



"I haven't gotten in as much trouble"

Tim Cavanaugh



"I have older friends that can drive me around."

Rebecca Scott

## Fresh New Start

### Adjusting to High School

The freshman walked through the doors after getting off his bus. This was his first day of high school and he did not know his way around. He tried to act as if he was familiar with the places and routes of the school when he was really petrified. Many questions came to his mind. Where's my room? If it is 119, how do I get there from 312? Really?! There is a swimming pool and an elevator? At which ends of the school are they found? Questions like confused and disorientated a freshman in a new environment.

Teachers treated high school students differently. "In junior high they talk to you like you're a little kid. Here teachers treat you like equals," said freshman Elaine Donavon.

Allison Werle said, "I believe that I'm treated more like an adult. I have more freedoms."

In some cases, a person's actions determined whether or not upperclassmen teased them about being a freshman. Donavon stated, "In band, upperclassmen teased freshmen by blaming them on

everything. Seniors were always first." According to Werle, most upperclassmen treated her nicely.

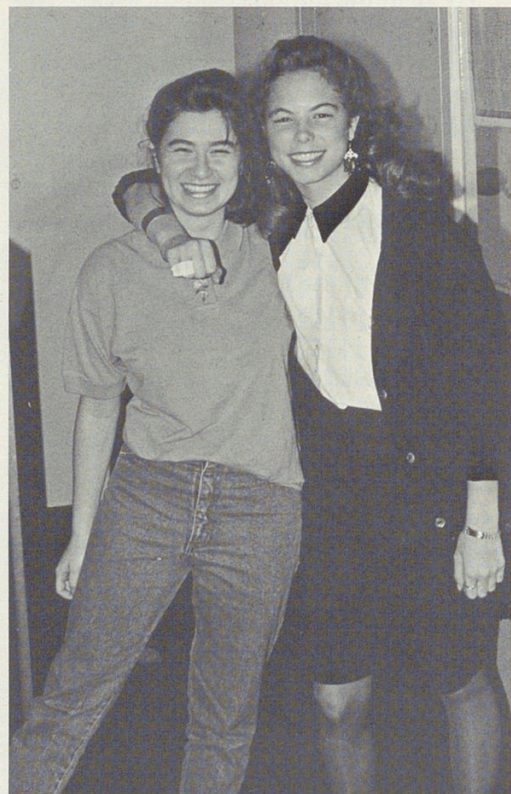
The increased homework load required adjustment in their daily schedules. To adapt to this they slept less to provide more time for their studies.

Teachers became more strict when it came to doing homework. Freshman Brandon Bowman said, "There is a lot more homework and the classes are harder."

On the flip side, high school had some advantages. Restrictions were lessened and there were more extracurricular activities like clubs, dances, and sports. Students totally get to choose what classes they take other than at the junior high where they only choose electives.

Although the first few days of school seemed frightening, freshmen managed to adjust to school life, despite the greater homework load, lack of sleep, changing teachers and grades, and the busy schedule.

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