

Low Life

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Out of the
Blue

As spring time draws near, the sun comes out, the birds begin to sing, the flowers are blooming, and there's always the stench that reminds us of the landfill. The Biology department claims that the stench is due to the blooming ginkos. One teacher swears that it's the presence of Tunnel Man (see article, right). However, the *High Life* staff has done extensive under the covers work and found the true secret behind the "Smell of Spring."

Sources at Taco Bell revealed that a certain Grimsley employee has an obsession for chilitos and bean burritos. This insatiable urge for Mexican food has lasted for several years and is obviously catching up with someone on campus. The school board is sending some of the pink stuff from downtown in order to remedy the unknown employees problem and provide an environment more conducive to learning.

Mario Lopez, who played A.C. Slater on *Saved By The Bell*, is scheduled to be a student teacher in the P.E. department. He will be working under Coach Smouse after spring break and hopes to be an assistant coach for the wrestling team next year. When asked to comment, Lopez replied, "Get out of my face, preppie."

Due to lack of interest, this year's prom, slated for May 26, has been cancelled. The prom was scheduled to be held at Bryan Park this year after much conflict arose last year about holding such an important event in the gym. However, this year, the Wrangler McDonald's Soccer Tournament, marked off for the same weekend, has forced students to choose one or the other. According to sources, less than 20% of Grimsley students had planned to attend.

Tunnel man resurfaces

By Sarah Paragraph
Reporter

One homeless man finds refuge on Grimsley's campus. Referred to as "Tunnel Man," this enigmatic character has lived at Grimsley in secrecy for several decades.

Although unknown to many, Tunnel Man lives in the basement of Main Building, often venturing into the huge underground pipes connecting the buildings on Grimsley's campus.

"Legend has it that in 1933 at the height of the Great Depression, a person was

spotted in the tunnel. I do not know whether today's tunnel dweller is the same or several generations removed," said Mr. Allen, who first saw Tunnel Man in 1987.

"I have seen Tunnel Man on several occasions. The most unusual was during a lunch period when several hundred students were present (1992?) between Main Building and the science buildings," Mr. Allen added.

"He hasn't been seen for a while," said Juli Peeler, a junior. "He lives under the school inside the tunnels. He sticks his head out of the manholes every once in a while. Also, in the basement, there are some strange things that look like someone is living down there."

A refrigerator, sofa, bed, and empty soda cans can be found in the basement below the Main Building, suggesting that someone is in residence there.

Mr. Allen is not the only Grimsley teacher to know of Tunnel Man's existence.

"Sometimes he comes into Room 500 and 'borrows' items students have left. Sometimes s/he comes in after school, closes my windows, turns on the radio,

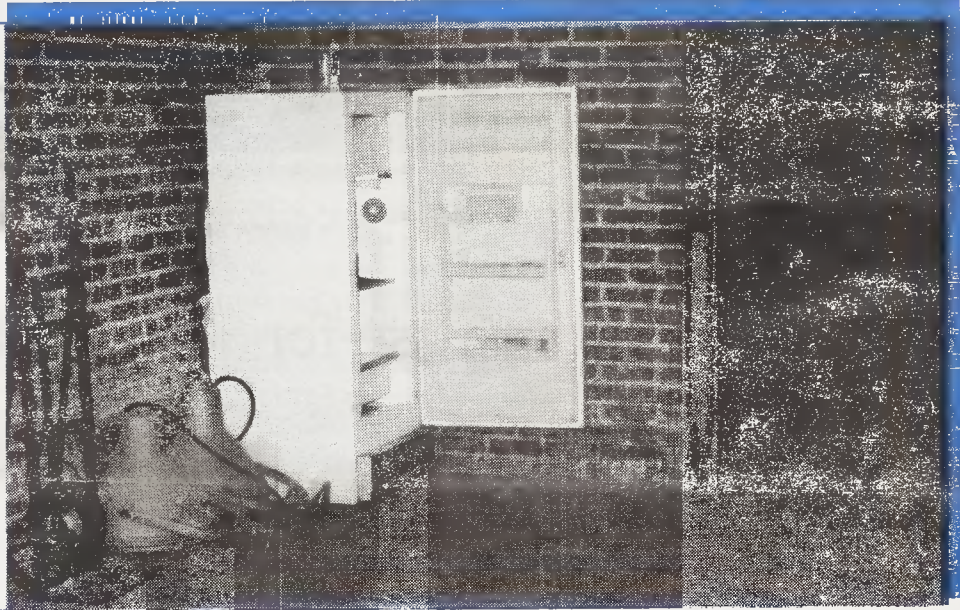
vagabond, he or she is reportedly short in stature and moderate in build, with a moderate to dark complexion.

Although some may doubt the validity of Tunnel Man's existence, many Grimsley staff members and students are positive that he is real.

"Some claim that Tunnel Man is actually a phantom, haunting the grounds because GHS is built over an Indian burial site. Others claim it is the ghost of a former teacher. I think Tunnel Man is a human being," said Mr. Allen.

I have seen evidence of him," said Whitney Wright, a sophomore.

"Empirical data and rationalism make belief in-



Evidence of Tunnel Man's existence can be found in GHS basement.

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and writes on the desks," said Mr. Hands.

Both teachers are quick to point out that Tunnel Man's gender is unknown.

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Mr. Allen
Latin Teacher

actually be cognizant that "he" may be a female," said Mr. Allen.

For those on the look-out for the

consequential," said Mr. Hands.

Tunnel Man is reportedly also to blame for the frequent knocking on the pipes during the winter. Many say he did not pass Mr. Saunders' Calculus class and hopes by knocking on the pipes that he can distract today's students. Mr. Saunders was not available for comment at the time this paper went to print.

But what does Tunnel Man have to do with the average student?

"Tunnel Man is an integral part of our educational surroundings as well as the Grimsley tradition," said Wright.

"I think that Tunnel Man is a little bit of all of us: incarnate, a physical metaphor for the decaying soul of near 21st century education. He is the refugee, left behind, who must stealthily and humbly reside constant in the bowels of the American dream," said junior Alec Ferrel.

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