

# HIGH LIFE

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## Dominican Girl Likes Grimsley-- 'Everyone Is So Nice Here'

"At first I didn't like Grimsley because there were so many people," stated Myra Cotin, "but now I really like it. Everyone is so nice."

Myra, or Mayro, as it is spelled in the Dominican Republic, her native land, came to the United States last June to finish her high school education.

The move was suggested and arranged by Myra's English teacher in the Dominican private school she attended, Mrs. Charles R. Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter's husband is an attache at the American Embassy in Santo Domingo where Myra lived.

Mrs. Carpenter thought Myra would benefit from going to school in the United States and having all her subjects taught in English. Myra was studying to be a bilingual secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Crawford, Jr., Mrs. Carpenter's sister and brother-in-law have a daughter, Debbie, who is a junior at Grimsley, so it was determined that Myra would live with them.

Asked why she was in a private school in Santo Domingo, Myra replied that the schools in her country were not as good as those in the United States and only the poor attended them. Most people,

she explained, sent their children to private school.

The Dominican school, where Myra studied had shorter periods and met from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. with no lunch period. However, they do have a 15 minute break during the day.

"We (Dominicans) have maids to do everything," Myra commented, "and so we always have big meals. We have no light lunches or anything. Breakfast is like any other meal, and we have lunch at 2 p.m." Elementary schools, she continued, met from 8 p.m. until 1 p.m.

Another difference in the school systems, besides there being little choice of subjects and no physical education in the Dominican Republic, is the age range. They begin school at four years and graduate from high school at 16.

Myra became a Protestant and joined Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday, September 10. Although she comes from a predominately Catholic country and was brought up in the Catholic faith, Myra was dissatisfied. She attended Protestant services with Mrs. Carpenter while still in

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## Kellett Attends Convention Of JCL In Arizona

During the past summer, Trish Kellett, junior, attended the Junior Classical League National Convention which met July 30, to August 3, at the University of Arizona at Tucson.

The North Carolina delegation, consisting of 49 JCL members and four chaperones from all parts of the state, traveled by chartered bus and visited many places of interest on the trip.

North Carolina garnered several honors at the convention. The Grimsley club won second place for its scrapbook, Oxford placed ninth in publicity, and several delegates placed in scholastic and olympic contests.

On July 30, the group arrived in Tucson, registered, and attended the first general assembly.

The second assembly was the following afternoon. A panel discussed the topic "Create New JCL Chapters," after which members participated in various scholastic contests. That night all 1500 members visited Old Tucson, a famous replica of the early city.

Dr. Stephanie Benton, University of Denver professor, addressed the group at the afternoon assembly August 1. Workshops were attended from 3 to 4 p.m. by all delegates.

For the Roman banquet that night, the delegates were dressed in Roman costume. The banquet was given in a football stadium where everyone was assembled. After a slave auction, they reclined on the lawn for a typical Roman meal while the JCL band and chorus presented concerts.

Election proceedings began at the fourth general assembly; there the students were given an opportunity to attend interest groups ranging from archaeology to veterinary science.

A semi-formal dance was given the last night as a farewell.

"I think everyone should attend a National Convention at some time or another. I gained much from those four days in Tucson to help the JCL Club at Grimsley," Trish said.

## Assembly Programs Planned By Allred

Assembly programs for September and October have been announced by Joe Allred, vice-president of the student body.

The first assembly was the football assembly, which was presented by Coach Bob Jamieson, Pep Board, and the cheerleaders in the stadium Wednesday, September 6.

On Thursday, September 14, the Explorers' assembly was presented. In this assembly special specialty posts were explained.

An all-girl assembly will be presented Tuesday, September 19, on "Pride and Dignity." The WAC's will be the guest speakers at this time.

Junior Achievement (JA) will be explained Tuesday, September 26. The purpose of this assembly is to give interested Grimsley students the chance to join Junior Achievement. This organization helps to give young people experience in the business world.

Thursday, September 28, is the presentation assembly. At this time, all candidates running for an office in the sophomore class will be presented to the student body.

Installations of the new sophomore officers will be on October 10. Members of the Youth Recreation Council (YRC), student council, and other class offices will also be installed at this time.

## Y-Teen Week Celebrated

Y-Teen Roll Call, the annual Y-Teen Week, will be celebrated here October 8-14.

Scheduled events include a Blue Ridge Parkway outing October 7, a Friday the 13 Open House at the Davie Street YWCA, and a camping trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

"This year our slogan is 'A Y-Teen Is,'" Miss Harriet Austin, teen-age program director at the YWCA, stated. "A Y-Teen is unique . . . interesting . . . interested . . . in herself, here and now, in her future, her community, the world, today and tomorrow."

Y-Teens are 12 to 17 year old members of the YWCA who join with more than 400,000 other young people in the United States

each year to develop their own programs and activities with the help of adult advisors.

Clubs in this area are formed in junior and senior high schools and in neighborhoods where eight or more girls are interested in providing leadership, serving the community, and realizing their full potential as useful human beings and good citizens.

