

German club member Kathryn Hradil looks on as Nikki Siegla builds a tower for the Berlin Wall celebration.



## German Club Adds Foreign

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One aspect of providing Sycamore with a culturally enriched environment was the activities of the German Club. This was a fairly new club to Sycamore, being that it was only in its third year of existence; nevertheless, this did not keep members from getting involved. Approximately thirty students belonged to this organization. Anyone from the student body was invited, German students and non-German students alike. President Nikki Siegla said, "We have a couple of people who don't really speak German, They're just interested in the cultural aspect."

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end of the room to another. Berlinerballen (known in English as jelly doughnuts) were part of the German delicacies that were served during the celebration. Senior Gary Huyse played Edelweiss and the German National Anthem on his trumpet to set the atmosphere. Everyone tore the wall down to pieces and sang songs.

Another important part of the traditional year in German Club was the University of Cincinnati German Day, held on April 29. During this day, Sycamore German students travelled down to UC campus to compete against other high schools students on their German knowledge. One eventful part of the day is the Culture Bowl. Robert Humphries,

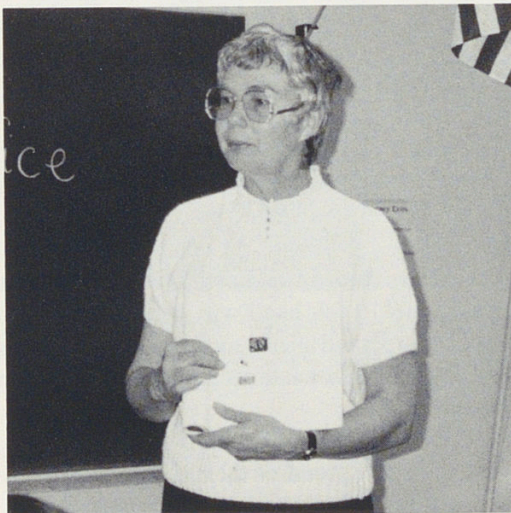
T.J. Connelly, Ed Auyang, and Kevin Yang represented our school in this event. "At first we felt really embarrassed when we got questions wrong, but we received a lot of support and enthusiasm which helped us work," said Humphries. The team placed first in the city, winning by a landslide over Anderson High School.

With all of the events that the German Club had sponsored throughout the year, those actively involved were able to make students more aware of the culture. "I feel that the German Club enriches my appreciation of the German language and culture," said Humphries.

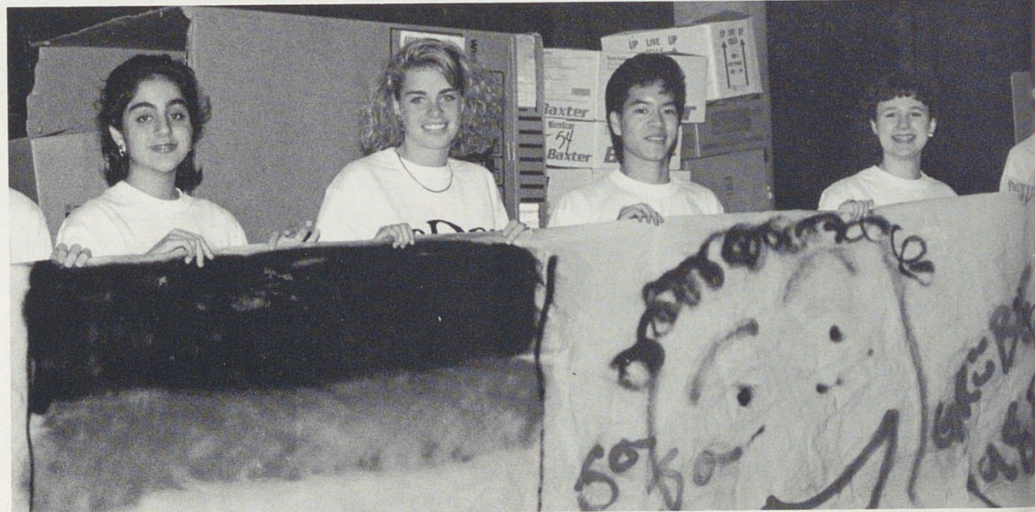
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The German Club was also very diverse in the sense that there were quite a few exchange students within the student body. "There are some foreign exchange students and a lot of people who have recently moved over from Europe who take an active part in expanding German Club through their explanations of customs," said Karl Liebat.

During meetings the German Club celebrated German holidays. A highlight of this year was their celebration of the breaking down of the Berlin wall. Those who participated devoted time to making a mock wall with cardboard boxes which stretched from one



German teacher Christine Rudolf conducts a meeting of the German Club.



Seniors Ranya Nayfeh, Betsy Volz, and Rex Lai hold up their imitation of the Berlin Wall.

