



How Does Grimsley Compare With Other High Schools?

(Editor's note: The editors of HIGH LIFE thought that it would be interesting to compare Grimsley with some of the other schools in the nation. A Forum was held last week with several students who are new to the school this year. They are Pat Mitchell, Glendale High School, Springfield, Missouri; John Sackett, Skaneateles High School, Skaneateles, New York; Irving Raitewonsky, All Saints Parish School, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands; and Sue Billman, Thomas Jefferson High School, Richmond Virginia.)

Q. How does Grimsley compare with your former school academically? Are the subjects and teachers here harder?

Pat: The grades and the teachers are the same. It's just the grading scale that is so different.

John: It's about the same. The teachers are more interesting. They are easier to get along with.

Irving: It's a little harder for me. I find it a little harder because I am trying to make the most use of what I am being offered.

Sue: I think the grading scale is lower than at TJ, but it encourages you to work harder in your studies.

Q. Do you find that you have more privileges than you did in your former school?

Pat: At the school I went to there was no smoking allowed. Once you reached the school at 8:30 in the morning you couldn't leave until 3:30. If you left the school at all during the day, you were suspended from school for three days.

Q. Are the students at GHS friendlier than at your former school?

Pat: I've only been here a little while, and I've already gotten more friends than I thought I would have.

Irving: As far as the size of the school and the number of the students compared to the size and number of students back home, I have more friends here.

Sue: I think that the majority of student body has a very out-going spirit.

Q. Are there as many extra-curricular events? Is there as much emphasis placed on sports?

Irving: Much more. Since our school is so very new, we haven't had a chance to develop our sports.

John: Grimsley has a lot more

school spirit. I think that would make or break a sporting team.

Pat: I'll go along with him. It does have more school spirit.

Sue: It's the same, really. **Q.** Did you spend as much time on extracurricular activities? Were they as important to making you a well-rounded individual?

John: I'm in DE. I have a full-time job, but I did play basketball last year.

Sue: I think the service clubs here are much more active. And I think they are fair in that they give everybody a chance to belong in them. I think that it's fairer that you don't have sororities here. Your service clubs take the place of our sororities, and there are nicer groups of girls wanting to help. The service clubs are more active and give everyone a chance to be long.

Pat: Our sororities weren't bad; however, they weren't recognized by the school. In fact they were prohibited.

Q. And now a question that may raise some controversy. What do you think of our teachers?

John: Teachers!!

Pat: You've seen one, you've seen them all.

Irving: I shall not generalize since I have not been taught by every teacher in their respective department. I feel that some teachers should be reired. The relationship between the teacher and student isn't as close here, but then I came from a small school.

Q. How does HIGH LIFE compare with your newspaper if you have one?

Irving: We don't have one as yet.

Pat: No, bigger and funnier. Practically all the kids are reading them, while at school most of the kids knew everything that was going on, and they just left them laying on the desks or threw them in the trash cans. One quick look, and they threw them away.

John: It's a lot bigger, and I think it's better. But it's censored too much, but I guess all school papers are.

Sue: Well, I've noticed not as many people here are interested in journalism, and I think that is why HIGH LIFE does not meet up to its potential.

t o m m y r o t

By Martin Hester

Surprise. This week Journeyman Jones is on vacation in Nags Head, N. C., but he left a dripping manuscript on top of one of the trash cans in the cafeteria. Somehow it got over to the High Life room and, since we were short of space this week, you will have to grin and bear it. The contents:

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

It doesn't always make for pleasant club meetings when a member disagrees strongly with the president. However, I didn't think Candy Sauer's letter should go unchallenged.

First, Christianity has not been pushed down our throats "everytime" we go into the auditorium. We do have devotions at every assembly. Surely those few moments are not resented. We have had three religious assemblies, if I may call them that, this year. Candy stated that in them, Protestantism was forced on us. However the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Carolina and everywhere else is inter-denominational. Anyone may belong. Continuing, Reverend Bob Moore from West Market Street Methodist Church talked to us on Brotherhood Week. That week is observed by Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant. In fact, it was created to bring these religions closer together, as far as fellowship is concerned. Finally, Dr. Claud Bowen from First Baptist Church spoke to us. Baptists are not Protestants, as many people think. However, if one wants to think of them as so, do it. What harm has been done? North Carolina has one of the largest Protestant majorities in America. I recall that last year we had a Jewish rabbi, and I think it would be most appropriate to invite a Catholic priest next year.

Second, Candy said that our speakers have tried to convert us. Not meaning to slight anyone. I maintain that one of the last things the auditorium of Grimsley High School will ever be used for will be to convert students.

