

Studentgentia Unlimited

Liberal education has always been a key word in the American educational system, and the seat of a liberal education is in the fifth row, back corner of any study hall at GHS. From that vantage point, the observing eye may see a cross section of the "studentgentio."

Yes, that girl behind the pile of books is studying chemistry, not the type that prevails in the labs on the second floor of the Science Building; but rather the chemistry whose elements, such as a lipstick or small can of her hair spray, combine to form a boy-girl reaction. As she opens up her lab the unmistakable odor of Toujours, Toujours Perfume floats through the room, but she remains behind her book facade for another 10 minutes. Then, just as the bell rings she emerges a ravishing beauty ready to meet the onslaught of boys that she knows she is bound to attract.

Several seats back, and a row over, sits the drummer of the Dave Brubeck Quartet or, so one would say, by the incessant drumming the would-be Krupa does on his desk. Of course his best friend, known as the Hummer, sits right in front of him and they form a duo. The nervous boy sitting next to the

window is not really the spastic type, but his nodding head is caused by his constant watch-watching. He feels that if he keeps looking at the moving hands they just have to cover more than 60 seconds per minute.

That gruesome twosome at the back of the room is covering everything from last week's date to what they expect to do after graduation in a fit of multi-syllabic whisperings. As they notice the increased noddings of Mr. Watchful the girls raise their tone for they know that school will soon be over and out and they have so much more to say to each other and with the snowy weather it is so hard for them to get next door to see each other.

Finally, in the fifth row, back corner is the fellow who is so busy looking at everybody else's faults that he fails to see any of his own.

Somehow the definite character types do not seem to emerge from the masses so sharply until the clock hands approach 3:25. By then text books have lost any appeal to educate the minds which are now wondering how they can cut a few seconds off the time it takes to the parking lot.

DO YOU WASTE TIME
DURING YOUR STUDY PERIOD?



BELL

I Speak For Democracy

Ed. Note: High Life congratulates Sherry Bundy, the Guilford County winner of the Voice of Democracy Contest. Printed below is Sherry's winning oration, which she will deliver in the state contest.

On July 4, 1776, the Liberty Bell clanged its iron-tongued shout for freedom. "Long live our new nation! Long live the United States of America!" The Declaration of Independence spoke out for all the world to hear:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Long had the people of America prayed for a government based on freedom and equality; a government run by the many as opposed to a government by the few. The day had finally come for America to face the rest of the world and proclaim herself as an independent and free nation; a nation of sound heart, strong spirit, and eternal faith.

The heart of central government of this nation was then and is today virtually sound. It is so set up that no one man or group of men can become dictatorial.

Stronger Government Today

Based on the experience of our forefathers and laws protesting the rights of free men, our government to me, is stronger and more capable of handling the needs of Americans today than it has ever been before. As an American citizen, this affects me in innumerable ways. I am assured of the freedom to attain my life's highest goal, if I but work at it. I am allowed to travel the many roads and highways of our country as I wish; stare into God's blue sky and know that I can worship Him as I please without political force; speak of whatever thoughts my mind possesses so long as I neither slander nor defame anyone's character.

Yes, the heart of my nation is sound, having been based on such documents as the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution which clearly outline the freedom and equal rights of all men.

Patriotism Born

In 1776, when the Liberty Bell clanged forth its cry of freedom, every true American was filled with a longing to see this country lead all others, and become the greatest nation on the face

of the earth. It was in these times that patriotism was really born. Today, many people argue that Americans have lost the spark of loyalty that once led Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, The Sons of Liberty and many others to fight and some to even die for the cause of freedom.

But I believe that the spirit of this nation is strong—and deep within every American lies the same desires as were possessed by these great men of old and if they were but stirred up by the belligerent action or an attempt to conquer our blessed freedom, America would again be led to victory.

But perhaps the greatest and strongest part of America's foundation is her eternal faith. "One Nation—under God—indivisible with liberty and justice for all." The presense of the Almighty is known to nearly every American and I feel that if the rest of the world's population were to come to know Him and trust in this guidance, there would be no problems that could not be solved.

As we strive to show other nations the greatness of our freedom and Democratic way of life we as Americans must turn our hearts to the historical sound of the Liberty Bell clanging forth its iron-tongued shout for freedom, "Long live our new nation! Long live the United States of America!"

Fate Of United Nations May Be Decided In 1962

BY SUSAN WAGONER

In 1944, an idea was born in Washington, D. C. In 1945, this idea became a world-famous reality. This reality, however, has sailed a stormy sea this past year. The United Nations has weathered many a rough storm since its beginning but until 1961, it showed few noticeable leaks. Slowly, its efficiency has been wearing away under the bombardment of the Russia veto.

