

Wasted Space

By Joe Morris

For better or for worse, it appears that next year will bring a genuine effort to achieve equality among Greensboro's high schools. Yielding largely to dissatisfied parents of Dudley and Smith students, Superintendent Ken Newbold has resolved to create a uniform curriculum for the four

What this means is that no course (with few exceptions) can be taught at one school unless it is offered at all four. But this standardization of course offerings is in direct conflict with another of Newbold's aims -- maximum utilization of facilities.

Grimsley's greenhouse, for example, will not be in use next year because the other schools do not have similar facilities for classes in horticulture.

It is good that an attempt is being made to equalize the quality of the high schools. Such balancing is necessary to obtain the objective of equal education as well as to maintain the satisfaction of the city's students and parents. But should this consistency be obtained at the expense of the schools which are now deemed superior? It is, admittedly, unfair for students at one school to have greater educational opportunities than those at another within the same system; but it benefits no one to downgrade the better school in order to put the two on a par. Instead, Grimsley should be able to use its facilities, perhaps even opening them to students from the other high schools, while the other schools are being brought up to the same level.

Return Of The Flies?

"Dear Editor: Can't something be done about the over-abundance of flies in the classroom? There are green flies, black flies and little flies, and they keep up such buzzing it is almost impossible not to go to sleep, amid all that constant droning. It does look as though the school should either get some screens or furnish the student body with fly swatters. My hands are getting calloused from swatting.'

That grievance was filed in a 1931 edition of HIGH LIFE. Fortunately, no such problem exists today.

But flies are still alive and well, and it often seems that students are trying to make them once again part of Grimsley life. Perhaps that is why the halls are littered with assorted garbage each day during lunch. But, more likely, students are too lazy to tote their trash to the provided cans. There is even a matter of pride involved; some students seem to feel that it is degrading to be seen disposing of refuse. It is hoped, for the sake of the areas in this country which remain unlittered, that these students are in the minority.

The next time you consider letting your ice cream sandwich melt in the stairwell, remember that it is not disgraceful to haul it to a garbage can. Keep 1931 in mind,

Phys. Ed. Grades 'Unfair'

Dear Editor:

I have a complaint which many people share about the

One of the ways in which P.E. instructors grade their students is through skills tests. These are very unfair. Just because someone is not skillful doesn't mean he should get lower grades than others. Although someone runs slowly, he may be trying as hard as he can to improve his speed. When the speed is improved, the person may still be going much slower than his classmates.

Why should someone get poor grades when he tries his best, while someone else gets a better grade when he isn't trying hard? Because the former has less skill?! This is a ridiculously unfair system! People should be graded more on their effort than on their skill.

Maybe these skills tests should be used in optional gym, but when one is forced to take gym, he should not be graded on ability.

I hope the gym instructors and administration will take this complaint into consideration, because many students feel this way.

> Sincerely, **Linda Achey**

Dedication

To the Editor:

In these days of apathy and changing attitudes, we find very few things to appreciate and commend. During the course of a school day, a rare smile may be detected among the doleful crowds of Grimsley students. Often, these smiles are from the students of one particular class, with out outstanding teacher. We must first give credit to all those meaningful mentors who laboriously and meticulously give of themselves. In this writer's opinion, there is one who stands alone in the eyes of his students. I would like to thank Mr. William Mc-Kinney for myself as well as all those fortunate enough to have received his guidance. No name shall be attached to this commendation, for the feelings belong to not just one. Thanks, Mr. McKinney, for your need to be fair, thorough, and indeed dedicated.

Anonymous

Transporting a Team

To the Editor:

There is a problem with transportation for the girls' softball team that I think should be made known to those who could possibly correct the problem. The team travels to Latham Park every day for practice, providing our own transportation. We have also driven to all but one of our home games. The team finds it extremely difficult to get "up" for a game if we cannot be together. Having to be separated in four or five different cars just does not provide the togetherness needed by a closely-knit

It seems logical to me if the athletic department will not provide a softball field for the girls to practice on, they should at least provide transportation to a field.

In closing, I would like to ask that something be done since we have not been able to get any positive results. For team spirit, and for safety's sake, I think we should be able to travel together. What do you

Teresa Arnold

Thank You

Dear Editor:

On behalf of myself and the faculty, I want to shout a loud and long "THANK YOU" to our wonderful cheerleaders! Their faithfulness, their superior competence, and their contagious enthusiasm have been a source of pride for us

throughout this athletic sea-These young ladies son. ALWAYS conduct themselves in the most charming and exemplary manner. Their efforts are a fine tribute to Grimsley Senior High.

We also want to thank their sponsors, Judy Hall and Gayle Bowers, for their time and efforts given to these young women and to the head cheer leaders, Caroline Bogaty and June Ellis, for their unselfish leader-

> Sincerely. Jane Crisp **Faculty President**

Whirlie Pride

To the Editor:

In this, Grimsley's Fiftieth Anniversary, our students are given the opportunity to reflect on what GHS represents to them. Through the years, Grimsley has established a reputation unequalled by any school in North Carolina, with superior academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activi-

For seniors, memories of high school will be filled with conference of championships in every varsity sport. The Whirlie dynasty has been represented by fifteen consecutive state swim titles, a state volleyball title, and two straight appearances in the state basketball finals.

Another element of Whirlie pride is academic. Ou school offers six advanced placement, college leve courses, along with nume rous other honors programs

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