

# Battle against campus crime continues

By Meganne Raines  
Reporter

Students who think that their school is crime free may be in for a rude awakening. If people payed attention to the Crime Stoppers bulletins posted throughout campus they would find that many of the people featured on the posters are their peers. In fact, the high school age group is, statistically, the second highest in regard to crime in our country. Last year Grimsley students supported this fact as almost 5 percent of the total student population was involved in arrests.

Trespassing was the most common charge on campus last year. Officer Robinette, Grimsley's Student Resource Officer, said that last year there were 115 individuals accused of trespassing. Trespassers may be identified as people who are on campus when classes are not in session or as visitors to Grimsley who do not register with the main office. Also, trespassing often involves marijuana and other drug deals.

Fighting was the second most prevalent crime on campus last year. It is a criminal offense known as affray, and there were 40 incidents of it at Grimsley last year. Violators of this crime can and will be punished.

Some do not view crime as a very serious problem at Grimsley. Divya Reddy, a sophomore, said, "We've enforced it [crime] so much that people don't do it anymore." Junior Daniel Bass said, "It's not a problem here."

Statistics are already being calculated for the '96-'97 school year. So far there have been two arrests for assault, two for trespassing, one for disorderly conduct, and one for a common threat. This year's no toleration

## Students make stage come alive

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All Grimsley's a stage and its Whirlies the players. The drama department is kicking off the 1997 season and is looking forward to another exciting year.

Playmasters is currently working on a series of one-act plays. "The Remarkable Susan," about Susan B. Anthony's struggle for suffrage, "Competition Piece" is a parody of drama contests, and possibly a third play, which has not yet been disclosed. The series of the two or three plays will be presented during the beginning of November. Both pieces are ensemble casts and have no single leading character. The casting is still flexible at this point, and students wishing to join Playmasters should attend meetings each week on Mondays and Thursdays for actors or Wednesday for technical crew. If you must miss out on this series of plays, the next project will begin production upon the completion of the current project. As Mr. Zaruba says, "We're always in production!"

Drama Two classes are now in the process of producing "Twelve Angry People" a courtroom drama based on jurors deliberating a murder case. This play will be presented the week of October 14th to English classes and evening audiences.

Ticket cost will be three dollars for each evening of plays, but season tickets are still available. "Patrons" can get a season pass

policy for crime is hoped to result in a lower crime rate. As Officer Robinette stated, "If there is a crime committed, we're going to make an arrest."

Officer Robinette believes that the school crime rate at Grimsley can decrease from five to two percent. He said, "Ideally we would like to see that number drop to zero, but we realize that the school population is a reflection of the general population. As long as we have crime in society, we will have crime in school."

With the help of students, faculty, and administration, Grimsley's crime percentage can be reduced. Officer Robinette said that the way to lower the crime percentage is through education and deterrence. Education is extremely vital because students will often do things without being aware of their consequences. In addition, there are many students who are not aware that certain acts are crimes. Attention must be brought to the things students may do that will get them into trouble.

Officer Robinette hopes to educate students by speaking to classes at the request of teachers. Another method to educate students about crime is Students Against Violence Everywhere (S.A.V.E.). All students are encouraged to join this important organization which works to keep violence out of schools. Students who would like to join may contact S.A.V.E. advisor, Mr. Wilson, or co-presidents Randall Ariail and Chad McMurray.

Officer Robinette views our school crime problem as an equation in which Grimsley students are either a part of the solution or a part of the problem. In his words, "Working together we can create a safe and crime-free learning atmosphere that is just like every other aspect of Grimsley... Second To None."

for ten dollars which is good for all drama productions this year, as well as the musical. Individuals who donate 25 dollars are considered "Donors." The "Donor" status includes two season passes, and eligibility for the special gala celebration. An "Angel" contributor for 50 dollars will receive three season passes, special recognition, and eligibility for the gala.

Playmasters is projecting a very busy season. They are planning to perform one more play before the winter break and two to three more afterward, plus the annual musical.

