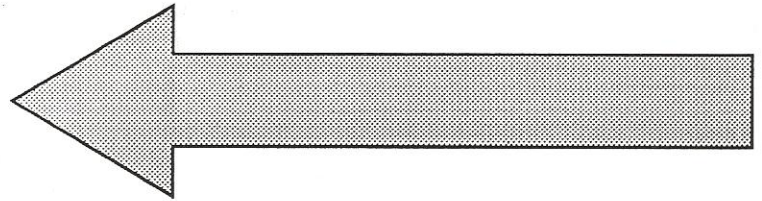# Hitting Bull's-eye With Tech-Prep

First introduced in 1987, the Tech-Prep program operated in full force throughout the 93-94 school year.

Tech-Prep classes were stepping stones to technical/vocational schools, as well as to the world of work. The Applied Communications class combined business skills with literature interpretation and writing skills.

"Students benefit from first-hand observations of job situations through visiting speakers, employee shadowing, and visits to local businesses and industries," remarked Applied Communications teacher Mrs. Paula Polk.

"Math for the Technologies prepares students for technical schools and gives them an idea of how to use math in different professions," expressed Mrs. Kim Liles, a Math for the Technologies teacher.

The format for Tech-Prep teaching and traditional teaching was quite different. For instance, Math for the Technologies classes began each unit of instruction with a video illustrating how the math skill for that unit applied to life.

Those students enrolled in the Tech-Prep curriculum confirmed its benefits. They felt that through the hands-on experience, they were becoming better prepared for their future.

"The Tech-Prep classes teaches the mathematical skills that I will need in order to pursue a career in the Army," declared senior Kisha White.

— Dawn Bowman

Help Me, Teacher! Gazing beseechingly at Ms. Patti Robertson, Jennifer Miles searches for help while Myra Tinker consults her workbook. In Math for the Technologies, students had to apply math skills already learned in previous courses.

Get The Point? Alphonso Amaker patiently helps his partner, Howard Davis, with an assignment in Applied Communications. Applied Communications combined business skills with literature interpretation and writing skills.