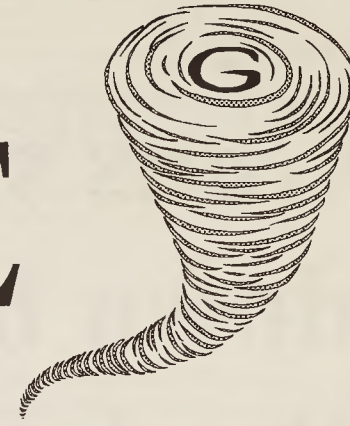


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Grimsley student's car sits in lot after an accident.

Knowles Photo

Working for a cleaner GHS:

PTSA, clubs join forces to beautify campus

By Rebecca Green

Everything is coming up in roses at Grimsley High School this fall.

The PTSA has joined forces with Interclub Council to beautify the GHS campus. This beautification project is designed

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Kelly James

to preserve the natural beauty of campus and create an uplifting environment for the parents, students, and teachers who are at GHS everyday.

The PTSA has divided the campus into different sections and presented these plots

to the students who represent Grimsley service clubs on the Interclub Council. The presentation included photographs of the plots and suggestions as to what would improve various areas of campus. The clubs have each chosen a plot that they will maintain and improve throughout the year. Some clubs will be planting flowers and shrubs while others will remove dead trees and build stone walkways between buildings. All clubs are responsible for keeping their areas clean.

"This is an all year responsibility that will improve the environment and provide better campus life," Interclub President Kelly James said. The PTSA will be scheduling Saturday beautification work days throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to participate.

GHS students experience adverse driving conditions, add to number of local accidents

By Stephanie Dorko

Squealing brakes. Crunching metal. It's 8:20 a.m. at the corner of Campus Drive and Westover Terrace. On the way to homeroom inquisitive students walk slowly, trying to see through the trees to the cluster of cars blocking traffic. Within five minutes the police arrive, blue lights flashing. Curious faces peer out Main Building windows.

At least once a year Grimsley students witness this scene.

Many teenagers have experienced a car accident or at least a close call. Junior Sacha Knowles drove down Green Valley Road a little too fast this summer.

"I had cars full of friends all around me when I hit a patch of water from a sprinkler. I slammed on brakes, hit more water and then I started hydrosliding. My car went up on the median, hit a small tree and the tree acted as a ramp and my car flipped. I realized then that it only takes one second to change or even end your life."

Junior Andy Jones hit a car traveling through an intersection. "My windshield fogged up while I was driving. Then the sun hit and totally blinded me. Before, when I could see, the stoplight in front of me was green, but when I went through it had changed to red. If there is a glare, stop or pull over or drive very slowly,"

said Jones.

Everyone knows that most accidents and injuries can be prevented. The accidents mentioned above are only two examples of things that can happen while driving an automobile. The following are a few tips for safe driving :

- Relax.
- Set aside plenty of time to get wherever you are going.
- Do not show off in a car.
- WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT.
- Insist that all passengers buckle their seat belts.
- Drive at the right speed for road conditions.
- Drive slower when it rains.

-To reduce problems with sunlight, adjust your sun visor and wear sunglasses.

-Remember that night driving is more dangerous than daytime driving.

-Stay alert.

-Pay attention to the road, not to the radio or passengers.

-Know how to work all the devices on the instrument panel (lights, defrost, etc...).

-Be courteous to other drivers.

-DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE.

Steve Roberts from the Greensboro Police Department contributed to this article.

Library goes above and beyond the call of duty for GHS students by staying open late on weeknights

By Susan Barham

Grimsley's Media Center will now be open at night. The extended times that the Media Center will be open are Mondays until 5:30pm and Thursdays from 6:30pm until 8:30pm.

This change was brought about from the concerns of parents who felt regular school hours did not provide enough time for students to utilize the Media Center's resources. The idea for increased hours was introduced to the Media Advisory Committee, and then presented to Mr. Penland. Then Mr. Penland decided to use the Tutorial Funds to finance the project.

For now, this is just a trial period to see

if there is a demand for more hours. During the extended times, the Media Center will be staffed by one media specialist and one assistant. Media specialist, Joel White said, "This will provide regular access to the facilities offered. Plus, students can check out books."

Mr. Penland plans to notify the police of

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-Joel White

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the new hours just as a safeguard. Otherwise, there will be no additional safety precautions taken. Grimsley students should be prepared to present their student ID's if asked. The Media Center will be open to Grimsley students only.

The Media Advisory Committee decided that it wouldn't be feasible to provide transportation for the students at night, but students may be able to catch the bus provided for extra-curricular activities in the late afternoon.

Now Grimsley students have no more excuses for sloppy papers. Now that the Media Center is open past regular school hours, students will be able to use the resources provided such as computers and research and reading materials. This opportunity will last as long as students take advantage of it.