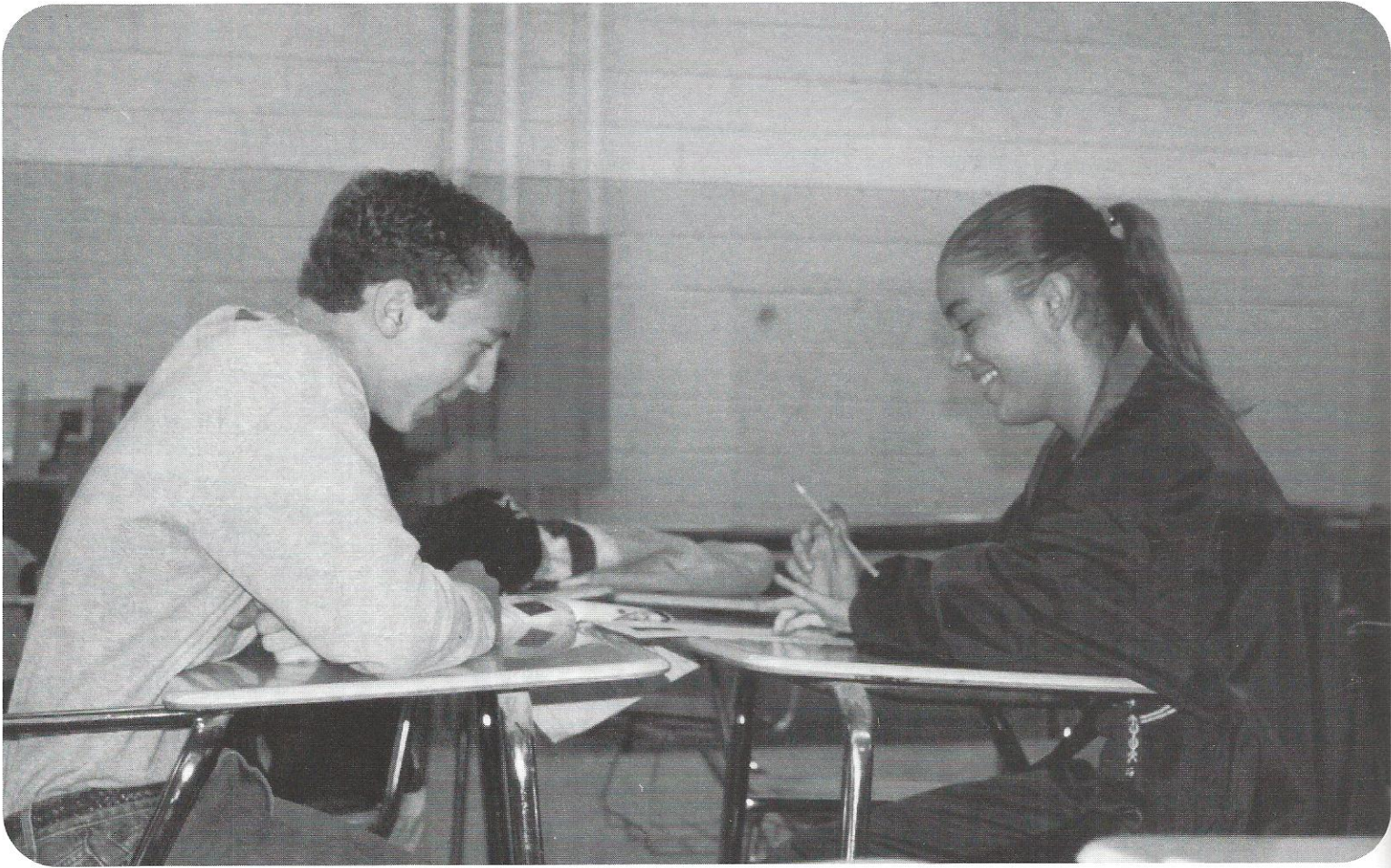


**Team work.** Working with each other, freshmen **Brandi Traynham** and **Ross Houtz** use interaction to learn in their class at the vocational center. "I like my class at the vocational center better than my class at the high school because there is much less legal work," Ross said.



# memories, fun, and learning

if the three mix, the product can be unforgettable

**b**oom! The doors in the back of the commons area slung open as students ran out of the building. Glad to be leaving the school and headed somewhere they enjoy being, students jumped onto a crowded bus. With little delay, the buses headed straight for the vocational center.

At the vocational center, it often seemed that the atmosphere had an inviting feeling. "Everyone at the vocational center seems like a big family," sophomore **Michelle Bullock** said, "They are all there, and everyone wants to be there. No one looks unhappy."

However, the atmosphere was not the

only inviting element at the vocational center. The teachers were glad to be teaching as well. "They know we all want to be there, so they are a little bit more lenient on us," sophomore **Jessica Brillhante** said, "No one really disrespects the teachers, and there seems to be less pressure."

The vocational center also provided students with a better understanding of their field. "Before I went to the vocational center, I had an idea of what I wanted to do, but I was not completely sure," junior **Stacey Grant** said, "After I spent a few weeks there, I knew that I definitely wanted to do that because of different projects we did."

The students at the vocational center

also experienced things they would have never seen in a regular classroom. "My most memorable experience from the vocational center occurred in my welding class," junior **Heath Yomans** said, "A small piece of slag fell down a guy's pants and he caught on fire. He had to think quickly to put it out. Now everyone is much more careful."

For junior **Leeya Campbell**, watching a video of a woman giving birth on television inspired her to be a Labor and Delivery Nurse.

The vocational center served as much more than a school for many students. It inspired students to pursue their dreams.

-Jessica Benton