

# STUDENT LEADERS

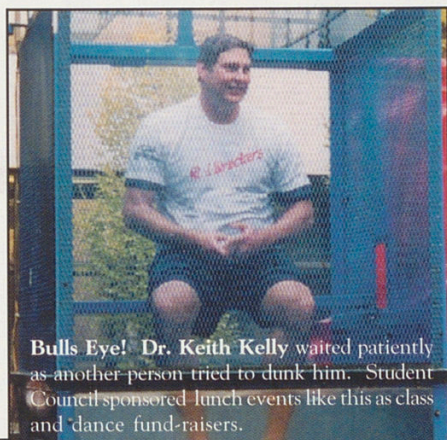
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"Student Council is whatever a member makes of it. For me, I choose to put a lot of time into it. The time commitment is not a problem as long as progress is being made," **Scott Dimmich, 12, Representative.**

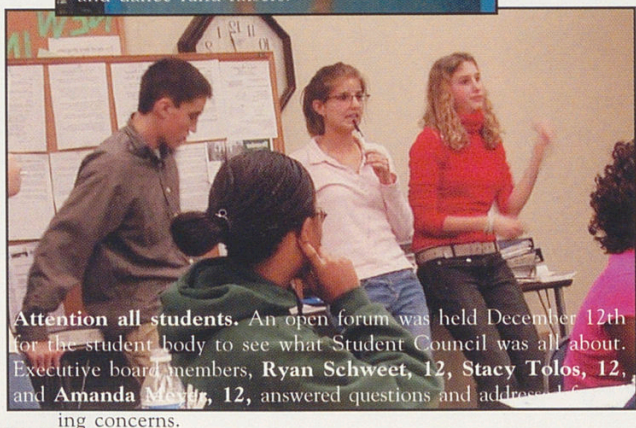
"The most rewarding thing I did has to be showing my fellow students how to dance via the video announcements, along with providing humorous video presentations to my peers," **Brett Banks, 11, Representative.**

"I feel very strongly about our latest project, changing school policy regarding school start times. According to research, high school students should start school much later to achieve the highest performance. We will be talking to the board," **Stacy Tolos, 12, Executive Board Vice President.**

"It bothers me that people don't appreciate the time and effort we put into helping them, but it does not stop me from wanting to do good for the school," **Susan Shuller, 11, Class President.**



**Bulls Eye!** Dr. Keith Kelly waited patiently as another person tried to dunk him. Student Council sponsored lunch events like this as class and dance fund-raisers.



**Attention all students.** An open forum was held December 12th for the student body to see what Student Council was all about. Executive board members, **Ryan Schweet, 12, Stacy Tolos, 12,** and **Amanda Meyer, 12,** answered questions and addressed student concerns.

While you were in your seventh bell, Student Council was organizing a way to get you out of class... perhaps a pep rally, or maybe exam exemptions. Whatever project it may have been, it was sure to help out the people it was intended for: the student body, their peers.

Student Council representatives are elected the previous year and never stop working *the next year*. From homecoming dance decorations and video announcements, to weekend community service and Battle of the Bands, these representatives played a big part in everyone's high school experience.

"Everyday there is an opportunity to make a difference here at Sycamore. I wanted to be a part of Student Council because I want to help, I can help, and I will help. I want to be an active part in a school with so much potential," said **Scott Dimmich, 12, Representative.**

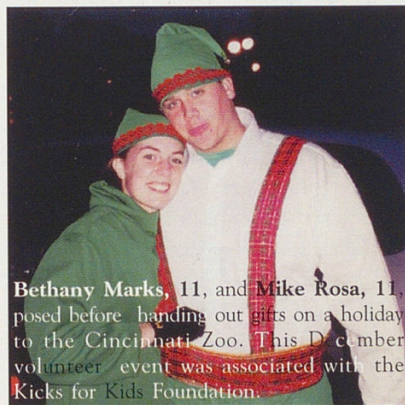
Helping the school doesn't mean addressing only student needs. Staff appreciation was also shown. We saw this monthly with the recognition of a "Department of The Month" and throughout the year by assisting in student/staff relations.

"...Executive Board announces upcoming events and every committee and class reports their current issues," said **Jenny Lawrence, 9, Treasurer.**

Mondays were formal meetings, addressing committees and their projects. The various committees met on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and class meetings were on the weekly schedule for Thursdays.

They were also often seen during lunch selling spirit wear, fund-raising for dances, and distributing Sycawards for discounted admittance to school functions. Also, initiated (and maintained) by Student Council were "Team Of The Week", building-wide recycling, music during lunch, and those always entertaining video announcements.

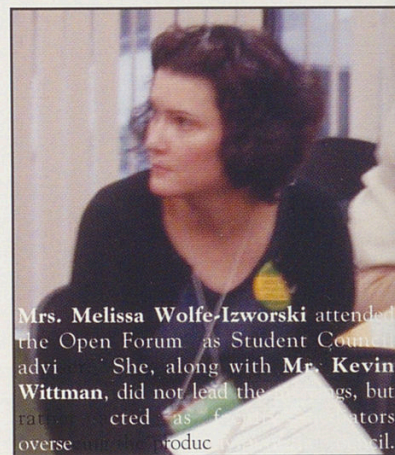
"[I wanted to be a part of Student Council] to help the student body and be a part of the decisions made for us, the students. [I also wanted to] meet older/younger classmates and have fun," said **Bethany Marks, 11, Representative.**



**Bethany Marks, 11,** and **Mike Rosa, 11,** posed before handing out gifts on a holiday to the Cincinnati Zoo. This December volunteer event was associated with the Kicks for Kids Foundation.

"I would like Sycamore to support each other and get involved with what the school has to offer."

**Brad Konerman, 11, Representative**



**Mrs. Melissa Wolfe-Izworski** attended the Open Forum as Student Council advisor. She, along with **Mr. Kevin Wittman,** did not lead the meetings, but rather acted as facilitators over the student-produced mail.

"[I would like to see] less bureaucracy and more willingness to adapt to changes," **Brian Gale, 12, Executive Board President.**

"Our school definitely needs more school spirit. Students act as if they are ashamed to go here. We need to have more pride in our place of learning. Our school also needs to work on embracing diversity," **Robin Robinson, 12, Secretary.**

"[The most rewarding thing I did this year was] probably open campus for seniors. Finally seniors are getting the benefits they deserve," **Amanda Meyer, 12, Executive Board Treasurer.**

"[At meetings] we discuss what we have accomplished, what we are currently working on, and what things are coming up. Everyone speaks about their committees and gives ideas or suggestions for activities and events,"

**Katie Kirschner, 9, Representative.**

"I wanted to be a 'leader' for my class and I wanted to meet new people," **Jill Romansky, 9, Representative**