

# High Life

Grimsley High School

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## Out of the Blue

Winners of the 1996 Scholastic Awards from Grimsley are Brook Bower, Gold Key, Emily Schiller, Gold Key, Michael Duehring, Gold Key, Michael Smith, Gold Key (2), Shannon Gray, Hallmark and Gold Key (2), and Tracy Spencer, Gold Key. These students' artwork has been selected as being among the best in the state.

"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Grimsley's 1996 T.W.I.R.P. is on Saturday, February 24 from 9pm to 1am at the downtown Hilton. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in the main office before and after school and during both lunches starting Monday, February 19. They will not be available at the door.

Patrick Kinlaw, a senior, was named January's Youth of the Month by Greensboro Parks and Recreation. He received a \$100 scholarship and a nomination for Youth of the Year.

Grimsley and Page will meet again on the basketball court on Tuesday, February 20. The womens' game begins at 6:00pm, and the men play at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$4, and are available at the door.

At Super Saturday, February 10, 1996, Grimsley's High IQ Team placed second out of 35 competing teams. The team will be seeded second out of the eight qualifying teams that will compete in the television tournament. The team members are Jimmy Nehlsen, James Khanlarian, Maia Kaplan, Robert Smith, and Patrick Kinlaw. They are coached by Mr. Williamson and Mr. Whisenant.

Come Away, Death, a murder mystery set in a present day costume company, will be performed at Grimsley in early March. The date is not yet officially set. The lead roles are held by Michael Ferry, Robbie Griffin, Beki Bulla, Amanda Bayne, Kevin Gilligan, Vaden Ball, Jessica Brown, and Lisa Ellisor.

## Long break means short summer

By Brian Schiller  
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It was early on Sunday the seventh of January when Guilford County Public Schools made the announcement that they would be closed to both students and faculty on both Monday and Tuesday. School officials had decided that the 11.5 inches of snow that which was dumped on the Piedmont during the preceding weekend warranted closing schools two days in advance, a practically unprecedented event in Guilford County.

Following the Blizzard of 1996 most local school systems had to cancel the entire week of January 14th and many more also had to cancel the Tuesday and Wednesday following Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Then, as if missing one week of school was not enough, students were kept at home for an additional five days from February 2-8. The twelve days of instruction lost due to the snow are causing many teachers and students a lot of trouble.

As a result of the two weeks of unexpected vacation, there have been major revisions to the school system's calendar for the remainder of the school year. The majority of the days will be made up by the adding onto the end of the year. It is certain that students will be coming to school through June 8 as well as on the 19th of February which was formerly a teacher workday. Though no official decision has yet been made on how the latest snow days will be made up it has been recommended that students come to school through the twelfth of June in addition to coming to school on March 15 which is currently scheduled as a teacher workday.

One consideration of the school board is the possibility that more school will be can-

celed due to the weather. Once school has been scheduled on the two available days during spring break, April 11 and 12, there are very few other times that school can be made up.

Feeling the biggest pinch from the snowdays are those taking I.B./A.P. courses. These classes have exams scheduled starting in May that will not be put off until a later date. Consequently, many of the teachers of these courses are very concerned about being able to get all of their material done.

fortable having students miss more class time the first full week back in school.

The athletics schedule for the remainder of the month has also been affected. Many teams missed several scheduled events on days that school was canceled. Even after returning to school other conflicts arose as other counties struggled to complete their exams and get their schools back on schedule.

The teachers are also going to suffer from the snow days beyond the headache of hectic classes. It is not yet decided how the first two days that

ceded for faculty as well as students will be worked out with the teachers. There is the potential for teachers either having to take the days out of their limited total of personal and annual leave days, or having to compensate for the time by working extra hours after school.

With the help of local transportation officials Su-



School buses sat empty during the recent ice storm, while students stayed at home for five days.

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"I hope that we can get it all in," said Mr. Griffin who teaches the I.B. Physics classes. "Since this is the first time we've given the exam I don't know how thorough we have to be. I do wish that we had that week."

The I.B. History of the Americas classes will be coming to school during one week-end in February and one week-end in March to attempt to make up for lost time.

Even the teachers of some classes that don't have to worry about exams until June have picked up the pace.

"A lot of them have gone frantic, shoving in a lot of homework. They've gotten careless, leaving out important material," said Libbi Dixon, a junior.

Apparently it will be necessary to miss some other potential school events due to the lost time.

"I've already had to say no to a pep assembly request from the student council," said Mr. Penland. He added that he didn't feel com-

perintendent Jerry Weast makes the call on whether or not school will be canceled or delayed. Many employees of the school system are sent out to check the roads for hazardous conditions; their observations are then considered by the administration before issuing an announcement pertaining to the school schedule the following day.

Many Greensboro and county residents have spoken loudly against the administration for having been too cautious in sending students back to school at the student's expense.

"We missed a lot of school, but the time was wonderful. Unfortunately though, in a lot of my classes we are behind in what we were studying," said Christina Chenault, a sophomore.

There has also been abundant criticism for the city workers as well as the city government for not having pushed to get the roads clear so students could report to school. Numerous residents have told stories of plows and salt trucks that drove along their streets with out using their plows or spreaders, essentially just driving along accomplishing nothing. Others found that the streets in front of their homes were still buried under the majority of the 11.5 inches a week after the storm without a road crew in sight and the workers equipment parked in nearby parking lots.

Although many teachers and students enjoyed the time off the prolonged return to school is going to cause many people trouble in the upcoming months. The group least affected by all of this are the seniors as graduation is still on for June 3.

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