

jets

testing skills

By : Anna Hulett

The Junior Engineering Testing Society was an exciting club which juniors and seniors partook in to hone their scientific skills. They spent the fall and winter months preparing for their competition which was in February at the University of Cincinnati.

Students were given college level engineering problems which combined elements of math, physics, and problem solving.

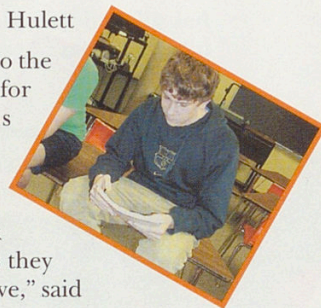
"It's cool to learn what goes into designing the stuff we take for granted everyday," said **Patricia Troy, 12**.

During the months before the test **Julie Haverkos**, adviser, gave the sixteen students many practice tests to prepare them as much as possible.

"I have been taking teams to the JETS-TEAMS competition for ten years. The problems require application of science principles to real world situations. I enjoy watching students work together and solve problems they never thought they could solve," said **Haverkos**.

The teams were broken down into a varsity and junior varsity with eight on each team. The varsity team won their regional division, earning \$5,000 in scholarship money.

"I like using my brains to solve the interesting problems," said **William Eckert, 11**. A new edition to the junior varsity team, **Eckert** was a valuable asset. He and the rest of the junior varsity team were successful at their competition.



Seniors
Claire
Mondro and Patricia

Troy work on practice problems. "JETS is a good chance to apply a lot of what we do in the classroom to real life situations," said **Mondro**. As a veteran team member, she was a leader to the rest of her teammates.

leaves of thought

literary stimulation

By: Carly Gilbert

Although they started off slow, Leaves of Thought really jump started their club. Starting the year with new advisers, **Mr. Tom Gaffigan** and **Mr. Breen Reardon**, they helped the club do what they do best, write!

Also leading and managing the club was president and editor **Margaret Brown, 12**. The goal of Leaves of Thought was to give the students in school an opportunity to have their work published, and also an opportunity for their classmates to read their work throughout the school year.

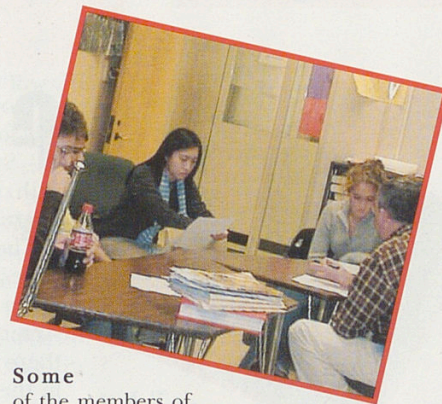
Meeting a couple times a month to work on selecting

pieces and illustrations, the Leaves of Thought members split up their work, read them, rated them, and passed them onto another member to rate.

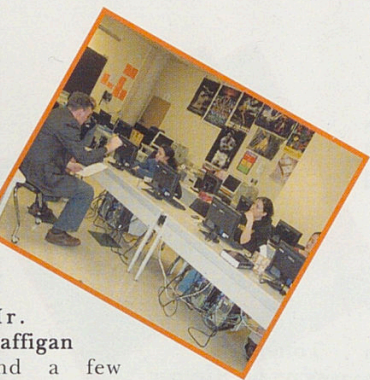
"The pieces don't have to be profound; just original, creative, and hopefully intriguing," said **Brown**.

This year one issue came out, but that meant that they had to make many more improvements on the book to make it an outstanding for the end of the year.

"We're doing our part to keep the printed word alive in a video age," said **Mr. Reardon**.



Some of the members of Leaves of Thought have a meeting to discuss ideas for their issue at the end of the year. They planned out what they want to be accomplished and what they need to do to get there. This group was great with setting goals and driving to achieve them.



Mr. Gaffigan and a few members meet for one of their monthly meetings. They spent time discussing further ideas, sharing pieces of work, and improving others. The members worked together to make sure their issue showcases all of their hard work put in throughout the year.