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Highlife Wins Sports Trophy

The sports section of the HIGH LIFE newspaper took a third place trophy at the Piedmont Journalism Workshop, which was held at Elliot University Center, UNC-G, on February 18. Each of the high schools that participated in the competition submitted samples of their school newspaper for judging.

The workshop itself consisted of four time slots in which journalists from the various high schools could attend lectures of participate in discussions dealing with journalism and the production of a paper. Some of the speakers present were Rick Amme, Susan Kidd and Randy Wolf (WFMY-TV), Irvin Smallwood and Juanita Weekley, managing editors. Tours of the Greensboro News-Record Building were offered also.

Lt. Governor Jimmy Green was the guest speaker at a student press conference which immediately followed lunch. Current issues such as the coal strike, the Wilmington 10, and high school competency tests were brought up.

The workshop, attended by over 300 people, was sponsored by the Greensboro Youth Council, the Greensboro News Company, and the Sigma Delta Chi, a professional journalism fraternity.



Sophomore Bryan Smith proudly accepts sports trophy won at Piedmont Journalism Workshop.



Rona Marco, Albert Barnes had leading roles in the play "Antigone," which was presented February 23 and 24.

Playmasters Present Antigone

Grimsley's drama department presented the play "Antigone" February 23 and 24 in Grimsley's auditorium.

The play dealt with a conflict between the values of Antigone; a person who believes the laws of God are supreme, and Creon another person who believes the laws of man are supreme. Taking the leads in the play were Rona Marco acting as Antigone, and Albert Barnes playing the part of Creon.

It took 20 people working for two months to put out the play. Hanging lights, making costumes

and putting up scenery were a few of the preparations made for "Antigone." However, practicing in "rehearsals" had to be the most important preparation.

This April the drama department will present two more plays. One is Shakespeare's "The Tempest" and the other is Lorca's "The House of Bernada Alba." For the presentation of "The House of Bernada Alba," Ms. Ann Exum, a professional actress, will participate in the play. Each of the plays will be alternated for a total of six performances.

News Briefs...News Briefs

The Grimsley R.O.T.C. traveled to Richmond, Virginia over the weekend of February 24-25. They participated in one of the major events in the Southeast and won several awards.

Led by Martye Brandenburg, female commander, the Female Unarmed Squad won first place. Eric Lowell, a senior, won first place in the Individual Drill Routine, straight drill and fancy. The Color Guard, commanded by Dale McCorkle won second place.

CLOSE UP will be sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C. the week of April 9-15, for area city high school students to study our government and political system. The cost for each student is \$335. For more information, stop by room 404.

Grimsley's yearbook, Whirligig, went to press in Charlotte in mid-February. This year's Whirligig is going to be 248 pages thick with a special color Senior section.

Congratulations is extended to Carrie Walker, who has been named player of the year, and to Ms. Pat Addison who has been named coach of the year.

Members of the Theater Workshop went to Kentucky on February 28 as a result of their winning the North Carolina Theatre conference.

In Kentucky the actors presented the P play "Messages from the Asylum."

The Grimsley bands are having a concert in the Grimsley auditorium on March 16 at 8:00.

Juniors Take Tests

Juniors in the Greensboro Schools took a trial run of the state's new minimum competency testing program March 1 and 2. The results of these tests will set the norm for future graduation requirements.

This program was ordered by the 1977 General Assembly to make sure North Carolina students have the basic skills to get along in modern society before they get their high school diplomas.

Private schools also take part in the trial run, according to the competency testing law.

Grimsley, along with Page and Dudley high schools took the math package while Smith and the Optional School had a mixed package of reading and math.

The first official testing will be

in October, and will be given again in late April 1979 for those students who fail. The legislation provides that students who fail will be given remedial instruction and additional opportunities to take the test up to and including the last month of the 12th grade.

Ninth and 10th graders are also involved in the testing. The results of all the tests will be publicly released by early summer, but individual student scores will be kept confidential.

The testing of the ninth and 10th graders should help the educ

The 1977 legislation provided no funds to finance needed remedial education for the estimated 30 percent of the state's 11th graders who might fail the test. The State Board of Education, however, has asked the General Assembly to appropriate \$8.5 million in its May session for this purpose in 1978-79.



The highlight of the concert is Martha Alspaugh's solo on the Tenor Saxophone. The Symphony band will accompany her in the piece "Beautiful Colorado."

Superintendent Search Over

The long Superintendent search is over. Dr. Kenneth Newbold will take up residence in July as the new Greensboro School System head. Currently the Superintendent of Scotland County, Dr. Newbold formerly served in Greensboro as an Assistant Superintendent. He is coming under a four year contract at \$40,000 annually.

Since he is not yet thoroughly acquainted with all of Greensboro's policies, Dr. Newbold had not decided on any major changes he would like to incorporate into the school system. He feels it will take six months to a year to assess the situation and to research problems and solutions.

Dr. Newbold anticipates negative initial public reaction to the Competency Tests, if the standard is set too high. This would cause a larger percentage to fail than a lower standard would. He feels a responsibility to instruct students who do not pass the test until they are able to satisfactorily complete it. Predicting that 95% of all students will ultimately pass, Dr. Newbold remarked that the measure was "long overdue."

Attendance zones, subject of much current controversy, do not phase the balding, bespeckled man. Speaking with an air of assurance, he commented, "I feel

very comfortable with the policy because it doesn't lock me in with rigid racial or socio-economic ratios." He believes the public will be pleased with whatever the School Board finally decides.

"Public schools have been given a pretty demanding responsibility," Dr. Newbold asserts. He feels that television and unstable homes influence schools, and that the school only "reflects the complexity of our society."

From kindergarten to graduation, students spend 18,000 hours in front of a T.V. and only 16,000 sitting in a classroom. This competition is one factor that Dr. Newbold has to work with.

Dr. Newbold is pleased to learn that Greensboro plans to offer alternative schools. He would like to see a program started to work with preschool children who are having learning disabilities. This idea is hampered by a state law that only allows the schools to work with children as young as five years old.

In Dr. Newbold's opinion, middle or junior high schools have a heavier load than elementary and senior high schools. Classes are generally larger, and teachers must give special attention to handicapped children while teaching average students at the same time.