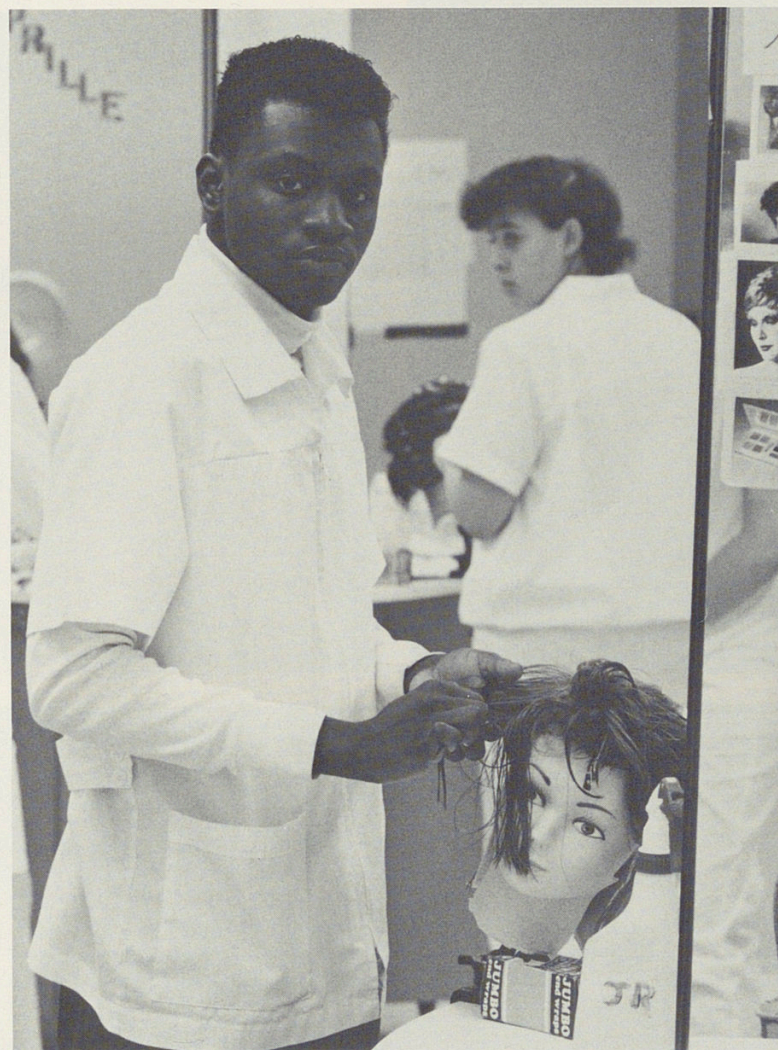
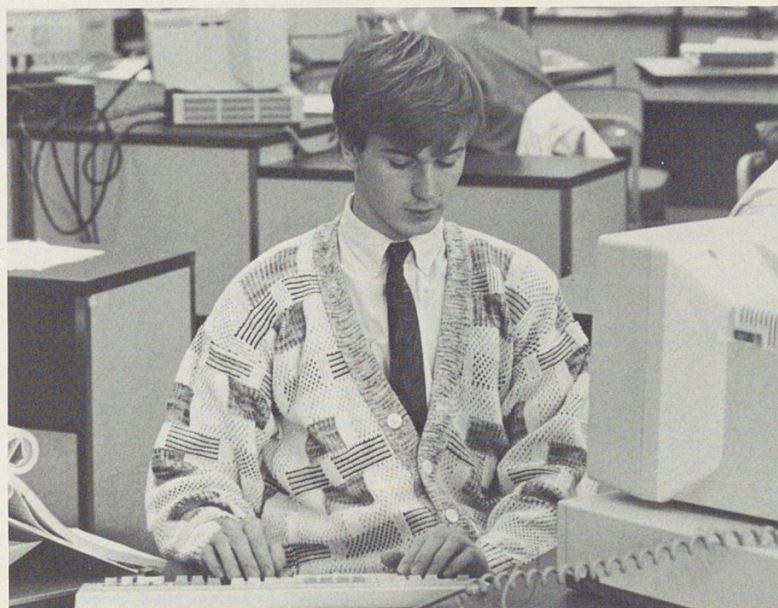


Steve Evans types on a computer. Many students major in a type of occupation where computers are emphasized.

Student Eddie Tuber works in a lab. Earning experience in lab can help students find jobs more quickly.



## A Step Ahead

Getting a head start on a career is what 53 students did by attending the Scarlet Oaks Vocational School. Besides fulfilling their high school requirements, students received job training in one of 61 careers.

The type of student who usually went to Scarlet Oaks, wanted to work and was not sure about college. The students also decided that they would perform better in a hands on learning experience rather than sitting in class.

The most popular programs which students from Sycamore were enrolled in were: industrial maintenance, auto mechanics, executive secretarial, and dental assisting. In each program there is an "Award of Distinction," which

was given to an outstanding student based on personal qualities, school participation, and academic performance. The students receiving this award from Sycamore were Amy Couck, Denise Reid, Natalie Wilson, Darrian Mathis, and Lara Lutz.

The -- graduates from Scarlet Oaks had many options. From the class of 1990, three students went to college and the others went into the work force.

Vocational students were a step ahead in finding a job out of high school, for they were better prepared for the responsibility and skills needed for their occupation in the real world.

by Julie Noiman

Willie Butler styles hair in a lab at Scarlet Oaks.