

Job Training Earns Credit

By Lisa VonAspern

Cooperative Occupational Education, COE, is an elective vocational course offered here at Grimsley. Through this program, students are enrolled in regular morning classes but report to selected jobs in the afternoon. COE offers a large variety of jobs ranging from food services to warehousing, and from health care to office and clerical work. After com-

pleting this on-the-job training, students can earn credit for graduation.

The department has seen a lot of changes. For example, Mrs. Terri Coble entered the COE program seven years ago. The pilot program has since been patterned throughout the state.

Also with the COE department are Mrs. Jane Crisp and Mrs. Osswald, a former DE teacher in Charlotte.



Mr. Keefer explains process to Joey Worthy as Coach Sawyer looks on. (Sykes photo)

Program Introduces Trade Opportunities

By Kelly Ferrell

ITIE symbolizes a relatively small number of students who participate in the fairly new program, Introduction to Triad and Industrial Education.

Larry Keefer, ITIE instructor for three years at Grimsley, is enthusiastic about the program but regrets that only a few

students participate. The purpose of the ITIE program is to prepare individuals for further courses at the Weaver Center. Many students are unaware of the

opportunity as well as the existence of the program.

The introductory course is a year long, and both men and women contribute to its success. The young people learn to construct on a small scale basis.

"The only requirement that I demand is that each student give his best shot; and the majority of students do just that," remarks Keefer.

The course offers instruction in a variety of areas, but the areas most commonly explored are woodworking, small engine repairing, and electrical engineering.

Mrs. Coble discusses job opportunities with her COE students. (Sykes photo)



ICT Offers Career Planning

By Leslie Berkelhamme:

Advised by Mr. Dick Kreager, VICA, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is for students who are enrolled in ICT I or ICT II.

The Industrial Cooperative Training program is a unique system sponsored by the local VICA club. This program has been available in the city schools for the past two years.

VICA members also pay dues and have fund raising projects. They are now paying \$5.50 in dues and are selling cloth calendars to raise money. According to Mr. Kreager, "Our present goal is to be in the Christmas parade on Thanksgiving weekend."

Students who take advantage of the ICT program are young people who are eager to prepare themselves for professions in which they are interested. Once this has been achieved, the program attempts to make available

to the students the proper techniques for success in their chosen profession.

In order to be successful in a career, students require the opportunity to have on-the-job training. The ICT program provides this kind of experience for its students and allows each student to ascertain that a particular profession will satisfy the interest of students. Many times, on the job training helps the students to discover the careers that they enjoy or are best talented in.

Students in the ICT program, take the course for one year. During this period the students attend one class of ICT in the morning, then work in the afternoons.

An accurate evaluation of the students' progress is written by the employers of the students at the end of every nine weeks and is the prime determiner of the students' nine week and semester grades. The ICT class and the training received on the job earns the students one credit.

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