

AN EDUCATIONAL BREAK

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-Martha Slattery,
Freshman

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-Carrie Stephens,
Sophomore

Sycamore students were lucky. During the 1991-92 school year, over seven major assemblies were held.

Joe Clark, the inspiration for the movie "Lean on Me", was the first speaker. "He came right out and told us what we're doing right in life, and what we're doing wrong. I learned that we shouldn't expect things from other people. If we want something done, we have to get up and do it ourselves," freshman Jamie Weber said.

During the Disability Awareness Week, two assemblies were held. One was when The Queen City Slammers, a basketball team consisting of players in wheelchairs, came. The Slammers played a game against students from each grade and faculty who were also placed in wheelchairs. Even though the sophomores scored the most points out of Sycamore students, the Slammers won by a landslide and proved that being in a wheelchair doesn't prohibit your abilities.

During February, Sycamore celebrated Black History Month. To add to this educational month, a monologue of Jackie Robinson was held about how hard it was to become the first black baseball player. It

informed the audience about all the prejudices that do exist and urged students to stop them for a better future.


To inform students about environmental issues, the NEED group led by teacher Linda Ford organized an assembly. At the beginning of the assembly, the Touring Company performed songs with environmental messages. Then, the school became part of Environmental Jeopardy. Questions were asked by emcee Scott Parrish about three environmental topics. Junior Brandon Bowman, sophomore Amy Rothman, and English teacher Denny Thomas were chosen as the lucky people who were cheered if they answered correctly, and trashed if they didn't.

The assembly that had people talking was held during AIDS Awareness Week. Bob Garre, a man diagnosed with the AIDS virus, came and told us his story. He advised students how to prevent themselves from getting the disease.


Overall, everyone got the chance to see a variety of assemblies. Not only was it a break from the normal school schedule, but also it was very educational.


by Lauren Casper



 Jerry Trailer, who has cerebral palsy, shared his motivational and inspirational story of his walk on crutches across the United States from San Francisco, California to New York, New York.



 One of the more entertaining assemblies of the year was when the Intern Company from Playhouse in the Park performed clippings from various shows, including *As You Like It*, *How to Eat Like a Child*, and *Crimes of the Heart*.

 Bob Garre, who had contracted AIDS by a blood transfusion, gave one of the most emotional assemblies of the year. Garry stressed that it wasn't important how individuals got AIDS, but to recognize that they are still human.

