

The First Day

To someone in a car driving by the high school this past August, it may have appeared to them that nearly 400 students were in summer school. Actually, the freshman orientation was being held.

The orientation was designed to help a student adjust to the unfamiliar situation and surroundings of a new school.

"The freshman orientation is to help new students and freshman get adjusted to the change. Myself and other student council representatives were there to talk to the students, and once school started they had an upper-classman to say hi to," Julie Neenan, Student Council president said. "I really hope the orientation helps them!"

Students attended an assembly where they were introduced to the administration and various teachers. They also viewed a slide show that depicted almost every aspect of a Sycamore student's life. "The slide show was really neat because you got to see what high school was going to be like," Kate Karazim said.

Soon the class of '94 went on a tour of the school with their guidance counselors and Student Council representatives. Nicki Utsey

said, "I liked getting a tour around the school because I began to learn my way around the school early."

In order to help end the freshmen's butterflies from worries and to make them feel they were a vital part of the school, they were given a picnic of hot dogs, chips or popcorn, and a beverage. While enjoying their meal, many had the chance to talk with others they knew from Sycamore Junior High. "I liked getting to see my friends again that I hadn't seen in a while. It was fun to talk to them," Jaime Apking commented.

Many people also became acquainted with students who were new to the district. Utsey, who is also a new student, said, "The orientation helped me meet other freshman and other new kids."

Well, the freshmen class survived their first year. Many will probably adapt to not being the little guys of high school and will sell elevator passes and eventually do senior pranks. Yet, for one year they were the little freshmen and the orientation helped them lose their high school fears.

by Carly Bella

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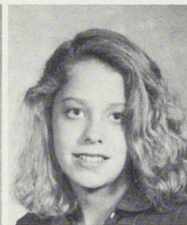
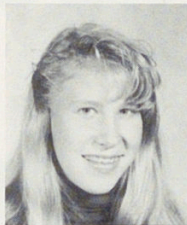
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During the orientation, Susan Outlaw and Sarah Dietrick get a view high school life as they watched the many summer school activities being held.

To quench their thirst, Lauren Donnelley and Alice Chapman enjoy their cold beverages which were served by many of their soon-to-be teachers.

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