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Rivalry, At Its Peak

By Tamera Majors and Jay Floyd

At no time during the school year does the morale and esteem of the Whirlie student body soar as high as the week of the Grimsley/Page football game. The week before this renowned event is filled with spirit days, pep rallies and off-the-wall activities.

Questionable acts performed by the members of the student body of both schools have become a unique tradition anticipated by the entire city of Greensboro.

Why such a strong sense of rivalry between these two schools rather than any others in Greensboro? The conflict seems to spring forth from the clashing personalities of the two schools involved. What Whirlie is unable to attend an 'open' party and recognize a Page student? There are certain qualities about those Pirates that Whirlies are proud not to have. Right!

While Grimsley has dominated Page in cheerleading competition, Hi I.Q., wrestling and track, it has been a long time since we Whirlies left Jamieson Stadium on a Friday night gleaming over a defeat of the Pirates! Hopefully, September 30, 1983 will prove to be a night to remember... A GHS victory over Page!

Although Grimsley and Page compete in several events, it is that football game that stirs up the most controversy among the students of the two schools. Students go out of their way to show their school spirit. Cars are painted, hair is painted, shirts are painted and walls are painted.

Although the football game will be one of intrigue, enthusiasm and anticipation, the entire week is devoted to increasing that intrigue, enthusiasm and anticipation.

Pep's Here

By Beverly Reaves

At Grimsley's first pep rally held August 31, the stage was set for an award winning display of spirit, but someone forgot to tell the students why they were there. The poor spirit and lack of enthusiasm was disgusting.

The response was hardly responsive despite the efforts of Pep Board Chairperson, Tamera Majors and her Pep Board colleagues. The audience sat on their hands and everything else.

When another rally was announced prior to the game with High Point Central, questions immediately arose in the minds of the students as to whether or not this would be a repeat performance.

However, when the rally began it

was rewarding to hear sophomores, juniors, and of course senior "rockin' the house!" This pep rally was really rowdy, like a "pep" rally should be. There was a representative from sophomore, junior and senior classes who led chants. Carrie Stout represented the Sophomore class, Graham Lashley the juniors and Kay Miller represented the Seniors. When a pie was thrown in each representatives' face that started the excitement and spirit all over again. The sophomores were quite rowdy and that's a great way to start the school year.

The difference between the two pep rallies was S-P-I-R-I-T! Let us hope there won't be anymore "ole boring pep rallies". Because "Whirlies are Rockin' the house!"

When Is Heat Too Hot

Who decides to dismiss school because of heat? What is the reasoning behind this decision? Is heat a valid condition which merits the early dismissal of school? These questions have filled student's minds most every day as they suffer through one sweltering class after another in the summer heat. This is not a complaint. High Life was simply curious as to the rationale behind some early releases. After speaking with ad-

ministrators, our curiosity was satisfied. It was pronounced that students are unable to function in intense heat and the ability to learn is diminished. Any student can attest to this fact. There have also been reports of heat related illnesses in the lower grade levels, when the younger body is more fragile. The question to be answered is, "What makes this year's intense heat different from the scorching days of years past?" The only

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and commend the terrific support here at GHS. In the past, it has been a hardship for the student body to attend football games and to stick behind its team. Somehow, this year, after careful planning and deep thought, we have been able to prove that Grimsley Senior High does have a spirited and enthusiastic group of supporters. For a crowd to respond energetically to the cheerleaders, and to see the stands rocking to the beat of the band is one of the most exciting times a true Grimsley supporter will ever experience. I only hope that this super student body will continue this trend throughout this year and the years ahead. May we all continue to work together to support the teams, through the good years, and the bad ones also.

There is one team that puts in as much time as all the other varsity teams, yet lacks the support and appreciation of their classmates. A cheerleader's season lasts from April (just after making the squad for the following year), until the following April, when members must try-out again or prepare tryouts for next year's squad. A cheerleaders summer is "chopped

By Gina Russo

up" by camp, camp practices, competition practices, and preparation for the school athletics. From day one of school until March, the cheerleader has games to attend in uniform and supportive activities to attend out of uniform. After basketball season, the cheerleading season is "officially" over, yet the cheerleaders continue to attend as many athletic activities as possible. Throughout the twelve months of the year, a cheerleader has only one month totally free and a summer that has been build around practices.

