

## Is A Code Really Needed?

An honor code, when reduced to its lowest terms, must be basically a set of rules for social conduct. Therefore, the question arises: is there a need for such a social code at Grimsley?

Since there exists an honor code at this school, it is admitted that there must be a need for it. Yet more important, the designers of Grimsley's honor code must have felt that their code would greatly affect school life and behavior, and improve student conduct. Maybe it did when they framed it, but is the code helping to improve student life now?

Most students live by an inner moral code, trying to do what they as an individual think is right. If a person reads a bad law, he may not attempt to follow it. If that same person feels an inner unwritten law, chances are he will try to follow it. Of course, laws are necessary to provide a guideline for people, but in the modern world, are social codes really needed? There is an axiom in every law department that says that the good will act right, while the bad get worse.

## Keep Up Grimsley's Image

SOUTHERN LIVING, a nationally-known magazine dealing with life in the south, had a story in its October issue, titled "A City Enriched by Its Teenagers", which explained the school beautiful program in Greensboro, its effect on the town and on the students involved in the project.

In beginning, the article pointed out that the entire project came about because many parents and students felt that the energy of Greensboro's teenagers wasn't being aimed in the proper directions. As a result of much debate concerning a solution, the now well-known service club idea began.

Greensboro was the first city in the United States to set up a special program for the guidance of developing programs for teenagers. A Youth Council on Civic

At Grimsley, the good students will continue to act right, while the bad students don't even know what the honor code is.

## Knowledge Comes First

Many times in the past, and probably again in the future, HIGH LIFE has criticized certain school activities that the staff felt need to institute some change. Some of his criticism is naturally directed towards the student council. However, there is one major prerequisite before a person or organization should castigate anyone, that being thorough knowledge of the functions and activities of the object under criticism.

Grimsley's student council has provided all the members of the student body with an excellent chance to remedy this situation.

Tomorrow immediately after school, a special session of the regular council meetings will be conducted to allow everyone who hasn't yet been to a meeting to

Affairs, with members from all the high schools in the city, was started so that the students themselves could decide what they wanted to do.

In particular, the article covers the Grimsley school beautiful programs, from the first one, with Keith Gullede as chairman, down to the present committee. The story explains the many different projects that the students at Grimsley started, and carried to completion, which the article points out, helped the school to win the school beautiful trophy every year since the program began.

The point is though, that now the school beautiful program of Grimsley has been deemed worthy of national attention. In the future, the students of Grimsley must uphold this image, and to do this, you must work harder than ever before. From now on, the best you can do won't be enough. Every school in the nation will be out to beat Grimsley in school beautification. But are you going to let them beat you without a fight?

# HIGH LIFE CALLS

Editor's note: Since we have an honor code, then we are admitting that it is a vital force, with some effect on student life. Therefore, in order to prove that this isn't the case at Grimsley any longer, the question for this issue was: Do you think there would be any significant change in student behavior if the Grimsley honor code were abolished?

Tom Statham, '67, replied, "If the honor code was done away with I can say positively that there would not be any change in student behavior."

Norman Gentry, '67, answered, "There would not be any change in student behavior in my estimation. I think that an honor code is nice to have because it sheds a good light on our school. I think that we should always have an honor code."

Paula Holliday, '68, commented, "Although some people go by the code, many others don't. Therefore, the abolishment of our honor code wouldn't change the behavior of many students, if any."

Cheryl Jones, '68, decided, "It would depend on the person. Those that follow it now would follow it anyway. Those that don't follow it now wouldn't if it weren't there."

Richard Cary, '67, added, "I think that there wouldn't be any change in student behavior. Life would go on just as it always has at Grimsley."

Abby Lieb, '68, thought, "I don't think there would be any significant change in student behavior, but I do think that we should have an honor code. The code gives one respect for his school."

James Tatro, '68, advanced, "No, I don't even think that the honor code is doing what it was set up to do. If people are going to cheat, they're going to cheat. If they're going to be honest, then they'll be honest, even without the honor code."

Susan Comer, '67, decided that "No one stops to think if they are going against the honor code every time they make a move. It is not that much a part of us that we go by it automatically after having been exposed to it for three years. We go by the morals we have been brought up with. The honor code isn't going to change that."

Elizabeth Farmer, '68, replied, "Oh, yes. The honor code means something to everybody. They need a set of moral rules to follow or everyone would go wild, with nothing to guide them."

Ryan Stanley, '67, thought, "No, those students who do not observe the honor code are the same ones who would act that way under any circumstances. Similarly, those students who have a bad set of morals are not going to be influenced by the honor code, either. Therefore, its effect is nothing, neither good nor bad."

Beth Folk, '68, answered, "It's good that we have it, but it doesn't affect people that much. It might bother a few people, but they are more concerned with the idea of honor, expressed in the honor code, rather than idea put into actual practice."

Karen Filipski, '67, commented, "No, it's a good code, but it just doesn't have any effect on the students. Their morals, if any, are already formed by the time they reached Grimsley."

Finally, Pat Hunt, '68, replied, "No, there'd be no change. I think it would help people to be dependent on themselves instead of rules for the way they behave. They shouldn't need an honor code to go by"

## Where Are You, Gene?

In the last issue of HIGH LIFE, there appeared a poem dealing with the problems of gum-chewing at Grimsley, written by an unknown person named "Gene Action." The staff of the paper has received many compliments about the selection of the poem, and the staff hopes to convey them to Mr. Action. However, after diligently searching through the regular channels, Gene is still unlocated.

This is just one of many examples that could be used to show that, you, the students should anything you turn into the paper. Your work may be very good, and unless the paper has your name, HIGH LIFE cannot tell you this. There is no possible harm that could befall you for signing, unless you don't like the criticism of your peers. So in the future, HIGH LIFE would greatly appreciate your signing the work that you send to the paper. Don't you agree, Gene?

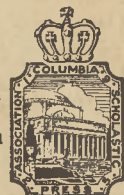
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