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Joyner named Teacher of the Year

by Eugene Naughton



Ms. Peggy Joyner - Teacher of the Year

photo by Tracy Furman

There is definitely an aura about room 202. Upon entering it, one is definitely overwhelmed by the number of posters and other paraphernalia found displayed around the room. However, what is most striking is the constant presence of the animated soul of the room, Ms. Peggy Joyner. An English teacher, Joyner has been nominated by her GHS colleagues to represent the school in the 1985-86 Teacher of the Year contest. Day in and day out, she epitomizes the kind of teachers so well perceived by her fellow teachers and her students.

One of the more notable qualities about this teacher is the dedication of time apparent in the atmosphere she has created in room 202. An abundance of posters and stuffed animals decorate her room. To her this atmosphere is vital. In a recent interview she stated, "The atmosphere of the room must make you feel wanted." She added, "Sometimes students learn more from the posters than they might from a class."

Joyner also uses the stuffed animals as learning tools. She ex-

plained, "They are able to take on their own personalities which add to the class." The atmosphere of the room is also unique in that students have contributed to it themselves over the years.

English is Joyner's subject and for her, it is the most versatile. "English speaks of life, the fears, the joys, the tears, all the emotions. English and literature speak life." Through this tool, Joyner hopes she adds perspective. "Adding perspective is adding happiness to someone's life. Each student must be made to feel happy and important." She also feels that teachers have a responsibility to be friendly to students and acknowledge each one. "We owe students a smile," she added.

The concept of education also plays a vast role in Joyner's life. "I truly believe in education itself. Sure, I believe in learning about Faulkner, or the setting of a novel, but utmost is the education of life," she said. Grimsley's candidate explained in her philosophy of education written for the contest, "I am a human being

who ... teaches the dreams, the laughter and the thoughts of others, and without relationship, lies my philosophy of education, my philosophy of human need."

"Teaching and education," Joyner pointed out, is a constantly changing process. "As people change, so too must the teachers. You cannot stay the same from year to year. I am as excited about the beginning of each new year as I was the first day I walked through those doors. Teaching is a difficult process. You must be an actor - you play a role that I learn from you and you learn from me."

Joyner was typically modest about being selected as the Teacher of the Year candidate. "It is bad that there have been teachers who have done just as much or more for students and who go unrecognized."

Most important to the occupant of 202 is her belief in the student. She feels the continuing urge to make a difference for students. "If I did not believe I could make a difference in someone's life, I would never come back to school."

Basic Education Plan prohibits pep rallies

by Mark Neerman

In-school pep rallies, long part of the GHS tradition have been banned because of the newly adopted state Basic Education Plan. The plan requires that students be "on task" each period of the day. This schedule can only be interrupted for instructional purposes. The BEP, which is aimed at equalizing educational opportunities for all North Carolina's students, began with the 1985-86 school year. The pep rally change is only one part

of the new plan the goal of which is to provide sufficient money for North Carolina schools and to provide all public school students with an equal education whether she or he lives in Charlotte or not. The BEP will probably not affect Grimsley, or other Greensboro Public Schools too much since the schools already equal or surpass most basic requirements set forth in the plan.

Already the plan has been the object of confusion and misconception, for it has been

confused with many of the new school board policies. Students mistakenly believe the ban on tobacco, the middle school plan and the closed lunch for sophomores are a part of the BEP.

Another possible change will be the elimination of senior skip day. The concept of senior skip day according to Renn "is in serious question" and will be decided by the school board in the near future.

The plan also requires 55

minutes of instructional time within a class period. Grimsley, at present, falls short of this requirement. By next year the school board expects to make a decision on how this will be achieved. Being presently considered are a longer day, less time between classes, or a shorter lunch period.

Another school board decision is to put the middle school plan into effect next year. This plan will send the ninth grade students to the city high schools. The bann-

ing of the use of tobacco on campus is also a new measure passed by the Greensboro School Board. To date Grimsley has punished six violators of the policy.

According to Renn, parent reaction to the changes resulting from BEP is practically nonexistent. When asked how he feels about the plan Renn responded, "I think every student ought to have a good education. I think the basic education plan helps to guarantee that."

Homecoming Court decided

by Maureen Musgrove

Tonight one of twelve girls will be crowned the 1985-86 Homecoming queen. The long process of voting for the court started in late September beginning with the nominations of three girls from each senior homeroom. These fifty-one girls were then narrowed to twenty-five by a senior vote. On October first a vote, by both the junior and senior classes, determined the final twelve. The candidate with the top vote will be crowned queen, followed by two maids of honor.

Members of this year's court

are: Melody Badgett, Tina Baer, Amy Cass, Sally Clark, Verna Collins, Leslie Estes, Cindy Gay, Cindy Lanning, Beth Mengel, Tiffany Noah, Jenny Savage and Tanya Vance.

The theme for Homecoming this year is "The Way We Were." The dance will be held following the game against South Stokes. Single tickets will be sold for \$2 beforehand and for \$3 at the door. It will be sounded by Paul Cordts, a Greensboro D.J.

The halftime presentation of the court will be highlighted by the classic cars dating from the 1920's through 40's which will

chauffeur each member of the court as the band plays "The Way We Were." As each candidate is escorted onto the field she will receive a small gift from one of two children participants. Lori Singer, last year's queen, will return to crown the 1985-86 Homecoming queen.

Tina Baer, this year's chairman, along with Beth Mengel, Maureen Musgrove, and Michelle Spessard are the YRC representatives in charge of all aspects of Homecoming. It is their responsibility to provide everything from a theme, decorations, flowers, cars, to the queens crown.



1985-86 Homecoming Court

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