

Channels flavor T.V.

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Staff Writer

The new channels- some people have them, some people do not. Still, all are fascinated by these additions to cable programming. So, in the spirit of the great adventurers of years gone by, I will lead you on a tour of what these uncharted territories hold in store for the viewing audience.

The Golf Channel- Pretty self-explanatory. If you like golf, you'll like this channel. If not, don't stop here. "Golf Highlights," "Golf Central," "Golf Channel Academy Live," golf golf golf. blah blah blah.

E!- This channel is sort of the television equivalent to the magazine Entertainment Weekly; you can watch it for an hour and not remember a thing ten minutes later. In fact, you could probably tape a couple hours, watch them over and over, and never know the difference. Very interesting, very devoid of any substance.

Sci-Fi Channel- Hit and miss. This channel ranges from really good stuff ("Invisible Man," "Ripley's Believe It or Not") to complete garbage ("Robocop"-the syndicated series). I just don't think there's enough quality science fiction programming to have a 24-hour station.

Cartoon Network- This is the reason television was invented. The Cartoon Network has it all- the wackiness of "Scooby Doo," the raw brutality of "Tom and Jerry," the bizarre mass that is "Space Ghost Coast to Coast"- and that's without even mentioning classics like "Speed Racer" and "Underdog."

The History Channel- I know, it sounds boring, but give it a chance. If you like A&E, you'll,uh, really like The History Channel. Sometimes they show movies; sometimes they show documentaries. Sometimes, you can't tell the movies apart from the documentaries.

Univision (The Spanish Channel)- Now this is entertaining. However, one sort of gets the feeling that this would be less entertaining if one could actually understand what the people were saying. I recommend "Tu y Yo" and "Plaza Sesamo (Sesame Street)."

Home and Garden TV- About as exciting as it sounds. It is hard not to be lured in by tantalizing titles like "Remodeling" and "Home Furnisher's Market," but I am managing.

ESPN2- A fairly good supplement to regular ESPN. Here, you get more college football and hockey (good), but also more drag racing and women's college volleyball (bad). Some programs, "Motoworld," for instance, seem to be there mainly to fill time slots.

Letters to the Editor

Students miss Mr. Buczinsky's unique teaching style

Dear Editor,

We glide along through our educations, trying to make the days pass as quickly as possible. It is very rare that a teacher can grasp our attention and slow down time. Mr. William Buczinsky is one of those teachers. Every moment in his class sings with life that so many other teachers ask you to leave at the door. This life comes through in the humane way Mr.B. treats his students and through the enthusiasm he has for the subject. Would that I could maintain such passion for just a day when he does so all year. I have been lucky to be his student, both of us learning along the way, but I've learned more about myself than the literature. I've been in the texts and come out a better person.

Listening to Mr.B's stories of true heartbreak and downfall, I've heard the same echoes within myself. I'll never forget the day he told us that we should be true to ourselves no matter what other people may want us to do. I left class that day with a conviction that has never wavered. Who else but a wise man could help me realize the path of my life in one short hour? Mr.Buczinsky helped me choose my path, and today I wish him well on the path he has chosen. Mr.B tried to convince us that he was a Zen master, a great philosopher, an artist, a writer, a poet, a dreamer, and above all else, a free soul. I believe you are, Mr.B, and I believe in you. I wish you well in all of your journeys.

Jessica Brown
Junior

Interest in IB program continues

Dear Editor,

This year marks the second full year of involvement for Grimsley High School in the International Baccalaureate program. Last May saw our first round of testing and the results were very gratifying. Grimsley compared favorably with the other schools around the world, many of whom have been in the program for several years.

There are over 200 students at Grimsley taking at least one IB course. In addition, there are a total of 22 students enrolled in the full diploma program at this time. There are twelve juniors and ten seniors enrolled in IB.

There continues to be strong interest among freshmen and sophomores who have heard about the program. Underclassmen were surveyed about their interest in IB through the Honors English classes this fall. The results indicated that a total of 82 freshmen and 65 sophomores might be interested in the full IB program. Many indicated that they needed more information about the program before making a decision.

It has been very encouraging to me, as IB Coordinator, to see the growth of the program and the level of commitment among the diploma candidates especially. It is a hard road, but nothing worthwhile was ever achieved without sacrifice. I commend those who have chosen to participate and I encourage others to consider it for their last two years at Grimsley.

Dr. Kee
IB Coordinator

Whirlies,
Letters to the Editor are your means of letting us know what you think. We can not accurately portray your ideas without your input. Letters can either be brought to the Tech Prep Lab in the vocational building during early lunch or given to Ms. Kidd in Room 200 on the second floor of Main Building. All letters must be signed. Take advantage of this opportunity and speak up.
The High Life Staff

Whirlies ...

Speak Out

What is one thing that you would change about Grimsley?



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"I would add nap time to the curriculum."

-Mike Fowler, Sophomore



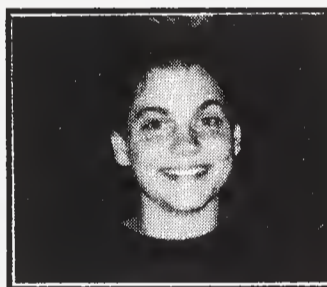
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"How about a little logic in the heating system? When it's 60 degrees, heat doesn't need to be on full blast. When it's 30 degrees, you could at least turn it on. It doesn't bother me because I have a coat, but I'm tired of hearing others complain about it."

- Sam Cone, Sophomore

"I would make it so the teachers would help the students more with their schoolwork."

-Mike Gillis, Senior (Not pictured)



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"If I could change anything about Grimsley, it would be that all students could go out to lunch."

- Denise Singley, Sophomore

"I would change the racial situation. If you walk around at lunch you can actually see all the white people together and all the black people together."

-Cheickna Baber, Sophomore



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"I would change the number of course requirements because they are too restricting."

-Beirne Roose-Snyder, Sophomore