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# HIGH LIFE CALLS

Editor's note: In the October 11 issue of HIGH LIFE, there appeared a letter to the editor, written by a Grimsley student, calling for more Grimsley student participation in contests at local radio stations, as the lack of student interest reflects on their school spirit. Therefore, the question for this week is: What is your opinion about Grimsley's entrance in tnese contests?

Roger Bernholz, '67, replied, "Have you noticed our school spirit lately? I have, and it's different. Sure, we cheer at pep rallies and at games—louder than ever before. But we also win school beautiful trophies, help the starving people of Bolivia, serve as charity volunteers, and participate in service projects. How can anyone compare this kind of spirit to an idiotic and childish radio contest? For some schools, winning a radio contest is a great dsplay of school spirit—it's just about the best that they can do. To Grimsley this is and should be unimportant and insignificant.

Paul Levy, '67, answered, "I think the contests are petty. It isn't necessary to enter such ridiculous contests to prove that your

"The contests really shouldn't be that important to us as Grimsley students, but winning some of them greatly helps to improve the image of the school."

Mike Ett, '67, said, "I think all the contests are stupid. If the students of this school think that they have to prove their spirit in stupid, idiotic radio contests, then our school spirit isn't worth talking about."

Donna Hildebrand, '67, advanced, "Just exactly how much school spirit does it take to sign one's name? If the other schools have so much more school spirit, why do they not win such contests as the school beautiful contest, that really prove something?"

Jack Carpenter, '67, replied, "Bluntly, we do not have to participate in radio contests to show our strength, for all they show is that a school can get each student to sign a memiographed paper three or four times. The participation in these contests should be, and is, based on a personal interest in the station (we showed that a school using the radio station doesn't prove any superiority over a silent but deadly school.)

## Sixty Is Not Enough

Last week, to start off Grimsley's school beautiful program for this year an anti-litter week was proclaimed that began with the first student workday, which, according to Jody Turner, co-chairman of the school beautiful committee, was a complete success.

From Turner, it was learned that about sixty Grimsley students attended the Saturday workday, and this was claimed to be a success. With a little mathematical figuring, it can be concluded that the sixty students represent around three-hundredths per cent of the student body.

Since forty per cent of the grading in the school beautiful contest is based on student participation, it appears that this school is sadly lacking in this respect. But while it's relatively easy to find out what the problem is, the discovery of a cure is much harder.

So, the problem is how to get more Grimsley students to go to the work days. Pleading has never helped, for every chairman of the school beautiful committee has, for years talked to the students in assemblies, and over the speakers. But it doesn't work, because people are too smart to listen.

Then too, appealing to your patriotic sense never works, because the students look at the trophy and say, "We won it those times, and we'll do it again." But I don't have time ,and besides, there are always the co-chairman of the committee. They volunteered for the job ,and thought up the ideas

#### WHAT DOES IT PROVE?

#### BY RICK BREWER

A letter was written to the editor in the October 31 issue of HIGH LIFE concerning school spirit. In the letter the writter urged the GHS student body to participate in contests staged by a local radio station, thereby showing the world how much school spirit Grimsley really has.

There is nothing wrong with taking part in these contests; GHS participation is fine and dandy. However, I do not think that the contests are any indication of school spirit.

What a person is actually doing when he submits a list of names or a petition for "player of the week" or any other contest, is showing his allegiance to that radio station, not his school. He is saying that he feels that station is very important in the community and that it would be an honor for his school to be mentioned on the air.

for the campus improvement, so we'll let them do their job." Rationalization like this has led to the downfall of many institutions, including whole governments.

Thus, there are several devices that may be used to obtain helpers for the work days. Yet, as has been seen, they do not always work. It remains up to each of you to decide for himself whether he wants to continue in his, old, slow way, or help to make Grimsley the best looking school campus in Greensboro.

### LYNN'S PROGRAMS **ARE EXCELLENT**

Although it may still be too early in the school year to decide just what has caused the change, everyone must without a doubt admit that there has been a noticeable improvement in the behavior of Grimsley students at assembly programs, and this improvement can be directly at-tributed to the type of programs that have been presented.

The upperclassmen at least, remember some of the things that happened at the assemblies last year. This bad behavior was a result of the presentation of programs that simply did not hold the students' interest. As a part of his campaign, Lynn Rose promised to have much better assembly programs, and HIGH LIFE would like to say that he has fulfilled this promise.

Who would have thought that we would see in assembly this year a saxaphone-playing wouldbe chancellor of UNC-G, a program about the needy people of Bolivia, and how we could help them, or that we would see a dramatization of materials soon to be used in the production of passenger cars? Compared to the programs last year, and the term is used loosely, this year's programs are terrific.

True, Lynn has some people helping him in this job of finding programs that will interest most of the students, but still, it is largely his responsibility. With such a job like this, Lynn has continued to present very interesting and usually educational programs. Lynn Rose deserves the thanks of every student at Grimsley, for at the very least, he has provided you with a way to keep out of trouble.

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school has spirit."

Stan Brunt, '69, added, "I agree with Paul, to some extent. I do not believe that it is necessary to enter the contests to prove Grims-ley's school spirit, but I do think that it would be nice if we had a "player of the week" every so often.'

Ronnie Knedlik, '67, decided, "I like the different contests, but after a while you get tired of them. I don't think they have to have so many contests, because even with fewer contests, the radio stations could still achieve the same purpose."

Bob Lutfy, '67, commented, "I just think they have too many contests. To enter so many contests would be plain stupid. I think that Grimsley students should perhaps pick one contest and then go allout on just that one, but it would be senseless to try to enter them. all."

Tommy Edwards, '67, thought,

Editor's note: The lack of junior and sophomore comments should not be taken to mean that these classes do not have opinions, but so many excellent quotes from seniors were received, that there wasn't enough room for them all.

#### THE DIFFERENCE?

BY GENE ACTION

The gum-chewing Grimsley student, And the cud-chewing cow, Are very much alike, Yet different somehow. Just what is the difference, I think I know now —— It's the intelligent look, On the face of the cow.

If the personnel of this radio station, or any other institution for that matter, would really like to know if Grimsley students have school spirit, they should attend the athletic events.

By observing the student body to a place where school spirit should be displayed, anyone, even disc jockeys, ouvht to be able to decide if the students are supporting their team.

Even this , however, would not be a true picture of Grimsley's school spirit. School spirit is more than supporting one's team. It's things like buying ribbons, helping to win the school beautiful trophy, and correctly singing the alma mater. In short, it's loyalty and pride in one's school.

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