

Mayor-elect looks toward future

By Regina Sechter
Staff Writer

With Mayor-elect Keith Holliday, a Democrat, arriving on the scene as of December 7, 1999, teens in Greensboro have an opportunity to have their voices and opinions on issues listened to and taken seriously.

As a graduate of Grimsley Senior High School and a father of a son who graduated from Grimsley as well, Holliday certainly walks to the beat of a Whirlie drummer. Before October 15, 1999, when Grimsley took a sweet victory over their arch rival Page High School, the last time they had been successful in defeating Page was the year that the mayor-elect graduated.

When Holliday attended Grimsley, most of his social activities revolved around school. "We never missed a football game, or a basketball game for that matter, and there were at least five or six dances per year. The administration was very high on making the school accessible to teens during the day, after school and at night as well. This really made the school customer friendly," says Holliday.

On the issue of teens and their community, Holliday strongly favors having the voices of Greensboro youth heard. Holliday was concerned that there is no committee or platform that allows for open dialogue on not necessarily teen-related problems but issues. Holliday says, "We focus too much on the

'problem teen' and not enough on the bored teen." When the Mayor-elect was young, Holliday said that kids had hangouts like the drive-in movie theater where they all met without alcohol or drugs and just had a good time. He said that this kept kids off the streets, and that it would be great if teens in Greensboro had something similar. Holliday feels that teens need positive places to spend their time socializing rather than out driving around and possibly getting into trouble. Holliday says, "Greensboro needs a place where teens can go that is organized, drug free, but at the same time, cool. A place where you don't feel bad about being there. A place where parents would feel safe about allowing their teens to go."

"If I could change anything in the school system, it would be that we could have neighborhood schools that were racially balanced. It would probably be the single best thing for our school system. I wish it was a broad and equal school system," Holliday says.

Although the position of Mayor in Greensboro has no real power in the public education field, Holliday says he plans on being a front liner for changes within the system. Holliday said, "There are vast problems in the field of public education. I am strongly, strongly, in favor of a bond referendum to build new schools. It is so long overdue. Although the city has nothing to do with the issue of public education, I plan on advocating that

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Mayor-elect and Grimsley alumnus Keith Holliday stands with sophomore Regina Sechter at City Hall. With his strong views on education and teen issues, he will bring many positive changes to Greensboro.

"Anything Goes" leaves audience humming a tune

By Emma Burgin
Reporter

Over 150 people attended the opening night of "Anything Goes," Grimsley Playmasters' 1999 offering of their annual musical extravaganza. Memorable songs, such as "Friendship," "You're the Top," and, of course, "Anything Goes" will stay with theater patrons long after the elaborate set comes down.

Junior John Kernodle, senior Vivian Kemp, and junior Sarah Coates played the lead roles in this fun musical about a cruise ship and its travelers—their

love lives, their secrets, their desires. Coates's Reno Sweeney served as a sexy mentor and confidante to Billy Crocker, played by Kernodle. Crocker was creative, taking on many disguises, as he sang and joked his way into Hope Harcourt's heart (played by Kemp). Many of Kernodle's lines required that he speak in a variety of accents and voices, from old lady to Chinaman, to the stuffy "George Bernard Shaw." Senior David DeWeese played the naïve and lovable Sir Evelyn "Evie" Oakleigh who had

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Block scheduling looms for county schools

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No senior lunch, 90 minute long classes, and a schedule that's way too confusing. When speaking about block scheduling, these statements seem to be fairly common. Rumor has it that in 2001, Grimsley High School will implement "block." Experience has shown that people can't always believe what they hear and that statement has been proven with the Block Scheduling rumor.

No, block is not coming to Grimsley. However, a reorganized schedule may be put into effect, and

that's precisely why Grimsley is a part of a task force that discusses the issue.

Block scheduling comes in many forms. An example of one type of this schedule genre is that students would take four classes per day for 90 minutes each. Then, after the first semester, students would take four completely different classes. Some block programs operate where one takes four classes per day (90 minutes each). Every other day students would be taking a different set of classes.

So, Grimsley is not going to use block scheduling. However, there are

changes that need to be made. Mrs. Jane Teague, Grimsley's principal said, "No one knows for sure what's going to happen with the schedule, if anything at all. What we do know is that not all schools have equal opportunities, and that is a real problem."

The problem to which Mrs. Teague refers is that right now all 14 high schools within Guilford County are operating on completely different schedules. This difference is making things really difficult for those students who have transferred and

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