

High Life

Volume 73 No.7

Grimsley High School

801 Westover Terrace
Greensboro, NC 27408

March 11, 1997

Out of the Blue

After extensive renovations to portions of the first floor of the Vocational Building, Grimsley will build a new Technology Lab. The labs equipment will cost in excess of \$100,00 and will be used to teach Fundamentals of Technology. The 1800 square foot facility will be air conditioned.

Grimsley was one of 6 Guilford County High Schools represented in the 1997 Western Region All-State Honors and Repetory Orchestras. Grimsley Students Stephanie Chan, Richard Dunn, John McKinney, Morgn Smith, Jeremy Hess, Hanna Kim, Annie Oxenfeld, Sarah Swink, Robert Suggs, Kevin Burke, and Bryan Burroughs were selected during auditions that took place in January. As members of the Western Region All-State Orchestras these students participated in a series of events from February 28- March 2 at Appalachian State University.

The Guilford County Talent Expo '97 will take place on March 22, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in the Carolina Theatre. Students from Guilford County between the ages of 13-18 and groups based in Guilford County will perform in a variety of categories including vocal, dance, instrumental, drama, art, creative writing, and photography. Cash prizes will be awarded.

Congratulations to the ten Grimsley seniors who were named National Merit Finalists based on their scores on the PSAT. Finalists included Jason Elliot, Irina Bochkis, Ariel Niles, Anna West, Hester DeCasper, Tim Danford, Keith Taylor, Sarah Pendergraft, James Williams, and Danielle Rossi.

Ill-fated lover stands trial

By Cesar Alvarez and Scott Fischer
Reporters

A freshman at Grimsley was recently on trial for a murder - committed five hundred years ago. The state prosecuted Romeo Montague for the murder of Tybalt Capulet.

Dr. White's second period honors English class staged a mock trial based on William Shakespeare's play Romeo and Juliet on February 13th. The trial was an effort by Dr. White to get her students more interested and engaged in their topics of study and to experience something close to a real life trial by jury.

Those who are familiar with Romeo and Juliet recall that in Act III Scene One Romeo kills Tybalt in the streets of Verona. The fight between Romeo and Tybalt ensues after Tybalt kills Mercutio, Romeo's best friend. Romeo steps between Tybalt and Mercutio in an attempt to stop their fight, but Tybalt's sword fatally wounds Mercutio. Romeo and Tybalt then duel, resulting in Tybalt's death. For this "felonious act," Romeo, played by freshman Jeremy Hess, stood trial. Was it premeditated? Was the killing of Tybalt in self-defense?

The Honorable Charles White, husband to Dr. White and a district court judge, presided

over the court. Also present were two attorneys: North Carolina Assistant District Attorney Mr. John Neiman as the prosecuting lawyer, and criminal defense lawyer Mr. Robert O'Hale defending Romeo. Freshman Jeremy Carter played Romeo's cousin, and lead witness, Benvolio.

Judge White conducted the trial as if it were

"Officer Shakespeare."

The prosecution pointed out that Benvolio, Romeo's cousin and friend, admitted that Romeo wanted revenge. In addition to this, Mr. Nieman argued that while all people become enraged, anger should not result in a murder. "We all become angry, but we all don't pull out a sword with an intent to kill," said the prosecution.

The defense countered with Tybalt's violent history. "Tybalt was a violent man. The prosecution could have contradicted it, but chose to not to, and only called Benvolio. They did not prove beyond reasonable doubt that Romeo was guilty," said Mr. O'Hale.

At the conclusion of the trial, the jury deliberated and concluded in approximately 30 seconds. "We have found the defendant not guilty under the terms of self



Prosecuting attorney Mr. John Neiman appeals to the jury.

Fulton photo

an actual trial, using legal terminology and proceedings. The atmosphere, however, was not as tense. Several times the court room affairs were interrupted by laughter.

"The element of humor gives definite motivation. People learn better when they are having fun," said Hess, who at one point in time had to refer back to the police report documented by

defense," said freshman Tom Holland, the jury foreman.

"I think we had an advantage because everybody loves the story and Romeo, and no one cares a lot for Tybalt. I think the jury was just and wise in their swift decision," said the defense.

Driving violation brings felony charge

By Mark Gordon
Reporter

A twelve gauge pistol grip shotgun along with fifteen rounds of ammunition was brought onto Grimsley campus on Tuesday, February 11. Officer Robinette found the gun in a white truck that had been dropping a student off on the service drive. Not only was the truck not supposed to be on the service drive but it was driving recklessly as well. Officer Robinette was able to catch up with the driver on Westover Terrace and stop the

vehicle. That was when he saw the gun.

Wilbur Izzard, the driver of the truck, was charged with possession of firearm on school grounds, a felony, as well as a misdemeanor charge of careless and reckless driving. Situations such as this are only one of the reasons that only faculty and school buses are allowed on the service drive.

The service drive was originally made off limits as a result of an accident in which a student was injured. There were also a number of students and visitors driving too quickly down the

road and endangering students. Since service drive was placed off limits, several students have lost the right to drive on campus.

"I've almost gotten hit many times. I did get hit once," said Anne Marie Franklin, a junior who is familiar with the parking lots hazards.

Under this program if Officer Robinette feels anyone is driving in an unsafe manner he can issue a citation to the student which the student must take to their parents. The student must then have a parent contact Officer Robinette before the student is allowed to resume driving on campus. If that student is cited again they may lose their driving privileges on campus or it is likely they will be issued an official citation.

"I think it will teach people to be safer drivers, if they want to keep driving to school and they know about the rule they'll be more cautious," said Meredith Rhoades, a junior.

Officer Robinette has issued a few of these citations and has issued one official citation for careless and reckless driving, a misdemeanor that carries four insurance points. "Any traffic offense by a sixteen or seventeen year old can result in the loss of his or her license", says Officer Robinette.

Featured Inside

Spring Break



Soccer: Whirlie ladies take the field



page 11