

High Life

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Out of the Blue

Senior Anna West was elected by the senior class to be Grimsley's nominee for the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. West was nominated due to her strengths in the categories of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. West will now advance to the state level where she will compete for a \$250 cash award.

Grimsley Winterguard interest forms are available in the band room. Winterguard combines precision flag with dance technique performed to music. The routine is performed competitively each Saturday throughout winter before a panel of judges. Everyone is welcome, and experience is not required. Interest forms should be put in the folder on the flag room door by Oct. 31st.

Anyone intending to participate in a Grimsley athletic team this winter needs to get a sports physical before the first day of practice. Physicals are offered at the Grimsley Health Center. The Health Center asks that appointments be made as far in advance as possible in order to ease scheduling.

Seniors Brian Schiller and Kate Worthington were chosen to be Grimsley's nominees for the John Motley Morehead Foundation's scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The scholarship includes full tuition, room and board, as well as a stipend for summer programs organized by the foundation.

The Thanksgiving Food Drive will get underway on November 4. Students should bring donations of money and canned food to their first period classes. Goods will be collected through November 22.

Members of Torchlight, Grimsley's chapter of the National Honor Society, are offering tutoring on Thursdays from 3:30 until 4:30 P.M. Tutors are available in most subject areas. Interested students should sign up outside of Room 211.

Students get involved in democratic process

By Meganne Raines
Reporter

Long lines, crowded gyms, colorful political signs littering the campus; this is a common sight every year as students and voters collide here at Grimsley on election day. However, this year the picture will be much different. Students will not be in school on election day, November 5, in part due to a program called KidsVoting.

KidsVoting is a national program that is making its debut in Guilford County this year. The program was initiated in 1988 for the purpose of involving kids in the process of selecting government officials. Part of this program allows students to go to the polls with their parents on November 5 and vote in their own special election. This is designed to encourage more parents to remember to vote. The major goal of the program is to increase voter participation and instill in minors that voting is a right to be held in high regard and should not be neglected or looked upon as an extra chore. Nationally the KidsVoting program has significantly increased voter turn-out over the past eight years.

Ideally, the fact that Guilford County schools will not have classes on election day due to a teacher workday will make an impact on voter turn-out. It is hoped that teachers and other adults

who may not have had a chance to vote during the day in previous elections will now have the opportunity to do so. Grimsley students seem to agree with this idea. Edmond Brewster, a senior, said,

that students can have an impact on adult voters. Overall students feel that no school on election day is a good idea.

The day off is a chance for students to experience a real election. Gene

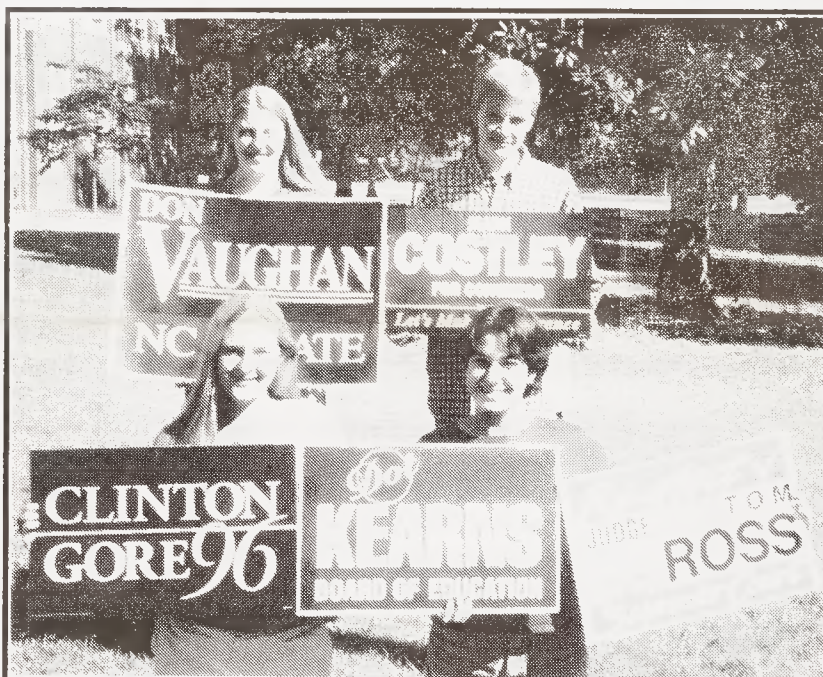
Bragg, a junior, sees positive aspects of the day off. Bragg said, "Getting out on election day allows students to keep up with current news and lets students be more involved with the elections." Not only does the KidsVoting program give students the chance to vote, it also allows students to participate in the election by volunteering their time working at each precinct.

Schafer also feels that working at the polls can have a positive effect on the election. Schafer said, "It is support of a worthy cause and a chance to help the candidates I support."

Some Grimsley students have already helped with the election and also have plans to work on election day. Teen Democrats, an organization made up of teens from Guilford County high schools, will have members working at the polls. Sarah Roberts, a senior and member of Teen Democrats said, "We hope that our work has made more people aware of certain candidates, so that they can be informed voters and make the right decision in this year's election." In addition, Roberts said, "I participate in Teen Democrats, and will continue to do so, because I support the ideals and goals of the Democratic party. I hope that I can help make a difference in our government."

Guilford County students may also join the Teen Republicans, though a decline in interest has prevented the club from remaining active during the last year. In the past both groups have been involved in elections by placing yard signs in visible locations throughout the community, working at the polls to represent candidates, and phone banking in order to make sure that the public is aware of new candidates.

If interested in the Kids Voting program, call 373-7176.



Teen Democrats Hana Brown, David Lemon, Sarah Roberts, and Hester DeCasper advertise their candidates.

"I think that getting out of school will increase the voting percentage."

Many people feel that teenagers have begun to ignore the opportunities they have during elections because they feel that the government has little impact upon their lives. If students are willing to devote some time to helping local candidates there is the potential for them to have a large effect on the outcome of the election. Katherine Schafer, a senior, said, "It is important for me to voice my opinion and be heard. If I care about who runs my country and what they do, I cannot be apathetic."

The general opinion of Grimsley is

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