

Freedom of Press: A Right For All

Freedom of the press is one of the most important principles laid down by the men who founded our country. It is a right we as Americans enjoy each day and possibly take for granted. It would be hard to imagine how it would be not to be able to express our opinions. It is very hard to conceive not being able to say what we wanted for or against something. This is a special right, not too many other countries have this total freedom where a man can express his opinion no matter what the subject. It is felt that we should take more advantage of this freedom.

Even at the high school level we should have the right to print the opinions and ideas of the students who we are attempting to serve. It is felt that the students should exercise their right to put their ideas in writing so other people can benefit from them, and understand them.

It is important to remember when someone expresses his or her idea that they are not trying to force their ideas on the reader, but merely speaking his mind on the subject. No matter how controversial or trivial it may be.

Sometimes when someone is trying to get their point across in

an editorial or another form of the media, when we do not agree we tend to shut them out and not listen at all. We who work at the paper do so to serve the students. It is hoped that if someone does not agree with an item which appears in the paper they should put it in writing and send it to us so we can all share the idea.

Freedom of the press is not something for just the people who produce the paper. It must be exercised by all people in order for it to be a real freedom.

We hope that everyone understands that each individual is allowed to say anything they wish in writing or speaking just as long as it is not slanderous to anyone. That is where the freedom ends and we get involved in personalities. Personalities should play no part in the printing of a paper. Only the truth should be printed and the press should not be used by someone who holds a grudge against someone.

The press is for everyone and it should be used by all who want to. We should respect what the printed word has to say and treat all new ideas with an open mind. Each person is entitled to say what they feel should be said.

Auxiliary Gym

By Hank Howard

It appears that physical education at Grimsley is being well provided for at Grimsley this year at a rapidly accelerating rate. The recent completion of the tennis court and swimming pool facilities, along with the surfacing of the track, will soon be highlighted by the opening of a new auxiliary gym, tying the whole project together.

The new integral part of the sports complex will be in the form of a \$250,000 tri-level addition to the former "girls' gym." The new 3,300 square foot structure should double the area of the complex and, while not increasing the floor space of the basketball court, will add many new and needed rooms.

Those members of the student body who are familiar with the layout of the old gym will be surprised and perhaps relieved that the walls encompassing the former dressing area have been leveled to make way for a new tumbling/gymnastics room. This is cited as one of the major advantages of the new project. As Physical Education Coach Addison put it, one of the major goals of the physical education teachers is to acquire new gymnastics equipment and finally to have a place to store it.

While the basketball court will remain the same as far as size goes, additional improvements are planned. The new wing will contain a wrestling room on the basement level, with no immediate plans for a weight room. Dressing areas will also be found on this sublevel, as well as on

the main level. While the main level will accommodate mostly basketball facilities and equipment rooms, the third level will be reserved solely for office space. Preliminary plans had tentatively called for an additional basketball facility on the third level, but this plan was scrapped for lack of funds. Additional improvements to the gymnasium include the addition of a small classroom, the installation of new windows and, possibly a new floor, replacing the present linoleum one.

The project was alleged to have opened by the end of 1976-77 school year, but recent inclement weather has pushed the target date of occupation toward the beginning of next year's school season, or next fall. It is estimated that the project is some four to five months behind schedule, yet the impression is that the wait may be well worth it.

The project has nonetheless been advancing in quality due to the guidance of the contractors, Lewallen Associates, the architect, James C. Posey, and the overseeing contractor Clay Walker, as well as others.

The new auxiliary gymnasium, when completed will certainly serve as more than just a new facility in which to have fun and develop one's physical being. The project will, in a sense, link up the other new physical education structures through a system of walkways, thus securing for Grimsley one of the first sports and health complexes in the South.



