

“SHWAC is a great way for students to improve themselves and expand their ideas while making friends.” > **Mr. Sam Gibbs**

Do not sweat the small stuff...

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DISAGREEMENT IN THE CROWD. Sycamore High World Affairs Club (SHWAC), president **Shekar Jayaraman, 12**, gives his opinion on the topic of the day. As president of the club, he helped organize trips to places such as the Dayton Model UN competition at the University of Dayton where many club members were acknowledged.

SHWAC is a model UN that is meant to improve knowledge of global affairs, diplomacy, problem solving and public speaking.

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK? SHWAC officers led discussions at meetings. These meetings helped prepare the SHWAC members for a Security Council (model UN) held here in March, as well as crisis simulations in the future. Practice discussions such as these helped to keep the club members active and on their toes.

“If you have a strong interest in debating or discussing current world issues, then SHWAC is the right thing for you.”

> **Nrupa Borkar, 12**

“SHWAC is a great way to learn more about the world around us through discussion and debate.”

> **Jacob Lee, 12**

“Providing a forum for debating world affairs is the main goal of SHWAC.”

> **Nathan Schneider, 12**



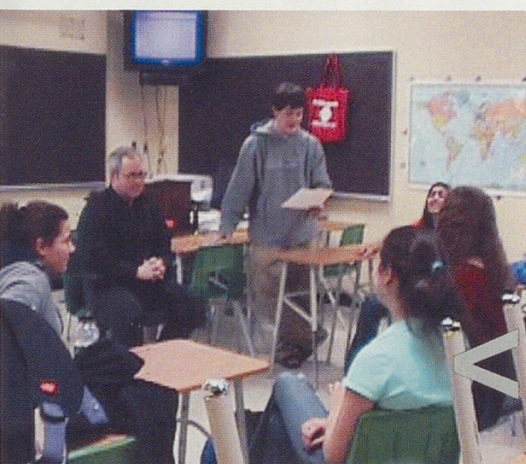
Trials and tribulations...

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TWO TEAMS, EIGHTEEN PEOPLE AND ONE LAWYER; SO IT BEGINS. Mock Trial spent much of the school year preparing for their big scrimmage in February. “Auditions began

the second week of October and continued on until the fourth week. There are two teams, each consisted of four lawyers and four witnesses. We also have two individuals who agreed to be alternates just in case a regular

member could not attend,” said **Mr. Eric Wise**, Mock Trial advisor. Our team did a great job and received many recognitions for our witnesses and lawyers.



THE CROSS EXAMINATION BEGINS. The members of Mock Trial prepared to cross-examine their witness. These boys and girls had regular meetings where they practiced the same debate so that they would be ready for their time in the courtroom. There were two teams each consisting of four lawyers and four witnesses.

THE GAVEL SLAMS. The courtroom becomes silent. The Mock Trial team gathered for weekly practice. Practices like these led certain team members to success such as **Jasmine Nazek, 10**, who received recognition for best attorney. **Dennis Jiang, 12**, **Sasha Appotova, 11**, and **Sarah Imhoff, 11**, all received recognition as best witnesses.