The student body is excited about the plays, however they do have some suggestions. Mary Pipan, a senior said, "Playmasters should sponsor a student play writing contest, and the winner should have their play performed." Beki Bulla, a junior, said, "I'm excited about the play we're doing now ("The Remarkable Susan") because it puts forth a political message." Jacob Perez, a junior suggested, "Playmasters should do more advertising. They should put posters and stuff up on campus." Mr. Zaruba is toying with several ideas but prefers not to plant the seeds of rumors just yet. Some plays that the student body has asked for are The Crucible by Arthur Miller, Death Of A Salesman by Arthur Miller, Cyrano De Bergerac by Edmond Rostrand, and The Tempest by William Shakespeare. The Mousetrap and Ten Little Indians by Agatha Christie have also been suggested.

"We're always in production."  
-Mr. Zaruba



Mr. Cahall introduces himself to Emily Duquette.

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## Cahall brings young blood to administration

By Mark Gordon  
Reporter

CIA employee?, F.B.I. investigator? I.R.S. agent?; who is that tall lanky figure that has been roaming the campus for the past few weeks? And, more importantly, what is he doing here? His name is Mr. Cahall and he is Grimsley's new Assistant Principal for Instruction replacing Mrs. Langdon.

At Grimsley, Cahall's job will involve scheduling, curriculum, textbooks, staff and staff development. Mr. Cahall says he hopes to, "have a positive impact on teaching and learning." Though he has only been at Grimsley for a few weeks he already said, "I've been very impressed by the standards academically and behaviorally." A University of Virginia alumnus, Cahall came to Greensboro from Charlottesville. Cahall's 6'4" frame fit well on the Virginia football team where he was an offensive guard. After graduation he worked at Albemarle High School, which is very similar to Grimsley, as athletic activities and attendance administrator. Cahall returned to U.V.A. five years after graduation to get his masters in Educational Administration.

For now Mr. Cahall is living in an apartment in Greensboro but he hopes to find a house for himself and Otis, his dog, a chow. A man of 32 years Mr. Cahall says he tries to work out about two hours a day, either running or lifting weights. In his football playing days Mr. Cahall said he had a top weight of about 280 pounds but now he only weighs about 230. Needless to say the rather large Mr. Cahall will make a nice counterpart to the rather petite Mrs. Teague.

Mrs. Teague had a plethora of reasons for hiring Mr. Cahall. Mr. Cahall really wanted to work at a high school and that was significant according to Mrs. Teague. "He values the same things that I do and that is important," said Mrs. Teague. Mrs. Greene and Mr. Whites both felt that Cahall was the right man for the job. With that and his outstanding qualifications he was hired.

You've all seen him and now you all know who he is. Maybe the Assistant Principal for Instruction isn't quite as intriguing as secret agent but that's okay, Mr. Penland was never really in the Mafia either. So if you have any problems or questions concerning Grimsley do not hesitate to consult our new administrator.

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a beautiful Renaissance style braid for the day for a minimal cost.

The festival also plays to the food connoisseur who will find a wide variety of dishes available. The first of the temptations is the "breade bowls". Which are served with either cheese soup or stew, and are smelled throughout the area. Other meat dishes include roasted turkey, "steak-on-stake," "fysche and chips," and buffalo wings. The desserts include cinnamon roasted almonds, caramel baked apples, ice cream and Italian ices. There are also many kinds of hot beverages to chose from.

The Madrigals have been working hard since the beginning of school practicing to perform at this festival. They were selected by Terry Foy, the entertainment director for the festival, and have sung at the faire since its opening in 1995. After the Madrigal's work is done they are able to the enjoy the faire. "The food is fin-

ger licking good!" said Vaden Ball, a junior. "The Renaissance Festival is more fun than anything! Take your wallets," said James Williams, a senior.

In a final note tickets are available at all local Harris Teeter at \$9.95 for adults and \$3.95 for children 5-12 or available at the festival for \$1 more. The festival grounds are found between I-77 and I-85 on Highway 17 on Poplar Tent Rd. about 20 minutes north of Charlotte. As Eric Cannon, a Junior said, "It's an interesting way to step back in time." The Grimsley Madrigals encourage you to grab ye fayre dame and head down to the Renaissance Festival for pomp, pageantry, and medieval times.



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