

ATHLETICS, PLEASE

By Martin Hester

A great deal of criticism has been placed upon athletics as a degenerative extra-curricular activity in the school life of today. Many educators have singled it out as a cause of lower scholastic standards. They have placed upon athletics tags of "senseless", "time-wasting" and "unimportant." Other influential people have raised their voices and have put their doubts and fears on a tag called "dangerous."

The above-mentioned accusations are in part true. Athletics, because of the practice time element, do hinder most players by cutting down on their number of study hours. However, there is a factor which keeps members of school teams educated as well as co-ordinated. In most educational systems a passing average must be attained by sportsmen, while in others stricter scholastic requirements are imposed.

Baseball, basketball, and especially football are dangerous. In numerous instances players have been injured seriously, not to mention the uncountable amount of cuts, sprains, and bruises suffered, and a few have even been killed in practice or in games. Yes, sports are dangerous. But then, so is crossing the street.

Sporting events are the main supports of school spirit and prestige. A feeling of unity and purpose are felt by the student body on the day of an important game or meet. The proceeds from these events, the gate admission and concession revenue, go in large part to the school bankbook.

Add to the list the benefits of physical training, a knowledgeable staff, and a sportsmanlike attitude. Sugar with our tea, please. Athletics with our education.



Whirlie Words



As the fourth period ended in the Reynolds game, the football merry-go-round of GHS grinded to a very disappointing halt. The Whirlies, originally picked for a high spot in the Central 4-A, finished sixth in the conference. While the reasons for this difference is predicted and actual finishes are difficult to pinpoint, injuries, and inexperienced backfield, and the continual expansion of Greensboro high schools are definitely part of the sad season.

The past season will be remembered for its extremes. The Blue and White 4-6 record was the worst tally compiled since 1957 for a GHS football team. The Whirlies rolled up two large scores against Gray and Salisbury, but they also received their greatest defeat in 12 years by losing 30-7 to Reynolds. The defeat at the hands of the cross-town Pirates will go down in both GHS and Page history. In winning only one game at home, school spirit sank to possibly an all-time low point. The 3 shut-outs against Raleigh, Fayetteville, and High Point also were disappointing.

While there were few victories this year, several Whirlies made outstanding records. Junior Bobby

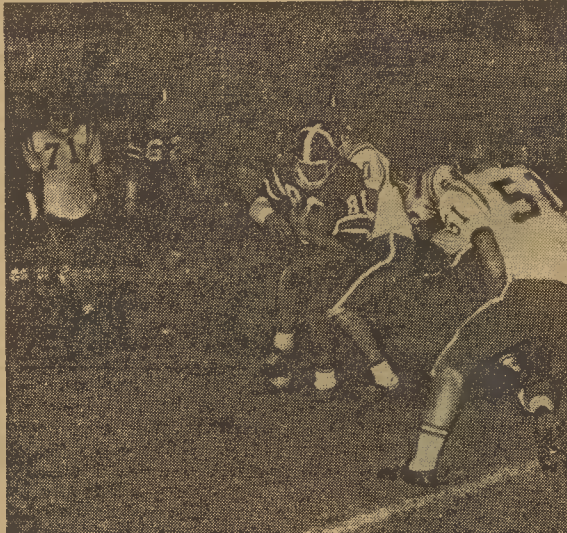
Rives, in scoring 48 points and gaining 523 rushing yards, led the team in these vital statistics. Other leaders included Lenny Maynor, Frankie Leonard, and Lyn Duncan. These three footballers tied for second place in scoring with 18 points each. It should be noted that Duncan will play in the annual Shrine Bowl game. Keith Gullede, Billy Mitchell, and Larry Dempsey round out the backfield stars. Outstanding linemen were Colton Hartig, Ed Walke, Randy Ariail, James Walker, and Brandon James.

