

# Secession Termination Brings 'Reconstruction'

"Seceded" the sign on the school room door read. Seceded? "From what and why," asked the reader.

The replies to this question began a serious and yet trivial movement to criticize GHS's student council. Another question at once bursts forth—"For what reason do we criticize the council?"

The answers came—often too swift and petty, but more often thoughtful and serious.

The main objections were "We are not represented right." However, very few continued to explain what was lacking in the representation. Those who did explain were at times a little misinformed on the purpose of the student council.

Many complained that there were not enough students on the council. We must take into consideration that a school as large as ours would not have an effective type of student jurisdiction if there were a great number of persons to decide each minor issue. Most people who have ever worked with any committee or organization can verify the fact that the more members there are on the committee, the longer it takes to come to a decision on a matter. The time element may seem to evade this point, but it is, moreover, an important factor. The council can only meet last period (for one hour), and this allotment of time is not large enough to even cover the roll call of a large group. Therefore, in view of the problems in numbers, our predecessors have set up a system whereby there is a student council representative for a set number of students. No one has yet found a more satisfactory system. If someone does . . .

Still others cried out that our representatives were not actually representing the students because they only gave afterthoughts in their council reports and did not submit them enthusiastically to the group for suggestions. But yet, the men who stand to represent our population in the national and state government do not come to the people for suggestions and grievances. The people go to them. If we feel we cannot confide in the representatives which are assigned to our home room, we should then

## Council Corner

By Janie Leigh Wall

Criticism often stems from misunderstandings. A great deal of criticism has been aimed at the student council lately—some just and some unjust. Much of this criticism arose because of a lack of knowledge on the part of students, of what their student council is, and the functions of the council.

The Student Council of Greensboro Senior High School is a service organization set up by the Constitution of the Student Cooperative Association of which all of the student body are members. Its purpose is not to make or enforce laws of the school, but to be of service in representing the students and sponsoring necessary functions. The council can only act upon those things which are under its jurisdiction. This excludes problems covering maintenance, lunch rules, smoking, and planning of student trips; however, some of the functions sponsored for the benefit of all students are homecoming, May Day, mid-winter's, the prom, lunch-time recreation, open houses (since the chairman is on the student council), elections, hostessing for College Day, Industrial Day, and many other smaller functions.

The council urges the students to take part in their activities, for all is done in the interest of the student body. May Day is one of the biggest events ahead. This year May Day will be May 4 at 5:00 p.m. The committee, under the leadership of Wilma Kay Pegg and Vera LeCraw with Miss Peggy Joyner as faculty adviser, has done an outstanding job with hopes of this May Day being the best in years.

seek out another representative and give him our ideas to be presented to the council.

Others were upset because the seniors had not been asked if they would like a school sponsored trip to Washington this year as has previously been the custom at Senior. However, we must realize that it is not the decision of our student council or faculty or principal to grant such trips. Rather a request must be sent to the school board. The school board this year would probably not grant such a request in view of the actions of several foolish students during the past two years. Also, last year there was much difficulty in finding even one bus load of students to attend. How many do we think would be willing to put out at least \$40 for the excursion?

The Council Corner printed in this issue has more-or-less answered many of the questions and accusations thrown at our student council lately. We suggest that everyone read it to see if he is justified in his complaints or if he is only misinformed. Now is the time for "reconstruction."

## Happy Birthday' Seniors!

By Linda Lael

Many members of the senior class are celebrating this month, for they came into the world during April.

Maryann Weber, Jim Oldham, and Christine Harrison were born eighteen years ago today, just barely making the month of April.

Most of the seniors contacted were born in Greensboro, but Jeanie Deese, April 22, has lived in ten other towns. She says, "I'm a preacher's kid."

Although they are no April Fools, Vickie Robinson and Becky Mallard tricked their parents by arriving on that day.

Jerri Lynn Pittard, April 10, George Troxler, April 2, Marion Dixon, April 15, Thomas Wilson, April 19, Lind Kirksey, April 23, and Jeanie Deese all have the same advice to give to sophomores. What is this popular admonition? Study!

Bob Foster, April 7, says, "Keep an open mind and never say anything you can't back up." Anne Baxter, April 14, advises, "Keep your eyes wide open and your ears clean." Vickie Robinson and Jim Oldham say to be a friend to everyone.

All of the April babies seem to prefer an April birthday because of the rebirth of Mother Nature. Jerri Pittard likes hers because it doesn't interfere with any holiday. Mary Ann Crocker, April 15, Vera LeCraw, April 23, Jane Hinton, April 12, and Joseph Hill, April 23, are crazy about a diamond, the birthstone. Pete Horney, April 28, likes his Zodiac sign of Taurus the Bull.

