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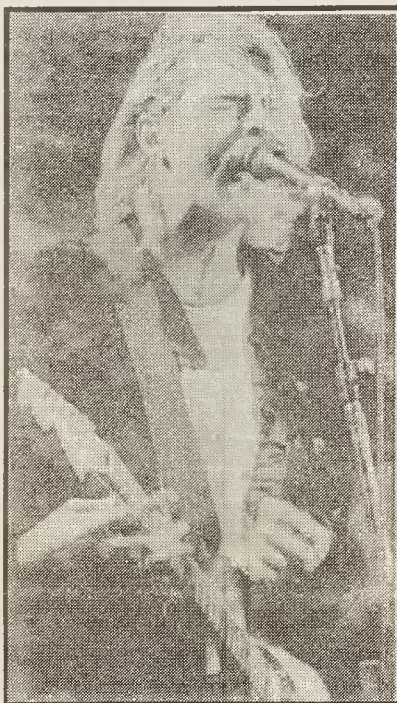
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Fans cope with Cobain's death Technological boom has its price

By Steve Cuttler

On April 8, 1994 Kurt Cobain, of the pioneering grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in his Seattle home. Lying just beyond his outstretched arm was the gun that he used to end his own life.

There was an outcry of emotion from both fans and critics alike at the death of the rising superstar. MTV mourned Cobain by showing footage of Nirvana videos and interviews for almost the entire weekend, and radio stations found themselves flooded with requests



Nirvana lead singer Kurt Cobain's AP photo death has left many fans in the cold.

for the band that spearheaded the Seattle grunge movement.

Some students believe that Cobain's death has made him into more of a star than he really was while alive. Sterling Norrins says, "All of the sudden people call him a revolutionary genius, the truest artist, when all he was was a rock singer who lost out because he couldn't cope with his problems, his

home or himself." Other students share Norrins' bitterness and felt as though Kurt took the easy way out. Alec Ferrell said of Cobain's decision, "Kurt wussed out, which was the most untrue thing he could have done."

That is what many students find so surprising about Cobain's decision to commit suicide; he took the easy way out. Nirvana is seen by many as a band who represented what is pure in music. They rejected their own success, and shunned the typical rock and roll mentality that many other bands fell prey to.

Kurt Cobain is dead, and no amount of lamenting will be able to bring him back. Sadly, the world will never be able to see how he would have progressed musically during his career. Now, his fans are left to ponder why he would end his life in such a way. Cobain can almost claim membership to that elite club of flaming young stars that died mysteriously, except for the fact that Cobain ended his own life.

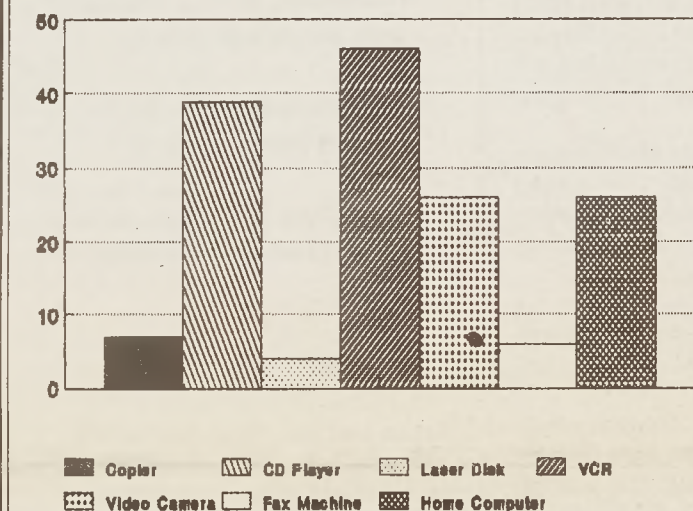
Goodbye, Kurt Cobain. Your decision left many more questions than answers, and has left all of us confused.