Thirdly, annihilation of religious programs was called for in that letter. Is it not just as bad to have all assemblies of another type? There is a place for religious assemblies as well as educational assemblies. The former are not intended to entertain us.

Finally, as the letter was one of accusations not entirely supported, it should have been given to Vice President Bret English and other people in charge of assemblies. If, as Candy told someone, one of the primary purposes of the letter was to stir up HIGH LIFE, because it was so poor off that it had to print articles from its 1931 editions, more suitable topics could have been found. Here are a few that are popular in college newspapers; nullification of the Speaker Ban Law, removal of the words "... one nation under God ..." from the Allegiance, right to demonstrate against unpopular campus rules, and other such activities in which students, who like to refer to themselves as liberals, think to fit to participate.

Hallie Austin

Dear Editor:

It has been brought to the attention of the student body that we are having too many religious assemblies, that we are being preached to and reprimanded for our lack of interest in religion.

Let's examine some of these "fire and brimstone" sermons. The most recent of these was a talk on Brotherhood by Dr. Claude Bowen, Pastor of the First Baptist Church. I again repeat the topic, Brotherhood. This topic, which is inconclusive of sin completely, is taught in every church, synagogue, faith, city, state, and many countries of the world. Are we too good for it?

The assembly earlier on F.C.A. (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) was a terrific one. (Our local chapter has such bums as Larry Dempsey, Al Richbourg, David Quinn, etc.) Here is an organization that rivals any in the world for production of fine characters, citizens. Are you saying that groups such as this should be denied publicity?

And to that statement, "specifically, a Protestant one," don't knock our religion, we'll tear yours up.

I can only agree that more assemblies along the line of the Bell Telephone program would be good, but what harm does a little religion do? If you don't agree with or like what you hear, don't listen! Half the student body studies during assembly anyhow. Let's not deny our Creator, even if his representatives

A PLAY
In One (1) Act
By: Eugene O'Neil (Journeyman) Jones

(Small, poorly furnished room. Console mahogany radio of early vintage cockless tune of "Little Brown Jug." Before rickety table sits decrepit old lady, white-headed and extremely wrinkled. She counts stamps in war-ration book while adjusting shawl over rocker in which she sits. Granny speaks aloud;)

Granny: Agh. Agh; Agh! 'tis me birthday today an' me Johnny off to war these three years. Ah, 'tis a poor woman I am, with me cupboard bare, save for crackers an' tea, an' that scamp of a landlord screamin' rent to be paid. (Breaks into fit of convulsive coughing.) Lord preserve us, and me elder son keeping up th' liquor industry the livelong day with 'is crazy drinking. An' me only consolation the talking machine what me dear husband left me afore he jumped from the roof. (Radio pops, frizzes, and is then silent.) Lord preserve us! But, ah, with me suffering an' pain, I still have me book of plays by good Mr. Behave. (Reaches for book on window sill, hits it accidentally with elbow; it drops into street below.) An' into a manhole! Agh! The saints preserve us! (Sobs for 20 or 30 minutes). Ah, but I still have hope. Me good son Johnny who's winnin' the war for Uncle Sam. Me only hope, him that I scrimped an' did w/out so he could go West of the Point. Saints preserve us, 'tis me only hope for him to wed a simple Irish lass, that I might ha' some wee ones to comfort me old age.

(Sudden, violent knocking on door. Paper boy bursts in, bat in hand, and screams:)

Paper boy: Miz O'flaherty! Miz O'flaherty! 'Tis your only good son, John has been kilt by th' bloody Germans!

Granny: Agh!!! (goes into traumatic coma.)

Paper boy: Well, I'll be bound. (laughs. tears off plastic face mask. We see that it is Johnny home from the war.)

Johnny: Ha. ha! April fool, granny! 'Tis a fool you are in April ever. (Goes to Granny, shakes her.) Granny! Granny? Ah, saints preserve us, an' me just home from the bloody war.

(Curtain falls mercifully)

Suggestions

S. Do something about the poor condition of our American flag on the main building.

A. The PTSA is buying two new flags. One will be made of silk and the other will be made of cotton.

S. Cement pots containing sand should be put around the school for cigarette putts.

A. This suggestion has been referred to the School Beautiful Committee.

S. Concerning the walkway on the left side of the auditorium that connects the main building and the cafeteria, I suggest several improvements be made.

- 1) Clean out the gutters to cut down overflow of water from the roof.
- 2) Fill the spaces between the sidewalk and the retaining wall with gravel.
- 3) Put in a drain that runs along the sidewalk.

A. These suggestions have been referred to the maintenance department.

may step on our toes occasionally. A forgotten man once said, "Go ye therefore into all nations . . ."

Don Hartig

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