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Out of the Blue

Cadet Leaders from Grimsley High School Army Junior ROTC "Whirlie" Battalion showed honor and respect for black veterans in a visit to the Maplewood Cemetery, Greensboro. More than 1,154 black veterans who served in all branches of the military services during World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam are interred in the cemetery. Cadets displayed their respect by the observance of a moment's silence and saluting these honorable men and women who served their country. "Lest we forget."

The Spanish Club members offered their help in a peer tutoring program for Spanish students on Thursdays after school. The group also provided service by arranging collections for the Empty Stocking Fund this past winter, donating over \$350. Some of the Spanish Club's past activities included dinners at Mexico Restaurant and a fundraising raffle which gave the prize of a CD player to Jody Moore, a junior. The club also organized a holiday party where the members made authentic Hispanic foods. Their upcoming plans involve a bowling game with the French Club, an activity for May 5, Mexico's day of independence, and a service project helping the migrant workers in the community.

Some Grimsley students received Honorable Mentions from the Art Gold Key Awards. The "showing" awards were given to Ben Messmer and Michael Duehring who received two awards, and Shane O'Brien and Adam Shumaker. Honorable Mention "not showing" awards were given to Brook Bower, Adam Brown, Anne Beatty, James Burah, Joseph Schlosser, Julie Derfel, Julie Samet, Laura McKinney, Lauren Josephson, Marci Flynt (three awards), Rachel Niles, Scott Smouse, Stephen Stanley, and Ted Chen.

The Grimsley High I.Q. Team placed third in the state-wide tournament on Saturday, March 4, 1995. Congratulations to April Jeffers, Jason Moff, Joseph Murphy, Lindsay Schecter, and Diana Shull.

Kaplan to participate in recitation contest

By Sarah Pendergraft
Reporter

"Wherefore? Why, doth not every earthly creature..."

"The bad king in *Hamlet*..."

"Oh, that I had done a thousand more..."

Every year a few brave Grimsley students take the stage and recite Shakespeare. On February 7, senior Jason Moff took the top honors for the second year in a row. Second and third places went to juniors Susan Kirby-Smith and Maia Kaplan, respectively.

The first place winner of the Shakespeare Recitation Contest at Grimsley is invited to compete at the county competition, held this year on March 4 at Finch Chapel. Moff couldn't attend the county competition because he was competing in the High I.Q. championship. Kirby-Smith also had conflicting plans. Kaplan, reciting a piece from *Titus Andronicus*, found herself representing Grimsley.

The Shakespeare Recitation Contest is

sponsored by the English-Speaking Union. The student who places first at the county competition receives a \$100 cash prize and a trip to New York to compete at the national level.

The County Competition is run by Trudy Atkins.

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Third place Maia Kaplan and first place Jason Moff prepare for the competition. (Second place Susan Kirby-Smith not pictured.)

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Students, teachers debate over policy changes

By Anna West
Reporter

Two new policy changes - one concerning the Old Science building during lunch and the other, tardies - have been the subject of debate among many students and the faculty of Grimsley during February.

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- Matt Schwarz

to inform students of the policy, including making announcements and posting signs. Administrators stood at the door to Old Science for a couple of days giving students warnings before they gave them three days of after school detention on Thursday, February 9.

The decision was made after teachers in Old Science complained about the noise created by students going to their lockers during late lunch. Before strictly enforcing the policy, Mr. Penland obtained written statements from these teachers

stating that they needed quiet halls in order to teach their classes.

Students whose lockers are in Old Science complain that the administration is unjust in prohibiting them from going to their lockers. Tiffany Bowles, a sophomore, says, "I think students should be able to go to their lockers whenever they want since they paid for them."

Peggy Burns, a sophomore, says, "I've been in classes in Old Science taking tests and there has been just as much noise from other classes as lockers make. I don't think the noise level is a good reason."

However, Mr. Penland says, "Even though students have a right to go to their lockers, a student has a greater right to an education."

Bowles thinks students should be given some time, if not the whole period, to go to their lockers before lunch. "They (the administration) should allow us six minutes in between class and lunch to go to our lockers like they do between other classes. Then the teachers in Old Science would only have to deal with the noise during that time and the students would have the opportunity to go to their lockers."

Since that Thursday, Old Science and other buildings with classes have been locked during lunch periods. If a student has a legitimate need

to go in, they can go to the main office and an administrator will unlock the door.

Grimsley also adopted a new tardy policy on February 14. A student's first tardy results in a warning, the second in one day of after-school detention, the third in one day of Saturday detention, the fourth in two days of OSS. For the fifth tardy, a student receives OSS and a parent and administrator conference.

The major reason for change was that teachers had to take too much class time to deal with tardy students. With the new policy, the teacher will simply assign the student detention on the assigned day and can then resume class. Mr. Penland says, "The procedure was changed so we can have immediate response when a student is tardy. We are just trying to have a policy that we could carry out and keep up with administratively."

Some students agree with the installation of the new policy. Matt Schwarz, a sophomore, says, "I think it is very unfair for people who don't want to be here anyway to be tardy. They're just making it harder on those of us who do."

The new policy has lighter punishments and the tardies are counted by class rather than accumulatively as they were before. However, many students disagree with it. Phillip Jackson, a sophomore, says, "I think that the tardy policy is stupid. People aren't tardy because they don't want to be in class. If they don't want to be in class, they will just skip. They are tardy because they have to go to their locker or the bathroom or talk to a teacher. So I think giving them detention is stupid."

Others disagree with the change, not the policy itself. Anne Beatty, a junior, says, "The administration is so inconsistent. The policy always changes and half of the people here don't even know what it is. I think the policy has changed about ten times since I came here."

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