

Admit and Flunk

In a recent article written for the ATLANTIC MONTHLY, Laird Bell, chairman of the National Merit Scholarship Board, told of many problems facing today's colleges. "Admit and Flunk" was written to inform both young people and adults of the seriousness of admitting incapable students into America's large and fast-moving colleges and universities. "It is no kindness to the individual, or benefit to the nation, to offer higher education to one who in all probability will not be able to hold the pace."

It is safe to assume that, generally speaking, a student who graduates from a school the size of Grimsley and a student coming from a small country school would have different educational backgrounds, although both might have the same type grades. This is one of the main reasons for a full-scale search for a new way to qualify students.

"The unqualified student is taken in full of hope and surely at some sacrifice in money or lost earning power,

and then a few months later he will receive the flunk notices." One reason for this problem is that admissions boards in many colleges will let the stream of students flow by leaving the teachers to cope with the screening of qualified and unqualified students.

Junior colleges are rapidly becoming an accepted and necessary means by which young people who wish training beyond the high school level, yet who might not be capable of college work, can further their education. Many states are now fully behind such a program.

The point is that in American colleges and universities today there are a great number of students on the verge of flunking out either because of slack admissions boards or because the students, themselves, are there only for a good time. "We can perhaps afford to give all our children a pleasant four years' residence in academic groves; but it would seem more worthwhile to work toward making college a genuine intellectual experience and a privilege."

COMMENTARY

BY BOYCE KENDRICK

BACK IN THE OLD DAYS when this school was known as Greensboro Senior High there were a good many small and relatively insignificant situations which were the cause of complaints from many students. With our new name, however, came no improvements of these situations.

Over at Page High they have a new auditorium building which students and teachers alike agree is just fine. Here at Grimsley, though, both teachers and students find it very sad indeed that an otherwise fine structure like our auditorium is marred by cracking and peeling plaster which has gone unattended to for many years. Though other rooms at GHS are suffering from this same malady, the room which most visitors see most often should be given priority when it comes to making repairs—if indeed it ever does.

ANOTHER SOURCE of minor but recurring irritation is the water fountains—not the ones that work properly but the ones from which only luke-warm water is obtained (mainly because no one ever takes the time to plug them into the electricity outlet) and those from which NO water is obtained (main-

ly because no one ever bothers to fix them).

Time and time again service clubs and various other school organizations have offered to make some improvements in the parking lot, in the stadium, and in other areas of the school but were denied permission to proceed because this type of operation was supposed to be performed by "Maintenance." Net result: no improvement, by the club or by "Maintenance."

ANOTHER POINT to be mentioned in commenting on these various conditions is the problem presented by each rain that descends upon GHS. The causeway between the Main Building and the Science Building is regularly inundated by each and every shower. One must have consummate alacrity to avoid plunging his erstwhile dry foot into a puddle of cold, dirty water. Gutters for the covering over the walkway would provide an excellent remedy to the problem. Shall we depend upon Maintenance to provide them?

FINALLY, THERE ARE TWO outdoor bulletin boards erected by two different service clubs. It has been noticed by great numbers of observant people that neither one of them is kept altogether current by the successors of those club members who originally provided them. It would certainly be interesting to have some up-to-date news of that great rivalry between the Whirlies and the Junior Somethings, as proclaimed by the Junior Somethings' bulletin board near the entrance to the parking lot.

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Encyclopedias Out At Florida High School

Encyclopedias are given the bum's rush every September at Melbourne (Florida) High School.

Dr. B. Frank Brown, principal, has the school's encyclopedias removed from the school's encyclopedias removed from the library shelves every September when school opens. Along in mid-semester, he has them slipped quietly back into place.

The reason: because, he says, the encyclopedia "as an instrument of research even for young children . . . is a straw in the wind."

"Perhaps the greatest offense to original research and individual study is the encyclopedia," Dr. Brown says, "and yet this is the best stocked item in the school libraries . . ."

"Students throughout the length and breadth of the land copy and paraphrase from encyclopedias hour after monotonous hour," he says, "and the practice should be curbed."

NEITHER RAIN, NOR SNOW, NOR FLOODED SIDEWALKS....



CHINEE CHUCKLES

SCHOOL DAYS

Hello Fliends,

Have been asked by most honorable editol of schoolee papel to explain leason fol column and how come is chinee wlitel in papel of amelican schoolee. Actulee column not wlitte fol eveleebodee to lead. Most people not leadee column anyway. Chinee chuckles lealee phonee chinee. Wong Chin lealee sophmole journalism student, is thild yeal as sophmole. Column has much appeal to most people who lead school papel. Is wlitte fol high class student with low class mind which is fost people at glimslee schoolee. Namee of schoolee makee no difelence, is still same old lock of education, fathel of plogless. Still same schoolee as in time of glimslee, onlee change is less glass. Still same teachel, same bookee, same idea. Now opelating on plan of 1902. Each yeal gladutee fine men and ladee, vellee stupid but velee fine. Most teachel have good fol-tune of using tested method, tested fol foultee yeal. Gualantee to wolk evelee time. Manee teachel, howevel, velee upset, say school system movee to fast. Is so much change. Is vellee thue. State movee much too fast. but cannot stop plogless. Now come chinee stolee. Vellee impoltant tale of fan in countlee fal away. Man have foluteen childlen. Once was twentee childlen, but othel die. They eatee too much. Soon man in white suitee come. Show man pictule of manee people in cal with bigee house and much monee. Is way of fleedom, says man in white suitee. Also is place to keepee food so people not eatee too much and die. like six children of man. Man in suitee say if man gettee fleedom, then gettee place to put all extla food. Then people not eat too much and die. But man so busee eatee, have no time fol gettee fleedom. Man in white suitee say no fleedom, no deel. Pool man havee bad problem. All people sitee and eatee, soon all die. Latel man come in same clothes as man in countlee. Listen filst to stolee, then showee man how to stop glo-wee so much glain. Fleedom not so impoltant now. Filst must save all people flom eatee too much and

die. Man bling manee fliend, all wolkee vellee hald. Soon is no ploblem. People not fatee. But man in white suitee vellee anglee. Hee come and knockee down all stolage place fol extla food. People see food, eatee too much, and is ploblem once mole. Man with ploblem askee fol help. Soon fliends come, fixee ploblem and make big speal. Then man in white suitee, who vellee stupid and makee big mistake put fence aloud man and say: no mole fliends. Not onlee is fence, is manee mole men in white suitee leadee to knockee big speal and kick out bad fliends. Men all ovel wolld thlow lock at house of man in white suitee. Even beak naee window, but in man in suitee own back yald, no bodee allowed to speakee. All must say man in white suitee is always light and always do best. All men not say man in white so smalt. Tly to say what they thinkee, but is gleet ploglam of censolship and thleat, also callee in Amelica black post office. Soon no man can speakee in yald of man in white suitee, and man n white suitee be too stlong. Then all bee vellee good. Is no ploblem. All men hangee on stling. Must now go to licee paddy—is maybee mole to come.

Your Honoluble Collespondent
Wong Chin

Council Corner

School spirit and scholarship are the two main parts of Grimsley Senior High School. In order to encourage both, the Student Council supports two committees: the Pep Board for school spirit, and the Scholastic Committee to encourage better scholastic standards. Part of the work of this committee is to award a plaque each six weeks to the home room in each class with the highest average. Mrs. Walke, the advisor, and chairman Mary Sessoms get the three rooms with the highest average in ratio to the size room, and this room receives the plaque in assembly. It is the hope of the committee to encourage most scholastic interest through competition.