

# Features



## And the band plays on

by Cindy Gay

It's the largest, the loudest, and the most spirited group at Grimsley. They epitomize the phrase "The true Whirlie spirit" that everyone keeps talking about, but no one has yet to define. It can be done in four words — the Grimsley Marching Band. Yeah, they are the ones you see walking out onto the football field at halftime sweating off about ten pounds a game under those uniforms. They are also the ones you hear throughout the game yelling and cheering the football team on. The band is made up of approximately one hundred band members, thirty-two flag-girls, and the drum corp, each distinct and individual yet an important part of the whole.

Each dedicated to what you see in a brief three to five minutes at halftime. If you had a list of the people who have attended every football game and deleted administration, the remaining names would most likely make up the drum corp. Need more be said?

The man behind the band is most responsible. Mr. Rooker has a never-ending patience and enthusiasm which those around him cannot help but adopt. Its obvious he somehow enjoys trying to get about 132 teenagers to march in time, in place, and on the right side of the field. It is a difficult feat that many take for granted.

One could write a novel on the Grimsley Band — the per-

sonalities, the infamous band trips, the drum corp, the flag corp, and Mr. Rooker. But with limited space one simply writes that they are a most valuable part of Grimsley that should be applauded. If you still don't agree that being in the band is a most exceptional experience, ponder this. They raised \$20,000 selling the all-famous cheese and sausage and plan to blow a little on a cruise to the Bahamas - this year's band trip. Bon Voyage! Perhaps the best way to describe the band is to say that you are obviously not in the band if you do not have fun at the Grimsley football games, because that may be what they do best.

### Kotis' Commentary

## Speeding; I can't drive 55

### Life in the fast lane

Are you a leadfoot, maniac, or hot-rod Harry? Do you get a thrill out of stomping it, flooring it, of any other means of forcing that gas pedal almost through the floor? Join the crowd, alot of us do.

Speed limit? Isn't that when your speedometer needle breaks and the road blurs?

It's life in the fast lane for most of us. We've watched Cannonball Run too many times. "How many minutes do I have to get there?" Time to kick it in.

### Police

Blue lights are a rough sight every time you see them. They're especially bad when they're in your rear-view mirror. When you see them your blood pressure rises and you start mumbling something about how stupid you were to get in that position.

"Was I doing anything wrong

officer?" I'm sure cops want to laugh every time they hear that. No, he just pulled you because it "made his day."

### Ways to avoid tickets

There are basically two ways to avoid tickets. You can either not speed, or you can use an early radar detection device (fuzzie wuzzies).

Most good fuzz-busters are expensive. An Escort or Passport will cost you around \$300. Fuzz-busters are probably the best way to beat the system; however, they don't work too well in heavy traffic, on cloudy days, or around alot of buildings.

Also radar detectors don't work at all when the police have their radar off. Your only protection in that case is to see them before they see you.

### Getting out of tickets

For those of you whose luck runs out and you're faced with a ticket, here's some tips on how to get out of it:

First of all, what not to do. Don't beg and plead with the officer. He gets the same watery eye routine every time he pulls someone over. Also when you are in court, don't try to claim radar is inaccurate and that's why you're not guilty.

A good plan is the following: **One**, dress to impress. Not silk suits and enough gold to make the judge drool; but instead dress conservative, Sunday school style.

**Two**, plead not guilty to the charge. This creates problems for the D.A. If forces him to make a case against you.

**Three**, go to court on time and see if the officer showed up.

If he didn't, they don't have a case and it will be dismissed. Most officers aren't that slack though. If he did show, postpone the court date by asking for a continuance (you are allowed one). This gives the officers plenty of time to forget the details of your case, and if you're lucky, he/she might not even show up the second time (too bad).

**Four**, before you come into court have your speedometer checked and make sure it's not off. If it is you can possibly use that to get a prayer-for-judgement with a fine but without license or insurance points.

If none of the above worked it's time to put on your "sober teenager" look. You now plea-bargain with the D.A. This is when you make a deal to plead guilty to a lesser charge, which means you pay a smaller fee and get fewer license and in-

surance points (possibly none at all).