By Susan Barham

You are in a medieval castle, walking cautiously through dark halls of stone. Suddenly you are thrown backwards by a great blast of heat which has rushed from the jaws of an immense

dragon. Then, you take your virtual reality helmet off. Virtual reality may be one of the newest technological advances, but televisions, VCR's, camcorders, microwaves, cellular phones, and computers have all become a part of everyday life. However, this progress in communication, entertainment, and industry does not come without its price.

Number of Grimsley Students That Own Technological Devices (out of 50 surveyed)



One of the most popular household appliances is the television set. Average prices for a 13-inch set is around \$250 while a big screen TV is a costly \$2000. Obviously, the more high tech sets have a better selection of features such as comb filter, cable-ready tuner, and high grade stereo sound and picture. Another prevalent form of home entertainment is a VCR. Prices range anywhere from \$200 to \$700. Different models of VCR's are VHS, hi-fi stereo, and monophonic versions. The pick of VCR's is the Hi-8 model which offers editing, high picture quality, and special effects features.

Video cameras and CD players are the items that no family in the 90's can live without. Everyone wants the best sound-quality as well as the ability to capture family events on tape. These too have a price tag. CD players cost from about \$100 to \$170, while portable CD players cost around \$100 to a more elaborate \$200 player.

Technology has changed the views of the consumer. Whereas a consumer may have been satisfied with just a 13-inch television in the past, now he craves for a big-screen or a portable mini. Each day technological advances are made and everyday the consumer looks for something a little better, and a little faster. No one really knows what the future might bring, but it is easy to see the progress we've already made within the past century.

Multi-culturalist movement says school spirit, unity at risk

By Kimberly Gray

There is a group of people who say that multi-cultural awareness needs to be implemented into our schools in order to positively enhance the learning environment and future of America.

There is an apparent growing apathy which seems to be overtaking the minds of many students. The lack of interest students display in developing friendships outside their own cultural background is becoming more than common place.

Students around the United States seems to be taking the attitude of many high school students in the late 1920's after a boom of progression. The growing indifference to understanding those of a different ethnic group is creating tension throughout the communities, and to bring it even closer to home, the community of Grimsley.

Racial tension may not be a severe problem with the school, but some say the lack of unity it presents is a problem. Students of varying ethnic backgrounds are hardly seen sitting together except for in some classrooms. The most astounding site a visitor or Grimsley might be the unbalanced campus atmosphere at lunch time.

There seems to be a general feeling which advocates that the time is now for Grimsley Students to pull together

and try to understand one another. Cheryse McLeod, a senior said, "When you don't understand someone of another race, closing your mind to this person only inhibits communication and perpetuated a lack of understanding."

The multi-culturalist movement says that once an understanding of other cultures is met and ignorance is stopped administrators,



faculty, and students will begin to see the unity which has been lost return with an intense will to learn. "The more tension taken out of your life, through multi-cultural awareness, the more productive you will be in school," said Mikki Lyndon, a Junior.

School productivity and student involvement (school spirit) has become a concern for many. The lack of unity many students feel has put a damper on the overall spirit of the school. The issue of

cultural separation, whether intentional or not creeps into the athletic events. On any given day the stands at a basketball game appear to be separated into respective cultural groups. "School spirit is not a racial thing, or religious thing, it's just a school thing," said Jenny Ruggieri, a Junior.

However dismal the multi-cultural problem seems to be, there is always hope for the future when there are clubs such as the International club and Multi-Cultural Awareness Club in affect. Just this year some Grimsley students got together and formed the Multi-Cultural Awareness Club. The students started this organization because they saw a need for human relations to improve. As of now, the club has about 30 members and will always welcome more.

Grimsley has taken a few strides in improving ethnic relations by showing growing concern about the lack of school unity and spirit. They have also allowed the students to form a club which educates the ignorance found in unknowing. However, many say that greater steps need to be taken in order to prepare a generation which understands many cultures and can improve the future of America.