GHS Athletics Receive Recognition

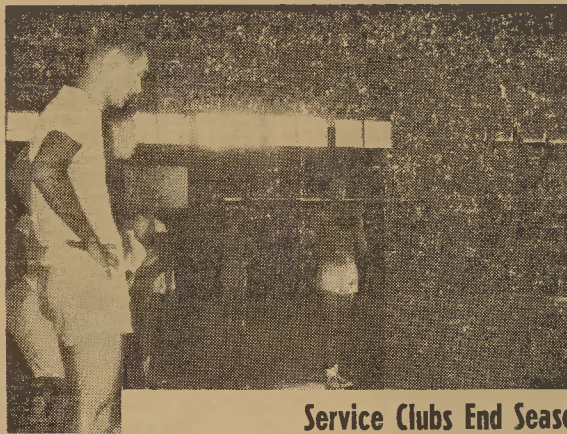
Each week the Junior Jaycees at Grimsley Senior High School give an award to the Whirlie player who has contributed the best play in any phase of school-supported athletic activities. This is an attempt to recognize different Grimsley stars whose plays may have gone practically unnoticed at the game.

Last week this award was presented to Fred McCall of GHS's cross-country who placed second in the state meet at Raleigh. The other Whirlie of the week awards went to members of the Varsity football team. Quarterback Larry Dempsey, Lennie Manyor, Lyn Duncan, Bill Mitchell, and several others have received this award during the fall athletic season.

The receiver of the award is decided upon by the Jaycees on his merit in one particular game. The presentation is made in assembly and the player's name is engraved on a plaque. This award will continue to be presented



Another Whirlie Goes Down



Service Clubs End Season

through baseball season in an attempt to recognize as many Whirlie athletes as possible during the year. Not only does this project bring added glory to the honored Whirlie player but also promotes more interest in GHS sports activities. It is a definite step toward achieving the goals set by the past Greensboro Senior High School.

The winners of the Inter-mural Basketball League were the Interact Club and the O. Henry Juniors. Led by Ed Fellers, Ken Murphy, and Mike Cowhig, the Interactors defeated the Key Club for the crown. In the girls' league, Louise Horney and Margaret Transouaced the O. Henry Juniors' win over the Civinettes.

Whirlie Tankmen Become Early Birds

Every weekday morning sees approximately 20 GHS students rise early so as to report to the YMCA at 7:00 a.m. These sacrificing boys are members of one of Grimsley's strongest sports activities—swimming.

The tankmen's coach, Bob Sawyer, will readily admit that graduation and transfers have hurt his team. Last year's state champ, Jim Burwell, is now at Duke, and the team's most promising junior, Randy Wade, has moved to Charlotte.

Yet, Coach Sawyer expects to have another great season—with his hopes resting on experienced swimmers such as Larry Hannibal and Bill Mullins, as well as promising newcomers like Bill Lindley.

This year, for the first time, the Central 4-A Conference will have organized competition, thus providing an opportunity for GHS to capture the first conference crown in this phase of athletics. Meets outside the conference will take much of the Whirlies' time, and Coach Sawyer says the schedule will probably include some 20 contests.

The freshmen teams of the North Carolina colleges, Meyers Park of Greenville are among the non-loop competition which the Whirlies will meet. At least two contests are planned before Christmas Holidays, and in the late winter the East Carolina College Invitational (of which GHS is the defending champion) will draw this group.

As with most sports, the State Meet is the climax of the season. This meet will be held about the second weekend in March.

Coach Sawyer lists the medley relay, the individual relay, and the breaststroke as the strongest events for his squad. Last year the medley relay was GHS' leading event and this season it is handled by Larry Hannibal, Sam Patterson, Neal Craven, and Dave Quinn—almost surely a winning combination.

Swimming for GHS this year in the different events are:

Freestyle: Ted Burnett, Bill Mulling, Dave Quinn, Al Richbourgh, Craig and Mike Gibson, John Petty, George Robinson, Bill Lindley, Scott Striegel and Bill Holiday.

Backstroke—Larry Hannibal and Bill Walters.

Butterfly—Neal Craven, Bennett Boyles, Larry Dixon.

Breaststroke — Sam Patterson, Wayne Smith, Jack Martin, Tom Acree.

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