also taught by Mrs. Lewis, was a very helpful class if students wanted to learn how to sew. One of the few male students in this type of class, senior Johnnie Williams took Clothing and Textiles because he felt it would be a good way to meet girls. What he didn't count on was having a talent for sew-

ing that often surpassed that of the girls.

Agriculture classes, taught by Mr. William Wrighten, gave students a taste of the world as businessmen. In a class project, junior Monroe Rhodes planted a peach orchard and sold the fruit—for a profit. Agriculture classes also learned a little about small engines.

Vocational classes opened the door to the real world for students. Students practiced new skills and perfected old ones and at the same time gained confidence in their abilities to join the work force.

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