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Birkbeck Responds To GHS Life; Everything Considered As Different

(Editor's note: This is the first of two articles in which you, the reader, will be introduced and may become better acquainted with Grimsley's exchange students.)

"Grimsley is great. It is better than the schools back home. Everything is so different!" This was Ken Birkbeck's first reaction when he was asked how he liked Greensboro and GHS campus life.

Ken, an Australian exchange student, is staying with different members of the GHS Inter-Act Club for one year. He is sponsored by the Rotary Club, which also sponsors the Inter-Act group.

Members of the club selected Australia as the country from which they wished to have an exchange student. Then the Rot-

ary Club in Greensboro contacted the club in Australia.

Third Foreign Student Sponsored

It collected applications of students who were interested in the exchange program, but the actual choosing was done by the Inter-Act Club. Ken is the third foreign student that the club has sponsored.

In Southport, Ken's home town, there are four years of high school. He attended a high school in his first two years, which are called the sub-junior and junior years. Then his last

years of school (sub-senior and senior) were spent in a boys boarding school.

An Australian school year begins in January and ends in November. Vacations are distributed throughout the year. Students have two months vacation at Christmas, three weeks in May, and three weeks in August.

Eight Subjects Required

At his high school, pupils were required to take eight subjects, two of which were chemistry and physics and two which were some type of math. A school day consisted of eighth, forty-minute periods and one hour for lunch. Students went out for lunch or ate at home.

College Differs In Australia

Ken explained that "college over there isn't like over here. Here, almost everyone plans to go to college. "In the senior years, if one plans to attend college, he takes mostly maths and sciences. Otherwise, in his last two years, a student usually takes subjects which are interesting to him.

Because Ken is interested in the jewelry business, he hopes to go to London and learn more about jewelry, then someday return to Australia and have a jewelry store of his own.

Ken described living in the United States as "a different experience, like studying all over again." He said that the hardest thing to understand about the U. S. was "the way people talk. I'll probably return to Australia with a combination of an Australian, English, and Southern accent."

Pictures Express Exchange of Ideas

"This is one time that the students can have an exchange of ideas without a language barrier," commented Miss Ruth Scarborough, art instructor at Grimsley, when asked the significance of the International School Art Program. (ISAP)

Recently, 541 pictures were selected by the ISAP for exhibits in the United States, Europe, the Far East, and Puerto Rico.

Julie Foard, Cathy Howell, Jean McFarland, Susan McLawhorn, James Miles, Margaret Mitchell, Jan Stanley, and Jane Tesh had their pictures selected to go to Europe.

These pictures are used for exhibits in hospitals, youth centers, and Red Cross Chapters. Before going overseas they will also be used in regional and national meetings of the National Art Education Association. **Continued on Page Four**

Library Meeting Attended By Price

"We were trying to improve the High School Library Association and its leadership throughout the state," explained Ricky Price, district vice-president to the North Carolina High School Library Association.

Ricky attended a meeting of the Association at Camp New Hope August 29-30. It was sponsored for all district and state officers.

The purpose of the workshop was to state and define the duties of state and district officers. Those who attended the workshop were shown various methods to improve the state association as a whole as well as the individual districts.

Miss Mildred Herring, a librarian at Grimsley, was also present at the state executive board meeting on the night of August 29.

At the end of the meeting it was decided to make the workshop an annual event open to all library officers, whether they are state, district, or school.

The 1966-67 officers of the Grimsley chapter are: Brenda Dick, president; Ricky Price, vice-president; Linda McKee, secretary; and Carolyn Lyday, reporter.

Birthday Greetings Sent

"Student Council is trying to promote a better relationship between the students and itself," explained Carol Carruthers, chairman of the Welcoming Committee.

This year's council is sending birthday greetings to students who have birthdays during the school year.

The cards, which are white with a birthday message on them, will be given to homeroom teachers. Then, they will be distributed to the students.

Grimsley's Executive Board, composed of the school president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, and the class presidents, first considered the idea of cards. Then Carol developed this idea into an action.

