

# Just One of The Gang?

Conformity, conformity, conformity!  
That is the cry of adults who decide to look in on the world of teenagers. They claim that the younger generation has not gone to the dogs but to the cattle, for adults claim that all teenagers are suffering from the affliction of the "herd instinct."  
At Senior, however, there is a rising tide of individualism. Of course there are fads such as the kilts, bouffant hairdos, and Villager sweaters. These fads come into prominence because they are cute or look good on certain types of people, and not because everybody is doing it. It is rare indeed to see a girl

with an extremely round face wearing a Jacqueline Kennedy bouffant and only girls with the shapelier legs are seen in the short kilts.  
Before a student reaches high school he often does follow the rule of the crowd, but once he enters high school he begins to realize the importance of the individual and he wants to be remembered for himself and not as a member of one particular little clique.  
If a poll were taken among GHS students as to their thoughts about conformity, the adult world might well be shocked that the teenagers think that the adults may well be the pot calling the kettle black.

## For Faculties Only

# Individualism, Conformity Take Your Pick

By Susan Wagoner

A panel of GHS students met recently to discuss a subject which concerns every person in the world today—conformity. The panel, composed of Sandra Parker, Dale Stansbury, Pete Bondanella, Jim Freedman, Don Cunningham, and advised by Mr. Robert Fredrickson, agreed that the main reason for conformity among teenagers is social pressures.

"The main reason for conformity is the desire for popularity," stated Pete. Often during the discussion, the point was brought out as to which conformity should apply—the act itself or the motive behind the act.

"Conformity and nonconformity are the way you think," affirmed Dale.

Sandra felt that the mass of the people try to choose the easy way out of a situation, which would be to conform to some group. She also pointed out that it is an individualist who first has the ideas which the group conforms to.

To be able to examine conformity, the panel decided to study the individualist and his relation to conformity.

"One has enough education and common sense to look at things to make choices. Everything isn't black or white; there are shades," stated Jim as he described an individual's outlook.

Don decided that individualism is doing what one's conscience dictates. From here the discussion turned to whether conformity was good or bad or a sign of strength or weakness. The panel agreed that the questions depended upon the person and the group to which he may conform.

Sandra argued that something for one person might be right and for another wrong. She added that conformity is wrong when it goes against one's morals. That weakness in conformity is not knowing what to conform to was offered by Dale.

Jim pointed out that an open-minded individualist with a group which conforms to him is good in the world today,

but he emphasized creative rather than dominant individualism.

Pete reasoned the best position to take is the middle of the road, but he reminded the panel that the majority of today's teenagers are extremists.

The panel determined that a person should decide for himself whether or not to conform in each situation as it arises.

# Hall Tales

By Terry Jones

This is it—GHS's answer to MAD! Yes, this is the column that encouraged the drop-out, introduced suicide, invented the straight-jacket, and kept the head doctors in business. This is the column that made the censorship boards blush and won the Nobel Prize for slander. Now, we are presenting this edition, straight from the Alcatraz Mental Hospital located somewhere in the foggy zone of the brain.

A recent council report lacked comments or suggestions from the suggestion box. It seems someone stole it.

Seniors have been receiving brochures from many of the smaller surrounding colleges inviting them to attend. One group of boys have reported that they are holding out for offers from Yale and MIT.

Now that the hunting season is over, it's time to trade in that deer hunting gun for some deer hunting fun. The best decoys are a new convertible, a yacht, and roll of \$20 bills. Early reports indicate there will be an over abundance of deers roaming free due to a lack of decoys, however.

It seems that a family by the name of Smith was protesting the name Grimsley High School because it is unfair to the other families in the city—especially with so many Smiths.

Science is so resourceful—it couldn't:

- (1) make little girls tell the truth, so it invented lipstick.
- (2) find enough cases of lung cancer on which to experiment to find a cure, so it invented the cigarette.
- (3) build a better mouse trap, so it domesticated mice.
- (4) make a pen that would write on paper, so it made one write on butter.
- (5) find use for train wrecks, so it invented stereo.
- (6) charge the public for snow and snow cream, so it invented radioactivity.

Can't you just see:

- (1) President Kennedy as the marshal on a TV western.
- (2) Chubby Checker's "Singing Along with Mitch"
- (3) Elvis Presley doing the twist.
- (4) Dave Gardner as an Avon salesman.

