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Pep Board Strives For GHS Enthusiasm

The Pep Board held its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 2. Headed by Becky Sillmon, this group is responsible for helping to generate school spirit by putting up banners and signs, sponsoring spirit days, and generally being enthusiastic.

Assistant Principal, Mr. Jim Ballance, has said that of all the nineteen years he has been at Grimsley, he has never seen more enthusiasm among the students. Dr. Bonny Baur, GHS Principal, has spoken likewise about school spirit.

Sillmon wants to see students showing their enthusiasm by supporting all school events, not just athletic contests.

The Pep Board is already planning events for the upcoming football games. Spirit days, such as "Blue and White Day," "Top 'Em Day," and, a new one, "Punk Rock Day," will offer students a chance to show their school spirit.

Traditionally, Grimsley's biggest rivalry has been with Page. But, while Sillmon

stresses, "We will support (our team) against Page, Homecoming will be emphasized."

In the past, GHS has received some "bad publicity" surrounding the Page game. Sillmon wants students to show spirit in ways that are "classy, not trashy."

On the subject of Homecoming, the "big game" for most schools, Sillmon wants to see a "great, great, great event." While many plans are not finalized, the theme, "Let The Good Times Roll," gives and indication of what to expect.

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The Fall Sports Program on Thursday, September 10, was another way to generate school spirit. It gave students a chance to meet the teams, coaches, and cheerleaders, and even to see the football team run through a few plays.

For further coverage of these teams, consult the sports section of this issue of HIGH LIFE.



Dr. Baur joins the student body in the singing of the Alma Mater. (Hamilton Photo)

Interclub Council Meets

Starlette Young, president of the Civinette service club, was elected chairperson of the Interclub Council at the first meeting held on Friday, September 9.

Interclub Council is a group composed of the service clubs at Grimsley. Young will be in charge of club plots and projects, and will represent the council on Grimsley's Executive Council.

The presidents and their respective service organizations are as follows: Key Club, Ronald Spruill; O'Henry Juniors, Debbie Twilley; Serteens, Gordon

Williams; Exchange, Addison Edwards and Rob Midget; Exchangettes, Kelly Walsh; Liason, Beth Graves; Jaycees, David Wilkins; and Jaycettes, Joannie Kennett.

Sophomores Vie For Positions

Led by GHS student body president, Gary Breece, an assembly to introduce candidates for Sophomore Class officers was held Monday.

Running for the offices were: President, Jay Floyd, Warren Lewis, and Karen Seagraves; Youth Recreation Council Chairperson, Michele Martorano; Pep Board, Tamera Majors; and Secretary/Treasurer, Neca Davis and Amy Russell.

The positions available and the responsibilities pertaining to each office are as follows: The president is responsible for working with his or her class advisor concerning the class project and other class business. The president also presides over the homeroom president's meetings for the Class. The president pro tempore is not an elected office but is the person running for president with the second highest number of votes. The Youth Recreation Council chairper-

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Scorpions Ignore Warning; Ten Receive Suspension



Tim Webster :

Scorpions - not a fighting group...

By Marty Leary

Ten Grimsley students were suspended on Monday, September 14, after ignoring an administrative warning against wearing T-shirts showing their affiliation with the organization, the Scorpions.

GHS principal Dr. Bonny

Baur delivered the warning on Friday, September 11, following the reports of "threats, destruction of school property, and general misbehavior" on the part of the Scorpions. The Scorpion's intimidation of some students was also a factor in Baur's decision. Baur admits that many of the students in the organization may not have been involved in the incidents, but that "they all were guilty by association."

Following the warning on Friday, Scorpion leader Tim Webster said that Baur "didn't know anything about our organization." Webster emphasized that the Scorpions were not a fighting group and that anyone fighting "would have been thrown out of the organization."

Two female students were expelled Monday, September 14, after openly protesting the suspension of the ten

Scorpions and after making threats. "They went too far," said Baur, citing threats to her and her family. The protests and threats came after several Scorpions boarded a pick-up truck on Monday, September 14, en route to the Optional School. Perhaps a hundred students looked on, some supporting the protestors and chanting slogans.

Baur said her decision to suspend the ten Scorpions was based on a 1969 Supreme Court ruling, Tinker versus DesMoines Independent Community School District 21, in which it was decided that school authorities had the right to maintain control of clothing and insignia if it poses a threat to the educational process.

In response to reports of intimidation and threats by the Scorpions, Webster says he was not involved and had no knowledge of it. He said

the organization started as a dance club. "We were trying to boost Grimsley spirit" through attendance at pep rallies and football games.

Baur says that she has the support of both parents and students. She says she has talked to many of the parents of the suspended students, and has worked out an understanding with them. She also has the "one-hundred percent support of the NAACP and the Human Relations Commission."

On Wednesday, September 16, she received the formal written apology of the ten suspended Scorpions, asking that they be reinstated at Grimsley. (These ten students have been given the opportunity to attend Greensboro's Optional School.) Baur says she will make no change in her decision at this time, and will re-admit the students at her discretion after they have

proven that their desire to return to Grimsley is sincere.

At this point Baur says as far as she is concerned, the issue is resolved; "it's over and done with."

Because of High Life's printing schedule, any new developments concerning this issue would not have been covered after Sunday, September 20, 1981.



Dr. Baur :

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