The UN's potential power was demonstrated during the Korean War. This past year it was again called to action over the turbulent Congo situation. One man seemed capable of over riding the Soviet protests and was going about a reasonable settlement. But UN received its hardest jolt in years when this world patriot, Dag Hammarskjold, died in an African plane crash. Since that event, Russia has hindered all UN efforts toward a peaceful settlement.

During 1961, Russia presented 98 vetoes in Security Council sessions. The Soviet battle against the UN government system and rulings have been widely publicized over the past year. Russia went against UN requests for disarmament by its atmospheric atomic weapon's testing. Many feel that with its present 104 members, the UN is much better off than it was in its 50-member beginning. Others believe it is on its way downhill. The entire question seems it be up to fate and 1962.

Hall Tales

BY TERRY JONES

Well, witties, it's cram time again! That's the time when the teachers ask all those questions which you didn't know enough to ask in class. Just in case you get an exam which contains many of the same questions the teacher asked in her review the day before, don't get excited, because the answers have probably been changed.

Warning to smokers: A recent survey indicates that 10 out of 10 smokers die.

When asked to comment about the new highway and underpass at West Market Street and Aycock Street, a visitor replied, "Well, I think it's here to stay."

Suggestion for students having trouble

finishing exams: Double your speed by using a pencil in each hand.

Then there are those women drivers who never shift out of low gear and then wonder why they get such poor gas mileage.

Never question the man who is always out to undersell his competitor. He ought to know what his merchandise is worth.

Mo-o-ther-r-r! Senior Steadies this week are Herb Thomas and Cherry Swaringer.

Let those drivers who are ashamed for the gas station attendant to raise the hood on their cars get their kicks from scratching off on ice.

Happy Birthday, Seniors

BY SUSAN DIXEY

December seems to be the popular month for celebrating birthdays, and 60 seniors had another candle on their cakes. Joyce Goldberg arrived on the first of December and Elaine Boyle, Bennie Martin, and Penny Armstrong celebrated on the fateful day of college boards.

Carl Sawyer celebrated his eighteenth birthday on the 3rd, a day before his steady's, Becky Scholar.

Birthday songs were sung to Maurice Bell and Bill Dillard on the 5th, and Ed White and Jean Kellam opened their presents the next day.

Dave Lawrence and Larry Hall added a year to their ages on December 7; while Jean Byrd, Jody Nuckolls, and Alex Heggie spanked on the 8th.

December 9th was popular with four seniors: Sylvia Jean Simpson, Mike Spruill, Don Cunningham and Marcie Stogner.

Linda Hodge celebrated alone on December 10, but five people celebrated on the 11th. They are Thomas O'Hare, Craig Wilson, Marilyn Jenkins, Grace Penny and Bill Tippet.

Gray Clements, Dallas Peoples, and Judy Tuttle opened gifts on December 12. June Butler was the "lucky" birthday kid on the 13th, while the 14th was shared by Doug Goode, Judy Goffe, and Gayle Price.

Brenda Clippard and Linda Jackson had a happy 15th, and June Carter was the only addition of the 16th.

Jesse Lewis shared his birthday with the Biser twins, Carol and Barbara, on December 17.

Camilla Walters and Jo Ann Knight suffered spankings on the 18th, and Pam Martin followed with celebration of the 19.

Joey Dalton, Pete Bondanella, and Libby Metz cut birthday cakes on the

20 and Lonnie Sprinkle blew out her candles alone on the 21st.

Birthday wishes were sung on the 22nd for Sandra Davis and Nancy Long. Jerry Maynor and Kay Sawyer celebrated two days before Christmas, while Arthur Eisenband, Jerry Clenny, and John Christy shared Christmas Eve.

James Williams opened birthday and Christmas gifts on Christmas day, while the 26th, 27th, and 28th were lucky days for Barton Jones, Barbara Oliver, and Michard Schubert respectively.

Dan Jensen and Ina Jean Harris woke up a year older on December 29. The 30th was the only omitted day in December, and Ronnie Mack Simpson was the last celebrated in 1961.

Clarence Perkins started the year off right with a birthday cake.

Cherry Swaringer was January second's lone celebration, as was Dale Smith the next day.

January 4 was a special day for four seniors: Anita Henkel, Bones O'Briant, John Reams, and Martha Smith.

Ronald Stafford blew out his candles alone on January 6. January 8 was a little more popular with Jeannie Lambert, Joyce Weinrich, and Ken Williams celebrating.

January 9, 10, and 11 were omitted, but Cathy Matteson added another year to her age on January 12.

The fateful thirteenth not only contributed Rickie McCollum and Richard Sain, but also the year's first twins, Bud and Scarlett Jessup.

January 14 was the happy day for Gloria Cox, Henry Deal, and Charles Lynch. Ronnie Simmons was the only birthday boy for January 15.

We hope you seniors didn't make too many resolutions (the fewer you make, the fewer you break) and started the year off with a bang, or with a "happy birthday!"

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