Now that I have given you a brief idea of how much time and dedication is necessary to be an effective cheerleader, I hope that you can relate better to my next thoughts. Recently, our cheerleading squad participated in a competition held in Greensboro at Four Seasons Mall. The week prior to the contest, announcements were broadcasted over the P.A. system to inform all students of the upcoming competition. Despite the loyal support the cheerleaders extend to the football team, three out of approximately sixty players came to observe. The soccer team had requested the cheerleading

squad to cheer for their important games (mainly Page). Although the squad had no obligation to attend the match in uniform, the cheerleaders showed up for the final round of the Soccer Shoot-Out. Despite the cheerleaders support for an outstanding soccer team, not one player came to the cheerleading competition. Three early morning practices, in addition to extended afternoon practices were necessary to win the competition. Even though the cheerleaders exhibited this time and effort, approximately a dozen out of 1300 students took it upon themselves to support the team who supports them. Just as the other teams need support, the cheerleaders would have greatly appreciated a crowd at their only Greensboro competition.

If we could all work together as a student body and include everyone, and support every sport and activity, we would make Grimsley an even better school to attend. Let us all show the faculty, administration, and other schools just how SPIRITED we really are.

Thanks so much for your drastically improved spirit. It is deeply recognized and appreciated.

Faculty Forum

Crowell, In Awe Over GHS

By Jules Crowell

I have been requested by the editorial staff of HIGH LIFE to express my feelings regarding Grimsley Senior High School. Although I am honored by the request, I realize the situation requires tact, responsibility, political savvy - not to mention the peril of having one's perceptions spread across the pages of our newspaper. The following, represents an attempt to convey my initial impressions to you, the student body of Grimsley Senior High School.

Like the sophomores, I suspect my first shock was the sheer size of the campus. That, of course, led naturally to "Where the heck am I and can I get to wherever from here?" I honestly concluded several times that you can't get there from here. Even so, the size slowly diminishes with familiarity and I now feel comfortable and move about with ease. Still there are things I discover daily that Dr. Baur failed to mention on my first tour. I wonder why she did that? Also, where's that elevator?

My next impression was the number of keys required to get in and out of wherever. Mr. Ballance had a grin on his face when he turned them over to me. (It only took him thirty minutes to explain each one.) That immediately presented the problem of what to do with all

of them. Dr. Fuller carries his 100 or so on one of those retractable contraptions. Mr. Whites places his down the belt in the back of his pants and Dr. Baur carries her in a LARGE pocketbook. Well, I'm not carrying a pocketbook and a contraction doesn't fit. Sticking them down my back doesn't work too well either so I carry mine in my belt up front! where I know what happens! Next came the faculty. A diverse group with specializations in many areas, committed to education and willing to do what is necessary to enable individual students to have opportunities to reach their potentials.

Above all I have been favorably impressed with our student body. The opening of school was as smooth as any I can remember and classes appear to be settling down. Class attendance is good and, as of this writing, we have yet to have a suspension. I trust that this pattern will continue and that your behavior will reinforce my positive feelings.

Place all the above together and what do you get? Separate buildings, several keys, and faculty everywhere. And yet, despite the outward appearance of being separate, I am impressed most by the fact that we are all drawn together with one purpose in mind... education. "Grimsley" is not simply the buildings, keys, and

faculty. We ARE Grimsley. We create the history of this campus and make it what it is. If YOU as an individual take responsibility for your actions and think of education as your future, then Grimsley will become what you want it to be. If you look around and observe others, I think you will see exactly what I see. Those among you who dress neatly, strive for an education, care about this campus and have "school spirit" are sending messages. What you, in effect, have told others about yourself as an individual and your attitude carries over into our school and community. I can only hope that it is contagious.

My final comment is in reference to the traditions that we have inherited.

No matter where you come from, you must admit that Grimsley is unique because of its past. You need to appreciate this fact and strive to continue its reputation for excellence in all areas. This can only be accomplished through individual effort. I challenge each of you to take advantage of Grimsley's past by using it as a personal motivation for success.

I am in awe of the past, curious about the future, and excited with the present. I am impressed with the potential of this school and look forward to working with as many of you as possible. Have a good year.