"We thought that this would be a good way for students to recognize student council. Many students aren't aware of our existence," added Carol.

Each year's council also sends birthday cards to the faculty. A. P. Routh, principal, also gives cards to the seniors.

"Student Council wants to recognize students for their outstanding contributions to campus life. We want them to know that we know and appreciate what they are doing," remarked Sue Wyatt.

Sue is in charge of making congratulatory and thank-you cards to give students who have achieved greatly or aided the school in any way.

These cards will have a personal note written on them to the students, and will also be distributed by the homeroom teachers.

Student Council is trying to work closer together to strengthen GHS's government. Students who have seventh period study halls are invited to visit council and watch it in action.



photo by Terry McMahon

The 1966-1967 Junior Varsity cheerleaders are, from left to right: Margaret Shelton, Patty Bridges, Marcia Klutz, Susan Hill, Carlie Zierth, and Patty Harris. Laura Jeanes, the new J. V. head cheerleader is kneeling.

JV Cheerleaders Selected; 73 Girls Try For Position

Seven Junior Varsity cheerleaders were selected for this year on Thursday, September 15.

Patty Bridges, Patty Harris, Susan Hill, Laura Jeanes, Marcia Klutz, Margaret Shelton, and Carlie Zierth competed with 73 other girls for this honor.

At the practices, the girls learned two cheers, "Whirlies" and "Spirit", and three jumps. They reserved all of their energy for these cheers and jumps and "let it go" for one hour at a time, practicing for five days.

Margaret explained, "I went home each day and practiced and practiced. Some of us got together and practiced all week-end."

During the practices, the girls were divided into seven groups. Each varsity cheerleader headed a group and showed the girls the correct procedures and skills.

Tryouts occurred in the boys gym on Thursday. The girls were required to wear white blouses and dark skirts, preferably culottes. Tennis shoes and white socks were also needed.

Four judges studied the girls as they performed their cheers. They were Miss Lynn Hundley, a guidance counselor, Miss Haley, a physical education teacher, and two teachers from other schools.

Again the girls were divided into groups. Each group performed their cheers. Then approximately half the girls were eliminated. After the remaining girls cheered several times, the number was lowered to 14.

Margaret described this time of suspense and explained, "All we ever did the whole time was smile. My throat got so dry and my lips so parched. The audience made it easier to continue smiling. Smiles were so important because cheerleaders are supposed to have lots of spirit."

When the cheerleaders were finally announced, many tears were shed. "I was never so shocked in all my life," remarked Susan.

Margaret added, "So many

good people deserved it. I wish that more than seven could have been chosen."

After the new J.V. cheerleaders calmed down, they voted on their head cheerleader. Laura Jeanes was selected to lead the group.

"I hope we can get more of the students to come to the J.V. games. We'll probably advertize more, too," commented Laura. She definitely feels that J.V. games are just as important as the varsity games.

One of the new cheerleaders summed up the importance of being a J.V. cheerleader as "It is something you go home and say 'thank-you' for."

Cheerleaders at GHS have decided that the "Whirlie of the Week Award" should be acknowledged and publicized more this year.

The award, which has been sponsored by the Junior Jaycees for several years, is given to the player who best participates in the game and who displays good sportsmanship.

The cheering squad voted to have the marching band and pep board learn the song "Mr. Touchdown U. S. A." Then, the girls created a dance to the music.

Each player will be honored at the following game. Cards, spelling the star's name will be shown.

Connie Giles, head cheerleader, explained that the reason for emphasizing the "Whirlie of the Week" was "It enabled the student body to become more aware of their team."

She remarked that sometimes a lineman received the honor but got little credit for it.

This award is given to a sophomore, junior, or senior boy who participates in any school sport: football, basketball, or baseball.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Monday, Sept. 26—Meeting of sophomore candidates
Tuesday, Sept. 27—Holiday—Teachers meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 28—Student Council Practice of sophomore speeches
Thursday, Sept. 29—Sophomore speeches