

Senioritis Hits Strong

Among the many traditions at Sycamore, one stands out in a special manner. Not only is it frowned upon by administrators, teachers, and underclassmen, but punishments and serious consequences can often result. This tradition often combines clever creativity with adventure, risk with humor, and even possible danger with amusement. It's those good old senior pranks.

Although the jokes are not endorsed by anyone (except for the seniors pulling the pranks), there have been quite original ones in years past. A favorite prank is throwing items off of the Commons balcony, Fred Pottshmidt explains. "Superballs, snakes, cicadas, bags of flour...they all have been hurled at luncheaters below! The funniest thing I've heard of throwing is the hot dog-in-a-condom," says Pottshmidt.

The Class of 1992 left their own mark in the history of Sycamore pranks. Fifty-five seniors decided to board one bus on the morning of October 31st, in hopes of disturbing the entire district's bus system. Betsy Bass stated, "It was the first time I had ridden a bus since my freshman year! It was so much fun to

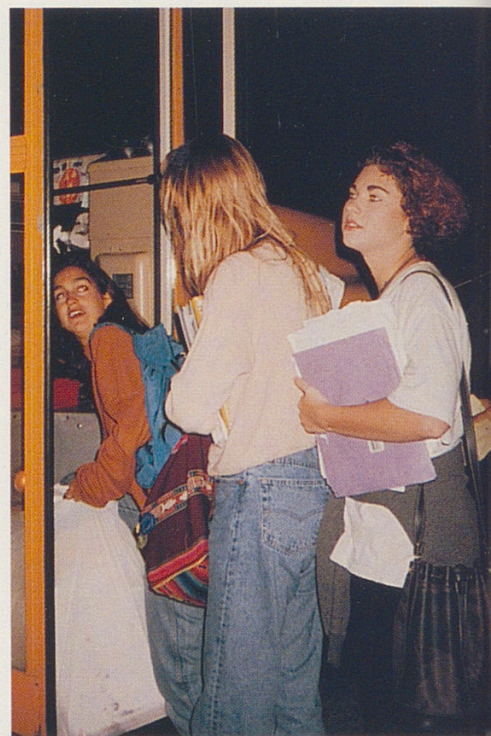
shout 'Seniors!' and cheer out of the bus windows. I knew what we were doing was wrong and that we could get in trouble for it, but it was a lot of fun."

Ideas for different and creative pranks had been pondered by many senior students throughout the years. David Zakem said, "I think it would have been hilarious if we dropped tons of Alka Seltzer in the school's swimming pool. But, I don't think that would have gone over too well with the administrators and swim coaches."

Another idea for a senior prank was "Operation IMC." As Simon Phillips explained, "Each senior was supposed to check out ten library books and return them all on the same day. But, this did not work. It would have been very funny if it had!"

Although these practical jokes are discouraged and frowned upon by teachers and principals of the school, it seems as if these pranks will continue to occur. Bass said, "The pure tradition of pulling such tricks, the excitement of seeing them work, and the humor experienced with the pranks provoke seniors to perform them year after year!"

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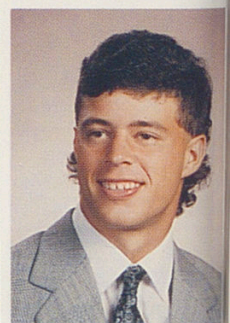
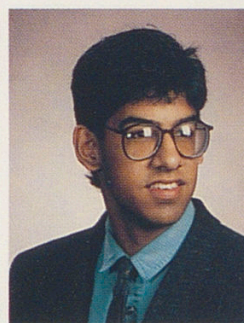
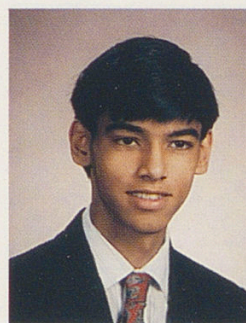
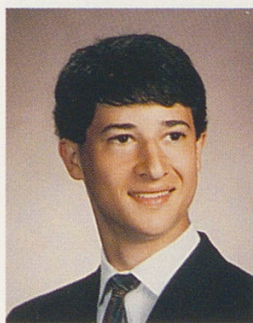


It is too early in the morning for some seniors even to be up, but that doesn't stop Ashley Pollack, Cassi Ward, and Gina Maupin from giving up their driving privilege to ride the "Big Cheese" in the seniors first prank of the year.

These sixty seniors all obtained bus passes from the Attendance Office and rode the same bus to school one morning. It was a wild and harmless senior prank. It's too bad the administration didn't think so.



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