

Making '91 Special

There were quite a few privileges that members of the senior class were entitled to in their last year of high school that were not available during their previous years. These included having early dismissal, obtaining parking passes, and receiving occasional treats from the '91ers.

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On the day scheduled, seniors eagerly lined up to get their goodies. There was approximately one project a month, starting with a breakfast given on the first day of school. Other '91er projects included a Halloween treat in October, Pizza Day in December, an exam treat in January, the senior All-Night Party in February, a counselors' breakfast in March, make-your-own sundaes in April, the senior picnic in May, and a reception after graduation in June.

"It really made my day when I found out we were getting a treat from the '91ers," said senior Lisa Daly.

The group, headed by Judy Everett, Linda White, Joanna Urbanek, and Peggy Spaccarelli, began its planning in the summer before the school year started. Two letters were sent out to parents about open meetings to begin brainstorming. About half the the senior class' families donated money to get the program underway. After the initial meetings, forms were distributed to help find volunteers. Mothers and fathers were asked to bake, telephone, or distribute goodies to the seniors. "We did not have difficulty finding volunteers," said Martha McNutt, mother of Amy McNutt.

For each surprise, a steering committee of four women was set up to plan for the upcoming event. These women made arrangements for everything needed to make the project a success. Several days before the '91ers provided their surprise, they hung signs in the Commons to let seniors know that there was an upcoming treat.

"Mr. Lambert, Mr. Pfirman, and Mr. Klasmeier have all been extremely helpful. Without them the activities would not be successful," said Judy Everett, mother of Erich Everett.

"The purpose of the '91ers is to try to make events during the senior year special, so when our children look back they will have warm memories (of their senior year)," said Mrs. McNutt.

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