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"HISTORY has always fascinated me because studying other cultures, people, and events has helped me understand modern society more clearly."

-Stacy Walter,
AP American
Government
& Psychology

"SOCIAL STUDIES is my favorite subject because I like my teacher and he makes it more interesting and fun."

-Carrie Stephens,
World History

Have you ever wanted to do research for museums on the history of humans and animals? Have you ever wanted to be a contractual archaeologist, one who works in conjunction with the government? What about a zoologist or even an anthropology teacher?

All these occupations may seem a little far-fetched, but each one can be accomplished through anthropology, the study of the evolution of modern man and its behavior. At Sycamore, an anthropology hopeful can get an early start on this field by taking the all senior, honors class taught by Mrs. Lois Lambert. Lambert explained that anthropology is very complex because there are two aspects to the subject, the physical and the cultural levels. "This is a very challenging academic class for all who take it. The good side is that it can be very helpful to many different fields, and this class is a good way to get an early start."

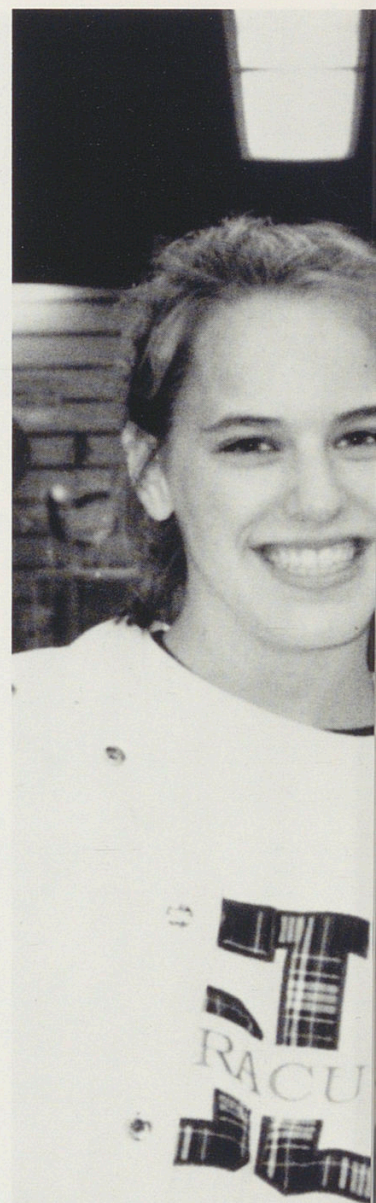
Many different types of students signed up for anthropology in order to get their elective credits out of the way. But once begun, it was found

to be extremely interesting. Senior Stephanie Cable was a perfect example of one who was not a believer that her class would be interesting and fun. "I wasn't very excited when I first went into the class, but by the end of the year, I realized how much I had learned," she explained.

Although many took the class for the elective credit, there were also those select few who had special interests going into the year. Lambert, who has taught the class for several years, has seen a few students come into the class with a certain interest in mind. "There have been kids who were interested in animals come into my class. Others have used this subject as a background for medicine. It is really diverse and can lead to many different occupations. That's why I think this class is really important."

Sycamore was very lucky to bring this class into its school system. Not only did this class give useful knowledge for future years, but in many cases, it gave life to the future archaeologists, or zoologists, or researchers, or many other jobs that will be secured in future years.

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