

## We Win With Baby Bison

Kay Kearns

In these days when the football hopes of North Carolina are somewhat dashed with the poor records of Duke and Carolina, the record of our High Point Baby Bison is something to be proud of. Coached by Ray Correll, this team has won every one of its games and has been scored upon only once.

There is something about a football victory that gives everyone a sense of personal victory. When other departments of the school such as art, music or journalism win good ratings, people are apt to say, "We are proud of you. You did a fine job." But when a football game is won people will inevitably say, "We won!"

We are grateful to our football boys for giving us such a successful season. For fall wouldn't be complete without football, and football wouldn't be interesting without a winning team.

## That Strange Illness

Sandra Ridge

Oh, my stomach hurts! Oh, my back hurts! Oh, my eyes hurt! Oh, my toes hurt! Oh, my teeth hurt!!

That is the daily routine that the office girls and Mrs. Gordon go through. If students' heads don't hurt, their little toes do.

When they win over the office girls and Mrs. Gordon with their little sick act, they go to the clinic to giggle, primp or go to sleep. What's behind all this, you may ask. The answer is nothing but tests. If there are algebra, civics, English or Latin tests, the clinic is running over with ninth graders. If there are science, health, and social studies tests, seventh and eighth graders are terribly sick.

**What germ carries this terrible sickness? The laziness germ! The laziness germ is a little virus that goes around telling its victims that they need not study because they can always get in the clinic and out of tests.**

What's the cure for this strange illness? The cure is simple. In fact, it takes about 45 minutes (length of one period). The bell rings and the patients are up and out of there like a herd of stampeding cattle leaving behind them rumpled beds, combs, lip-stick and comic books.

## Those Dear Friends and Gentle People

Jon Cox

You have just settled down to a good lunch in the school cafeteria when one of your friends starts a conversation with you. He accidentally leans on your chocolate doughnut, smashing it to a pulp. As you are in the process of cleaning it up, a total stranger walks up to you and grabs a handful of your French-fries and quickly consumes them.

Another friend offers to get you something in the cold lunch line. You accept and ask for a sandwich. He purchases it for you and places it right in your soup. Your banana pudding is unusually rich for he has dropped your change in it. Your sandwich is ruined so you get up to get another one. You are immediately swamped with pleas to "Get me this" and "Get me that."

After you have distributed the frites and peanuts, you utter a cry of horror for you have just seated yourself in your potatoes which have been placed in your seat during your absence. You spend five minutes collecting your money which was evenly distributed among your friends.

Your peas are ruined by someone who thoughtfully left the top of the salt shaker loose. Your milk is the only thing left but unfortunately it has an ounce of vinegar in it. You sadly put up your tray along with those of six of your friends who suddenly had to go out to play.



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## Trouble...

with Parents

Brenda Haywood

Many teens feel that parents are unfair when they (teens) have just gotten a chance to go out with their friends and have a wonderful time but parents refuse to let them go.

Parents, of course, have the best of intentions, but it seems, at the time, that they just don't like kids and hate to see them have fun. After thinking it over though, young folks usually realize that mothers and fathers are only trying to raise them in the best way possible and they just can't do everything they want to all the time.

Various students have been asked in what way they feel parents sometimes seem unfair about privileges. Here are some of the answers.

**Bill Davis:** They won't let you because it's a school night, but you don't go to bed until 10:30 or 11:00 o'clock anyway.

**Tam Clary:** They think we're old enough for responsibilities, but not old enough for some privileges.

**Gerry Hutchison:** They take away your privileges when grades are low and sometimes you really can't help it.

**Zella Moore:** They think of their younger years when such privileges didn't exist. They say they didn't do this and that, so why should we?

**Carlton Hill:** They don't give enough time for social activities.

**Sue Menscer:** They give you a lot of work, and when you are through, you don't have much leisure time.

## She Friendly To Everybody; Who Is This Mystery Girl?

Carole Simeon



Good personality, definitely. Friendly, yes. These good qualities as well as many others fit the ninth grade mystery person.

She has a very gay, vivacious and light-hearted disposition. Brown hair, blue eyes and fair complexion are some of this person's identifying characteristics. Singing in the ninth grade chorus, participating in the G. A. A. and being an officer in her homeroom are a few of her activities.

If you think you can guess this mystery person, come within one week to 210. The prize for the first correct identification will be tickets to the first basketball game of the Senior High Black Bison.

