

GRIMSLEY HIGH LIFE

Grimsley Senior High School Greensboro, North Carolina

"Voice of the Whirlies"

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Hotel "rage" recently exposed

by Karen Wilson

Educators, city officials, and parents have been alerted to the latest "rage" among some area high school students. This "rage" includes the renting of a hotel room, and throwing a party there. According to a recent Greensboro Daily News and Record article, the parties consist of flowing booze, plentiful drugs, and occasional sex. PTA member Mrs. Eva Manning commented, "I don't think it's the school's problem, the hotel's problem, or the police's problem. I think if the parents cannot trust their children, then they can easily check where they're spending the night."

Page High School principal Robert Clendenin comments that the hotel parties have been going on for a number of years, and feels that they have gotten out of hand. "I know something is going

to happen if we don't stop it now." Even Mayor Pro Tem Jim Kirkpatrick has gotten involved. "It's a frightening development," says Kirkpatrick. "I'm afraid someone's going to get killed."

Lt. L.A. Rorer of the vice squad reported that kids have been renting hotel rooms, and is presently looking into the situation. He said that renting a hotel room to a minor is not unlawful, but it is unlawful for a minor to consume alcohol, or use drugs on the premises.

Clendenin feels that the O. Henry Hotel incident could occur again. He was referring to a party that was thrown by some Greensboro High School students (now Grimsley) at the old O. Henry Hotel in 1962. The students were arrested for being drunk and disorderly. After the incident social clubs were banned.

Greensboro city officials are planning a meeting to discuss this problem. Hopefully, the meeting will include hotel executives, police, city educators, parents, and the Chamber of Commerce. No date has been set for the meeting.

Kirkpatrick has discovered that the problem is not restricted to only Page and Grimsley students, but is city wide. When party-goers want to consume alcohol, or register for a hotel room, a fake I.D. is usually used, but sometimes the services of an older friend, brother, or sister are required. "A number of people seem to believe this problem is growing," Kirkpatrick said. "It is not the business of the city council, obviously, to raise people's children or instill morality, but it is important to publicize the fact that a problem exists."



New Quill and Scroll members. Front row: Christy Cline, Ameer Weinberg, Stephen Canter; Back row: John Haines, Pat Goodwin, Scott Gerber, Robert Corbett, and Wilson Winchester.

Freshmen prepare for the "squeeze"

by Karen Wilson

Grimsley will be seeing some major changes next year, mainly, the ninth graders transferring up to the high school level. Although the ninth grade will be here in body, what about spirit? They will have many chances during their high school years to sample the curriculum at GHS, but not as a ninth grader, because they have their own registration requirements. The freshmen will have to take gym plus another year of gym or cultural arts in the tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade. Their Social Studies, English, Gym, and Math courses will not leave many openings for a wide variety of electives, which will be available.

Space is a problem because many areas of the school are already too crowded. When asked about the problem of space, Mr. Renn said, that in order to fit the ninth grade in at GHS, the three classrooms that are now used for kindergarten will have to be used for high school students, and therefore the kindergarten will not be on this campus next year. This will affect the Child Care classes offered at Grimsley. Also, teachers have been informed that there is a chance that they will not be able to spend their planning periods in their classrooms, and some teachers may have to rotate classrooms.

Another problem will be lockers. Either Grimsley will

have to install more lockers, or students will have to double-up and share lockers, as many already do. Also the cafeteria will be crowded next year, as freshmen and sophomores will be required to remain on campus for lunch. Upperclassmen will still be able to leave campus enabling them to go out to lunch. The lunch program may also see some changes. A different cafeteria lay-out may be able to seat more students. The possibility of a "scramble system," where specific foods will be served in specific areas of the cafeteria might be the answer. This is the method used in some Charlotte high schools, where no students are allowed to leave campus for

lunch.

The question of some of the sports has already been resolved, with a "junior-junior varsity" or "ninth grade" team for ninth graders only. For instance in football, a ninth grader would not have much playing time on the JV, or varsity team, playing against the bigger, more experienced players. The ninth graders would be able to try out for JV and varsity teams, if qualified, but the upperclassmen would not be able to play on the freshmen teams. The freshmen team would play other city freshmen teams. This sports system would only be for some sports because a few GHS individual sports already have

freshmen on the teams. These include tennis, track, and swimming. Extra curricular activities, and service clubs will be open to any interested ninth graders.

Disciplinary rules and regulations are presently different for junior and senior high school students, but the administration hopes that the ninth graders will adopt to the senior high school code of conduct. This will help to reduce the number of changes that will have to be made. For instance, some rule infringements carry different penalties for different grade levels.

The changes are coming, along with the ninth graders, and next year's upperclassmen will have to look forward to the changes to come and learn to tolerate them.

High IQ tries to regain title

by Alan Sharp

The High I.Q. team is attempting to regain the High I.Q. Championship. The team competed in the quarter final match which was held on WGHP TV 8 on March 1st. The Whirlies were victorious in single elimination tournament with the teams competing for \$3,000 in scholarship money.

The Whirlies advanced to the quarter finals by competing with 39 other Piedmont high schools in the "Super Saturday" competition held on February 15th. The

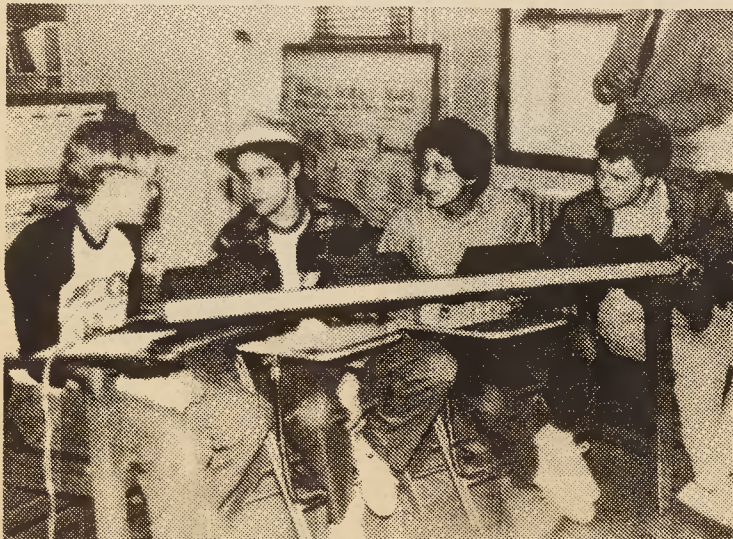
Whirlies finished first in this competition. Following behind the Whirlies were Page, Smith, Mount Tabor, Dudley, Asheboro, Williams, and North Davidson. These teams are now competing in the television finals.

Another recent performance by the Whirlie team further reveals how strong the team is. The team competed in the National Knowledge Master Open, a computer basic contest consisting of 568 schools nation wide. The team placed first in North Carolina and thirty-ninth in the nation in their

first attempt at this competition.

The team is made up of the following: Scott Burgin (Captain), Robert Corbett, Spencer Lin, Eugene Naughton, and Matt Kelly. The program is coached by Bert Whisnant who is assisted by coach Larry Williamson.

The High Life staff apologizes for the misspelling of these names in last month's issue. They are Larry Williamson, Mary Anne Walters, and Ethan Clotfelter.



High IQ team members practicing after school.