To The Editor

Mr. Editor,

I wish to express my opinion on two excellent basketball games that I have seen this year. They were the February Fourth match

with East Forsyth and the February 22 game with Dudley (a first round playoff game).

though we had only beat Dudley one time in four, we won the won that sent us on to another day, while the Panthers went home to stay for nine months till a new season. I felt bestial, but I felt blithe, too.

David W. Bulla

OLD LAWS

Some months ago PARADE published a list of laws still on the books in some states. Here are a few more anachronistic legal gems:

1. In Pine Island, Minn., a man must remove his hat when meeting a cow.
2. It is against the law in Pocatello, Idaho, to go around looking peeved or dejected.
3. Whoever peels an orange in his hotel room in California is breaking the law.
4. It is prohibited in Minnesota to hang male and female undergarments on the same clothesline.
5. In Arkansas it is illegal to blindfold a cow on public roads.
6. Wives in Kentucky must have their husbands' permission to move the furniture around in their homes.
7. A law in Florida requires keeping your clothes on while bathing, even in the family bathtub.
8. Every animal out on the streets in Berea, Ohio, after dark must wear a taillight.
9. Crocodiles may not be tied to hydrants in Michigan.
10. Falling asleep in the bathtub in Detroit is unlawful.
11. It is illegal to wear a mask in Greensboro, N.C.
12. Leaning against a public building in Clinton County, Ohio, is punishable by law.
13. New York prohibits card playing on trains.
14. Tickling a girl in Norton, Va., is illegal.
15. If two men drink from the same bottle in Cleveland, they are breaking a law.
16. In Waterville, Maine, it is against the law to blow one's nose in public.
17. Elephants in Natchez, Miss., are not permitted to drink beer.
18. Taking a bath in winter breaks an Indiana law.
19. Every taxi driver in Washington, D.C., is required to carry a dustpan and broom in the car at all times.
20. Buy a sack of peanuts after sundown is against the law in Alabama.
21. Women in Oxford, Ohio, are forbidden to undress in front of a man's picture.
22. If a woman wants to buy a hat in Owensboro, Ky., her husband has to try it on first.
23. Wearing roller skates in public lavatories is illegal in Portland, Oreg.

The first game offered much for the experienced basketball fan; the latter was an effort that I will never forget, for Grimsley overcame a 12 point lead on a night when the ball just seemed not to fall, and any good officianado of the game knows that this is one of the toughest obstacles to subdue psychologically.

At East I shall never forget the muffled National Anthem, the mural of the twelve plus one, who wasn't present, the enticing cheerleaders that East presented, the fake that Tony Bailey put on number 32, "Sasquatch," the shot Eric Summers should not have taken, and the shot Gary Sue hit from the left corner - that ball arched seemingly to the rafters, spun left, spun right, then curved towards the basket on its downward flight, "swished" through the nets burning our infamous number 32's hands. When the game was concluded, the Whirlies lacked two to tie, and three to win.

But at home on a fair Tuesday evening, more luck did we have, and with one could we spare, for victory was ours. The game left the crowd enthralled, as Eric Summers pulled the rebounds; Hugh Elkins played out his heart; Mark Harris finally became hot; and thank the big G, Dick Gilbert showed us why his touch is the best, for he canned the big free throws toward the finish...Then on to the floor we did storm, and

To the Editor,

Are we making a goat of the attendance policy? Or is it making a goat of us? Are we collecting absences for the heck of it thinking we have got it made? Could we be skipping classes, making fake notes, and getting off the hook?

I think, while we say "I've got nine absences to blow" we should be thinking, "Last year I had 22 absences," mostly on fake notes done by our friendly school forgers.

How about thinking about putting the forgers out of business. The better ones had a flourishing business until the school board and community closed down shop.

Should we stand idly by and watch a group of gifted craftsmen lose their skill because they cannot stay in practice. Have we let the community know that some people actually had a purpose in coming to Grimsley have to have a purpose in coming.

In short, we need to get rid of this college attendance system before our last group of students who have actually acquired a trade here vanish with the years.

Danny Dillon

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