

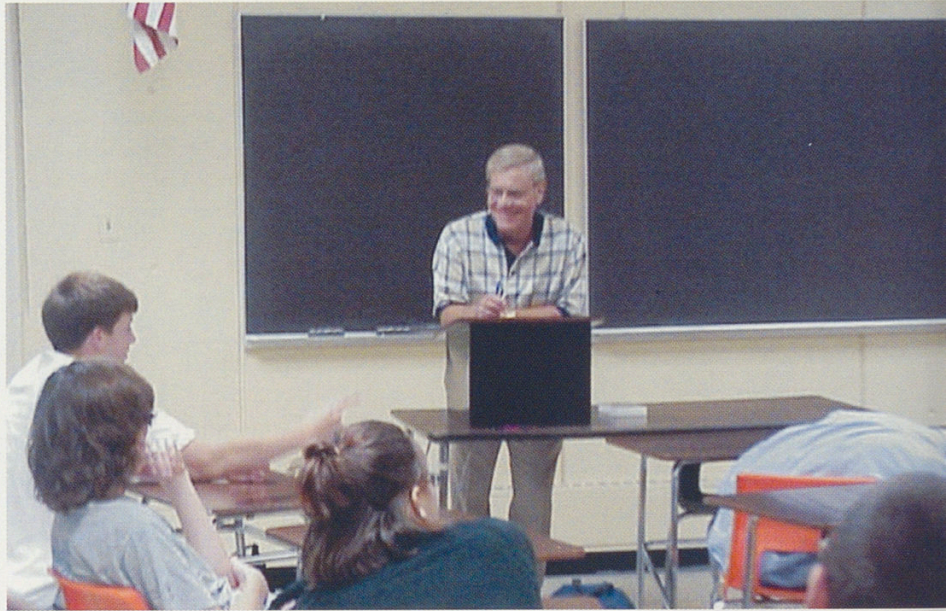
Teachers

Gone but never forgotten

They cannot stay any more, but will be remembered for forever more

By: Jaime Orent

TEACHING LIKE A PRO-MR. PAT BALLINGER, teacher of 30 years is finally deciding to leave Sycamore behind. As an English teacher of 26 years, he has had the opportunity to touch the lives of hundreds of students who have walked these halls. Whether retirement is what they had in mind, or even resignation, many teachers have found the unusual budget cuts forcing some to find a job elsewhere. From a single year, to thirty-six years, these teachers have all provided outstanding service to the district and have helped maintain our five year rating of excellence by the state of Ohio. As well as doing all of this, they worked extremely hard to promote average yearly progress of all students. Each leaves a legacy with many memories knowing that they have made a difference in students' lives and will be missed greatly.



MS. EMILY REITENBACH has held many different positions throughout the school district. She was a softball and water polo coach as well as a special needs teacher, and attendance assistant over the past four years. She left to get married Memorial Day weekend and attend college full time. "It was great having Coach Reitenbach back this year, we will miss her next year." **Lauren Truax, 11.**



I'm only a freshman and it's unfortunate that I won't get a chance to get to know many of these teachers in my next three years of high school.

> **Sam Pollak, 9**



MS. JULIE DIMA HAD BEEN THE CHOIR director for five years. She left Sycamore for a new teaching job at Turpin High School. This fine lady was in charge of the choreography for all of the choirs, she was the choral director/choreographer for Touring Company. She also worked with SWEET and SHAG, as well as teaching Guitar I classes and music theory. She was also the vocal coach for the musical. As a major asset to the drama department, Mrs. Dima will be greatly missed.



MRS. GINGER SHAVER HAS served as both a secretary and test coordinator over the past 6 years. She left the first week of April to assume a position with a law firm in Cincinnati. "Mrs. Shaver is the epitome of a professional. She is super organized and anticipatory to the extent of seeing what was to happen or making sure the required testing happened. She coordinated the schedule of all the national and state test." **Ms. Pat Clark.**

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