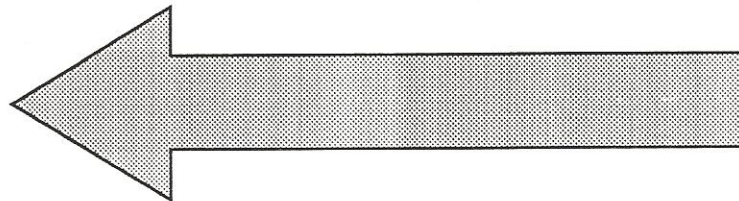


End of The Road



As students progressed through their high school years, more and more attention was given to graduation. Many seniors found that earning a diploma was not as easy as they had thought.

One of the hardest courses for seniors was American Government. This course included memory work, daily homework, and many tests. Knowing that a passing grade in the course was prerequisite for graduation caused considerable stress.

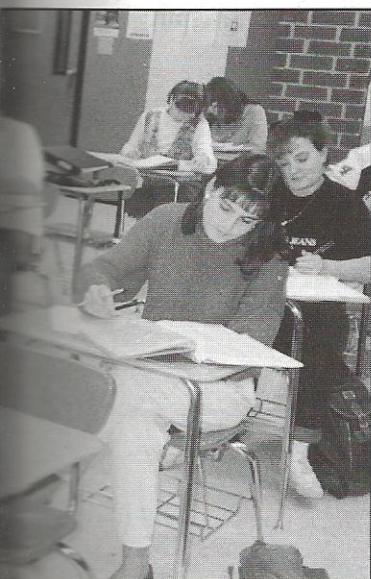
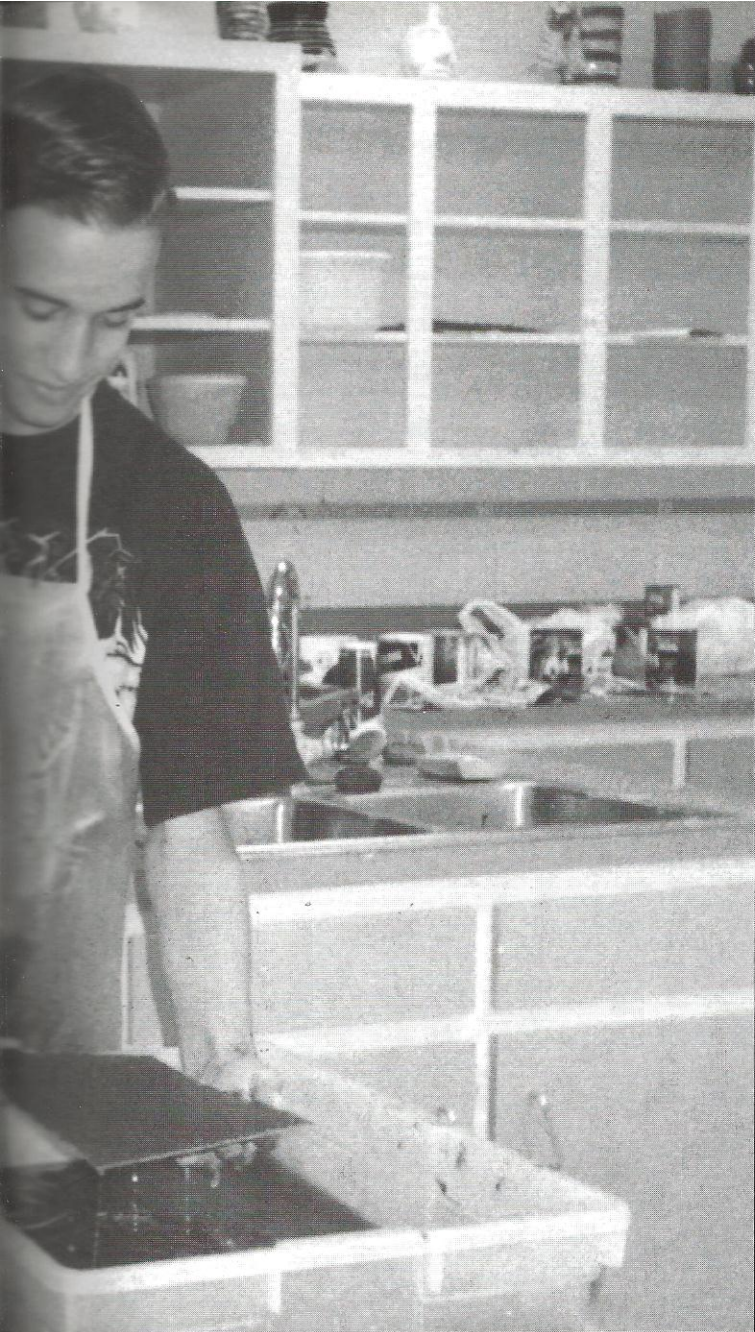
"One of my least favorite parts of high school has been the social studies courses, but I have really learned to pay attention to politics and government because of American Government," said Chrissy Lockaby.

A major headache for seniors was the changes in course requirements. One change was the required comprehensive health class. When the seniors entered high school, they were told that the physical education course would cover the necessary components of comprehensive health. Later changes to the law made the course itself mandatory for graduation. Students had to take the class during the summer or worked it into their schedule. Changes were also made in the requirements for the academic diploma. Last year, the school board made a decision that made the requirements for the Academic Diploma the same as the courses required by most colleges. For some students, this created chaos. Seniors did not know about the change until school started. Some students had to rearrange their schedules to fit in another class so that they could get the academic diploma.

Seniors faced many decisions. They had to decide whether to go to college and where to go to college. For seniors who decided against college, the questions were what to work as, where to work, and how to pay the bills. Before any of these decisions could be made, however, seniors had to survive their senior year classes.

— Rhonda Carter

Look Into My Crystal Ball. Mary Sparks appears to contemplate the future as the poster suggests. For Mary, the future includes attending the College of Charleston.



Nose To The Grindstone. Students diligently work on a test in Mrs. Bird's American Government class. American Government was one of the hardest classes for seniors and kept some students from graduating.