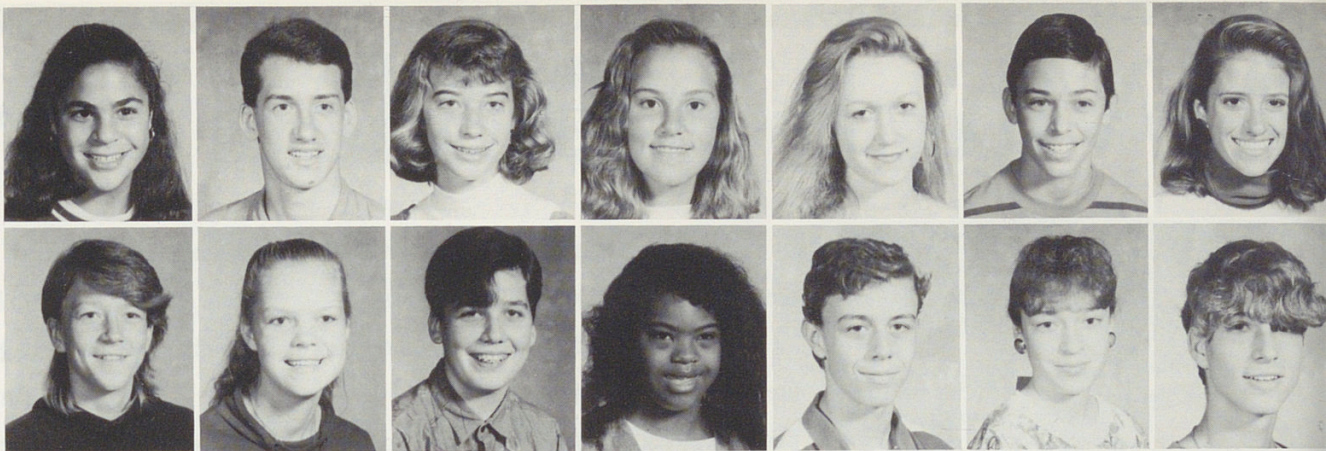


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A Different Donation

With the catchy slogan, "Ask not what you can do for your blood, but what your blood can do for others," Sycamore High School held the annual blood drive on February 21. A total of 149 units of blood were donated by participating students.

The Hoxworth Blood Center, which ran the blood drive, took every measure possible to ensure the safety of the students. This made the possibility of contracting any type of disease impossible. Each donor was provided with a new sterilized prepackaged needle and blood bag. "I was never really nervous about contracting a disease because I know the nurses are very cautious about our safety," commented senior Emily Frank.

Certain requirements had to be met by all donors before giving blood. All students had to be seventeen or older to participate. They also

must have eaten breakfast and not have had any sign of a cold or illness. Students who had athletic events to participate in that day were asked not to donate for their own well-being.

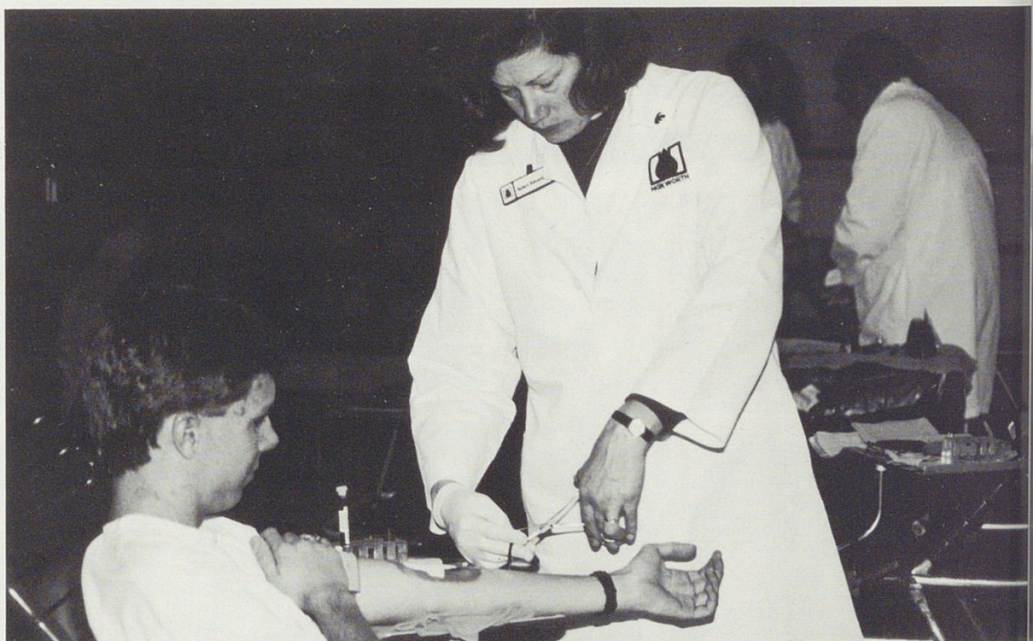
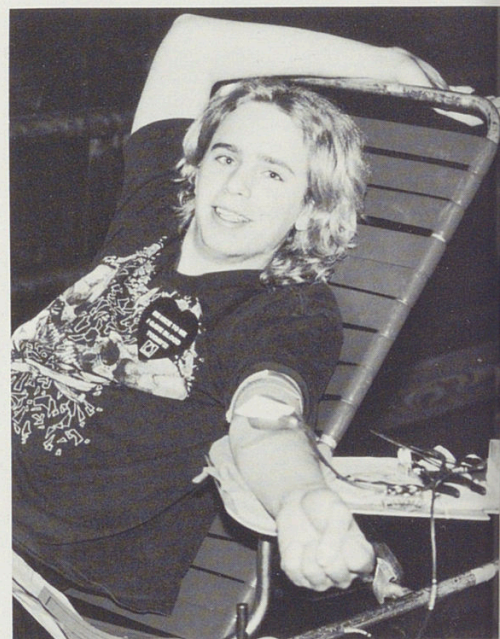
Students who were rejected from giving blood were sadly sent back to class with a "Be nice to me I tried to give blood" sticker. Junior Veronica Proctor who was rejected from giving blood because she had a cold commented, "I was really disappointed that I couldn't give blood because I realize that somebody could need it in an emergency situation."

All students who donated, or tried to donate, were rewarded with a complimentary breakfast and an out to lunch pass. "This is definitely one of the best activities that seniors can get involved in. They have a direct impact on the lives of others and they also receive nice prizes," said senior class president Katie Warzon.

by Beth Wilson

Senior Steve French tries to relax as the blood is being taken from his body. Although many students did feel light headed after giving blood, there were only a few cases of fainting.

A Hoxworth assistant works on senior Michael Coutant as he gives blood. Many qualifications had to be met in order to be a donor.



Freshmen