"Since YWCA work is in more than 75 countries around the world, there are opportunities for studying other cultures and helping to meet needs of young people as far away as Africa, Asia, South America, and Fiji," commented Miss Austin.

"Although our local clubs are for girls, our classes, outings, camping trips, and other programs are all co-ed."

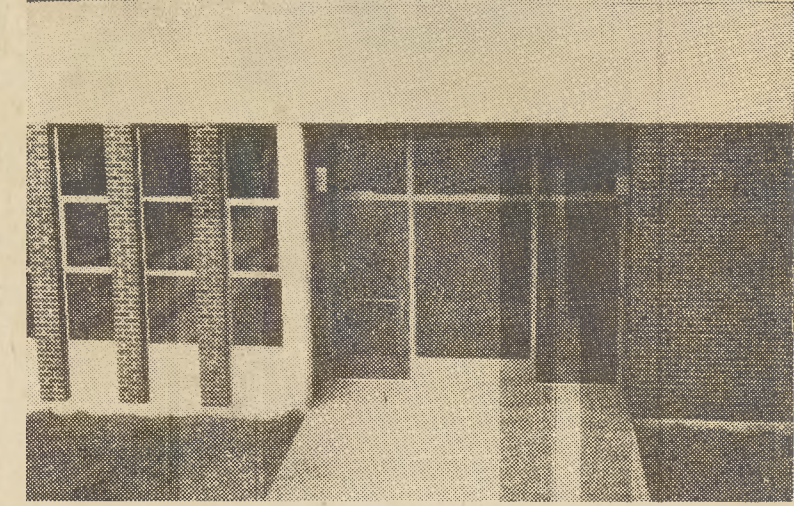
## Grimsley's Personnel Increases As Nineteen Join Faculty

**Editor's Note:** This article is the beginning of a two-part series about the new teachers at Grimsley.

New personnel, including 18 teachers and one secretary, have been added to Grimsley's faculty this year.

In the English department are Mrs. Margaret Dickenson, Miss Jenny Divine, Miss Margaret Griffin, Miss Sara Moore, Mrs. Virginia Rhoades, Mrs. Rebecca Stanley and Mrs. Julie Wall.

Mrs. Dickenson, who attended Greensboro College, Duke University, and the University of North Carolina, teaches English 3 and Reading 1. Her interests are reading, traveling, and civic work.



These pictures show the progress which has been made in the construction of the new library. The top picture was taken from the second floor of the main building in the stair wells when the ground was first broken for the library. The date for the opening of the new building is uncertain.

## Library Opening Not Set; Furnishings Still Lacking

"We are still not sure when the new library will be opened to students," stated Miss Mildred Herring, librarian. "The furniture and shelves have not yet arrived, and we have no idea when they will get here."

All of the library books are stored in the old library office and in a storage room. Inventory is being taken, and several hundred new books are being checked into the library, while Miss Herring and Mrs. June Bleakley, assistant librarian, await the completion of the new facilities.

The new library, located between the Home Economics Building and the auditorium, will have air conditioning incorporated into the heating system, and carpeting. There are three Conference rooms along the front wall, and eventually folding doors will divide a section of the main room off into a classroom.

No audio-visual provisions have been made. Miss Herring explained that films will now be shown in the individual teacher's room.

The double room that has served as an audio-visual room in previous years has been divided into two classrooms. The old library plus the conference room have been converted into three classrooms, adding numbers 205, 207, 209, 211, and 213 to the second floor.

Miss Herring and Mrs. Bleakley urged the students to be patient, saying nothing can be done to help the situation. "We want to go ahead and move," Mrs. Bleakley said. "We are working now so that as soon as the furnishings arrive, we will be able to move in."

Listening to musical comedies, knitting, writing, and meeting new people are among the interests of Miss Divine. A graduate of Carolina, she teaches English and Latin, and is presently working for her Masters Degree.

Miss Griffin attended Wake Forest University and enjoys reading, swimming, knitting, and sewing.

Another teacher working for her Masters Degree is Miss Moore. She attended Duke University, and her interests are football and having fun with young people.

A former free-lance writer, Mrs. Rhoades was a state winner in the Pillsbury National Bake-Off in San Francisco in 1966. She has her Masters in Creative Writing and has five children.

Mrs. Stanley from Mount Airy graduated from UNC-G last year. Her husband is a math teacher at Page. Art and oil painting are her main interests.

The new journalism teacher and HIGH LIFE advisor is Mrs. Wall. She enjoys flowers, all types of sports, and antiques furniture.

Mrs. Faye Jones, a secretary who works in the main office, has worked at Sternberger, Aycock, and in Virginia. She enjoys football games, working with young people, and sewing. Her son and daughter are both graduates of Grimsley.

A new guidance counselor this year is Mr. Louis Wilkins. He received his Masters Degree in Guidance Counseling at Carolina and recently returned from Turkey. His interests include gardening, and collecting "bric and brac" from other countries.

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