### Seatbelts and drunk-driving

I believe everyone should wear his/her seatbelt. You really need it if you plan to drive in the fast lane. It's not too much trouble to spend 10 seconds fastening the seatbelt when it could save your life. Richard Petty doesn't argue that his seatbelt is uncomfortable, he knows it's there to protect him in an accident. It feels a whole lot better than a front windshield does.

People with a death wish drive drunk. Just don't drive after drinking! I'm not saying you shouldn't drink, but just don't drive afterwards. Have a friend drive you home instead. The best idea is to choose someone ahead of time to drive, who's not going to drink.

## Prep for SATs

by Verna Collins

Okay, it's that time of the year. The time when the boys are separated from the men and the girls are separated from the women, new horizons are approached, and our future is put on the line. "What time is it?" you ask. It's SAT time. Now there is no way that a person can really study for the test, but, one can improve his scores through some small adjustments.

**Rule #1** - Throw away that invitation to the all night party. Call up that special someone and tell him that quiet little evening is canceled. One must not overexert his mental, or physical activities before an SAT exam.

**Rule #2** - One must set his alarm clock at or before 7:30 a.m. not p.m. Please note that in order to be effective, one must get up at the sound of the clock.

**Rule #3** - If you still find yourself not at your full enlightened potential at the sound of the alarm, a cold shower should do the trick. Bear in mind

that you must be IN the shower for this method to work.

**Rule #4** - Breakfast. Take the advice of Mary Lou Retton ... eat your wheaties.

Author's note: Although not listed, getting dressed is strongly recommended.

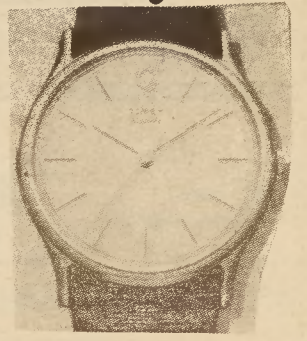
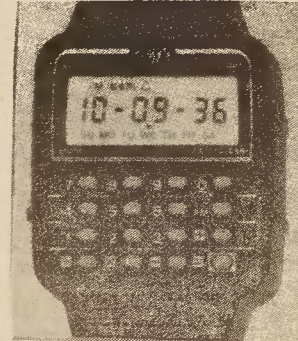
**Rule #5** - Equip yourself with at least two number two pencils, preferably sharpened. No, not to chew on, but to write with.

**Rule #6** - Perhaps the most important rule of all, get transportation to the CORRECT testing station. Finding the correct room in which you are to be tested also tends to aid the testing process.

**Rule #9** - I sincerely hope that you remember to bring some type of identification with you since you will be asked to present it to the proctor.

You are now ready to begin the test. Take a deep breath (a moment of prayer is recommended, but is not mandatory) and ... Good Luck!

## What time is it at Grimsley?



by Elizabeth Cross

It all started with the sundial - the oldest known device for measuring time, used as early as 2000 B.C. Such primitive measurements were based upon the fact that the shadow of an object will move from one side of the object to the other as the sun appears to move from east to west during the day. Soon afterwards followed the familiar sandglass and the burning of marked candles, which proved to be much more useful.

Modern time is based on the movement of the stars and can be measured accurately to

30,000,000ths of a second, but today's time-pieces have features that go far beyond that of just telling the time. For instance:

SEIKO has come out with something new for all you astrology buffs out there! (?) At \$175.00, this analog wristwatch features a moon phase indicator.

Those more inclined to water may be interested in SEIKO's \$165.00 diver's watch. Obviously waterproof, it can withstand water pressure up to 150 meters, and has a 'bezel' which calculates elapsed time so that oxygen supply may be watched and kept at a safe level.

Last, and most certainly not least, are the ever-popular SWATCH watches. These fashionable trinkets have held their own against numerous competitors, possibly because they can be found in enough different styles and colors to please everyone - at a price of about \$40.00.

They say time flies when you're having fun. Students tend to spend much time - if not more - counting down to when the next bell will ring as they do participating during class. Why not make things more amusing (or just more bearable) by purchasing the watch that suits you best?