

## An Alternate Choice For Happiness

By Jim Carpenter

"Teacher, can me and Johnny go out and smoke a joint?"

Jimmy on one side of the classroom to Joe on the other:

"Hey man, come over to my house tonight and we'll get sloshed."

Often a loud "Get the head!" can be heard over the class hum.

Are these remarks from 1980, when pot is legalized and the drinking age is lowered to 12? No, believe it or not, this is commonplace in Grimsley's classrooms. We've all heard it, it's no surprise. Funny to some, but sad to others.

Well, I for one don't laugh. Let me first say that it doesn't offend me personally, although it does disrupt the class and I think we all get tired of hearing it. However, it does bother me from two standpoints. I realize that most people who say these things are out to get a little attention, and unfortunately, they usually get it. Yet flaunting the fact that you are breaking the law is just plain stupid. Unknown to some, and simply not believed by others, there are narcotics agents and informers working in the city schools. Quite a few Greensboro students will testify to this, as they found out last spring.

The advertising pot smoker is asking for trouble. In the 1974-75 school year, this type of behavior wasn't prevalent, and busts were few and far between. Last year, there was bust after bust, not only at Grimsley, but at all the city

schools. Is there a connection? Draw your own conclusion, but if you stop and think, you'll probably agree that it's not a smart way to get attention.

Two years ago, however, I would have been rolling in the floor at remarks like these, or I might have been throwing similar lines out myself. A little over a year ago, though, I found that there weren't any answers in dope and I found where the answers are. This is standpoint number two.

I realize that everyone of us are out looking for a little love or peace or joy, and dope seems like a good place to look. So I'm not coming down on anyone. Yet I know that there isn't a single person that has ever lived or will live who will ever find eternal happiness in drugs, because the only source of such happiness and peace is Jesus Christ. He's the one that died for us, remember? But now He lives and reigns, He loves us all, and He's ready and waiting to give you the peace and love you're looking for.

As for dope, if all your needs are more than provided for by Christ, why look anywhere else?

You'll be glad to know that I'm co-editor for this issue only. Replies are welcome, though—address them to the editor, care of Ms. Sroog. Also, the administration of Grimsley, or the staff and advisor of High Life do not necessarily agree with this editorial.

## Are Assemblies on the Comeback?

Students were recently treated to an excellent assembly program "Count Me In" in our auditorium.

The students who were in attendance at this program should be commended for their well behaved manner throughout the entire performance.

This is the first real assembly program in some time at Grimsley, and the students showed that they could attend without causing a disturbance. In the past students disrupted the featured programs therefore causing the various assemblies to be terminated. It seems that the actions of past students who are no longer in attendance, have caused the present Grimsley students to miss out on the entertaining assemblies.

It's felt that these programs would have benefited the student greatly, entertaining the students as well as getting something of educational value out of it. The seniors of Grimsley have missed the aspect of our high school years but it is hoped that the underclassmen will be able to have the privilege of these assemblies granted to them.

It's felt that with the good behavior of the past assembly that there is hope for special programs being brought back as a regular part of the school work. It may be late for some of us but as the cliché goes "better late than never". It is also felt that the faculty and administration should be commended for their belief and trust in the students, and for allowing the show to go on.

## Letters To The Editor

Letters to the Editor:

I would like to express my opinion about something that has been bothering me. I am sure many others share my view. (including some teachers). I have a class in the new science building and I have repeatedly been disturbed by the noise. When testing, I find it very difficult to concentrate. The classes around me are so loud, except when they are the ones taking a test. Another annoyance is trying to work when the class next to you is watching a film. I do not understand the advantages of these open classrooms. Since we have to live with it I would like to ask all teachers and students to be considerate of other classes. If

everyone cooperates, maybe the problem can be solved.

Thanks,  
E.B.S..

Editor's Note:

You are absolutely right and many people do agree with you.

