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## FORUM

### On Conformity

By John Gaddy

Many people say war will destroy the earth, and others say it will be germs, but I for one say that conformity will be the tool. A number of you who are reading this right now are laughing at my improbable prediction. But refer to world history and find the cause of the destruction of Troy. Troy was destroyed because one person yelled "lets get the gift" and everyone else followed like sheep. One man spoke out against it and was killed for his opinions. This man found it hard to be an individualist, to think for himself, but it was he alone who had the courage to fight and even die for what he believed in

Now you are saying, "all right will be an individualist and think for myself and disregard everybody else." Listen for a minute.

Everyone has to conform in some extent to the laws of your state, city, nation, and school. Other than these laws are social laws and customs. They, however, can be changed or altered, bent or broken to a great extent. This is not my real point. In elections masses will vote for a person just because a friend did so. In many other circumstances this is true, from action in a national emergency to the selection of an ice cream bar. Often in school many people who know the answer to a question will not speak up because nobody else does. The true object of individualism is for students to think and do for themselves.

Conformism in people is most readily recognized in clothing. Clothiers are becoming dictators. They set the style and everyone must follow the style or become social outcasts. They have this power because the people have given it to them. The majority of people are conformist they give away the power of choice to a few individualists. This nonchalance makes a few people masters and the many conformists slaves.

The how to succeed in anything without really trying is open to anyone who has the key, and that key is individualism. The great leaders of all time have been individualists, those with the initiative to get out and get ahead. Although this road is not easy, and in fact a lot of the time, forward pushing leaders are subject to public shame and ridicule, but it is the only road on which a lot of people could live with themselves.

I challenge everyone to turn away from the path of conformity and dare to be different. If you do, I think you will be able to succeed in anything, except perhaps a stereotyped society.

## The Scarlet Letter



## Co-Existence And The Cheering Stand

Perhaps you have noticed that the Grimsley Senior High cheering stand in the football stadium has a new coat of paint. The stand actually didn't need painting, that is until just recently.

On a dark rainy night, or perhaps it was a sunny day . . . . At any rate, somebody painted the cheerleader platform red and white. Now, the authorities don't know who committed this act of destruction, but maybe if we use a little logic we can discover the general identity of the vandal (or vandals).

Let us say that there was more than one vandal. One rascal to hold the paint, another rascal to wield the brush, still another rascal to act as a lookout. That makes three. There were three rascals. Obviously whoever did this was young. Adults have better taste. We now have three young villians. And let us assume that these villians were boys, since girls are usually not as bold as the male portion of the population. Also, females would have made a pretty polka-dot design, rather than barber stripes. So now we have three young boy villians.

Next we must locate the criminals. But there is no clue. Wait! Of course, the red and white stripes! Since young boys attend school, we can safely guess that these boys are pupils at a certain high school across town, whose colors happen to be red and white. And so, we have as our villians three young boys from a red and white school on the other side of town.

Psychologically speaking, each violent or criminal act must have a cause, something of importance to the individual which acts as a catalyst, setting off the explosives within his mind. The nature of the misdemeanor and the place at which it occurred seem to point out a reason and an explanation.

A condition of disharmony, and in some cases actual hatred, between two institutions can, and obviously has, fostered radical action by members of their student bodies. The football and basketball games, although they are a source of friction, cannot be held at fault. The students, and only the students are to blame. It is their attitude which condones damage and needless expense, if it is the problem of the opposing institute.

To members of the red and white, a warning: keep your mischievous hands off our property. To students everywhere: competition is necessary in our way of life so that the products and people in society can benefit from the experience, but when competition turns into warfare, it is more of a hinderance to mankind than a help.

## All Everything Day

On a recent news broadcast, Harry Reasoner expressed his views, which are probably applauded by almost everyone, on the name changes of national holidays.

As most of you know, Veteran's Day was once called Armistice Day, and broader, encompassing an impossible subject to commemorate to any War I. Then it was altered and used to memorialize all veterans of any war involving the U. S. Mr. Reasoner made the point that most holidays were becoming more general and less specific.

He predicted that in the future special days would become broader and broader, encompassing an impossible subject to commedorate to any extent. Although given in jest, a few of the following are getting more frightening and realistic every day.

Groundhog Day will become "Small Animals Day." Lincoln's Birthday will become "All President's Birthday Day." Thanksgiving will become "Turkey Feast Day." We on the staff would like to add a few more. Easter will become "International Bunny Rabbit Day", the Fourth of July will become "Crackanboomanwheeze Day", or the shortened version "Kapow Day."

Sooner or later will come an "All Everything Day," when everyone will dance around, drink a lot and be merry, but won't know why they are. But there's no reason to worry about that. It's way off in the future. Maybe two or three years.

## Anyone For Pathology?

On Wednesday, November 6th, 30 students, of the G.H.S. Science Club, were conducted on a tour of the Pathology wing of Wesley Long Hospital by Dr William Forrester. Our tour consisted of a view of ten rooms accompanied by a detailed explanation of the functions of each section. Let me briefly recount our experience.

The first three rooms we saw were offices lined with medical reference texts and facilities for the doctors' administrative duties. Dr. Forrester explained that the specimens were grossly examined (i.e. without the aid of magnification) as soon as they come from surgery and a preliminary diagnosis is based on this observation.

From the offices tissue samples go to a lab labeled TISSUE where they are carefully scrutinized by highly trained pathologists who are capable of telling from what part of the body a sample comes from and the degree of malignancy it possesses.

The room next door, the blood bank, was of interest to all. The center of attention was a large refrigerator which housed all blood types in homogeneous groups according to RH factor and basic type. We were told that blood was used in its chilled state for transfusions and that if it was stored for more than 21 days it was of no use and had to be discarded.

As mentioned, blood cannot merely be put into a bank without first being chemically identified, thus the presence of the room labeled HEMATOLOGY. Here blood is not only grouped for storage, but also analyzed to determine blood diseases of patients, such as diabetes and leukemia.

Next to the hematology lab is CHEMISTRY, where body fluids are analyzed to facilitate the diagnosis and treatment of a patient's affliction.

Across the hall from chemistry is BACTERIOLOGY. Here trained technicians grow cultures of bacteria and virus from the patient's body as an aid in determining the proper drugs for use in treatment.

Our last stop was the ANATOMICAL Preparation Room where tissues are preserved for future reference and medical histories. Here a sample of tissue is subjected to baths of alcohol solutions, acetone, and paraffin, the purpose of which is to remove fluids and provide a wax suspension for the tissue which may be cut in any desired size or shape for examination.

This concluded our trip and Doctor Forrester extended an invitation to each of us to come in and observe the activities of the labs at any chance we might have. He also showed us an observation room where one may observe surgery, provided the consent of the surgeon has been obtained.

Our excursion proved to be very informative and was only one of the many similar programs we have planned. On behalf of the Executive Committee I extend an invitation to all interested Seniors and Juniors to join our ranks.

Respectively submitted,  
Rob Somers  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Executive Committee  
G.H.S. Science Club

Thanks, Rob, for your bloody letter. Also, your description brings up a point which we at HIGH LIFE would like to make clear. Any letter, whether it voices an opinion, extends an invitation, etc., will be printed as long as it involves a facet of school life and is suitable for publication.

M. H.