I read between the lines of the horoscope, and found Senior's Steadies to be Carolyn Ehardt and Mike Hackett.

Wonder if the senior English teachers are having their classes write diaries in the Pepys style so as to later blackmail the students and thus form a new retirement program?

Cheer up people—Things aren't as bad as they appear in the newspaper, or T.V., or over the radio, but they couldn't get much worse!

## G.H.S. INDIVIDUALISM



# Happy Birthday, Seniors

By Joan McNairy

Even though Helda Brewer and the ground hog celebrate their birthdays on the same day, they aren't twins. Late birthday wishes are due to Francis Eberenz, Christine McGuire, and James Kropa on February 3; Clyde Smith, Bobby Perry, Gayle Barker and Linda Blair on February 6; Gale Bolling and Pat Herring on February 7; Philip Price and Jerry Stutts on February 8; Laverne Hand on February 9; Bobby Ross and June Shoffner on February 10.

Abraham Lincoln shares the glory of his birthday with Cameron Penfield on February 12. This is also the Chinese New Year. We hope that Kay McCuiston and Guy Phillips aren't superstitious since 13 is an unlucky number. Doris Schaefer and Russell Brown are real sweethearts on their Valentine's anniversaries.

Congratulations are extended to Hubert Ellison, Beverly Ballard, Phyllis Flynt, and Fred Denis on February 15; Johnny Vestal and James Sullivan on February 16; Cheryl Cranford, Wayne Robertson, Billy Bishop, Carol Graham, and Ann Bull on February 18. Jerry Clark and Scottie Kellam on February 20; Judy Vaughn on February 21.

In the fine tradition of famous Americans Robert E. Lee shares his birthday with George Washington on February 22. Joyce Bellamy or Margie French will probably never be another Enrico Caruso but they were all born on February 16. Amos Johnson came on February 27 and Linda White on February 28.

It is a shame that Brenda Taylor and Kurt Zahnle are only four years old but February 29 only comes every four years. Better luck three years from now.

# GHS Office Practice Girls Favor Blue Bell Conditions

By Anne Vincent

After touring the Blue Bell Company's beautiful, modern building, it is quite easy to see why the Office Practice students from GHS have such a good record of staying with the company after graduation. Out of the 33 girls sent from Senior to Blue Bell in the past eight years, 23 of them are still employees of the company.

Each of these Office Practice girls are carefully selected and are well trained before they enter the business world. As Miss Meredith Johnson, personnel manager of Blue Bell, expressed, "The Office Practice girls are a tip top group of students who know what they want. These girls have more potential for jobs at Blue Bell than any others among our employees. After the training and guidance they receive at school, they have more working ability in general."

Mrs. Nancy Chandler, former GHS student and a member of the Office Practice, went to work in the billing department of Blue Bell in 1953 after taking commercial training in high school. She has advanced since that time and is very glad that she started off her career as an Office Practice student. "Blue Bell is a nice place to work and I am extremely happy here," stated Mrs. Chandler. "I feel that D.O. helped me greatly in my job and I am thankful that I decided to take Office Practice in high school."

After being an employee of Blue Bell since 1954, Mrs. Peggy Jessup

has advanced from her first job typing in machine dictation to her present job as a correspondence clerk in the credit department. "When I first went to Blue Bell they made me feel right at home and treated me just like a part of the family," she said. Mrs. Jessup also added that the one big help she received in her course in Office Practice was the ability to come in contact with other people, enabling her to know her company better. As for her reason for staying at Blue Bell through the years, Mrs. Jessup related, "I just love my work here. Its not like work at all."

Mrs. Betty James, an employee since 1957, said that by taking Office Practice she learned to meet and get along with people. She added that she was well acquainted with her company before she ever entered her position at Blue Bell. As for the reason she is staying with Blue Bell, Mrs. James said, "I enjoy the people I work with and the work I do."

The newest employee interviewed at Blue Bell was Mrs. Barbara George, who came to the company in 1960 after working at a beauty supply shop. She said that it was a great change for her to come from her former job to Blue Bell, but because of her Office Practice guidance she was prepared for it. "I had to learn to file all over again because every company files differently. However, it was worth it, because I love Blue Bell, its people and its working conditions."

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