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## News Analysis

### Drinking Age Is Hot Political Issue

By Jay Floyd

On October first of this year the age requirement for the purchasing of beer and wine will be raised to 19 in the state of North Carolina. The new law will not contain a "grandfather clause". A "grandfather clause" would allow those already 18 years of age to continue purchasing beer and wine. If a person has reached the age of eighteen before October first, he or she can purchase alcohol, beer and wine, until the October deadline.

The publicity driven law has been rumored into reality by several contributing factors. James Hunt has consistently vocalized his "growing concern on the issue of drunken teenage drivers", and several model accidents and other mishaps on the states roads and highways have served as a catalyst for Hunt's strategic campaign.

From the root of the problem, the selling of beer to under age teens, has sprouted many sub-scandalous operations. The now infamous S.A.M. (Selling Alcohol to Minors) operation reached out from political roots, and jarred the life of hundreds of convenience store workers. Operation S.A.M. had a sixteen year old girl, reportedly a

tempt to buy beer at most of the convenience stores of Greensboro. The number of stores and restaurants that sold beer to the girl was astounding.

However, HIGH LIFE was told by two employees, one of a convenience store and one of a restaurant, that the "normal looking teenage girl", and the circumstances under which the beer was sold, were abnormal. "That girl," says an anonymous convenience store worker, "dressed, acted, and looked no less than 25. It's damned unfair." At the prominent restaurant where the beer was sold, circumstances rendered a very contemptable situation for an unnamed bartender. "It was just after five," says the worker, "our busiest time of the day. It was very busy. The girl came in and sat down in front of an empty beer glass and asked for a beer. It seemed like she was asking for a refill!"

Incidents have added on to each other, and built a substantial ladder on which the new law concerning the drinking age has climbed to the top. October first, it will become a reality. However, with such a hot political issue, who is to say that it will be over October first?

## Twelve New Faculty Members Bring Change

By Alise Weinstein

This year at Grimsley there are twelve new teachers who have joined the faculty. Along with the new faces, many changes have also taken place.

To begin with, Mr. Jules Crowell has replaced James Ballance as assistant principal. Crowell comes to Grimsley from Kiser and Smith. He will be in charge of curriculum and faculty. Crowell, along with his wife and two children, reside in High Point. Mr. Ballance requested to return to the classroom.

Mr. Joe Franks, a former Grimsley student, is the new athletic trainer and will also teach history. Other new Social Studies teachers include Mr. Kurt Telford

and Mrs. Linda Branch who is formerly of Gillespie.

Mr. Tom Fenny is a new Biology teacher. Ms. Angelina Hollar and Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson are teaching Chemistry part-time. Hollar is teaching for two periods while Johnson is teaching for three periods. They also share their time at Weaver Education Center. Another teacher from Weaver is Mr. Ralph Jarrett who is teaching drafting here at Grimsley.

Barbara Heilig is teaching Business classes and Jenny Phillips, granddaughter of Dr. Charlie Phillips, is a new teacher for exceptional students. Phillips

comes to Grimsley from Page High School.

Mrs. Marilyn Conte formerly of Dade County, Florida, is teaching C.O.E. and Mrs. Sandra Pons is a new teacher of Distributive Education.

Some of the other changes made at Grimsley are the following. Mrs. Rosa Yourse, Mr. Don Darnell, and Mrs. Mary Tom Hoffler have retired over the summer. Mrs. Kernodle and Mrs. Chapman have taken a leave of absence. Mr. Schneidmiller is now at the Natural Science Center and Mrs. Lackey is opening a toy store.

Coach Kurt Telford,

Mrs. Linda Branch,

Mr. Joe Franks

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Social Studies

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## News In Brief

### Mayors Youth

The Mayors Youth Conference was a three-day challenge for high school students to research, survey, and debate six current issues facing Greensboro. The Conference was held August 9-11 at Weaver Education Center.

On the first day of the Conference, the students were given a chance to research their issue. On the second day, after using the resource center and hearing panel speakers, the "Great Debate" began. Then on the third day, conference delegates presented their views to the Greensboro City Council.

The youth conference is one of the best opportunities a Greensboro youth has to voice opinions on issues that directly affect the community. This summer the issues were: housing, downtown development, military draft, NCAA recruitment, teacher merit pay, and cable television.

### Pep Board/YRC

The 1983-84 Pep Board Chairman, Tamera Majors, and Youth Recreation Chairman, Michele Martorano teamed up over the summer to discuss the theme and organizing of the 1983 Homecoming game and dance. Both Majors and Martorano feel that a headstart on the important occasion will give them a chance to brainstorm and plan; thus, producing an exciting and memorable event.

The two chairpersons encourage participation from the student body on the planning and production of all dances and games. Suggestions for decorations, banners, etc. are welcomed and appreciated.

### Governors School

Over the summer, several students who were selected before the termination of the '82-'83 school year, participated in Girls' state, Boys' state, and Governor's school. Each event was noted as a "tremendous learning experience." The students from Grimsley were: Tamera Majors and Amy Davis,

Girls' state, Brad Knott and David Sawyer, Boys' state, Tim Wood, Allen Leonard, Evone Hartgrove, David Lindabury, Sarah Catherine Clegg, Michon Crawford, Steffanie Vaughn, Governor's School.

### Jaycettes

The Grimsley Jaycettes helped the Greensboro Jaycees and Jaycees raise money for the American Cancer Society by volunteering their services at the annual jail-a-thon, held July 19, 20, and 21 at the Centerstage at Four Seasons Mall.

For a \$25 donation, an off-duty policeman would "arrest" a citizen. The "arrested citizens" were taken to Four Seasons Mall and locked up. The "prosecutor" would set bond, usually for around \$100, and the prisoners would stay in jail until the bond was paid.

The Junior Jaycettes dressed the "prisoners" in prison attire. When the "prisoners" were released the Junior Jaycettes added the funds that were raised by each "arrested citizen".

### 'The Depot' Opens For Teens

By Pamela Ramsbotham

Are you tired of driving around, wasting time and gas, trying to search for something to do every Saturday night and Friday night after games? Well, beginning in October, you can put an end to that run-around. A new teen life center, "The Depot", will be opening. The Center will provide teenagers with "a place that will give us something fun, different, and legal to do."

The name, "The Depot", was decided upon by junior and senior high school students in Greensboro and Guilford County. The Old Southern Railway train station on East Washington Street will be the location of the new and exciting entertainment center.

The idea began in February of 1983 after the wreck which killed four Guilford County teenagers all

of whom were heavily intoxicated, wife, Molly, have worked to establish a gathering place specifically for teenagers.

The highlights of the teen center are a 2,000 square-foot lighted dance floor with a music booth conducted by local disc jockeys, an in-the-round television theater with 300 seats, a large game room, a snack center, as well as, conversation pits.

The city of Greensboro agreed to lease the city-owned Southern Railway Station to the center for only \$1 per year provided the non-profit organization raised \$200,000 in a fund-raising drive. The fund-raising began in March and the fund is now up to \$260,000 through contributions and pledges from different corporations, clubs, churches, and individuals.