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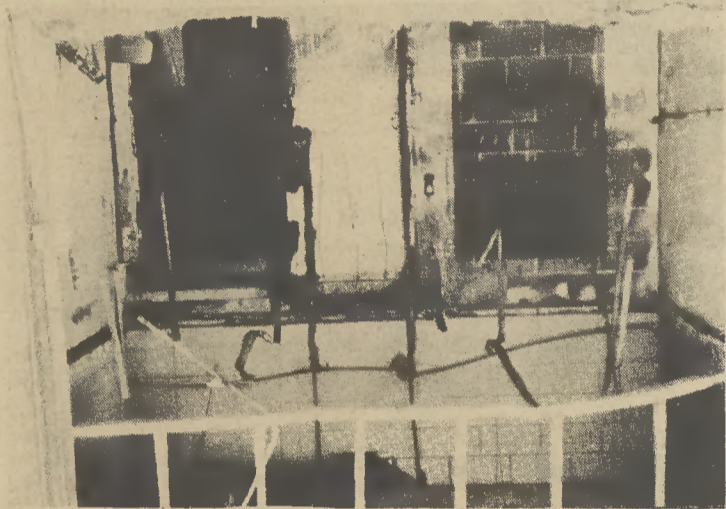
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Remains of Coach Weaver's office Photo by Chris Pickerel

Fire destroys guidance office

by Carrie Milgrim and Larry Reece

The smell of the charcoaled guidance office is already familiar to Grimsley students. The fire was discovered shortly after midnight on January 6 by residents of Westover Terrace.

Fifty-eight thousand dollars worth of structural damage was caused. An estimate of material damage is not accountable at this time.

Presently counseling in room 100, Coach Weaver says, "We're

fine; we have everything we need." He added that the students' records are printed on microfilm and it will just take time to reproduce them. Weaver thinks does not believe was the fire set in his office to spite him, but instead to spite Grimsley. Nevertheless Weaver lost more than six hundred dollars worth of photographs, and dozens of irreplaceable memories.

Randal Wilson Long, 16, has been charged with arson of a schoolhouse, a felony Long, a

former Grimsley student, was suspended twice last year, and presently attends the Optional School.

According to Dr. Bonny Baur, Long broke a window, jumped inside, and poured kerosene everywhere. He then jumped out, threw in a lighted rag, and fled. The blaze was so hot, it melted Mr. Ballance's personal VCR in the room above.

Baur says that the irony of it all was that Long came back to see the damage done.

Depot opens with success

by Amy Cass

The numbers waiting in line to gain entrance tell a story of success for the Depot, the new teen center. Despite freezing rain and slick roads, 260 senior high students made it to the Depot December 21, for opening night and 311 youths arrived at the new center Thursday, December 22, the first night for junior high students. The next night, for senior highs, 962 teens filled the new night spot to dance, play video games, watch a movie, and to meet people.

The doors opened Tuesday night, December 26, for both junior and senior high teenagers. The attendance soon climbed past the 1,000 capacity and filled the old train station with teen chatter. Each night the attendance increases causing some teens to wait in the long line, approximately 45 minutes, just to get through the doors.

Attendance is higher on senior high night than on junior high due to the fact that junior high students have difficulty with transportation.

