

Friday Night Hangout

Skyline Chili has a reputation of being Cincinnati's finest chili company and has also earned the reputation of being Sycamore High School's most popular hangout. Freshmen to seniors can be found either socializing at a table or in the parking lot. Most end up there when there is little else to do.

"No matter what you do on your Friday and Saturday nights, whether it's an athletic event, a party, or even a date, everybody still flocks to Skyline around 10 o'clock," explained senior Stuart Fink.

Yet, almost everyone agreed that the atmosphere went hand-in-hand with its great food. Cones, three-ways, oyster crackers, and other dishes were part of the diet of many teens. "For my four years, they have always taken care of my hunger," commented senior Mike Haas.

Just like any other gathering with many high-school students, things sometimes got out of hand. Police usually arrived after an hour in order to clear people out of the parking lot. Corky

Alfers, owner of Skyline, explained that dealing with high school kids does have its positives and negatives. He said, "For the most part, we are very happy with the majority of Sycamore students. Most order something, so we're helped that way. And the majority are well-behaved, so we're happy to have them."

But sometimes, the crowds that gathered in the parking lot were disrespectful and a detriment to his business. Student behavior can affect the waitresses and his other customers.

Mr. Alfers explained: "For sure, the crowds drive off business, and sometimes vandalism or damage does occur. Unfortunately, a few bad acts can hurt everyone and make a whole group look bad."

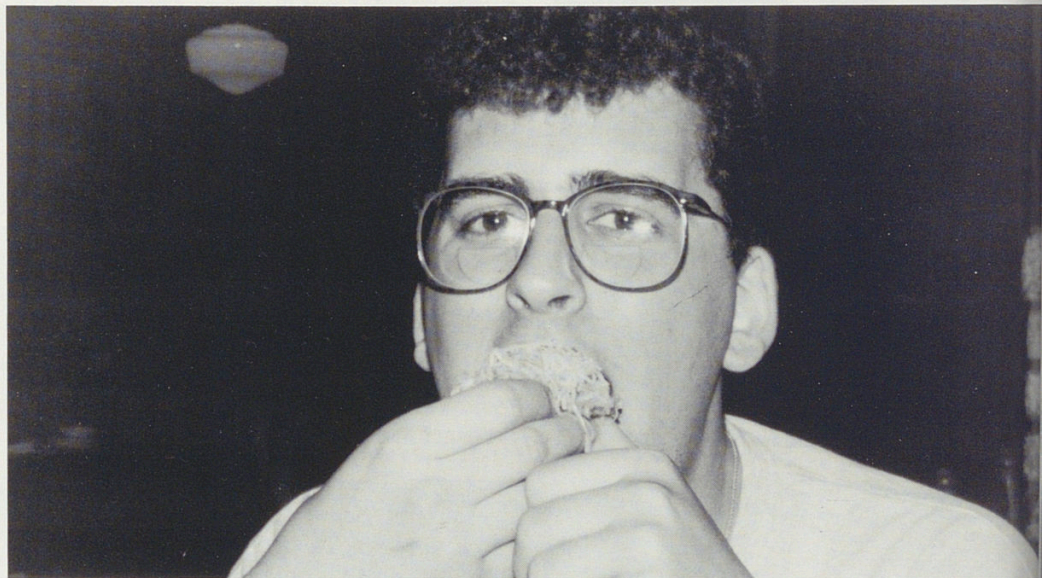
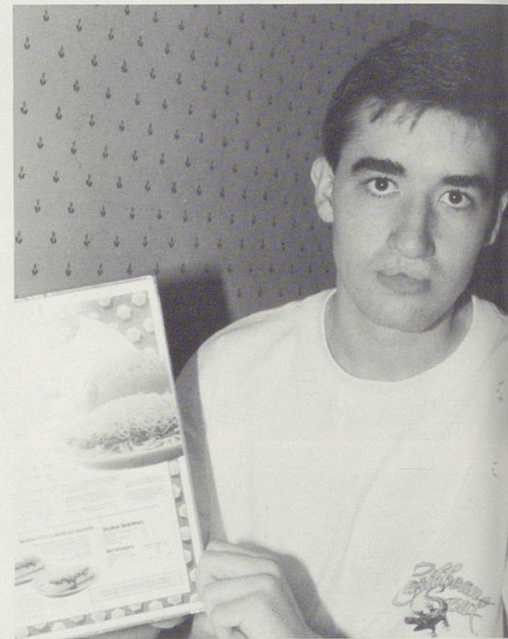
As a frequent visitor myself, I could see where Mr. Alfers had to exercise his patience because I'm sure students were a minor detriment to his business. Sycamore would be lost without its weekend hangout, and all appreciated what a friend Skyline had been.

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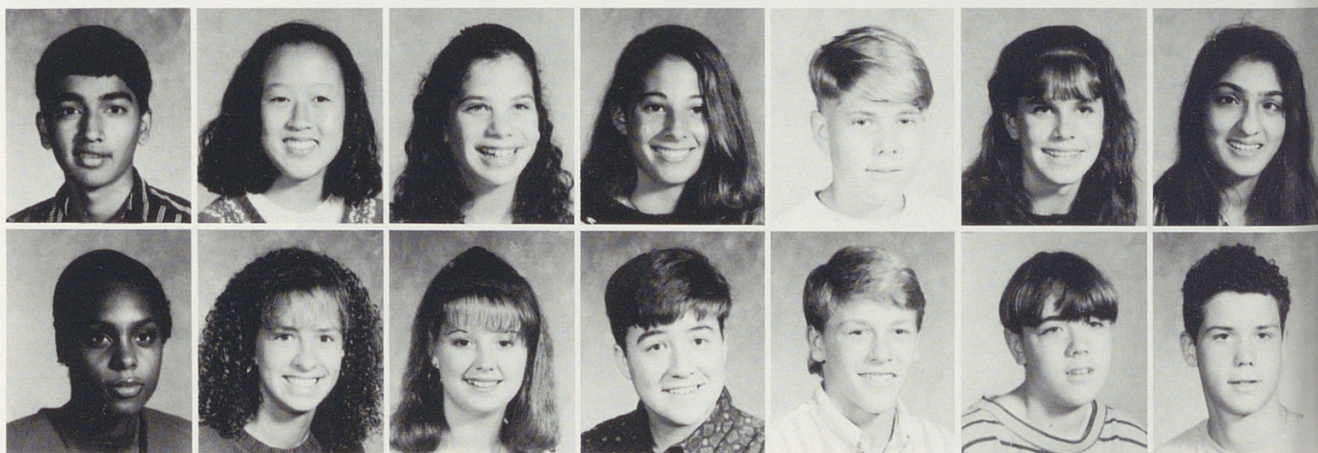
Senior Josh Fraley enthusiastically displays the menu at Skyline. Friday nights after football games, over one hundred students would gather at Skyline to "hangout."

Eating a cheese coney is senior David Zakem.

Although not everyone likes the taste of Skyline chili, everyone in the restaurant had to order something if they wanted to stay.



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