

High Life

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Out of the Blue

The last of the three Winter Concerts will be held tomorrow night at 7:30pm in the Grimsley Auditorium. Forrest Munden will be conducting the concert bands. Orchestra performed on the 7th and Choral on the 5th of this month.

S.A.V.E. membership rose to 125 with their recent membership drive. New members are welcome. Dues are \$2. The club earned about \$400 with the Christmas tree sale, and is now beginning another project. S.A.V.E. has undertaken a series of skits designed to educate middle and elementary school students about the hazards of violent behavior. If you are interested in helping, or becoming part of S.A.V.E., contact Officer Robinette.

Elections will be held on Wednesday, December 13 for the positions of sophomore and junior class vice-presidents. Good luck to all running.

October's Youth of the Month, an award given by Greensboro Parks and Recreation Department in recognition of excellent scholastic achievements, outstanding leadership, and community service, was Haley Miller, a senior. Erin Murphey, a senior, received the December award.

Cadets, parents, and guests joined members of the Grimsley High School Army Junior ROTC "Whirlie" Battalion for the annual JROTC Open House. On December 3, parents and invited guests were treated to Cadet Team displays, a Cadet Staff Briefing, refreshments and a drill team demonstration. On the 2nd, in the tradition of the army-navy football game, the Whirlies challenged the Southeast Guilford navy JROTC, defeating them 54 - 8.

Student Council has just completed their annual Thanksgiving food drive. Thanks to a total collection of \$268.08 as well as a mountain of cans, Grimsley was able to feed five families for Thanksgiving. Each family received a turkey dinner, five bags of canned goods, and a \$45 gift certificate to Super K-mart. The remaining 624 pounds of canned food were donated to Greensboro's Urban Ministry.

WinterWalk marches ahead

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Guilford County now has the third highest number of reported AIDS cases in the state. AIDS has become the leading cause of death of 25-44 year olds in Winston-Salem and Greensboro. In Guilford county there are currently more than 5,800 people with HIV/AIDS. Within the United States it is estimated that approximately 80% of the 800,000 people infected with HIV are unaware that they have the disease. It is also estimated that by the turn of the century the number of AIDS-related cases in the world will increase from 4 million to 20 million.

It is statistics such as these that necessitate organizations created to serve people living with AIDS as well as to educate the community about HIV and AIDS. The fourth annual Winter Walk took place in Greensboro recently. Organized by Triad Health Project (THP) and the Greensboro Jaycees, the walk is a fundraiser for local AIDS service organizations. Walk participants raise money by getting pledges from their family and friends for the five mile walk.

Winter Walk, which first took place in 1992, has taken on a very important role in this part of North Carolina. This year the walk was the only fundraiser for AIDS service organizations in five counties. The groups benefiting from the 1995 Winter Walk are Triad Health Project, the AIDS Advisory Council of Davidson County, AIDS Care Service, Inc., the AIDS Task Force, the Guilford Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, The Center of Living: Network For Humanity, and The Rockingham County HIV/AIDS Coalition.

Besides the money raised for these or-

ganizations Winter Walk benefits the community in other ways.

"It raises awareness, both in people that participate in the walk and in people that are solicited for money," said Danielle Rossi, a junior.

"It gets more people involved. More people come to club (Lifeguards) meetings



Katie Spencer, Karen Nikfarjam, and Jessica Brown joined hundreds of others, walking to raise money for AIDS education. Brown Photo

after the walk," said Hana Brown, a junior who organized the Grimsley representation at the walk this year.

This was the first year that a group of Grimsley students attended the walk together to represent Lifeguards. Lifeguards is a club that works on the campuses of several high schools to try to educate students about AIDS. Members of the club hope that they will be able to impart some of what they learn through the club to other students on campus.

"Lifeguards is based on the idea that students will listen to other students more easily than they will adults," said Rossi.

"Life guards educates us, and makes us teachers so that we can go out and make others more aware of AIDS," said Ursula Harper, a junior.

"Many students choose to ignore what they know because they don't realize how threatening AIDS is," said Harper.

"Most people think that they are educated, but they aren't. They don't realize that eventually AIDS will affect everyone," said Brown.

Education was a common concern of the club members. Several were worried about the effects of the bill that was recently passed affecting sex education in public schools.

"The new bill will have a direct effect on the number of teens with AIDS because the only place that they learn about it is in school," said Brown.

Triad Health Project, which has been in operation since 1986, cites educating people about AIDS to prevent the transmission of HIV as being one of its main purposes. In the last year THP volunteers reached more than 78,000 people with programs about preventing the spread of HIV.

Triad Health Project also works to directly serve those living with HIV/AIDS and their families. THP performs services such as transporting

individuals to medical appointments, offering support, and providing food for individuals living with AIDS. The organization is also entering a new area of service by providing housing for people living with AIDS in apartments and buildings designed for that purpose.

The proceeds from this year's walk will keep THP and other organizations in operation for another year. The crowd was expected to grow as it has for the past several years at the walk. The number of participants was expected to be between 4,000-5,000, as compared to 2,500 in 1992. The walk is also growing in length, from two miles in 1992 to five miles this year. The 1995 Winter Walk consisted of a loop that started at War Memorial Stadium that directed walkers around the area of downtown past sites such as the old Woolworth's Drugstore and through neighborhoods such as Fisher Park. The participants differ in what motivates them to take part in the event.

"I did the first walk," said Rossi, "and later I saw the quilt (NAMES Project AIDS memorial Quilt). The enormity of the quilt and the individuality of the personal panels really got to me."

"It is something that interests me. It helps the community as a whole," said Brown.

The organizers of the walk stressed that though there is no cure for HIV/AIDS, it is preventable and they hoped to spread that message throughout the community through Winter Walk.

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