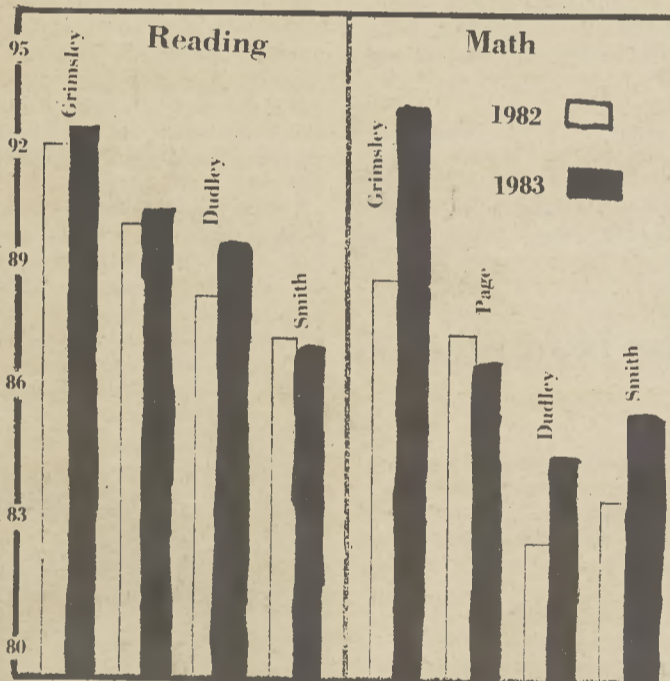
Many hours have already been spent cleaning and preparing the Depot. Additional changes and improvements are being planned; changing the atmosphere to bar-baer shop style; opening the upstairs with ping-pong tables; and offering karate and aerobic classes.

The biggest attraction is the 2,000 square foot, computerized dance floor with 800 floor lights and 200 ceiling lights. The Depot also offers 62 stand-up video games; two billiard tables; 300 seat movie amphitheater; and 100 seat parlor.

Admission is \$2.50. If a teen leaves, he/she must pay an additional \$2.50 to re-enter. To help insure safety, policemen patrol inside and outside, and in the parking areas.

Now that the holidays are over, the Depot will be opened on Friday nights for junior high students from 7 to 11 p.m. and Saturday nights for senior high students from 7 to 1 a.m.

GPS juniors passing Competency Test



Juniors score

by Richard Jones

Grimsley juniors achieved a higher passing rate on the N.C. Competency test given in October, than all other juniors in the city's public high schools. On the reading portion, 92.1 percent of Grimsley juniors passed. Page juniors followed with 91.5 percent, Dudley with 90.8 percent, and Smith with 87.8 percent. On the math portion, 91.5 percent of Grimsley juniors passed. Again, Page was next with 86.5 percent. Smith outdueled Dudley, amassing an 86 percent passing rate compared with an 85 percent passing rate.

Mr. Crowell attributes much of Grimsley's success to the teachers. "It has a lot to do with (the) teachers care, concern, (and) interest in a student," Crowell said. Crowell added that "Not everything comes from a textbook," emphasizing teachers don't always use a textbook.

Do Grimsley students cheat?

by Alice Newnam and Leslie Estes

"Usually it is just for that one answer I do not know. I know it is wrong, but sometimes I look for that one answer I do not know." This statement was taken from a recent survey on cheating.

In this survey, one hundred and twelve students were polled. Out of this number, one hundred admitted to cheating while the remaining twelve said they never had. Of the students surveyed only three rely on cheating to achieve the grades they want.

In this survey, a greater percentage cheated in foreign languages classes than any other class. Foreign language was followed by social studies and math classes as

those where students are likely to cheat.

When interviewed, Mrs. Anne Oakley, head of the foreign language department, said she was not surprised that students cheat more in foreign language. "This is due to the amount of memorization students must undertake while learning a foreign language," said Mrs. Oakley. She feels that it is "very, very sad that someone would sacrifice their integrity over something as artificial as a grade." She also added, "The true value of learning is how what you learn helps you grow as a person."

Along with these comments Mrs. Oakley added that many teachers encourage students to

cheat by being occupied with other things while

When asked about the method used to cheat, those surveyed said they look on a fellow classmates paper. Because classrooms are very crowded, it is easy to simply glance over the aisle or over someone's shoulder. Also this is a common form of cheating because it is the hardest to prove. A cheater may be caught with a "cheat sheet" or writing on his/her desk.

Cheating can affect a student's future. As Mrs. Oakley said, "I would hate to be operated on by a doctor who cheated his way through med school."



Melody Holder, Andy McEachern, and Janet Linnane jam at the Depot (Photo by Chris Pickerel)