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Program to help teen mothers

by Anna Schleunes

There is a growing problem in the Greensboro Public School System that is not widely discussed. It is the problem of teenage pregnancy. Although the problem is prevalent throughout the country, North Carolina ranks fifth in the United States for the number of pregnancies per 1000 teenage girls. Guilford County is not far behind on comparison to the other counties in North Carolina. In 1985, there were an estimated 1200 births to teenage girls in Guilford County. In the past, this number would probably have been similar to the number of young mothers who dropped out of school. However, thanks to the Greensboro Public School's Pro-

gram for Pregnant/Parenting students, the number of dropouts is decreasing. Administered by guidance counselor Karen Smith, this program enables a pregnant or parenting girl to remain in school and earn a diploma.

An on site child care center at Gillespie Park Education Center provides care for the children of young mothers who wish to remain in school. The center is administered by the United Way Day Care Services and can serve up to 55 children in its day and evening programs. But the center doesn't just serve Gillespie; its facilities are open to mothers from all the Greensboro schools. Counselors, social workers,

and school nurses work closely with the students to assist them with career and vocational counseling, to help alleviate problems that interfere with education, and to offer recommendations to the student on child care.

The program is also designed to educate young mothers about their children. For example, all students who have a child participating in the Day Care Center are required to take a home-economics course that is related to the specific needs of children. It provides them with the knowledge of the nutritional needs of their children, normal child development, and most importantly, decision making.



photo by Will Sykes

Grimsley's plans for the future

by Chris Sieredzki

Club activities planned

O'Henry Juniors

The O'Henry Juniors have been busy with many activities. They sold Valentine carnations between January 27-31 and will decorate for Kiser's Twirp dance on February 14. They will visit the Will O'Haven nursing home on the 16th and are tentatively planning a service project for the school.

Civinettes

The Grimsley Civinettes will be participating in a jail-a-thon March 3-6 which will be held at Four Seasons Mall. The proceeds

will go to the National Cancer Society. Some of the members have volunteered to work at a local rest home doing yard work and various other jobs. The Civitans sold Brunswick stew on January 24-25 and will participate in the Annual Battleground Civitan baseball tournament.

Keywanettes

The Keywanettes have been busy working with the United Way by helping with mailings and other time consuming jobs. They will also continue to send representatives to the Kiwanis meetings.

Key Club

February is a busy month for the Key Club. The club will participate in the March of Dimes

and other charitable events and will hold elections for next years officers. In March some members will attend Carolina's District Convention in Charlotte. This convention is the weekend of March 14-16. All Key Clubs from North Carolina and South Carolina are participating.

Exchangettes

In January the Exchangettes discussed various plans for the rest of the year. The club planned to visit a local rest home, burn center and hospital. They also plan to participate in the Camillia Show at the Forum VI. They also have a Valentine's Party planned. The Exchange Club has planned two football games for February 5, and February 12, and they are also busy trying to sponsor a dance.

Student Council

The student council has many tentative plans for the Whirlies in the near future. Some of the activities will include the "Mr. Whirlie" contest, which will be held one evening in April, a student-faculty basketball game, the date and time are undecided, and Prom which will be held at Bryan Park in May. They are planning a service project which is undecided at this time and elections for new officers will also be held in the near future. The student council also sponsored the Twirp dance on February 1.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society will sponsor a bake sale on February 22 at the state swim meet which will be held at Grimsley. They hope to raise

enough money for three \$500 scholarships.

Band concerts planned

The symphony band, concert band, and jazz band are planning several concerts this spring. On March 6 all three bands will perform at Grimsley while on March 14 the symphony band will travel to UNC-G for the state contest. Again, all bands will perform at Grimsley on April 23, and May 15. (The concert band will also play on May 28 for graduation.) The jazz band also plays at most home basketball games, and in February they will travel to UNC-CH for the annual N.C. Jazz Festival.

Is the Whirlie spirit in jeopardy?



photo by Will Sykes

by Maureen Musgrove

"We are Whirlies and we are proud, right on, right on" ... so the cheer goes, but are we proud of our behavior at games?

So far this year there have been two incidents where spectators have disturbed the play of a

game. The first took place during a soccer game in which one student insisted on blowing a whistle, causing confusion for both the players and referees. As a result the game was delayed until the prankster handed over his whis-

tle to Mr. Renn.

The second occurrence was the well-known "Bass Masters" incident in which a small group of students hurled approximately seven or eight dead fish at the Page cheerleaders during a break in the game.

Of these two events the latter has proved to be the most memorable and maybe even the most damaging.

According to Mr. Crowell the referees could have given the team a technical foul because of the crowd's actions and also mentioned that it "made for a dangerous situation to the athletes" because of the water on the court from the dripping fish. Overall Crowell feels that the "majority of the students act in a mannerly and respectable fashion, but a few can ruin it for everyone."

Several students, athletes, cheerleaders, and teachers gave their opinions of students conduct at games. Stuart Albright, a

member of both the football and basketball teams, stated, "It's all a part of the game, I enjoy a crowd that gets into it and supports us." Cindy Lanning, captain of the cheerleading squad said, "It's divided, sometimes there's a lot of spirit and enthusiasm but there are also times when they can be rude and obnoxious." Jill Weinstein, also a cheerleader, added, "Everyone needs to support the teams more consistently by coming to all of the games, not just the rival ones."

In addition, three seniors gave their views on the subject. Cindy Gay explained, "I think that there is positive school spirit most of the time but there is a limit. You should have fun but not go to far in harassing the refs and opponents, which can sometimes work against you." Jeff Chandler agreed by stating, "The students need to support the teams as much as possible without letting their energy and excitement get out of

hand." "Everyone is just out to have fun and help the team even if they're a little rowdy or obnoxious," concluded Tina Baer.

Mrs. Branch, a history teacher and avid spectator, replied, "the majority of Grimsley students who come to the athletic events are supportive of the teams and display good sportsmanship."

The majority, unfortunately, does not rule in this case since a minority may have already tainted Grimsley's fine reputation. Crowell cautions students against performing pranks because of damaging GHS Reputation for sportsmanship and also included that during the filming of games shots are taken of the crowd, which can provide evidence of any wrong doings.

The administration hopes that whether Grimsley is winning or losing its students will exhibit both spirit and sportsmanship in a way that will show that we are indeed, proud to be a Whirlie.