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President and Officers Give Farewell Speeches

Editor's Note: Below are excerpts from the speeches of Cumbie, Roos, and Weikel.

President's Farewell

As the close of this school year rapidly approaches, the tenure of this year's officers also is ended. Therefore this is a good time to take stock of the year and, in a way, check the "state of union." As for myself, I can easily describe my condition. Exhausted. Yes, exhaustion but still with some sense of satisfaction.

The Presidency of our high school is rather unique in many respects. If you were to look under the duties of President in your school constitution, you would find fewer duties or at least, less specific duties than for any of the other school officers. The President is not in charge of assemblies, he is not head of elections, he is not Prom chairman. You're probably asking yourselves right now, what does the President do? Believe me, I asked myself that very same question many many times as I was about to begin my term of office.

However, the answer, or rather the answers, didn't take long in arriving. Responsibility, more than any other word, would be associated with the office; responsibility to make sure that the committees such as elections and prom are doing their jobs. Besides these many standing committees special projects arise very often. The greatest responsibility was of course to you, the student body who had enough faith in me to give me the chance to serve as your President.

I was once told the presidency is wonderful in that it is what you make it. I never realized the wisdom in this statement, however, until I assumed office.

The members of our Council this year have done a job of which you can be proud. They have represented you in the fin-

est manner, and are the hardest working and most dedicated group with which I have ever had the privilege of working. These officers who have just spoken to you have, in like manner, been people who lived up to their responsibilities and who have represented you well. However, as is the case many times, the one deserving the most credit receives the least recognition. Most of you know her as a guidance counselor. And sincerely that is exactly what she is. Without her well executed guidance as our student council advisor, little could have been accomplished. I would like to present our advisor, Mrs. Mary Alice Moody.

But now it is time that I say good-bye, and it is with a saddened spirit that I say this, for my high school duration, especially this last year, has been filled with many moments of ecstasy. How could I forget the thunderous response to that proud cry of Give Me A "G"; of listening as you stood, head held high, and sang, "All Hail to thee our Alma Mater Strong." No, I will remember. I'll remember each of you. These memories will accompany me as, in several weeks, I depart holding uncertainly a sheet of paper signifying the completion of this important phase of my life. They will be with me as, with great expectations, I leave for further education. And, they will be present in my mind as I return one day to once again walk these lively halls filled with scurrying students. Yes, I will retain memories, and they must suffice for as it is expressed in the words of that beautiful song, "I may never pass this way again."

Tom Roos

I don't know whether or not I'm supposed to say anything like this but I see my opportunity and I'm going to take it. When I go to college next year, I'll be

eager for people to ask me where I went to high school. I'll very proudly answer Greensboro Grimsley. Grimsley isn't a name to be laughed at any more. When our opponents say grind Grimsley, they say it with fear. I'm proud of the name because I love my school. I hope each of

you will strive to make me proud of my Alma Mater. You may choose to help in any way. I hope each of you will do your part to make Greensboro Grimsley more than the best school in the state as it is now. We have great scholars, great musicians, and great athletics. There is no

doubt about it, we are the greatest. Please keep it that way. There are many wonderful people here who are trying to help you even more than you'd help yourself. Be thankful for what you've got, but still try to make the greatest. Good-bye. Grimsley, I love you.

Tim Weikel

The words to a song, sung in one of our assemblies by Skip Spencer go, "Do you remember that special September when leaves began to yellow?" Do you remember just last September when we began this year? The weeks have come and gone and now we are approaching June. Since that time we have had or will have had 37 assembly programs, which brings us to this question. What are assemblies for?

Education does not confine itself to the classroom, and it is our hope that you have learned many things from our programs that will help you in your life.

Each day opportunity knocks and each day someone doesn't answer the knock. It does not take a genius to be first chair in the band, center on the basketball team, attend a workday, be a school officer, a club member, or a special honor roll student. It takes someone who will work. Days go by and add up to years, and wouldn't it be nice if each one of us could have a certain day to last a long time, but, in the words of Julie Andrews, "how do you keep a wave upon the sand." Each day is important. Take the good with the bad—and even try a smile. Learn all you can, be as happy as you can, and work to keep Grimsley on top. This office has been one of the biggest pleasures of my life. I would like to thank you for electing me to serve you. I am sure I will never forget standing here — watching you stand still for a moment—solemnly singing the Alma Mater.

