

High Life

VOLUME XLII GRIMSLEY SENIOR HIGH, GREENSBORO, N. C., OCT. 4, 1965 NUMBER 3

GHS Students Named Semi-Finalists In National Merit Competition

Grimsley can again proudly raise its victory flag—this time for a triumph in sweeping in its great number of National Merit Semi-Finalists. Out of the total number of Guilford County Semi-Finalists, which was 26, Grimsley boasted 16 scholars.

Whirlie semi-finalists are Barbara Horney, Rick Joslin, Susan Lashley, Barbara Long, Linda McCall, Hardin Matthews, Robert Miller, Liz Morrah, Anne Parish, Kathy Pearce, Doris Rouse, Marion Scott, G. H. Sharp, Anne Smith, Martha Smith, and Cindy Speas. This year, Anne Parish is in Washington, D. ., and Anne Smith is in Belgium.

Also to be recognized are a great number of students who received letters of commendation. Commended students rated only one to six points below the semi-finalists. Their names have not yet been received.

Grimsley is proud of the results of the National Merit Scholarships Qualifying Test taken last spring, because only 14,000 semi-finalists are selected from the tremendous number taking the test and representing 17,100 different high schools. Thus, the average is less than one semi-finalist per school.

These semi-finalists will have their names sent to all colleges and universities in America.

Only 38,000 receive letters of commendation. These commended students show unusual promise and have their names sent to their first and second choice of colleges.

Semi-finalists equal less than 2/3 of 1% of the graduating senior population. Semi-finalists and commended students together constitute less than 2% of all high school seniors, thus representing a distinguished group.

Semi-finalists will take a second test later this year and those with the highest scores will be considered finalists. Notice of finalists comes in February when certificates of Merit will be presented. From the finalists, all Merit scholars will be chosen. Only 10% to 15% of finalists become Merit Scholars.

'High Life' Ends Subscription Drive

Enthusiastic approval of HIGH LIFE's decision to become Greensboro's and North Carolina's only high school weekly produced an excited response for staff members recently collecting subscriptions.

Out of Grimsley's student body of 1600, HIGH LIFE drew a total of 1108 subscribers, thus indicating strong support of the Whirlie publication.

Although HIGH LIFE is written and edited by only 1.3 per cent of the student body, it is rated an outstanding paper by the Columbian Scholastic Press Association.

Last year, with a score of 932 out of a possible 1000 points, HIGH LIFE won a first place medal in competition with 1800 other newspapers, half of which were from colleges.

One student questioned, "How can HIGH LIFE continue to put a weekly and still maintain traditional quality?"

Editors' schedules are indeed demanding. On the same Monday that an issue is distributed, all copy for the next paper must be sent to the printer and work begun on the issue two weeks away.

Despite the fact that the number of issues has been doubled, subscription rates were raised only a quarter over last year's price of \$.75 per semester.

Whirligig Wins All-American

WHIRLIGIG, the GHS yearbook, has won its 16th consecutive All American Honor Rating. The book has received the award, which is the highest given by the National Scholastic Press Association, every year since the publication of Volume I in 1950.

WHIRLIGIG 1964-65 was judged on its basic theme, quality of photographs and copy, type selection, and the degree of thoroughness achieved in covering the year at GHS. The 1964-65 book was under the direction of Co-Editors Susan Stansbury and Marianne Buie. Miss Virginia Powell was advisor.

1966 BOOK STARTED

This year's staff, working for another award-winning book for GHS, is headed by a Board of Editors including Janine Webster, Managing Editor; Susan Lashley, Literary Editor; Kathy Hutton, Layout Editor; Jean McFarland,

Art Editor; and Joyce Robinson, Business Manager.

Assisting the Board in the production of the 1966 WHIRLIGIG are Ellen Kay and Reeta Lewis, Activity Editors; Barbara Henderson, Photography Editor; Austin Lybrand, Sports Editor; and Susan Breger, Faculty Editor.

STAFF MEMBERS

Organizing the individual student pictures section of the book will be Stephanie Smith and Patty Lauten, Senior Editors; Karen Filipski, Junior Editor; and Sophomore Editors who have not yet been named.

Completing the staff are Linda Sharon, assistant Business Editor; and Bob Fjeld and Pat Martin, Engraving Editors.

The staff campaign to sell orders for the 1965-66 WHIRLIGIG will be launched sometime in October, according to Miss Powell.

Belgium Student Finds GHS 'Best School Of Greensboro'

By Hallie Austin

"It is the best school of Greensboro!" says Danny Dralans, demonstrating how quickly she caught the Whirlie school spirit, after arriving here from Antwerp, Belgium. "It is amazing how quickly you feel at home in the American school and how easy it generally is to follow classes," she added.

