



At the model United Nations, Robert Humphries and Rex Lai take a break from debating world issues to pose for the camera.

A. Salvekar, N. Pace, N. Levy, K. Yang, M. Webb, and C. Pinkleton pose with their award—the Outstanding Delegation from the country of Yemen.



J.C.W.A Tries Hand at World Politics

Most of today's high school students have been labeled as being uninformed and unconcerned about the affairs of the world. But the members of Junior Council of World Affairs (J.C.W.A.) can certainly not be characterized as such.

The main event for J.C.W.A. is the Model United Nations which took place at the University of Dayton. It attracted people from all over Ohio. "There were some people who left at 4 a.m. to attend. Others drove all the way from Cleveland and stayed overnight," said senior Allison Smith.

At the Model United Nations each person is a delegate representing a certain country. They do research on their country, and on the issue which they will be discussing. They assume the role of the real delegate at the actual United Nations and debate the topic from that country's perspective. The issues discussed were pertinent to the major concerns in the world, like the preservation of the

environment and the conflict in the Middle East between the Palestinians and the Israelis. "Intriguing as it may be, the discussion of the Iraqi question predated the war in the Gulf," said senior Emily Boule.

At the end of the day, there was an awards ceremony, and several Sycamore students won awards for the best delegation. "We spent weeks in preparation beforehand, and I was very pleased with the results," said Chris Pinkleton, president of J.C.W.A.

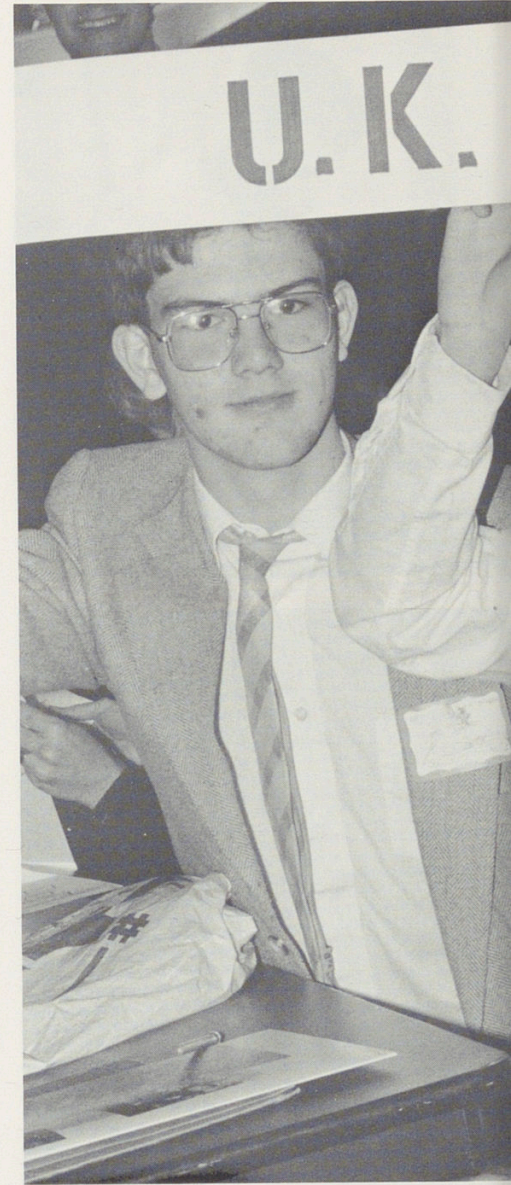
Summing up the event, participant senior Michael Webb said, "Despite the two hours of bus rides, three hours of general assemblies, and one hour break for lunch, I am sure that all delegates had sufficient time to represent their country's position and develop their diplomatic skills during the simulation."

"The Model UN is interesting because you get to see how the whole bureaucratic system operates. It's a pretty sobering thought," said Rick Juneja.

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