When asked what her most significant birthday was, Jeanie Deese replied, "My 16th—I was old enough to be kissed!" Bob Foster and Vickie Robinson favor their 16th and 18th birthdays, respectively. They each feel that is when they reached maturity. Carolyn McCurdy, April 27, thinks her sixteenth birthday was extra special, because that is when she got her driver's license.

Other April babes are as follows: Janet Vaughn, April 4; Sherry Rottman, April 5; John Foster and Dee McDade, April 6; Tonie Frazier, April 7; Jimmy Wall, April 9; Judy Ann Smith, April 10, Rachel Green, April 14.

Doris Jones, April 17; Freddie Newnam, April 20; Judy Ledbetter, April 21. Nancy Chostner, April 22; Ronnie Stewart and Jerry Williams, April 24; Martha Hoover, April 26; Carolyn Dean, April 26; Wayne Stack, April 27. Toni Carter, April 28.

# Hall Tales

By Carole Pruitt

Student, are you tired of hearing teachers complain? Are you weary from listening to mother nag about doing all that homework just when you want to roam in the nice spring evening? Are you fed up with lectures from the boss on not daydreaming? If so, read on, dear friend. This column is just the medicine you need. It's guaranteed to cure those blues.

"You must help me, Dr.," Fred Cleaves said to the psychiatrist. "I can't seem to remember anything for more than a few minutes. It's driving me crazy."

The psychiatrist asked gently, "How long has this been going on?"

"How long has what been going on?" Fred replied.

Charles Thompson to Bill McNairy: "I had a long talk with my father about girls. He doesn't know anything about them either."

The really happy man is the one who can enjoy the scenery when he has to take a detour.

Dr. Taliaferro to Ricky Elliott, who is holding a sandwich in one hand and a coke bottle in the other: "Glad to meet you, Ricky. —I've noticed you in our budget for some time."

Charles Jones in one of his wordier moments vehemently proclaimed: "If there's anything I hate it's a tongue-bearing, tale-wagging woman!"

It has been said that a bore talks mostly in the first person, a gossip in the third person, and a brilliant conversationalist in the second.

Judy Brady to Linda Fulton during a heated discussion: "I may have a lot of faults, but being wrong isn't one of them!"

One evening while looking at the society page of the paper, Pat Boone asked Tommy Winstead if he thought any girl on it was prettier than she.

"No," he said, "there's no one there as pretty as you."

"That's why I love you," she said. You're so kind and sweet and loyal."

"Yes," he replied, "and chicken, too."

## Tom Whiteside, New President, Expresses Sixth Grade Dream

By Jo Jane Pitt

Tommy Whiteside, the new president of Senior High School is an all-round student, and well qualified for his new position. Why would anyone run for such a responsible job? As Tommy expressed it, "I've always thought I would. I wanted to—dreamed about it since I was in the sixth grade. I've just always thought I would."

Tommy stays busy with all his activities and he has quite a record behind him. Since he's been at Senior, he's been president of his sophomore class, president of his sophomore and junior homerooms, on the student council this year, a member of Torchlight, best citizen of his class twice, elected most school spirited boy in the sophomore class, and second vice-president of the Junior Civitan Service Club.

He plays baritone in the band and has been elected president of that organization for next year.

This tall, dark-haired junior who has a

Want ad placed in paper by Rodolph Gibbs: "I wish to contact men who were in the 12th grade in 1936 and who knew my father at that time. Object: to find out if he was as good a student as he tells me."

Mary Radcliffe is taking dancing lessons in the hope that they will improve her grace and poise, but she isn't doing too well. The dancing instructor put it this way to her mother: "It's not that she doesn't know her right foot from her left; it's just that she gets them mixed up."

Well, spring has sprung and April showers are upon us: So is the fishing season. Along this line let's close with a fishing story:

Tommy Whiteside, while fishing said to a boy, "You've been watching me for hours. I bet you do a lot of fishing."

Boy: Nope, not at all.

Tommy: Why not,

Boy: I haven't got the time.

"Got a cigarette?"

"Here. Take the pack."

"Thanks. Got a match?"

"You can keep this lighter."

"Thanks again. Say, have you got an oil well or something?"

"No, Lung Cancer."

Two, four, six, eight, Judy Greene and Jeff Inman are Senior's steadies.

Sandy Friedman: "What's your cat's name?"

Lynne Summey: "Ben Hur".

Sandy: "How did you hit on that name?"

Lynne: "Well, we called it Ben until it had kittens."

Miss Eicholtz: "Why are you late, Bill?"

Bill White: "Class started before I got here."

Kay Lindley: "Jim, you're the most handsome boy at GHS."

Jim McCormick: "You'd say so even if you didn't think so."

Kay: "We're even then. You'd think so even if I didn't say so."

Sam West: "Which candle burns longer—a wax or a tallow one?"

Charles Thompson: "A wax one, I suppose."

Sam: "Neither of them, they both burn shorter."

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Is our new prexy "lying down on the job?" No—Tommy Whiteside is only taking a little time out from his many activities

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