"I like the U. S. boys very much. They are almost as good as the Belgium guys! In Belgium, the most important day is Saturday. We go to the beach, mountains, movies, parties, balls, or dances. Dancing is more popular there than in America."

"However, during the week we have no time to do anything other than our schoolwork. Sports are not so popular as here, and certainly not in my school, which is a girls' school."

"The boys are more active, but do not compare with the sportive Americans."

For all cultural activities, Danny's school gets together with its "brother school" to organize feasts, plays, concerts, and twice a month—big dances.

"I came to the U.S. to learn English, but staying here a year will give me an opportunity to become intimately acquainted with America and Americans by sharing the life of a family, school, and town," states Danny.

In Antwerp, Danny's school was public as most there are. The private ones are usually Catholic.

"We have to be 18 before we can drive. Most of us come to school by train, bus, or feet. And we go home for lunch!"

At 12 years of age, a Belgian student chooses a section of study, of which there are four: Latin-Greek, Latin-Math, Science, and Economics.

Besides ones choice of a course for specialization, he must also

take Flemish, French, English, German, math, geography, history, biology, chemistry, physics, and physical education.

"We have naturally not every-day all these courses. That would be dreadful," exclaims Danny. "They are divided into six days.



Although they look quite docile and not at all like cheerleaders at the present moment, when they get out on the field Grimsley's Jayvee cheerleaders burst into action. Then it is easy for them to let everyone know they cheer for the number one and yet undefeated team.

Seated left to right, first row, are Bunny and Debbie Owenby; second row, Sherry Norris, Cookie Reed; third row, Jill Reidenback, Ann Courtney; and last row, Sue Wyatt.

Four Whirlies Seek Teen Title

Amid all the fun-flavored excitement in Friday's finals of the Miss Teenage Greensboro contest will be four Whirlies.

"Despite the butterflies in my stomach, I'm glad I entered the contest because during the past few weeks I have met so many great people and had so many wonderful experiences!" exclaimed Janice Rone.

Besides Janice, the other three girls representing GHS are Claudia Summers, senior, Pat Cochran and Michele Hoyman, both juniors.

Grimsley's four contestants had to make and then survive the semi-final events to be able to compete for the title at the Carolina Theater at 7:00 p.m. on October 9. Because of the great number of girls between thirteen and seventeen who entered competition, four different semi-finals were held on consecutive Thursday nights, beginning in late August.

Decisions for winners in semi-finals were based on personality, poise, and talent. Janice, Michelle, and Pat, and Claudia all did dance numbers for their selections.

Prizes for the chosen girl will be a \$1000 wardrobe from Meyer's and an expense paid trip to Dallas for the Miss Teen-age America contest.

Sponsors of the local contest are Meyer's Department Store and WCOG. Judges are JoAnn Taylor, Jody Chandler, Meyer's Fashion Coordinator, Frank Hood, Hunter George, and Al Richbourg, 1965 GHS graduate.

Orchestra Students Join Greensboro Symphony

When the strings tune up, the hall resounds with the highlights of an overture, and then the warm applause of the audience envelops Greensboro Symphony Orchestra, many Grimsley students will be sharing the spotlight.

Whirlies who are adding their talent to the forces of the city orchestra are Lyn Labell, Babara Long, Dick McCaskil, Marion Scott, G. H. Sharp, and Sue Swart.

Also included among the Grimsley representatives are several GHS faculty members. Mr. H. Thomas Cousins, who teaches part-time at Grimsley, is director of the Symphony. Miss Martha Leonard, GHS Orchestra conductor, Mr. James Decker, Mr. Herbert Hazelman, and Mr. Edgar Rooker, all GHS band staff, also participate.

Young Life Strives To Appeal To Teens

BY ELLEN TAYLOR

Grimsley's Young Life is kids . . . singing, laughing, listening, thinking, responding to the message of the Christian faith. Grimsley Young Life is also its leader, Dan Komarnicki . . . singing, teaching, demonstrating Christian concern for every individual in a friendly and thoughtful manner. Young Life is fun! Young Life is different!

Young Life club meets weekly on Thursdays in the homes of Grimsley Young Lifers. The meetings start at 7:30 and last for an hour, packed with jokes, skits, songs, and short talks to

Yes, we have to go to school on Saturday."

Danny is here through International Christian Youth Exchange. Anne Smith, a junior last year at GHS, is her exchange. Danny stays with Anne's family here in Greensboro.

encourage Young Lifers to seriously consider Christianity and its principles.

Grimsley's club elects its own officers and plans its own activities. Some of its members take part in the annual trips to Gatlinburg, Tennessee; Boca Raton, Florida; and the Colorado ranches. These "camps" are scheduled for long weekends, Christmas holidays, and summer vacations.

Fellowships at these "camps" for Young Life Clubbers from all over the state and nation help combine young people's thinking on Christian levels with loads of good clean fun.