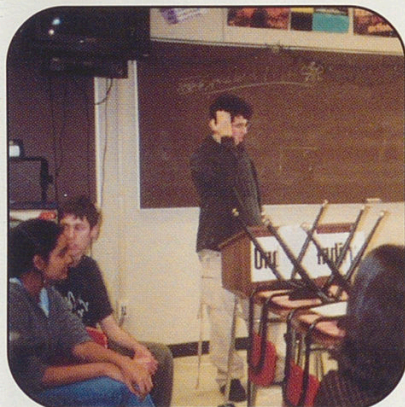


# OPINIONS TO BE HEARD



Especially a year with a lot of monumental events happening in the world, the club, SHWAC, where the goal is to obtain current issues on world affairs, was very instrumental to the school. SHWAC which stands for Sycamore High School World Affairs Council, was led by Mrs. Karen Bare. They meet once every two weeks in room 120.

Sam Grossman, 12, was the president of SHWAC, Vidya Venkataramanan, 11, the vice-president, Jacob Lee, 11, the secretary, Shekar Jayaraman, 11, the treasurer, and Dennis Jiang, 11, had the title of publicity officer.

"As a member of S.H.W.A.C. I am very happy that there is a club here like this. I think it's very important for students to be updated on

"SHWAC's goal is to provide students with a better understanding of world affairs and provide a forum for the communication and exchange of ideas about politics, current events, and world affairs,"

-Sam Grossman, 12

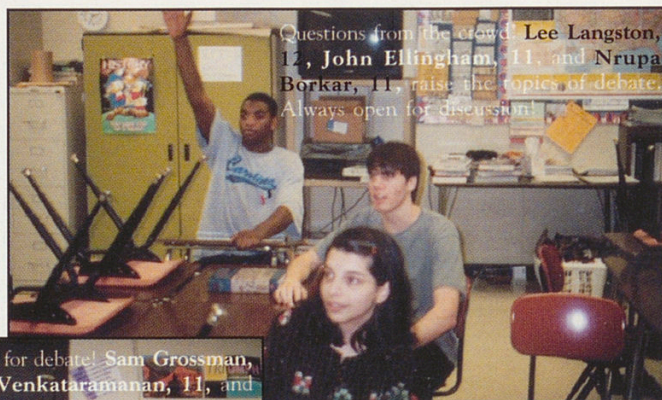
On the floor for debate! Sam Grossman, 12, Vidya Venkataramanan, 11, and Jacob Lee, 11, share opinions on current issues. One rule: respect each other's opinions.



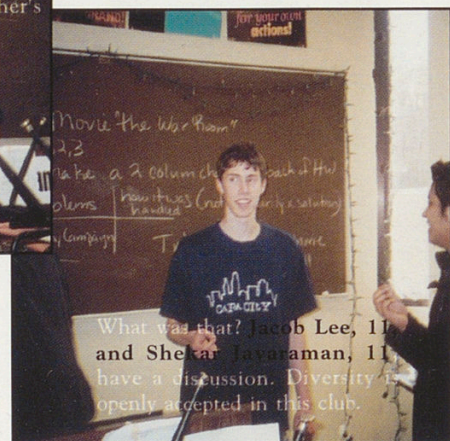
current issues," said Venkataramanan.

Living in a "Melting-Pot" of a country, it is needed to embrace diversity and come together united as one country, and SHWAC is the type of club that helps us get closer to this goal.

By Mandy Hauser



Questions from the crowd! Lee Langston, 12, John Ellingham, 11, and Nrupa Borkar, 11, raise the topics of debate. Always open for discussion!



What was that? Jacob Lee, 11, and Shekar Jayaraman, 11, have a discussion. Diversity is openly accepted in this club.

# OFF AND AWAY WE GO



"I hope to take the Cycling Club to the next level. By gaining sponsors we can unify the team with Sycamore jerseys and becoming a team sport,"

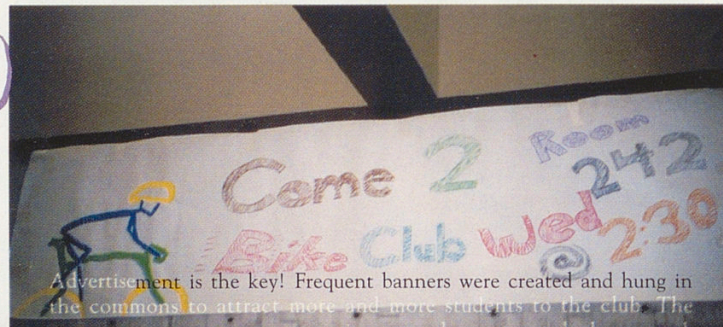
-Patrick Fleckenstein, 12

Time for the real athletes to shine, starting off with an "easy" 20-mile ride at the Loveland Bike Trail, as a warm-up and preview of the year ahead. With a new board, President Patrick Fleckenstein, 12, Vice-President Aaron Schneider, 10, Secretary Michael McOsker, 12, and Treasurer Ryan Hart, 12, this club raced ahead with determination. This club unfortunately had to cancel a few of their rides due to weather, but they were rescheduled for the following weekend.

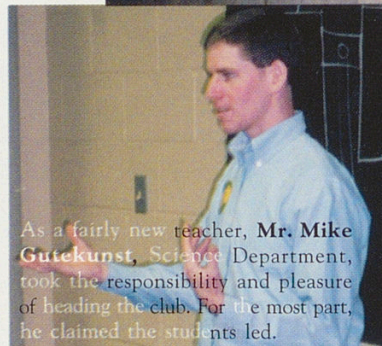
"Cycling Club changed my life," said John Turner, 12.

The only requirements for participation in this club was a helmet, a bike, and a good attitude.

"Having such a great group of students to work with made the club a lot of fun," said



Advertisement is the key! Frequent banners were created and hung in the commons to attract more and more students to the club. The meetings were always attracted a large crowd.

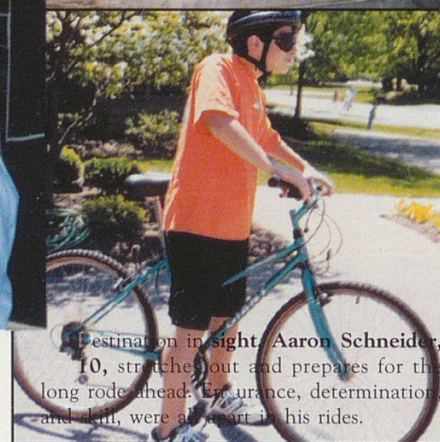


As a fairly new teacher, Mr. Mike Gutekunst, Science Department, took the responsibility and pleasure of heading the club. For the most part, he claimed the students led.

Ryan Hart, 12.

Becoming more than just "riding buddies" the students involved became good friends.

By Meg Hauser



Destination in sight! Aaron Schneider, 10, stretches out and prepares for the long ride ahead. Endurance, determination, and skill, were all part of his rides.