

SSBAG Discusses Exam Policy



Students at the SSBAG meeting

The Student School Board Action Group (SSBAG) held a meeting in early April to discuss a proposed exam policy. The current exam policy, which was originally approved for a four year period that ends next spring, came under review this year because it is the third year it has been used.

The current policy states that sophomores must take four exams, juniors must take three, and seniors must take two. Students may choose which exams to take.

One proposed exam policy, which has been approved by the Curriculum Committee for the Board has not yet decided whether to approve this policy. Two Board members have revealed that they are receiving pressure from parents who wish to have this policy approved. They stated that there is a general 'back to basics' ideology that prevails among parents.

Greensboro City Schools and School Board, requires students to take all exams. The

Before making any decision, the School Board determined that it should accumulate the opinions

of students, teachers, and parents. Each high school conducted a survey of students and the results revealed that students are satisfied with the current exam policy. A survey of teachers proved that they too favor the current policy, but only because they do not feel there is enough time to grade exams for all students and turn in grades for report cards. Speaking for parents, the Parents' Council on Education has stated that they are in favor of a policy insuring that students really are retaining what they are taught.

An idea being used in other systems which is being considered requires that all students except final semester seniors take all exams. Final semester seniors would be exempt from all exams in order to eliminate some of the red tape encountered near graduation.

The School Board is now considering all ideas that have been presented to it in an attempt to reach a decision on the exam policy. It must determine whether or not to wait until the current exam policy becomes invalid before adopting a new one.

Governors School Admits Students

The Governor's School, attended by 400 intellectually superior tenth and eleventh grade students in the academic and performing arts fields, is held on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem during the summer. The students, from all over the state, who attend the school have shown creativity, interest, motivation, and have a superior grade point average in their schools. The school runs for six weeks, beginning in July and offers English, French, Spanish, mathematics, natural science and social studies in the academic areas and drama, instrumental and choral music, art and dance in the performing arts division.

The purpose of the Governor's School is to attempt to introduce and stimulate critical inquiry and thought for student application in continuing education. It also encourages the student's curiosity into new accomplishments, problems and theories in the various fields of arts and sciences.

Nominations for students from high schools are first made in December, but are limited according to the total enrollment of each high school. The nominations from each high school then go to a city committee, headed by the assistant superintendent, where each is evaluated. Again the number of nominations are limited, this time according to the county population. Finally the city nominees are sent to the

Governor's School personnel, who do the final selecting in the academic areas. Auditions are held in February for the students in the performing arts. The students chosen are notified in April after final decisions have been made.

Drama Presents Plays

The Grimsley Drama Department plans two more presentations for the remainder of the year.

The first of these two is a group of five one act plays entitled Short Subjects III, which will be presented tonight at 7:30 in the studio Theatre. They are in tradition of Short Subjects I and II, which the drama department produced earlier in the school year.

The Drama Department's student teacher, Miss Gayle, will take part in directing these one-act plays.

Perhaps the most outstanding achievement by the Drama students this year will be the upcoming production of **Flowers for Algenon**, a two act drama, to be presented later in the year in Grimsley's main auditorium.

It will feature Mark McCracken, Crissy Pugh, Connye Florence and David Wilson in the lead roles.

Students Win Scholarships

Grimsley is once again establishing its reputation as the scholarship roll call lengthens. Many well-known forms of scholastic honor and financial aid for college with such dignified and respected names as Angier B. Duke, Spencer Love, Morehead, Katherine Smith Reynolds and National Merit are to be awarded to Grimsley students who have demonstrated excellence in academic ability, in character and usefulness to the community, and in participation in school activities.

Some winners this year include Cliff Abels, awarded the

Morehead Scholarship to UNC-CH; Lisa Prago, who won the Spencer Love Scholarship to UNC-G, for outstanding music talent; Carol Eddy and John Quillin, winners of the Katherine Smith Reynolds Scholarship to UNC-G; and Laura Lomax, the Southern Railway Company Merit Scholar.

Application for any of these or other scholarships is a process which usually begins in a student's junior year when a student may decide on asking for financial aid or an honorary scholarship. Students are asked on a form, which scholarship they

would like to apply for on the basis of their interest and school preference. For example, the Spencer Love Scholarship to UNC-G centers on the fine arts such as drama, music, and art. Then the student fills out an application form for participation in the scholarship competition. And from then on the competition is decided by college committees who set their own esoteric standards. PSAT and SAT scores, references from teachers, community and school service are all important decisive factors in the winning of a scholarship.

Council Climaxes Year

The Executive Council is sponsoring numerous upcoming projects which they feel will make the last few weeks of school the busiest of the year.

The junior class is in charge of all preparations for the Prom which is scheduled for May 21 in the main gym. A Prom Committee has been formed to do much of the work for the Prom.

The Womanless Beauty Pageant, an annual event sponsored by the senior class, will be held on May 12. Tom Essa, the present Mr. Grimsley, will relinquish his crown to a new winner.

The Student Affairs Committee will be in charge of Faculty Appreciation Week May Student Leadership Day, during which students serve as teachers, will highlight the week.

Pep Board is tentatively planning to sell spirit buttons as a project to climax the year. Every Saturday from now until school adjourns, Pep Board is planning to hold workdays in order to keep the Grimsley campus clean. Ninth graders from Kiser and Lindley will visit the Grimsley campus

during sophomore orientation, May 10-12.

High school volunteers are now being accepted for G.A.T.E., the Greensboro Transportation Express, a non-profit, volunteer organization which will provide bus and taxi service for the handicapped and elderly in Greensboro.

Election Schedule

April 19, 3:30 - required candidates meeting

April 20-25 Application in guidance office

April 26, Eligibility will be established (required candidates meeting)

April 27, Posters go up

April 28, speeches are due to Mrs. Lackey by 2:00 p.m.

April 29, Practice in auditorium

May 2, Expense accounts are Due by 3:30 Speech practice in auditorium

May 4, Posters come down

May 5 or 6, VOTE (Tentative at this point).

In Full Flight

Briefly Speaking ...

This year a small group of students are publishing a new literary magazine, In Full Flight. The magazine will contain poetry, short stories, and art work from Grimsley students as well as local writers. Subscriptions can still be obtained for \$1.00. Anyone interested should contact Susan Taylor or go by room 207.

Paul Suh, a senior, has been selected for the state finalist in the 1977 North Carolina Junior Science and Humanities Symposium that is to be held

Sunday-Tuesday at Duke University.

Suh will present his paper, "Synthesis of a Chromosome Stain Using Biological Material" at the Symposium.

The Symposium is sponsored by the North Carolina Academy of Science, U.S. Army Research Office, Duke University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

Since Suh has been selected State Finalist, his next step will be to attend the National



Paul Suh works with a friend.

Symposium. It will be held in West Point, New York in early May.

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