I would like to close with the words of one of the Canadian singers as she stood backstage crying—"You are the nicest people in the world." God be with you till we meet again.



Picture credit: Steve Van Pelt
Lynn Rose and rising Junior Youth Council members get sworn into office during the recent inductions ceremony over which presided outgoing President, Steve Cumbie.

Combo Headed By Whirlies Wins "Battle of the Bands"

"The Battle of the Bands" was fought in Greensboro and a combo with three Whirlies as members blasted its way to triumph and the recognition of being the best band in town.

Frank Bilosoly of Grimsley is the lead singer and lead guitarist of the "Interpreters," which is composed of seven high school students, three of whom are from GHS, three from Page, and one from a local junior high school.

Besides Frank, the two other Grimsley players are Steve ble who plays the saxophone and Billy Coore who handles the bass guitar for the group.

Page students are Bobby Beerman on rhythm guitar, Carl Bailey on trumpet, and Steve Lowe on drums. Gerald Hill from Lindley Junior High School plays the organ for the band.

Places and events for which they play include school dances, night clubs, and country clubs. They were recently booked at a night club in Virginia. Their pay runs up to \$360.00 for a performance. However, they often play for charity and fund drives.

Civinettes' Exchange Student Arrives; To Be Student At GHS Coming Year

Grimsley's newest exchange student arrived two weeks ago and already likes Greensboro very much.

Chiyo Masaki from Ako, Japan is sponsored by the Grimsley Junior Civinettes. She is the first exchange student they have ever had.

Chiyo, who celebrated her eighteenth birthday on February 10, is staying with Bryant Holsenbeck at the present time. She will be staying with a different Civinette each month.

Chiyo is not sponsored through any exchange program. Mrs. Dorothy Benjamin sent a letter to Cindy Speas, president of Civinettes, and Cindy, Chiyo, Mrs. Coltrane, and Mr. Routh handled the exchange.

This summer Chiyo hopes to get a job and make money for college. She will also travel a short while with Janice Fry on her vacation.

Of Greensboro, she says she is impressed most with the "greenery, the many big trees, the houses of brick, and the colors." Graduated already from Kennei Joshi Gakvin High School, Chiyo took English, classical Jap-

anese, modern Japanese, geometry, algebra, religion, biology, chemistry, physical exercise, sociology, and world and Japanese history all in one year. The school was an all-girls Catholic school. Her graduation was in March.

Chiyo left Yokohama on April 20 and arrived in San Francisco on May 2, where she stayed with her pen-pal one week.

Speas Chosen As May Youth of Month; Bringing GHS Total To Seven For Year

Cindy Speas is the Whirlie who has most recently received the Youth of the Month Award for Greensboro. Cindy's election for the month of May brings Grimsley's total of Youths of the Month for the 1965-1966 school year to seven.

Cindy is president of the Grimsley Junior Civinettes and of Torchlight. She was inducted in her junior year at GHS. She has also been a member of the

choir since her junior year. She is an honor roll student and enrolled in several advanced classes.

Since October Grimsley has had a Youth of the Month in every month except January, and in March, Whirlies captured both places.

Judy Ellstrom was named in October and Steve Cumbie in November. Tim Weikel was named in December and Lynn Frier-son in February. John McNairy

and Ellen Taylor took both awards in April.

Lynn Frier-son was named in an individual write-up in HIGH LIFE. She was elections chairman at GHS and first vice president of the Junior Exchangettes. She also serves as treasurer of the choir and is a member of Torchlight. She was on the Homecoming Court and was voted the superlative of "Best Personality" by the Senior Class.

Sub Juniors Decorate Home Economics Room

For the second year in a row the Grimsley Sub Junior Woman's Club contributed to the interior decoration of the Conference room.

This attractive room is in the Home Economics Building, but upon completion was not furnished.

Sub-Juniors took the task of furnishing the room as their long range project.

Last year, the Sub-Juniors spent \$125 to purchase the draperies and hung them up.

This year, under President Beth Norris, the club continued the project by spending \$250 to purchase tables and chairs.

Next year's Sub-Junior President, Nancy Gabrels, plans to continue with the decoration.

The Home Economic Conference Room is supposed to be used for showers and teas, but because of a lack of furniture and other commodities, it has not been available. With the help of the Sub-Juniors, it should be ready soon.