

Commissioners Cut School Funds

Quality Education?

By Karen Brown and Tommy Grant

Less money, fewer teachers, more students. Quality education?

For the 1981-82 school year, theoretically, 177 positions will be terminated in the Greensboro Public Schools. There is a call back list, however, which consists of an uncertain number of teachers and other personnel. Why? Guilford County Commissioners have allotted the same amount as last year for the school system's budget.

In light of this proposed cut, Superintendent Kenneth Newbold and the School Board have decided to terminate 177 first-and second-year probationary teachers and other school connected positions within the city system. Also is a proposed 25% teacher salary supplement cut. With such a drastic reduction of personnel, a blow has already been dealt to quality education. Beyond that, proposals have been made to reduce the city-wide athletic budget by \$100,000. Less time for remaining teachers to spend with students and fewer extra programs offered can mean nothing but a lower educational quality.

Many teachers and parents are forming a letter-writing campaign to the Guilford County Commissioners concerning this deplorable situation. The purpose of this campaign, according to Grimsley High School's principal R.L. Glenn, is to convince the County Commissioners to reconsider the decision to allot 20% more than last year's \$15.5 million, which is Plan B. This is the plan for which the administration and teachers are lobbying.

Teachers have a personal concern as well as an educational one. Inflation is in double digits, and the teachers have the supplement cut to consider. How are teachers going to survive financially? Moreover, many people have had their property re-evaluated which upped the property taxes that are used for the county's education allowance. To many teachers the hike of property taxes was the "icing on the cake."

One aspect of quality education is the student-teacher ratio. Presently the maximum student limit is 150 students per teacher per day in academic courses. (This is not to say that all teachers at this moment have 150 students, it will mean the ratio might come extremely closer to the 150 maximum. More students per teacher will obviously lessen the "quality of education" due to teachers being bogged down with more homework, tests, and papers to grade and less time to give students the individual attention needed. Teachers will "burn out" before the end of the year!

For students this means "quality education" is taking a turn for the worse. The special help and tutoring the students need so desperately in high school will probably have to found outside of school.

If this drastic cut of 177 positions is actualized, programs will suffer, teachers will suffer, and most importantly, students will ultimately pay the price.

THIS IS WHERE MY "GNS" COMIC STRIP WAS TO GO BUT WITH A PAPER DUE FOR ENG. LIT., AND PROM AND JUNK IT SLIPPED MY MIND. YA KNOW WITH GRADUATION AROUND THE CORNER AND DR. QUEST AND RACE BANNON BEING SHOT WITH THAT PLASTO GUN - YOU LOSE ALL SENSE OF REALITY. ESPECIALLY WHEN JOHNNY, HAJI, AND BANDIT ARE BEING HELD PRISONER BY THE UZARD MEN!! AND YOU HAVE TO WAIT TO SEE IF THEY CAPTURE THE MAGNO RAY!! THIS IS NO WAY TO FILL SPACE!!!

System Works For 200 Years

Editor's Note: The writer recently participated in CLOSE-UP, a government studies program in Washington.

Washington, D.C. is a beautiful place. It is also a crazy one. Your eyes love it; your mind cannot believe it. The memorials, the museums, the Capitol, the Pentagon --breath-taking and awe - inspiring - take a backseat to Washington's most incredible possession - the government itself.

Washington is a city where everyone talks and no one listens, where everything is happening simultaneously but in different places. A representative can find himself wanted in three committee meetings, on the House or Senate floor, and in his office, all at the same time. How anything is ac-

complished in this atmosphere is a total mystery. Sixth district Congressman Eugene Johnson only half-jokingly suggested that the public "repeal this mess and let us start over."

Yet somehow, for 200 years, this system has worked successfully. Where it does work, mainly, is in the committees. It is not so unusual a sight to find the legislatures in session and the floor almost totally empty. The committees are usually full, however.

But not just of people. The committees practically reek of hypocrisy, idiocy, and sometimes hostility. It was my distinct pleasure to watch the House Foreign

Affairs sub-committee on Latin America pass an amendment to a bill which in effect said absolutely nothing. One committee member justified his support of the amendment on those very grounds!

It is not so much apathy that causes this mess but the tremendous pressures on the representatives. It is hard enough just to keep up with events in Washington, not to mention making them. It is easy under such pressure for a man to lose perspective of why he is there to begin with. Write your representatives and tell them how you feel. The job is too big for them to face alone. By Mark Langston

Outward Bound

By Cindy LeBauer

Are you looking for a unique summer experience? Do you ever look at the posters on the classroom walls? If you can answer "yes" to both these questions, this article could change your life.

On many walls at Grimsley are posters with "Outward Bound" written on them. At first that may seem to be just an ambiguous statement, but actually Outward Bound is a fantastic program designed to give interested students the opportunity to experience whitewater rafting, sailing, canoeing, hiking, or mountain climbing. No experience is necessary. You'll learn everything you need to know during the course.

Through a distinct sequence of activities, skills are developed for living in the wilderness and meeting the challenges of the environment in the first phase of the program instruction in safety, first aid, map and compass reading, rock climbing, and rappelling are among some of the skills taught. After learning these initial skills, the program begins.

A Moving Experience

Along with eight or twelve other people, the program continues on an extended journey in which you apply the skills to progressively difficult outdoor situations. Outward Bound is a deliberately structured and demanding educational experience that develops confidence, self-reliance, teamwork, and empathy for others. It is an experience where you learn by doing.

An Outward Bound course is not simple. It is physically and mentally challenging. According to Outward

Bound literature, "It is personal achievement in the face of doubt, accomplishing takes you thought were impossible, learning to expect more of yourself than you dared before." It is fearful people finding inner strengths, loners learning the joy of working with others. But most of all, Outward Bound offers a chance to learn how to trust yourself and say "Yes, I can."

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