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Survey

Is the Quality of Education Meeting Students Standards?

By Alise Weinstein and Catherine Musgrove

This is a survey article done by High Life based on the students point of views on the needs of education. Four students out of every English class were surveyed.

Do most students feel really prepared for the Scholastic Aptitude Test? According to a recent survey, Grimsley students believe they are not. The survey indicated that 55 percent do not feel prepared. Possibly this response is due to the fact that 84 of the students questioned also feel that the quality of education is not as good as it was ten years ago.

A national controversy on the rise is over the length of the school year. Some educators are proposing a change from 180 days to 200. A lengthened year would mean more indepth coverage of subjects. They feel this would hopefully broaden knowledge. An overwhelming 91 percent of students said they would not like a longer school year. But the remaining nine percent said they would opt for a four day school week instead of five.

About 84 percent of the students feel that they would benefit from

smaller classes. This coincides with the longer school year, shorter weeks, and more individualized instruction.

Three out of four students feel that teachers should be evaluated by a panel of responsible students twice a year. A few felt that an evaluation once a year would be sufficient.

Sixty percent felt that teachers should receive merit pay. A majority of the students believed that teacher tenure is not beneficial to a students education.

More than half of those surveyed feel that changing the requirements for a foreign language to three years instead of two is not to their advantage. But in contrast, 70 percent feel that three years of a foreign language prepares them adequately to continue with foreign language in college.

The survey seems to indicate the students surveyed do not feel that they are getting as good an education as they should in order to prepare them to further their education.

Throwdown -- A Success

By Susan Thaxton

The Touchdown Throwdown Dance sponsored by the Junior Class was held September 16 from 10:00 to 1:00. The dance held in the auxiliary gym followed the Grimsley-High Point Central football game.

Boo Baron, a disc jockey from the radio station, WEAL was well received. Tickets were \$1.50 before and \$2.00 at the door. Tickets went on sale Wednesday, September 7.

The dance went over very well with the help from Junior Class Advisor, Mrs. Keefer and Junior Class President Billy Fuller.

Rod Davis
moves to
the beat
at
touchdown
throwdown.

(Scott Rivenbark
photo)



Pep Board Revives Student Spirit

By Jay Floyd

All students at Grimsley High School are exposed, in one way or another, to the announcement or endorsement of several athletic events and other school related extra-curricular activities. Responsible for the monumental task of introducing the schools students to the schools activities is the Grimsley Pep Board. "Without pep board, Grimsley would be dead," said Senior Class Pep Board representative, Elizabeth Freeze.

In the past three years, there has been a noticeable increase in school spirit at Grimsley. According to Pep Board Representatives, the current senior class packs the most spirit. "The seniors are always more experienced in getting involved," said Tamera Majors. Pep Board chairperson for the entire school. Freeze notes that "the current Junior class exhibits great amounts of spirit. I don't know enough about the sophomores to form an opinion about them yet."

The current board feels that the administration could do more to help school spirit. "You can usually count the number of teachers who have dressed up on spirit days on one hand. It is usually a struggle to get time for pep rallies. You must get every little thing approved," observe many Pep Club members. "More involvement on the part of the faculty," said Majors, "would bring more unity between faculty and students."

This year's board is striving for equal representation to be given to all sports, rather than the more sensational sports such as football and basketball.

Pep Board is responsible for banners, pep ballies, treats and gatorade for athletes, representation at all home games, ribbons, balloons, programs, spirit days, and other school related events. All students are encouraged to give pep board a try. Everyone is invited to attend any or all meetings.

Students React

"Inhumane," "barbaric," and "an unjust act," were some of the replies of Grimsley students, when asked about the Korean plane that was shot down by the Soviet Union September first.

Other replies from students were: "Russia should receive more than a slap on the wrist from the U.N."

"Uncalled for."
"I think the Russians should own-up to it."

"I think Reagan did the right thing."

Whirlies Make 'USA Today'

The following quote was taken from the September 8 issue of USA Today concerning Grimsleys victory over Burlington Williams held on September 2, 1983.

"Greensboro Grimsley's 10-0 victory against Burlington Williams ended the states longest scoring streak. It was the first time in 84 games that Williams was scoreless."

City Stage Plans Celebration

By Lisa Freiberg

The fourth annual City Stage celebration will take place October 1 and 2 in downtown Greensboro. The downtown block party will feature a variety of arts.

Featured performers will include Nitty-Gritty Dirt Band, Bo Thorpe and His Generation II Orchestra, Chairmen of the Board, Band of Oz, Oingo Boingo and the Spongetones. At least 20 acts will be new to City State.

The craft scene will include a wide range of items. Some of the exhibits will include, basket weaving, wood carving, pottery, apple butter, hide tanning, tinsmithing. The crafts mentioned are few compared to the many that are going to be exhibited.

Forty-five food vendors will be serving the crowd of at least 150,000 people. This year their is a variety of international food including Chinese, German, French and Greek.

Honor Society

Torchlight, Grimsley's chapter of the National Honor Society, held its first meeting of the year Tuesday morning, September 14th. The purpose of the meeting was the election of officers for the 1983-84 school year. The new officers are: Michelle Andrews, President; Michelle Wulforst, Vice President; Karen Poulos, Secretary and Lezlie Fort, Treasurer.

The newest members of Torchlight were selected last Spring and inducted in May. The selections are not only determined by academic success, but also by scholarship, honesty, attitude, leadership, and service to the school and community.

Inductions will be held again in November and in the Spring.

ROTC

The Grimsley ROTC, now officially in its second year, is now off to a promising start. With the uniforms distributed and the ranks of officers given, the students of the ROTC look forward to a competitive year.

For example, the Color Guard

has been practicing regularly and with the advantage of having Gretchen Johnson, as the new captain, should give an impressive showing at different school functions.

In addition, the Orienteering Team and the Rifle Team will hold its first meeting of the year this week. These two teams are also expected to do well in local and state competitions, especially since Stuart Forsyth will be trying out for our Rifle Team. Forsyth, from Scotland, is placed in the top 100 marksmen in all of Great Britain.

Sophomore Elections

Thirteen Grimsley sophomore students have expressed an interest in running for various class offices on September 28. Running for the office of President are Amy Cass, John Haines, Kathleen Stewart, and Stacy Tirella. For the position of Secretary the candidates are Lisa Adams, Courtney Haber, Jenny Savage, and Lisa Zaleon. Cindy Gay and Carrie Stout are running for sophomore Pep Board chairman. Candidates for sophomore Youth Recreation chairman are Tina Baer, Cindy Lanning, and Lisa Warner.

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