

## Illuminations

Front Row: A. Howard, J. Ferng, M. Balusabrumanian. Back Row: Miss Baumeister, J. Hume, J. Weyers, H. Yang, L. Crayden, Mrs. Uetrecht



## A New Look

Although 1992 was the first year for the literary magazine *Illuminations*, it was widely received and welcomed by the student body. On the magazine's debut, the staff sold 250 copies and had to order more.

The magazine used to be called *Pulsations* and this year Jodi Uetrecht and Lisa Baumeister took over and gave the publication a new look. "Because of the new magazine format, we decided to rename it," said Uetrecht. Through informal polls in my classes, I found out that a lot of students thought *Pulsations* was all poetry, and it was meant only for 'English geeks.' We tried to make it more appealing to the entire student body by making it more professional looking and easier to understand."

"Using the computers, we were able to lay out the pages and have everything perfect before sending it to the printers. Although this saves time, we had to use a lot of time to teach the members of the staff to use Pagemaker. Because of this, we were only able to print one edition this year. Next year, I would like to see the creative writing classes become more involved by having each semester's class help with the edition so we could have two editions," continued Uetrecht.

Almost any creative material may be contributed to *Illuminations*. Short stories, poems, artwork, and photographs are all published. Also, any student may contribute. "We are encouraging all students to submit pieces of work, not just those students who are interested in reading and writing poetry."

The year of 1992 was one of changes for Sycamore's literary magazine. It changed its format, its name, and its reputation. Although it once was thought of as only for poets, *Illuminations* has succeeded in convincing the student body that it contains something for everyone.

by Catie Fienning



Log staff member Stacy Walter gets some tips on using the computer from Leaf staff member Jason Ullner. Since the classes were combined this year, the Log and Leaf had to share the computer lab, not always an easy task.

Sophomore Janet Spugnardi and juniors Mike Shriberg and Justin Knowles sort through the baby pictures for the Senior edition of the Leaf. There were only two seniors on staff this year, so underclassmen helped out.

