

Taking the Risk

The school year brought views concerning parking passes for juniors. Only a select number received parking passes on the basis of participation in extracurricular school activities which met at least three times a week. After-school jobs were not considered in the distribution of passes, many juniors who had jobs believed that this was unfair because they needed to get to work. The administration viewed extracurricular activities as an extension of school and parking privileges at the school were given only to those who participated in school activities.

A lottery was held three times over the course of the school year for fall, winter, and spring sports. Approximately 50 names were chosen for each sports season. The juniors were required to park in a separate lot from the seniors and several spaces in that lot were reserved for one-day passes. If someone drove to school without having a pass, a bright orange sticker was placed on their windshield as a warning. If two warnings were issued, the second accompanied by a note home to the parents. The third time someone parked without a pass, their car would be towed.

"School activities take precedence over people who work because employers should be able to work around school schedules" replied paraprofessional Miss Tuke, when asked if she thought the system was fair. Extracurricular activities came before work when the issue

came down to driving privileges for juniors. Principal Tutt Lambert felt that extracurricular activities were "...part of the school and supported the school."

The junior students seemed to have entirely different views. Some agreed with the administrators. Benjy Tolchinsky did not really think that it was fair but said, "I can see why the school only gives passes to those who play sports. They want to give the passes to those who are involved with the school."

Janet Turner also added, "People who are involved with school sports should have first priority because their activities are school related..."

A majority of those juniors asked strongly disagreed. "I feel that Sycamore is being ignorant to the needs of its working students. Some of us need our jobs to support our families. To me, not getting to work right

after school means a big difference in my paycheck," stated Tiffany Williams.

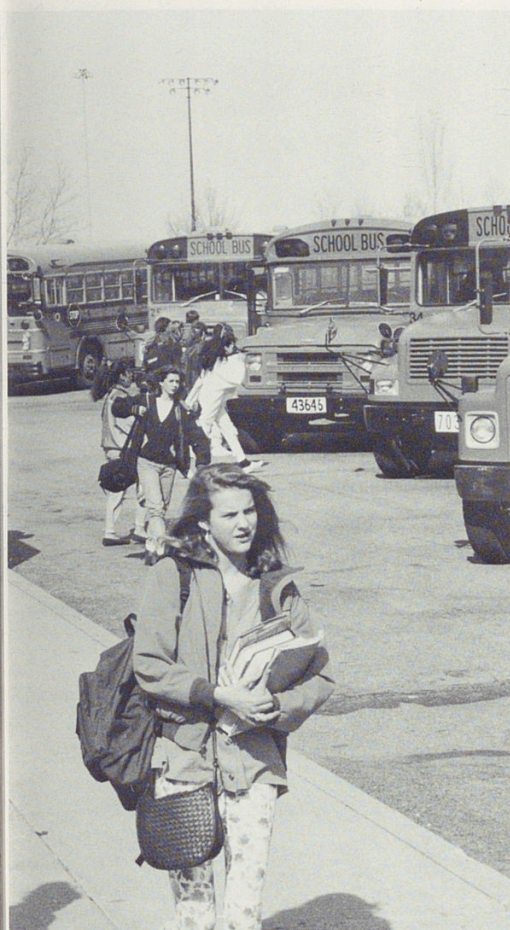
"...I have a job and play sports but I think that the administration should reevaluate the parking pass situation because some of the students must work directly after school," commented Tony Eschmeyer.

Scott Sauer did not think it was fair either but said, "...it doesn't matter because I bought someone's pass who graduated early. Preposterous gestures [of the administration] must sometimes be eluded and worked around," he said.

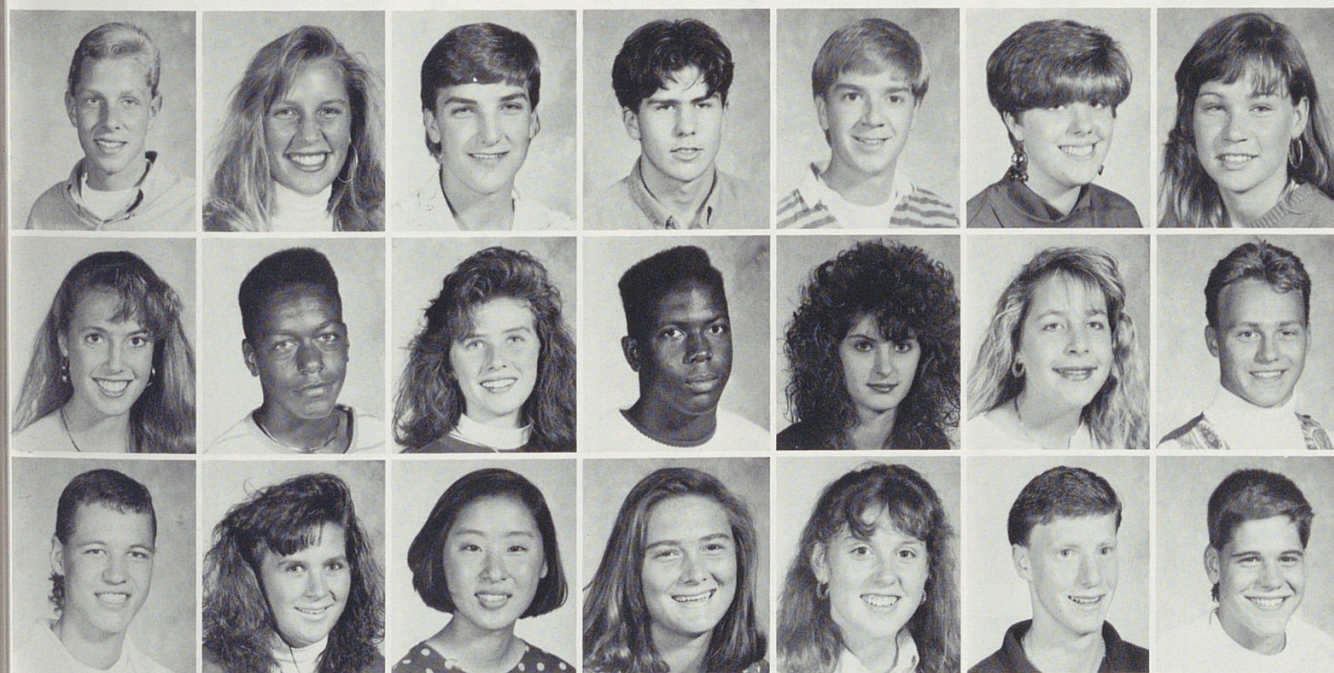
April Balser found the junior parking pass system unjust because "Athletes have the activity bus, working students do not."

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Juniors who didn't receive parking passes, freshmen, and sophomores, including Emily Letterbee, rush down the ramps to catch the school buses better known as the "Big Cheese."



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