

STAFF INVOLVEMENT

To many students, the teacher-student relationship ends at 2:20. However, for the students who stay after school and become involved with teachers in extra-curricular activities, they realize that teachers are people too. Four in particular stood out for the extra effort they did for the students. Steve Imhoff, Denny Thomas, Leslie Knotts, and Lisa Baumeister related well with students and supported the activity they sponsored.

Math teacher Steve Imhoff has been a teacher and a coach at the High School for 18 years. In addition to teaching math he has coached many different teams, from the freshman boys baseball team to girls varsity basketball team.

Imhoff graduated from Sycamore and played baseball, basketball, and football. He especially excelled in baseball where he played varsity for three years and received All Ohio honors. Imhoff said that his involvement with sports is what motivates him to support other athletic teams. "I remember when I played at Sycamore," said Imhoff. "I had a lot of great people help me, and when I support other teams, I get excited with them."

For some, the school day ends when the last bell rings at 2:20. However, for Leslie Knotts, theatre director, her work is just beginning. Knotts is the sponsor of STAG and the International Thespians Society. Because of this, she is always working to complete one of the four shows she directs.

With a crammed schedule Knotts also finds time to help other school groups. She is helping the BSU create a play to be presented next year and is constantly preparing the theatre for an assembly or show. Those who know Knotts often wonder why she doesn't buy a bed and sleep in the theatre.

"It is nice to get away from all the paper work and do something fun

with the kids," said Lisa Baumeister on the activities she sponsors. In her first year at Sycamore, Baumeister was involved in three activities. She sponsored varsity basketball cheerleading and was one of the advisors of Illuminations, the school literary magazine. She was also the girls assistant varsity track coach.

She has enjoyed all aspects and was proud of all her students. Baumeister concluded, "Since it was my first year here, doing all this has helped me meet a lot of new people. It also gave me a chance to see my students in a different light and have fun with them. I am glad I got involved because now I feel I am a part of everything."

Probably one of the most significant sponsors was drama teacher Denny Thomas. Theatre wise, Thomas is the assistant sponsor for STAG and assistant director for all the shows except one which he directs himself. Thomas is almost always found in the theatre.

When prom time comes, however you won't find Thomas anywhere. He is so busy that he is in a different place every few minutes. Thomas is the junior class advisor, putting him in charge of prom. Every year he is swamped with fundraising, etc., but every year the results are great-another magnificent prom.

So, as you can see most teachers come here to teach more than their basic six classes. They are people too (although some students often forget) who like to get involved to help the students learn and grow.

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"I think the **STAFF** at Sycamore High School really cares about the students. They focus all their effort and attention on us."

-Nadia Bajwa,
Peer Counselor

"I think the **SPECIALISTS** here are truly special because they are always working for the well-being of the students."

-Carrie Johnson,
Peer Counselor



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