## A Letter From Miss Washburn, Teacher Here For 31 Years

Miss Mary Washburn, former teacher of 117, retired last year after being on the Junior High faculty for 31 years. Miss Washburn is on the mailing list for the JUNIOR POINTER. The staff recently received a letter from her from Rutherfordton, N. C. where she has a home. Realizing how many friends Miss Washburn has in school, the staff shares the letter with everybody.

Rutherfordton, N. C.  
Oct. 25, 1955

Dear Friends,  
When the postman brought my

JUNIOR POINTER, I sat down in the comfortable chair the faculty gave me and read every word in the paper. Each article is "tops." It was next best to being back at school and chatting with my friends there.

I am happy to know the eight new teachers, especially Mrs. Hornaday. I hope she will be as happy in room 117 as I was.

Thank you for remembering me in this nice way.

I am wishing for you a happy and prosperous school year.

Miss Washburn

## Dear Editor • Why Was 'White' Team Not Supported? • Wouldn't A Traffic Officer Help?

Dear Editor,

This year the arrangement for the Junior High football team was that there should be two of them. One was to be the blue team, the other the white.

They were picked by geographical location. Those boys from east of Main Street were on the blue team. Boys west of Main Street were on the white team. They were not divided according to skill. Therefore I feel that they both should have had equal support from the school, but they didn't.

One team, the blues, had the cheerleaders and the band. The whites did not get support from the school. The reason I have written this letter is to try to prevent this thing happening in the future to other teams. I have not written this letter to be critical.

Jim Pell

Dear Jim,

The dividing of Junior High football material into two teams, the blues and the whites, was suggested by Mr. Tony Simeon, Senior High football coach. The purpose was to give twice as many boys an opportunity to play football and thus uncover more prospects for the Senior High varsity.

The double schedule made complications for the band, cheerleaders and faculty members who like to attend Junior High football games. It was either choose one or have none because it was impossible to follow two teams.

The decision to "adopt" the blues had several reasons behind it. At the top of the list is the fact that on the blue team, 17 out of the 21 boys are in Junior High. The whites have 26 boys and only 7 of them are students here. Another factor is that Mr. Ray Cor-

rell, Junior High teacher, coaches the blues and Mr. Charles Weaver, Senior High teacher, coaches the whites.

One of the main purposes of a Junior High School is to give as many students as possible a chance to exercise as many abilities as possible. This is more of a goal at this point than producing a varsity football team.

Brenda Gray

Dear Editor,

I have noticed in the mornings and after school, on the corner of Ferndale Drive and Locke Street, that it is almost impossible for students to cross the street without endangering their lives. Because of no courtesy on the part of the motorists, many who are parents of students, fail to give students a chance to cross the street. It is true that you see patrol cars traveling in the school area, but students receive no help when it comes to crossing at this very important corner.

The spirit of "every man for himself" certainly prevails at this intersection. The boys and girls who are walking or trying to cross the street at this corner are certainly getting the wrong end of the bargain. I would like to give credit to those few motorists who stop from time to time to give us a break.

This letter is not a criticism but it is a challenge to the motorist to give us a break. Of course a traffic officer at this intersection would greatly relieve the problem.

Sandra James  
Homeroom 112

Dear Sandra,

I can see (and feel) the school area traffic situation from your

point of view. I have waited in the cold rain on the other side of Ferndale, while dozens of dry, warm drivers rolled by. I have wished for a traffic officer to raise an arm saying, "It's your turn now."

However, when 2800 teen-agers are turned out at the same time as several hundred parents are driving around looking for them, the situation will never be smooth. Isn't it true that the general attitude of students is to "go on across; they'll stop" or "I dare you to hit me?"

A traffic officer would help. But even with a traffic officer, it will always be necessary for each individual to have a lot of patience and some common sense.

Brenda Gray

## Editors Interview Well Known Figure

Brenda Gray

Guilford County school paper editors received an invitation in October for an interview with Mr. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Kay Kearns and Brenda Gray, editors of the JUNIOR POINTER and Jean Blankenship, editor of the POINTER, attended.

The interview took place in the cotton room of the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro. Cameras from WBIG were on hand to film the affair for the TV program.

Mr. O'Connor was formerly a partner of the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the Connor-Roosevelt law firm in New York City. He has been president of the Paralysis Foundation since 1938. He has also served as president of the American Red Cross.