



The Variety Show and Battle Students Get a Chance to Shine

For two days in early April, Sycamore's elite group of talented individuals had their own chance to shine and display their unique ability with other students. The Variety Show, which occurred first, combined acts of dance, theatre, song, musical ability, and comedy. It put a large selection of talent into one show.

"It was long! Good, but long!" Beth James commented about the Variety Show. It was not a choral fest as it had been in year's past. Acts like breakdancing, a comedy scene written and performed by five sophomores, and a high-performance modern dance were intertwined with amazing acts of piano and guitar playing, excellent singing (both individually and in groups), and tap dancing.

"It was a great show with variety - that was the key word! I was glad to see that each act was followed by a totally different kind of performance. It kept my attention," said Betsy Bass.

The Battle of the Band was the second opportunity students had

to display at least their musical expertise. Five bands were selected to play four songs each for the students. The students then voted on the band which they liked most. The winner and runner-ups played at the Spring Fling in May.

The Battle changed a bit this year from years in the past. Coordinator Gina Contardi explained, "We held the Battle of the Bands in the Commons this year so more students could attend and also so that they could dance and move around more," she said. "Also, people could vote if and when they wanted. Although some of the students got a little rowdy, I believe the changes were for the better and made the event even more fun!"

The winner of the contest was the senior band "No Outlet," with the runner-up bands of "Oberdere" and "Lost Cause." "Lost Cause" member Adam Kurtz said, "We were happy with second place. It was great to play in front of all of our friends."

by Stacy Walter



Tina Byrd made her last performance at Sycamore High in the Variety Show.

At the Variety Show, juniors Jenny Cochran and Bobby Chambers perform their dance number.

