



## HIGH LIFE Next Year

By Fred Thompson

During this year, High Life has proven that students do have the minds and the will to express these thoughts which they feel are right. High Life, volume XLV, attacked, complimented, and proposed to almost every school organization with results that have or will help the student body. This newspaper has worked for and tried to achieve what every school newspaper should: to meet the issues of the student body and outside influences head-on and to evaluate and help in the solution for the betterment of the students here at GHS. Here, I wish to insert a congratulations to Steve Grossman, Editor-in-Chief, and his staff for the work they have put into making this year's High Life one of the best ever.

As next year's Editor-in-Chief, I have quite a job to fill. High Life next year, has the potential to be, the best ever at Grimsley. Jeff Fenn, associate editor, Doug Gary, feature editor, Scott Welborn,

sports editor, and Helen Ross and Andy Kennedy news editors have the abilities to handle their pages with good taste and excellent variety.

High Life next year, will neither be "left" nor "right." It will instead be an advocate of student betterment in school community, and nation. We hope to present more special issues next year and plan to continue the music issue which was so well received this year. We hope to publish the first issue earlier next year, thus giving you more issues for your money. Hopefully High Life will be able to work closely with every school organization.

(We will welcome all letters which are relevant, and any editorial or feature items. We will need your support to make next year's newspaper a good one, though.

To coincide with your support, next year's staff will work specifically for you—the student body—to increase the relevancy of what you do at Grimsley Senior High School.

## New VP Outlines Plans

It is a principle duty of Grimsley's student body vice-president to arrange assembly programs. Gary Applewhite, vice-president-elect for the 1970-71 school year, hopes that during his term of office he can plan assemblies which will appeal to the greatest possible number of students. While he acknowledges that his aim is somewhat "idealistic" in view of the variety of tastes among Grimsley students, he nevertheless intends to try to satisfy everyone.

Gary suggests that assemblies similar to the recent Earth Day-ecology program could have more speakers. He would like to have possibly three guests to address the students on different areas of the same subject. Such a practice would allow for the presentation of several viewpoints on one topic. Also, next year's vice-president hopes to arrange assemblies produced and presented by students as an effort for greater student participation in chapel programs. Musical programs, both for their entertainment and cultural benefits, will probably be continued.

Gary approves of the present practice of scheduling assemblies during the morning periods, and he

does not mention any plans to deviate from that practice.

As vice-president of the student body, Gary will be on the executive board of student council next year. He has served this year as a regular student council member. Gary believes that there is "not enough communication between students and student council." The blame for the situation he contends, rests with both apathetic students and student council members. The apparent unconcern of some students when student council members attempt to make homeroom council reports is discouraging to Gary; apathy of students encourages apathy of council members. The responsibility for student council's shortcomings is mutual to both student and council members.

Finally, Gary Applewhite urges a realistic attitude among students as to what they want accomplished and what can be accomplished. Gary will, no doubt, work equally well with Grimsley's administration and Grimsley's students in planning assemblies, in executing his role as a member of student council's executive board, and, generally, in functioning as the vice-president of this high school.

# Commendation Due To Student Body

In my capacity as a cartoonist on the High Life staff I hope I have presented an antagonist to those injustices we know to be so prevalent in our school. But, by the time this article is published there will have been more than enough said to point out the discrepancies committed during the first election here at Grimsley. As a result, I write this piece not to congratulate my fellow students (for congratulations are extended for such accomplishments as winning races and the like.) But, when a student body maintains a certain peace in light of rumors, slanted news articles, and presses pressures—one must go beyond commendations to express his pride in his fellow students.

On the Friday of the second election, one did not sense an air of impending violence; instead, there was a healthy anticipation to see who would win the election. Rumors, generated by media coverage, of possible violence by students of other schools we went for the most part, unbelievably. This, in itself, would lead us to believe that people have developed rational thinking as their guide.

One may express his gratitude to Mr. Glenn for his idea and aid in acquiring voting machines for the re-vote. As we trooped through the Girl's Gym, we recognized a well organized voting center where the only atmosphere of fear was brought forth by the possibility that people would pull the wrong tab, unintentionally voting for the wrong candidate.

Here, we might recognize the individual faculty members who

gave up their free periods to assist those students who found the machines ominous threats.

A great deal has been said about the newspaper and television coverage of the issue. Although the articles and reports given were generally slanted toward the racial aspect of the issue one must understand that the media did hold off somewhat. In talking to an editor of a Greensboro daily newspaper we learned that had the Greensboro Youth Council not gone to the School Board, his paper would not have covered the story until the final election. And so we realize that while the media might have sensationalized the entire issue to such an extent there could have been violence, it did not. In all fairness, the media must be commended to their lack of excessive coverage.

Still, it was the student body of Grimsley, individuals, and students throughout Greensboro who were primarily responsible for maintaining peace throughout the time of re-election.

## DEFERMENT

### POLICY QUESTIONED

On April 30, 1970, President Nixon ordered ground troops and air support across the Cambodian border to attack enemy communication centers and strongposts. About one week before this announcement, Nixon had asked Congress to greatly reduce or abolish college deferments. Throughout the war in Southeast Asia, the question of the draft as a system and deferments has been secondary only to the question of the war itself.

The typical 2-S college deferment is the one most likely to be affected. Currently this includes a deferment for most any subject and requires only that the registrant be accepted by a college prior to his induction notice.

Most colleges require a certain average be maintained to stay in school. If a student fails to maintain this average and is dropped or leaves of his own accord, he had better find another alma mater fast. Otherwise, if his number is low in the lottery, he may as well enlist.

If college deferments are abolished, ROTC would continue to be an accepted deferment due to the need of officers. This course in college requires two years of active duty after four years of school; but allows many officers to continue post-graduate work in whatever field they choose after their active duty term. This is furnished by the particular branch of service chosen.

The question, therefore, is not a "good" way, but a method which would make discrepancies only for the most reasonable reasons, a way fairer to all, not to those with money and status. There is no "good" way to run something as terrible as war. No person with the slightest humanity in him wishes or looks forward to the actual killing of a man with much the same feelings as all of us. No one certainly wanted to die, either.

Yet, as long as few terrorists of mankind seek to commit mass extortions on the weaknesses of the poor, the ignorant, and the disillusioned, the fairest way is for all of us to meet it, share its agonies its hard-won wisdom, and end it.

## Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

On April 29, the Senior class rejected a proposal to use the class gift to set up a trust fund to begin a student union. Hopefully, this would have started a project towards which many service groups would have wished to contribute. A student union might provide a place for students to relax during break, lunch, and after school. The ultimate goal would be to abolish study halls, allowing students to spend their free period in the student union instead. The student union would be operated by the students themselves with a minimum of faculty supervision. The Class of '70 has chosen not to begin such a fund, but I feel the idea should not be allowed to die. It is my hope that perhaps the classes of '71 and '72 will see merit in a student union.

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