To the Editors,

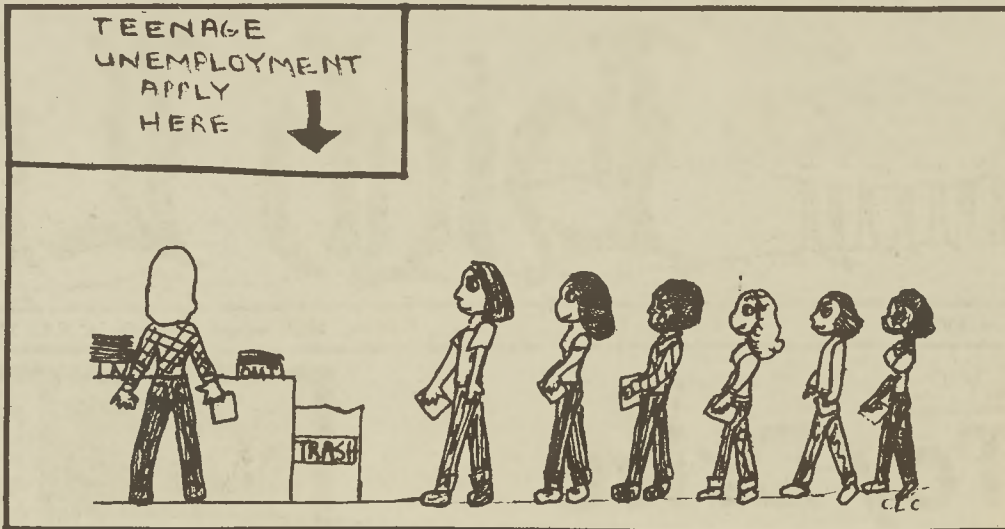
I just want to say that I think the school grounds look pretty bad in some places. I think there is a clean-up scheduled soon which will have taken place by the time this is printed. I don't think most people care that much about it, at least, not like they used to. Years ago clubs would sweep the

stadium after games and other things of that nature. I just wanted to bring this up hoping that more effort will be taken.

Note from Editor,

If you are so interested and concerned, I am sure any of the clubs would be happy to let you help them clean up the campus. It is a big job but it has been done in the past and will surely be continued in the future one way or the other.

NOTICE: We are not getting as much response from our readers as we should. If you have something you would like to say, feel free to write us a letter. Bring it to Ms. Sroog in room 868. Thank-you.



## Teenage Unemployment

By Lisa McDowell

Everyday I see around me many young people, myself included, hungry for work, or should I say "money"? It seems so simple. As soon as that 16th birthday rolls around you will automatically have a job and make lots of money, right? Wrong; at least for most of us. I'm sure some people will immediately be hired at Dad's new hardware store or curb market, yet it will not be quite that easy for those who would not be satisfied with bagging groceries or busing tables.

I'm afraid that we are going to have to be satisfied with these typical teenage jobs. Why? Because an employer, when faced with the decision of who gets the offered job, will naturally choose the elder of the group, hoping to be acquiring a more capable and more than likely a full time employee for the same wage as he would give a teenager.

Laws concerning teenage employment state that we must make at least minimum wage. The question is, should Congress pass a bill which would allow teenagers to work for less than minimum wage? This suggestion has its advantages and disadvantages. Under this law, more people would hire teenagers, for cheap labor provides a bigger profit for the employer. Until a few years ago that is how it was. Should we go back to the old law? Maybe we should, or would that cause a higher unemployment rate among adults?

According to the Labor Department unemployment among teenagers reached 20 percent this fall. I don't think that is all that bad considering that most of these teenagers do not have a family to support and other

fiscal responsibilities as do adults. 50 per cent of the people in the United States have a lower income than a paper boy. I'd say the paper boys are better off than they think.

Here at Grimsley are many who have good jobs in coordination with school. It is from a program called ITC. Students are allowed to have a part time schedule, which enables them to attend school for a part of the day and work the other part. This applies mainly to

seniors, yet sophomores and juniors can acquire special permission to take part in this.

Mr. Lewis is the teacher who directs this program. His second and third period students are on this program. They are receiving two credits for this class, one for

the class itself and one for working. In the class they learn about businesses of all types. I would say they have a very good start in the business world.

### CURRICULUM SURVEY

By Lee Evans

This is a survey conducted by HIGH LIFE concerning the Greensboro City Schools English Curriculum. This survey was given to a small percentage of Grimsley students and is in no way a conclusive survey. We feel that the student's opinions concerning the curriculum should be looked at. This is how the survey went.

Break-down of the student's classifications who were surveyed:  
10 23% 11 28% 12 49%

Do you feel that you are being properly prepared for a college level English course in your present English class?

46% YES  
23% NO  
31% NO OPINION

Would you like to see a traditional type of English course offered for Sophomores stressing literature, grammar and composition writing?

73% YES 0% NO 27% NO OPINION

Would you like to continue with the present practice of an elective type English program?

69% YES 19% NO 12% NO OPINION

Do you feel you have learned the proper mechanics through the present English program?

58% YES 19% NO 23% NO OPINION

Once again this survey is not conclusive in any way. But from the opinions of the students it appears that they would like to have a traditional English course offered. Since the school is for the students it is hoped that their needs will be met.

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