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A Class Of Transition

By Leslie Berkelhammer

Thoughts of Whirlie blue filling the Greensboro Coliseum on June 8 infuse the air not only with excitement and expectation, but also with a sense of reflection. In retrospect, the class of 1982 began much as those which preceded it -- full of energy and goals but unsure of its direction.

Clearly, we were a class of transition. For many of us, our entrance to Grimsley was almost averted by the near-passage of a school district rezoning law which would have required a high percentage of Kiser Junior High School graduates to be classified as living in the Page area. Our junior year began the continuing controversy over teacher cutbacks and budget reductions. Our final year was also characterized by school board administration policies. In 1981, Grimsley ushered in a new era of enthusiastic leadership with the appointment of Dr. Bonny Baur as principal.

We were the first class denied the experience of arena scheduling. Yet, we were not deprived the acquaintance of a great man -- the retirement of Mr. Robert L. Glenn, GHS Principal for years, saddened us all. His aura of quiet dignity, coupled with his warm smile, became an inspiration to those who walked the halls of Grimsley Senior High School. Many a day was brightened by his friendly "hello." Those who know Mr. Glenn discovered a man whose life was Grimsley and who so eagerly wanted to show us how it could be ours as well.

The class of '82 has made Grimsley "theirs." Through the contributions of many, we have emerged as one -- excelling in academics, sports, leadership, chorus, drama, publications, and civic clubs.

Graduation, and the festivities which surround it, understandably occupy the majority of seniors' thoughts. But, graduation is not for seniors only. It is also a time for juniors and sophomores to re-examine their high school plans. Ward Lincoln once said, "If you can dream it, you can achieve it." Stop dreaming and start achieving. The future is yours.

Exposing The Clinical Mind

By Marty Leary

There are clinical people in the world. Perhaps that is not altogether bad, but clinical people have a tendency to create smoke-screens with numbers and facts and logic. For instance, what the clinical person would call "idealism" is really humanitarian pragmatism.

Such is the case with the reaction to the Nuclear Freeze movement beginning to spread in this country from Europe. It is a strange -- but not altogether unbelievable -- irony of these times, that those who would end the madness before it is too late, those who have the courage to face the enemy and confront it, are called irrational.

The clinical person is not difficult to identify. He is the one who enjoys using terms such as "parity" and "nuclear equilibrium." It is not unusually to find him defending our right -- as mortal men -- to possess instruments capable of destroying the earth. Someone once told me that the best deterrent to war was "unilateral increased nuclear proliferation." He really believed this! The same person once said, in all earnestness, that Henry David Thoreau was a Communist. The most depressing part of the story is that he believes in himself, believes in his own humanity.

The Nazis believed in themselves. They were clinical people, too.



Letters To The Editor

Congratulate Seniors For 'Surviving'

To the Editor and the Graduating Senior Class:

June 8, 1982: for approximately 400 people, an era will end and life will begin. For on June 8, Grimsley Senior High will unload another group of high school graduates on an unsuspecting world. After twelve years of cursed, grueling, hard education, it's over, "education," not life.

The world will absorb our faceless masses into its social structure--sigh--and absorb millions more. The world will unabashedly take on all of Grimsley's 1982's--politicians, comedians, professional partygoers, intellectuals, freaks, preps, etc.-- This is a call to all those graduates: Do NOT let the world as a whole get you down; remember your responsibility to yourself and take care of that. The world is a large place and we are few; let us endeavor to make our mark.

School ends. Gone are the teachers and their narrow-minded classes, the six-hour drudge of non-sensical information, and the inedibility of the thirty-minute lunch. Gone, too, are friends never to be seen again, books never opened and a vague feeling of "did this really happen?"

Reagan's Credibility Questioned

To the Editor:

Ronald Reagan was presented recently with the annual Hughes Humanitarian Award by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Reagan, who finds it necessary to cut funds to the hungry, the handicapped,

Yes, it did happen, and though it may seem paltry, it should be required for every graduation senior to receive not only a diploma, but a medal. Yes, a medal to those who have experienced public school education and the edification of learning nearly nothing. Since we get no medals or brass bands, handshakes and a pat on the back will have to do. Congratulate your fellow seniors for

having survived without going totally to pieces.

And as one ordeal ends, another begins. Though it be token, I wish to congratulate the entire senior class, medals in hand, for a fine piece of work during this '81-'82 graduation year. Congratulations!

Sincerely,
Tim Evins
Class of '82

Lunch Policy Remains Controversial

To the Editor:

Open campus-closed campus, what is the answer? The PTSA evidently is unable to convey a clear-cut position on this important issue. This was demonstrated on May 10 in the Grimsley auditorium.

A forum held by a panel of student council members and a panel of PTSA members was developed to present the pros and cons of the closed lunch proposal.

It was disappointing to hear the PTSA panel attempt to articulate their feelings concerning open lunch. They contend that open campus encourages such problems as drug or alcohol abuse, and auto accidents, which in their opinion can be minimized by a closed campus. However, this proposal in

itself will generate a basic (yet presently unanswered) question regarding the capability of the school facilities and staff to accommodate 1500 students during the lunch hour.

It should be noted that this forum was initiated by the PTSA, yet in the total audience (estimated at less than 60) only a handful were parents and of those few who attended, not all supported a closed campus.

Certainly more study of this issue is necessary before a meaningful conclusion can be reached.

Sincerely,
Catherine Musgrove

(A special thanks to David Jones, next year's Feature Editor, for his work on the feature section of this issue.)

For What It's Worth

By Barbi Prillaman

-The most commonly used word in human speech is "Amen."

-The largest organ in the human body is the skin.

-Australia has ten times more sheep than humans.

-There are no such places as New York City and Mexico City. The official names are, respectively, The City of New York (or just New York) and Mexico, DF (Distrito Federal)

-The oldest inscribed document on record, a clay tablet dating from Babylonia in 6000BC, is a description of the preparation of beer.

-The English horn is neither English nor a horn. It is a Viennese double-reed woodwind instrument.

-Salvador Dali, the famous Spanish painter, was kicked out of a Madrid art school as a youth.

-The Bolshoi Ballet was founded 200 years ago in an orphanage; its first performing company was composed of 62 orphans.