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Out of the Blue

Support the Grimsley PTSA and get ready for the Page vs. Grimsley football game at the 5th Annual Family Tailgate Party. The pig pickin' will be held at 6:00 P.M. on October 4 at the GHS gym. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. The meal includes barbecue, fried chicken, baked beans, desserts, and beverages. Entertainment will be provided by the JV cheerleaders, flags, and marching band. Tickets can be purchased at home football games and in the main office.

Pictures for all underclassmen and faculty members will be taken on September 17 and 18. Students will receive information and have their pictures taken through their English classes. Faculty should stop through anytime during the day.

Students who are interested in making \$50 are being given the opportunity by the PTSA. In preparation for Grimsley's centennial celebration the PTSA is planning a series of fund raisers. The proceeds from these projects will be used to purchase a new sound and lighting system for the auditorium. The PTSA is asking for the help of the student body in finding a name for this fund raising campaign. Students are to submit an original idea that can be used as a slogan or name to identify these projects. Entries must be submitted to the main office by Monday, September 23.

The Greensboro Youth Council is currently organizing Goulash! This Halloween festival serves as a way for clubs and other organizations to gain publicity and hold a successful fundraiser. Interested groups should contact Joanne Gilbert at the GYC office (373-2738) for more information concerning booths at Goulash!

Penland departs for South Korea

By Mark Gordon
Reporter

On Friday, August 30th, Dr. Penland ceased to be the principal of Grimsley High School. Dr. Penland, a traveler known to all but two continents, left September 10th for South Korea.

In Korea Dr. Penland will be the headmaster of a small international school of 250 students. The school is located in Taejon, a city that is a one and a half hour train ride south of Seoul. Dr. Penland, his wife, and two of his four children will be moving to Asia. "My children are very excited about the move; they were actually born in Malaysia", said Dr. Penland.

Teaching at a school outside of the U.S. is not a new endeavor for Dr. Penland; he was working at a school in Malaysia for ten years before he came to the Guilford County School system. He went to Malaysia in 1979 under a two year contract. In 1981 Dr.

Penland was promoted to principal, and in 1986 he became headmaster.

It was not until 1987 that Dr. Penland returned to the U.S. in pursuit of his doctorate.

Jamestown Middle School, a daughter at Ragsdale, and Dr. Penland at Grimsley, time with his children was inevitably compromised. In Korea, Dr. Penland, his wife, and their two children will all be at the same school. Dr. Penland says, "My only regret in leaving Grimsley, and the regret of any principal at a large school, is that I didn't get a chance to really get to know a lot of students."

"Mr. Penland was the man; I'm sorry to see him leave," says Isaac Kuo, a junior. The vast majority of Grimsley students agree with Kuo. "He was a very successful and very progressive principal, and I'm not just making that up," says Ingrid Chen, another junior.

On a final note, Dr. Penland says, "I would like to thank the students of Grimsley for their support and their kindness." With a few last words of wisdom Dr. Penland would like to advise the students of Grimsley: "Do your very best to take advantage of your opportunities."

Next issue: Meet Ms. Teague



Dr. Penland discusses details with Ms. Teague during his final week at Grimsley.

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A doctoral program at UNCG brought him to Greensboro. Dr. Penland was the assistant principal of Eastern Guilford High School until 1993 when superintendent West selected Penland as the principal of Grimsley.

Dr. Penland's main reason for leaving Grimsley is more family time. With a son at

Littered campus may bring restricted lunch

By Lisa Ellisor
Reporter

Grimsley's lunch policy faces major changes. Student behavior has caused the administration to form a new policy regarding the trash left on campus and in the parking lot. Rumors are out in full force creating confusion, anger, and in some cases, understanding in the student body.

According to Dr. Penland, the new policy is truly clear cut. Grimsley students must clear away their trash both on the campus and in the parking lot in order to maintain open lunch. The hard details of the policy are the following: students would be accompanied to lunch by their fourth period teachers and would be picked up after their designated lunch period.

It would be on a scheduled day-to-day basis, or a sufficient period of time to remind students of their responsibilities. There would be three thirty-minute lunch periods with seniors being required to remain on campus. All students would be required to eat in the cafeteria. Everyone, including seniors would be punished for violation of this policy.

Dr. Penland said, "This policy may be unfair, but it addresses the issue. Peer-pressure is a key point in prevention. If you see a specific group of kids leaving their mess, tell an administrator, and we will address the issue." The administration hopes that this course of action will prevent group punishment at all costs. "I know that the kids don't like to 'narc' on each other, but if we can find the perpetrators, then we can get them in line and not punish everyone," said

Dr. Penland.

This year the amount of trash has decreased, so thus far, the problem is taking care of itself. This fact is more than likely due to student response. The majority of students indicate that they are very likely to keep everything clean rather than sit out the repercussions.

Many students find the policy grossly unfair, some think it an idle threat and some have even threatened to rebel or leave campus anyway. Some students agree with the policy. "We are privileged to have such a pretty campus with no fences or anything," says Kevin Burke, a junior. "If we're gonna go here we need to keep it clean," says Eric Cannon, also a junior.

Students who oppose restricted lunch are bitter and angry. "It's a blatant threat. They couldn't do it. The cafeteria is too small. It's a conspiracy to break our will," says Morgan Hayes, a senior. "The whole school should not be held responsible for the acts of a minority of students," says Jake Perez, a junior. "I've gone to school for fourteen years for this and I'm not about to give this up," said Brad Marley, a senior, speaking on the clause in the policy restricting seniors' lunch privilege.

Some students are just as fed up as the administration with the misbehavior of classmates and support the policy. "Even though putting all of us in the cafeteria would be extremely uncomfortable, it would be extremely effective," says Jessica Brown, a junior.

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