

Selective Service System

More Registration Dates Raise Questions

By T. Grant and K. Brown

"In most developed countries - NATO, communist, neutral - young men not only register, but serve in the armed forces. It's accepted as a way of life." (U.S. News & World Report, March, 1980)

The United States is one of the few industrialized nations which does not have a system of compulsory military service. On the other hand, neutral Western European countries (as well as the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact partners) use the draft extensively to train reserve forces in the event of an emergency.

Since these countries have reserve military forces lined up for an emergency, it only seems logical that the U.S. should follow suit.

Without a draft registration, the United States could lose as much as 100 days of the time needed to get young men to report for training. After these men report for training it takes another three months to prepare them for combat. This time saved by registration would enable us to process, train, and prepare for combat, troops that would replace reserve units already heavily engaged in action.

In a recent news release of the Central Committee For Conscientious Objectors, Larry Spears, director of the Committee's Youth and Conscientious Objection Campaign, said, "This past summer's draft registration of men born in 1960 and 1961 was just the first step toward returning to the draft. This coming January, selective service plans to register those men born in 1962. After January 5, men (and perhaps women) born in 1963 will be required to register as they turn 18. It should be noted that the U.S. has never had a registration without a draft, and rarely a draft without a war."

In a recent survey conducted at Grimsley High School, fifty females and fifty males were polled. Among females, twenty-one were in favor of draft registration while twenty-nine were opposed. The males went in a little different direction: thirty were in favor of a draft, while fifteen were opposed. Five of the fifty polled were undecided.

The results of the poll were limited, but the majority of males proved to be in favor of the draft registration. Although not everyone was polled, High Life does welcome all responses to the facts presented in this editorial.

Opinion

Ballance Is Highly Praised

To the Editors:

We at GHS do not realize how fortunate we are to have such a dedicated and compassionate assistant principal as Mr. Jim Ballance.

Mr. Ballance always tries to put the best interest of the student first. Although he is a very busy man, he always finds time to talk with the students or to lend a helping hand. It is people like Mr. Ballance who make GHS the quality school that it has become. This is not to say that our assistant principal is the only official who has contributed to the success of GHS, as we have some very

qualified administrators; but Jim Ballance has earned a very special niche in the hearts of GHS students.

Thank you Mr. Ballance for being the best friend a student body could ever have!

Sincerely,
Kelly Ferrell

Perplexing Objects

To the Editors:

As a sophomore at Grimsley, I have many questions about certain campus landmarks.

Exactly what is this strange device situated in front of the tennis courts which some define as a traffic

light? I am puzzled with its actual purpose. Does it control traffic? Does it give weather reports? Does it serve as a monument to a previous class? Does it do anything at all?

Upperclassmen account for it with cries of, "Does it ever turn red?"; "I've probably run it," and "I thought I stole that last semester!"

Some say the administrative officials had it installed, but it is more likely that one of Grimsley's more radical clubs erected it as one of their better initiation stunts.

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School Board Elections Upcoming

By Van Alston

On Tuesday, November 4, an election will be held to decide who will serve on the first non-appointed school board in Greensboro's history.

Earlier this month, a primary was held to narrow the field down to only two candidates in each of six local districts and one at large. All of these districts involve students who attend Grimsley because we draw from a

greater area than any other high school.

Only District 6, however, is predominantly Grimsley, so High Life has decided to interview these two candidates and the two from the at-large district.

The same question was asked of all four candidates: "What, if elected, will you do that will most help the students and faculty at GHS?"

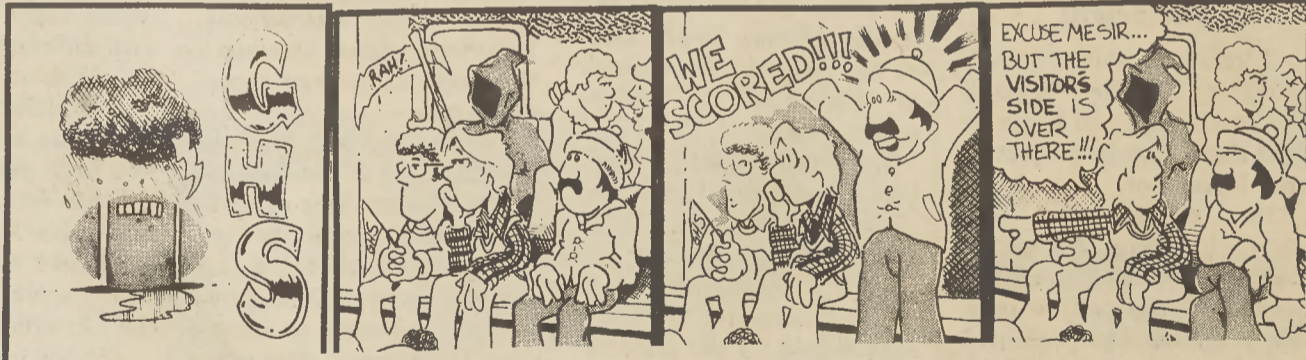
The endorsement is based

on the answers to this question, along with my impression of each candidate. The endorsement is my opinion, and in no way does it reflect the opinion of the High Life staff.

The two candidates in the at-large district are Eddie Hicks of 3505 Gramercy Road and Elizabeth Baynes of 805 Sunset Drive. Ms. Baynes' reply to my question was, "I would advocate for quality teachers, an outstanding curriculum, and appropriate teacher-pupil ratios so that every student has the opportunity for an excellent education. The closer the teacher-pupil ratio, the better the chance for a quality education."

Hicks, the second candidate in the at-large district,

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Comment

By Mark Langston

Serious Issues At Stake In Presidential Election

Press endorsements, unless major, usually mean little in a large Presidential election. Therefore, I am letting America's history judge the serious issues at stake and endorse its own Presidential candidate.

Inflation: By far America's most critical issue, inflation is caused by too many dollars chasing too few goods and services. Therefore, to stop inflation, one must increase production while shrinking the money supply. Inflation can be controlled. In the late

1800's, the U.S. was actually undergoing a period of deflation. A tight money supply and high production caused that situation, and it can cure America's inflation now.

Foreign policy: America's major foreign concern is with the U.S.S.R. An important campaign issue is whether the U.S. should continue the policy of detente with Russia, especially through SALT II. Not only has Russia broken past treaties, they have also continued to support revolutions in such areas as the Middle East,

Latin America, and Africa. To expect Russia to "behave" now, especially after their invasion of Afghanistan, is ludicrous. Detente must end.

Energy: America has made the mistake of relying on imported oil for energy. This country must now use every source possible, including nuclear power; however, care must be taken to prevent total reliance on atomic energy. Should it be proven unsafe, a withdrawal from nuclear power, like that

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