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by Robert Corbett

Brrr. There's something cold about Grimsley these days. Maybe it is the oncoming winter weather, but the chilly state of student's politics has this observer worried. Reagan's sweep of the country is hardly surprising;

it's his—brrr!—overwhelming majority among young people that shocks many. After all, much of the Republican policies have for years been an anathema to idealistic youth. However, a change has occurred among young people of today, unlike their counterparts in the sixties and the seventies. That's money, and the worry it brings.

Oh, yes there are other reasons. President Reagan brought patriotism back to us, they say. He has a "macho" image, that indicates he won't back down (something that scares

many). Or the Democratic Party offered no real solutions. There is however, one overriding reason, which many young people give specifically for having voted for him, and this of course is money and jobs. They ignore the fact that inflation was brought down by one of the worst recessions ever, that poor people suffer all the more because of President Reagan's policies. Young people today seem to worship self and security, paths that lead to nowhere.

It's a cliché, but money is still not everything. It's not even the only reason why young people have turned frigidly conservative. President Reagan's campaign presented America as returning to simpler times, and many young people seemed to long for it. The confusion of the sixties, a decade some have put down as purely drug-

related, has left a group of young people who refused to question anything. How else could they accept Reagan, a conservative Republican, who has compared himself to John F. Kennedy, a notoriously liberal Democrat? In truth, what we are returning to is a time when one should be patriotic, should be happy to live in this country. This all sounds suspiciously like the fifties, an era noted for McCarthyism. As for the upswing in patriotism, is it possible that the Olympics had anything to do with it?

Now youth has aligned itself with the religious right, conservatives, even Sun Myung Moon (his church contributed quite a bit to the campaign) in its support of President Reagan. Let us hope we are not as empty as the candidates we elect, or else it could be a long four years. A cold winter, indeed. Brrrr!

Cancelled dance hot issue

by Larry Reece

Unfortunately this year's traditional Holiday dance has been deleted from Grimsley's December Calendar.

The dance, which has been a "heated" discussion in the main office for quite some time, is being "victimized" by the administration because of a poor turnout at the Homecoming Dance. The administration argues that few people showed up for the dance, and of those who did the so called "social elite" arrived late. In addition to the poor attendance and tardiness, a point was made about the traditions of going out to dinner beforehand and buying new outfits for the dance. The administration considers the cost of these traditions prohibit those who can not afford them from attending the dance.

On the other hand Grimsley High School Student Council members argued that tickets are sold prior to the dance.

Therefore whether or not someone attends or the time she or he attends should be a personal choice.

The tradition of going out to dinner before a dance is just that—a tradition one chooses to follow or not. Definitely it is not mandatory nor is a new "outfit." Certainly students are free to eat and dress for the occasion as they please.

The administration has offered a supplement of a "dollar dance" that would be held on December 7th from 9 p.m. until 12 midnight. However the Student felt this decision was reached too late to make appropriate plans and consequently declined to have a holiday dance.

It is the view of High Life that a traditional Holiday Dance should have been held, but High Life respects the decision that has been made. Perhaps if plans had been discussed earlier things would have been different.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

School dances have always been a focal point of social life during the year. But, because of low turnout at the Homecoming Dance, the Administration is against having the annual Holiday Dance. They argue that only a small percentage of students attend the dance, that the "social elite" of the school arrive nearly two hours after the dance begins, and that students feel a need to buy new outfits and eat dinner out before the dance, making it an expensive evening. They even go so far as to say that is this dance is not successful, there will be no more dances.

This is ridiculous! Many students, particularly

Seniors, look forward to dances for several weeks. It is not fair to suddenly take this away from them without a survey, at least to see exactly how many students would attend. As for when people show up, this is incidental. Tickets are sold for the entire time of the dance. Students are allowed to choose whether or not to attend, why can't they decide when to arrive? Faculty must be present the whole evening, anyway, so late attendance causes no extra work. Not all students feel compelled to buy new clothes, for this dance especially. If they don't want to spend money, they won't.

This whole argument sounds like the Ad-

ministration, led by Dr. Baur, is trying to find excuses for not holding the dance. If this dance were harmful in any way, this position might be understandable, but the motives of this dance are to promote spirit and to raise money for charity.

It is a sad state of affairs, indeed, when the Administration would deny students a traditional dance because it is not convenient for them. Dances are a privilege of the students, and, as far as I know, these students have done nothing to warrant revoking this privilege. There is no explanation for us not to be able to have this dance!!

Donna Berklehammer

BREAK DANCE MOVE #57

Caution: this position
my be permanent.

Cartoon by E. Anthony

Death Before Breakin'**New fad spinning its way out**

by Allen Patterson

Does anyone remember Disco? Those giddy days of Disco Duck, The Bee Gees, John Travolta, Saturday Night Fever, and "Hey, what's your sign?" It was the most prevalent fad of the Seventies. Disco appeared suddenly, and ended in the same way (thank goodness) leaving many wondering why they had invested all that money in red satin shoes and an assortment of

heavy gold necklaces. Musicians thrived, then suffered from the fad, losing respect as Disco died. (Do you still have your Andy Gibb, The Tramps, or your K.C. and the Sunshine Band albums?) These were small losses, but it seems the public has yet to get its' fill of absurd fads. The "in" question now is "Yo, can you break?"

Break Dancing, the instant hit of the eighties, is

falling into the same pattern as Disco. It started overnight, it is presently enjoying unlimited success, and above all, is stupid. I'm not overly impressed to see someone with an IQ of 60 perform a feat which is physically impossible. Take Curtis from the Bronx. "Uh, I can spin on my head both ways, I can spin on my back in a figure 8, I-uh-can do a reverse wave, and of course I can wrap both

legs around my neck in mid air." Curtis, however, cannot perform without music. "Breakdancin'" is one of his personal favorites. Curtis can also pick up some great dance tips from any of the ten or fifteen GREAT movies about break dancing. If this young man works hard enough he could go to the National Break Dancing Contest, the famous bring-your-own (cardboard) Breaking

event. Curtis could win a years supply of Breakin' shoes, or a three minute spot on the following week's Breakin' movie. Wow. Don't get me wrong, I don't have anything against people who like breaking, but I have already got my first order in for 200 "Death Before Break Dancing" T-shirts and bumper stickers. I suppose I just want to be ready when the time comes.