Letters To The Editors

<u>Opinion</u>

Unquestionably A Service Club

To the Editors:

We are writing to you in reference to the December issue article by Van Alston, "Questionable Service." It is true there are some clubs that have acted questionably, but that does not stand for all. As Grimsley Civinettes, we state emphatically that

we are a service club.

We have been involved in so many service projects that we have had no time for misconduct! We've worked at Special Olympics, flea markets, and toy workshops. We have sold fruit cakes to raise money for the Autistic Children's fund and have sponsored a family for Christmas.

After all these services, you print our name under "Questionable Service." Ridiculous.

Of course we party and have fun -- but in a mature manner. We, are unquestionably a service club.

Sincerely, GHS Civinettes

'Hello,' GHS, 'Thank You'

(Editor's note: George Praxmarer was an exchange student at Grimsley last year. Mrs. Mary Tom Hoffler, GHS faculty member, sent him several issues of this year's High Life. Following are excerpts from his "thank you" letter to her.)

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your letter which I received on December 9th. I even wrote it into my diary as the very special event of that day. Though I still had some tests to do in that week, I impossibly couldn't learn

anything! I just was reading your letter and the papers from High Life. They were the most delightful

Christmas presents for me!

Being now in the junior class, I am one year now

back. I have got new teachers in all 15 courses, and a very interesting one in my German class. I am telling this because he is very interested in literature, and though work is very hard, it is a great opportunity for me to read a lot.

Each month we have to

read a certain book or play and do a book report on it which not just covers the content, but also the time and page it was written in, compared to other ages, and grammatical specialties. To do such a paper with at least 25 to 30 pages once a month takes a lot of time and nerves. But I am always a little bit happier after finishing such a monster.

...It will take some time until I will travel to America

again, but one thing is for *
sure: I will go there some
time again. Now, since I
have told my family so much
about my story in
Greensboro at Grimsley,
everybody wants to go
there...

Over the Christmas holidays we had a college Rotary Exchange student in

our family. She comes from Alton, Illinois. We all had much fun. . My family is positive towards the Americans. Her stay here made it possible, of course, too, that I practiced my American slang again. . .

...Please tell everybody in Grimsley Hello.

Sincerely, George Prazmarer Congratulations to Mrs. Sue Polinsky on the birth of her daughter, Lauren Lecin, born on January 5, 1981.

Congratulations also to Mrs. Sandy Fleenor on the birth of her daughter Laura Louise, born on November 21, 1980.

No Turn On Red?

By Alyson Hoppough

During this past year, numerous students and parents have complained about the "No Turn on Red" sign at the end of Campus Drive facing Benjamin Parkway. This sign has caused much misfortune for those who do not have the time or patience to sit at the red light for an extremely long period of time.

The intersection seems

only to be busy before and after school; yet the light would not cause a problem if the sign were removed. There is ample clearing to see beyond the trees, if one would only pull up far enough to do so. This has already been discovered by many students and, as a result, the police are parked on either side, ready with their citation pads and pens in hand to catch those who break this law.

It seems unreasonable for this sign to continue to delay citizens for no cause and for them to be fined \$27.00 for a violation that creates no accident.

Fortunately, because of the complaints received from hearings at the downtown courts, the matter is being taken into consideration.

Israeli Students To Visit Area High Schools

By Lisa Berkelhammer

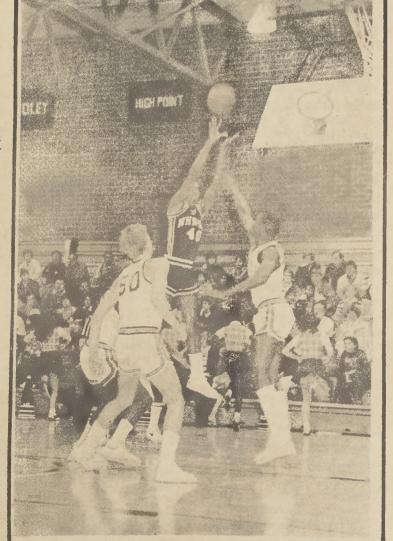
Between February 22 and March 1, Greensboro will host an Israeli boy and girl as part of the Israeli High School Delegation to the United States. The students are specially selected and are prepared to speak on various topics concerned with Israel.

Danny Nadri, 16, and Rozett Senator, 17, will speak to GHS history classes one day during their stay. They will be guests on television and radio programs, plan to visit with Major Jim Melvin, and will be interviewed by the news media.

As Senator said, "I think it is very important to get people to understand and appreciate Israel, its good qualities and its problems. I want to learn about the American mentality and way

of life of the American teenagers, and teach them as much as possible about mine, as an Israeli.

Senator will be hosted by Grimsley students Lisa and Leslie Berkelhammer, and Nadri will be hosted by Adam Raben of Page High School.



David Polk, the varsity's "sixth man," lets it fly! The Whirlies coasted to victory in the game and are currently 16-3. Story on page 6. (Rabold photo)

Pro A Moral Dilemma

With the recent wave of neo-conservatism currently engulfing the United States, many valuable social programs such as integration are in grave danger. Our newly-elected officials seem content to ignore current social reform in favor of retrogression to the past: a past haunted by social injustice and inequality.

Busing is neither "morally wrong" nor "un-American." On the contrary, it was the past separation of races which was the most detrimental to the unity of this country and which most obstructed the right established by the Supreme Court of equal access to educational facilities.

Opponents of busing would like us to believe that

By Marty Leary

the only reason they are opposed to integration is its costliness. To support this artificial idealism, they revel in citing figures which they consider astronomical. Certainly, after more than a century of neglect and oppression of minorities it is not going to be inexpensive to correct our self-imposed predicament. The integration budget is insignificant, however, when compared to that of other governmentfinanced programs such as defense. Yes, busing is expensive; but what price for equality?

equality?

It is time Americans made a choice between justice and selfishness; it is time we gave up our greed which long ago gave birth to racism

and oppression; and it is time to work together to create a social system in which all men are truly equal.

Rebuttal

Leary errs in his assumption that integration is the heart of the busing issue. Integration must inevitably come, but it must be natural, not forced. It is the method of its achievement that is contested.

For too long, America has simply thrown money at its problems, expecting them to disappear magically. Stopping busing is not retreating into the past. It is recognizing a mistake. Racial equality will never come until one's race is not even considered.

Mark Langston