

Out of the Blue

"Apollo's Syndicate," formerly known as "Quintessence," is now accepting submissions for the 1999-2000 edition. Students may submit original essays, poems, short stories, or artwork to Mr. Caskie in Room 201, Ms. Edwards in Room 204, or any staff member. Entries must be complete with a cover sheet, title, and the student's first period teacher's name. The deadline is March 2.

TAGS members will participate in The Human Race on Saturday, March 25. This 5k walk/run is a fundraiser event to benefit the community local nonprofit organizations. The event will take place at Jamieson Stadium from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. rain or shine and is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Greensboro.

Greensboro Hi-Lites, a new performing troupe, will hold auditions on Saturday, March 4 at the Weaver Education Center from 10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. No experience is required, just the desire to sing and dance. The troupe will perform at special events, half-time shows, and other city functions.

Applications for the National Honor Society will be available in the main office from Monday, March 6 to Wednesday, March 15. Interested juniors and seniors should complete the application and turn it in to Mr. Griffin by Thursday, March 16. A faculty committee will evaluate the applications on the basis of academic achievement and extra-curricular activities.

Sophomore students will take the state writing test on Tuesday, March 7 during first and second periods. This test will count for ten percent of their final exam grade in English 10.

The Grimsley Student Health Center is offering hepatitis immunizations at no cost to all students who are registered. The series of shots should be started soon in order to be completed in time for summer employment. The series consists of three shots over a several month period.

Various Grimsley students will perform in Christ United Methodist Church's version of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" on March 10 and 11. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$8.00 for adults.

Science Olympiad teams place high

By Ashley Kelly
Staff Writer

Competing on February 5th at East Chapel Hill High School, the Science Olympiad teams were victorious. The team "Reached for the Stars" by doing the "Wright Stuff" during the competition.

"Reach for the Stars," and "Wright Stuff" are two of the many competitions that the Science Olympiad placed first in. With Ms. Keele advising Grimsley's Science Olympiad team, they took the region by surprise by placing first and fifth in the regional competition. Two teams of 15 participated in the competition. Team A placed first and will go on to the state championship in April.

The lowest place Grimsley took in any category was fourth. Some of the areas in which the team placed higher were Building a Tower, Physics Lab, Amphibians and Reptiles, Water Quality, Road Scholar, Disease Detectives and Chemistry Lab.

It is no surprise to the team that they placed high during their last competition because of their rigorous hours of study. Ms. Keele says building all the projects takes "a team effort" along with dedication. Group members say that they practiced during the recent snow days, after



Keele photo

This year's Science Olympiad teams placed first and fifth in the statewide competition. Under the direction of Ms. Keele, these students worked hard in preparation for the event.

school, and on weekends. "[Being in] the club takes a lot of working outside of school," says Brandon Davis, a junior who has been a part of the Science Olympiad since eighth grade.

Besides the competition experience that this club offers, participation in

numerous activities, projects and fields also gives students who are interested in pursuing a science-based career an opportunity to become better acquainted with the field. Sarah Grant, a junior, says, "I enjoy science, and this club gives me a way to explore my

interest." Most material for the competitions does not come solely from the textbook. In fact, most of the activities are hands-on, which allows the students to gain a greater understanding of science in a different form.

Students must maintain control to keep license

By Lauren Marker
Reporter

Did you ever think that a mistake made at school could affect your life outside of school? New laws are saying just that, and the mistake would mean losing your driver's license.

"There've been so many changes in the laws in the past five or six years. I'd be willing to bet that most students don't know about the 'Lose Control: Lose License' law," says Officer Robinette, Grimsley's Student Resource Officer. In 1999, the state passed a law called "Lose Control: Lose License," which states that a student possessing alcohol, a firearm, or an explosive on school property can be denied a North Carolina Driving Eligibility Certificate. This law also includes physical assault on school personnel.

Students need this eligibility certificate in order to obtain a driver's permit. These certificates are available in the school's guidance office. The law goes into effect for each student on his or her 14th birthday. If a student violates this law after receiving a permit or license, he or she could possibly lose his or her license.

"I think it's a good law but probably not a good deterrent. Violence is a very spur-of-the-moment thing. People do it when they're not thinking. If someone isn't responsible over their own actions, it indicates that they won't be responsible with a 4,000 pound vehicle," says Officer Robinette.

If a student shows up to a sports event or a dance intoxicated but not in possession of the alcohol, it becomes

more of a school issue than a criminal one. While one may face possible suspension, criminal charges cannot be brought against the student.

"Alcohol on campus is not a big problem as far as finding the actual alcohol. I haven't found actual bottles of beer nearly as much as drugs or weapons," Officer Robinette says. Other legislation states that any driver who is under the age of 21 and is consuming alcohol can get a DWI whether there is obvious impairment or not. "All I have to show is that the driver has been drinking and driving, regardless of the amount, to charge them. They don't have to show impairment or possession," says Officer Robinette. If charged, one could lose his or her license until he or she is 21, depending on the judge.

New schedule

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long," says Molly Chadbourne, a freshman.

Even though the new schedule allows schools to make up the hours, the question arises as to whether or not the extra five minutes will be used constructively. Mr. Hill, a history teacher says, "I think it's unfortunate that Grimsley could not get what we wanted. That is 30 minutes to one class per day and then having that 30

minutes rotated."

Some students are expressing concerns that the schedule makes for too long of a day. "By coming to school so early and staying so late, we're too tired to use our time constructively," says Bela Fishbeyn, a freshman.

With all the debate over the schedule change conflicts have risen, but the important thing is that it enables students to make up missed time.



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