

NHS tradition continues

By Sarah Atkinson
Staff Writer

On November 1, 1922, Grimsley became the first school in North Carolina and the seventy-third in the nation to receive a charter for a National Honors Society (NHS) chapter.

"It's an honor because we were in the forefront of schools who wanted to recognize students for their work," said Ms. Manahan, the advisor of NHS.

The club initiated 30 new members on November 21, giving the club a total of 55 members. The induction was held in the Media Center amidst music, food, speeches on knowledge, service, leadership, character, and scholarship, a special candlelight ceremony, and the reciting of the NHS pledge:

"I pledge myself to uphold the high purpose of NHS to which I have been selected, striving in every way, by word and deed, to make its ideals the ideals of my school and my life."

NHS Vice-President Naomi Leslie, a senior, enjoyed her experience of being inducted into the club. "For a lot of people, it's their first induction into a formal society. It was for me," said Leslie.

In order for a student to become a member of NHS, he or she must go through a process similar to applying to a college. A student may apply in the spring of the junior year or the fall or spring of the senior year. The application process consists of producing a resume and a copy of your most recent report card, in which your grade point average must be 3.0 or better. The

resume should include a list of any academic honors received, extracurricular activities, and time given to volunteer organizations. Ms. Manahan suggests a students show "evidence of leadership in these activities, not just participation."

Also, teachers are encouraged to give special comments about a student in their

of a service club, even though that is not what NHS is.

Club President, Jamie Link, a senior, said, "It's more of an honor to be in NHS because it is recognized on a national level by universities, but at school you make it more like a club."

The main project of the club this year is to organize a service they refer to as the "Shadow Program." This is an opportunity for freshmen, as recommended through Mr. Overby, to be tutored by NHS members.

"We feel that this program will help students who have weaknesses where we have strengths," said Leslie. "It is something to give back to the school."

Link expressed how big of a project this is for NHS. "You're only in the club for a year,

so it's hard to really achieve anything that can be carried over to the next year," said Link.

The club is also providing a canteen at drama performances and swim meets in order to raise money. This money goes toward buying the induction ceremony invitations and toward a scholarship fund that the club hopes to present to as many students at the end of the year that money allows.

The official NHS handbook states that the purpose of the club is to "...create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character." Becoming a member of the NHS is an excellent way to be recognized by colleges and to gain an experience that provides you with qualities essential to success.



Jody Moore, Jennifer Oxenfeld, Shabnam Ahmed, and Jamie Link were inducted into NHS.

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resume. Teachers then submit ballots in which they vote for specific students. All of the applications and ballots are then presented to the "Selection Committee," composed of ten to twelve faculty members, chaired by Ms. Langdon. The transcripts are reviewed and discussed, and every applicant is voted on. There is no limit on the amount of new members who may be accepted.

Finally, every student who applied receives either an invitation to come to the induction ceremony or a letter asking them to apply at another time.

"It can be very disappointing if you're not accepted," said Leslie.

Once a member of NHS, a student participates in many activities similar to those

Club more than just debate

By Gracie Morton
Reporter

The Speech and Debate team qualified two members to represent our district at the National Forensic League Tournament in Kansas City. This is considered quite an accomplishment because the team has existed at Grimsley for only four short years.

Mr. Hill, Speech and Debate advisor, wants Grimsley students to know that the team represents their school at competitions from all around the state. Some of these competitions take place at locations such as Icard, Raleigh, and Charlotte. As an added bonus, the members are eligible to earn a varsity letter after about a year of membership.

It may be a common idea that Speech and Debate is only about politics and argument; however, the basic idea is actually about research, interpretation, discussion, and presentation. "The reason that I find it so appealing is because there are so many different events. You do not have to

choose just debate or speech. For example, I participate in original oratory. This is an event where you research and write a speech on any topic,"

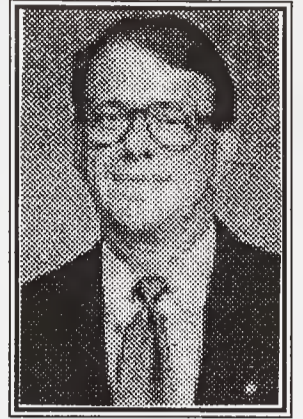
says president of the Speech and Debate team, Maia Kaplan.

In all, there are about ten different events available for participation: prose or poetry, dramatic interpretation, humorous interpretation, story-telling, debating and enacting legislation (otherwise known as Congress), policy debate, duo interpretation, original oratory, extemporaneous speech, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Last year a member of the team, Jason Moff, participated in the category of humorous interpretation. After researching the topic, he wrote a presentation called "Barred Mliiss" which is about the slips and switches of the human tongue.

The Speech and Debate team's advisor, Mr. Joe Hill, comes to Grimsley from Southwest and this is his first year with the team. "I like Mr. Hill because he is really enthusiastic. It is nice to have an advisor that is very committed to us and is really quite gung-ho about the team," says Kaplan.

This year's officers are president Maia Kaplan, vice president Robert Smith, and treasurer Patrick Kinlaw. The team wants the students of Grimsley to consider joining up and encouraging others to do so because they really need as much support as possible.

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Madrigals tour NYC

By Gracie Morton
Reporter

Previously, the Madrigals went to London and performed at Westminster Abby, John Wesley's Chapel, and Holy Trinity Church. This time, the Gold and Silver Madrigals held auditions to choose those who would perform in New York City at the Church of Saint John the Divine and Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

During the trip, which took place from Wednesday the 22nd to Sunday the 26th, the group experienced New York with private tours of the Metropolitan Opera House and Radio City Music Hall. Then, before feasting on a Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday the 23rd, the Madrigals viewed the Statue of Liberty, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and took in a couple of Broadway shows, such as *Les Miserables* and *Grease*.

For some Madrigals, just touring the Big Apple was exciting. Sam Shumaker, a sophomore and Gold Madrigal, says "I am just happy that I got to go to New York. I have never been anywhere further than Alabama. I was really excited about F.A.O. Schwartz, and I planned on waiting in line for David Letterman."

However, for others, the most breathtaking event took place when the group performed in the churches. "The experience of singing in Saint Patrick's Cathedral was unbelievable. It is such a prestigious place for a high school group to perform for; it is very rare," says Erin Bower, a senior and manager of the Silver Madrigals.

The musical agenda for the singers, on the whole, varies from Renaissance to vocal jazz to show choir, but they mainly focus on the Renaissance choral. Costumes, which are included as part of the performances, must be researched, paid for, and sewn by the singers themselves. All of the outfits are generally fashioned after the Renaissance style of the late 14th Century.

For the rest of the month of December, the Gold Madrigals will be having performances at Moses Cone Hospital, Westminster Gardens, and the Friendly Center. The Gold and Silver Madrigals calendar for the rest of the year consists of small and large ensembles, festivals, concerts, and All-State Chorus.

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