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Freshman Officers: Sterling Norins, Melissa Searls, Danielle Alford, Ginny Allen, Mindy Samet (not pictured)

Freshmen elect their student council

by Elizabeth Poplin

On September 22, five new faces were added to student council when the 1992-1993 class officers were elected. These officers are Danielle Alford, president, Melissa Searls, vice president, Sterling Norins, secretary/treasurer, Ginny Allen, pep board chairperson, and Mindy Samet, YRC chairperson.

Danielle Alford ran in order to be involved in student activity. Previously, Alford was president of the first and third grade at Hunt Elementary School and was a member of the seventh and eighth grade executive board at Allen Middle School. Alford came to Grimsley looking for a nice, spirited academic campus. Her major goal for the year is to achieve "better relations between the administration and the freshman class."

Melissa Searls' goal for the year is to help improve school in general. A past homeroom representative at Kiser, Searls stated that two factors - a want to get involved and a push from Mindy Samet - caused her to run. Searls added that she expected Grimsley to be different from middle school and is experiencing her new found freedom.

Sterling Norris, our new freshman secretary/treasurer has had no previous experience, but has the goal of achieving "better student-teacher relations". He ran because he was asked to.

Ginny Allen is beginning her first year as Pep Board Chairperson. She hopes to, "Let the upperclassmen know that we can have fun too

and, that we know how to make a difference in the school." Last year when Allen attended Kiser, she was eighth grade student affairs representative. This previous experience helped her to decide to run. "I liked helping the students and listening to their ideas."

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Mindy Samet followed in her older sister's footsteps as she took the office of YRC chairperson. Her sister, Tracy Samet, was the student body YRC chairperson last school year. Mindy Samet hopes "to learn to be more creative" while in office this year. She has previously been vice president of the younger portion of her youth group in which she helped with the dances. She believes that at GHS students are treated more like adults than at Kiser.

Class of
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Greensboro gets taste of Europe

by Shani Levine

Mareike Peil, a student from Germany, Julie Roussel and Michael Cartal, both from France have come to Greensboro for a year to improve their English and to learn about the American culture. While the chance to live in a foreign country for most people is only a dream, their wish has already come true.

The new Whirlies are already busy with sports and clubs at Grimsley. Both Peil and Roussel are involved in the Varsity and Junior Varsity Volleyball teams, respectively, and Michael enjoys playing soccer for the Varsity team. They have also travelled to various places in America with their host families. So far they have all enjoyed their stay in Greensboro, but do feel that there are differences between their countries and America.

Julie Roussel's first few encounters with hamburgers and hot dogs in America were enjoyable, but, in general, she feels Americans eat too much junk food. Although Mareike Peil has become accustomed to the American cuisine, it surprises her that "lots of students drink alcohol even though they are not allowed to."

Another big difference between their native countries and America is schools. All three feel that the school work in their high schools at home is much more difficult than in American high schools. Plus, European schools follow a different set of courses each day. But as Michael Cartal pointed out, French schools do not have extra curricular activities after school as ours do in America. It also amazed Peil to see security guards patrolling Grimsley during the day. On the other hand, Roussel feels there is much less discipline in the classroom in America.

Although the exchange students would like to see more students welcoming them into the Grimsley way of life, they do like the relaxed manner Americans have. They hope that they will go back to Germany and France able to speak English well and with a better understanding of the American way of life. But Grimsley also has an opportunity to learn about German, as well as, French culture from these students and hopefully, in this process of learning and teaching, lasting friendships will emerge.

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