

## OUT OF THE Blue

### Graduation and Project Graduation

This year's seniors will graduate on May 23 at 6:00 pm. The ceremony will be held in the special events center at the Greensboro Coliseum. Project Graduation will take place afterwards at the Bryan Family YMCA from 11:00 pm until 5:00 am. Tickets are \$5.

### Awards days

Underclassmen Awards will be held on May 11. Senior Awards will be May 17. Parents are invited to attend both celebrations to honor their children.

### National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society will hold an induction ceremony on April 25 in the auditorium. Juniors and seniors who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, community service, leadership, and good character will be invited to join this prestigious organization.

### Last chance to take Driver's Education

April 20 - May 4  
May 5 - May 19  
All classes run from 3:45 pm until 6:45 pm. Students interested in taking the course should listen to the Daily Bulletin to know when sign-up sheets will be available in the Main Office.

### Important Dates

Mr. Whirlie - May 7  
Senior Tea - May 12  
Prom - May 14  
Seniors' Last Day - May 21  
Graduation - May 23  
Students' Last Day - June 2



The March of the Living is an international program designed to bring Jewish teenagers together on a two-week exploration of their shared heritage. Participants travel to Poland on Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom Hashoah, to march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, both infamous concentration camps during World War II. This trek recreates the "March of Death" of the prisoners during the Holocaust on their way to the gas chambers at Birkenau. The marchers will then visit Israel in time for Israel Memorial Day, Yom HaZikaron, and Israel Independence Day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. In all, an estimated 6,000 high school students from all over the world are expected to participate in the march. From Grimsley, seniors Samet Gray, David Shyloski, Ben Yardenii, Ben Miller, Oria Ben-Gal, and Hannah Wineburg, along with juniors Kelsey Simmons, Lacie Katz, Rachel Weiss, and Zvi Harris, plan on making the journey April 18, 2004.

# News from around the world

## Death of several children results in mob violence

The deaths of three Albanian children in Kosovo on March 17 sparked the worst violence in the country since the end of the war in 1999. The children were reportedly drowned by a group of Serbs, Kosovo's ethnic minority. The resulting mob violence after the discovery of the deaths killed 28 people and wounded an estimated 600. Angry Albanians also burned 16 Serbian churches and 210 private Serbian homes. More than 1,000 Serbs were temporarily relocated to military bases for their own protection. Funerals for Egzon Deliu and Avni Veseli, the only two bodies recovered, were held on March 21. Officials

estimate at least 7,000 people attended.

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## Authorities arrest suspects of Spanish bombing

Spanish authorities have arrested five suspects for the bombings of March 11. Moroccan suspects Jamal Zougam, Mohamed Choui, and Mohamed Bekali are charged with 190 murders, 1,400 attempted murders, and membership in a terrorist group, causing terrorist damage to the trains affected, and auto theft. The two Indian suspects, Vinay Kholy and Uresh Kumar, are charged with collaborating with a terrorist group, fraud, and forg-



ing a document. All five of the suspects denied the charges. Several other suspects are being held in custody pending further investigation.

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## AU Parliament holds first meeting

On March 18, 2004, the 53 nations of the African Union (AU) created a pan-African parliament. The parliament is based on that of the European Union. It will attempt to promote democracy and deal with problems common to all African nations, such as HIV/AIDS epidemics and debt. As of its first meeting, only 39 member states of the African Union had

ratified the parliament's beginning protocol.

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## Palestinian terrorism sparks Israeli retaliation

Palestinian sources claim the Israeli military sent 19 tanks across the border near the Rafah refugee camp on March 17. This action was taken in response to the death of 10 Israelis in terrorist attacks in Ashod the previous weekend. Militant Palestinian groups Hamas and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades have claimed joint responsibility for the attacks. While searching for the groups' leaders, Israeli Apache helicopters fired at several places in Gaza City, killing at least four people.

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## School bullying

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As a means of decreasing or even preventing such behavior, along with other student infractions, the administration adopted a new discipline form that clarifies in more detail what unacceptable practices occur and what options for disciplinary measure exist with regard to a student's number of previous infractions.

Slight controversy over the new disciplinary forms exists. While some parents and staff members believe that socioeconomic statistics have affected the number of out-of-school suspensions assigned, the administration disagrees.

"The new forms were adopted as checklists and for clerical purposes. Disturbing statistics have not at [changed ways of discipline]," said Assistant Principal Marty Woody.

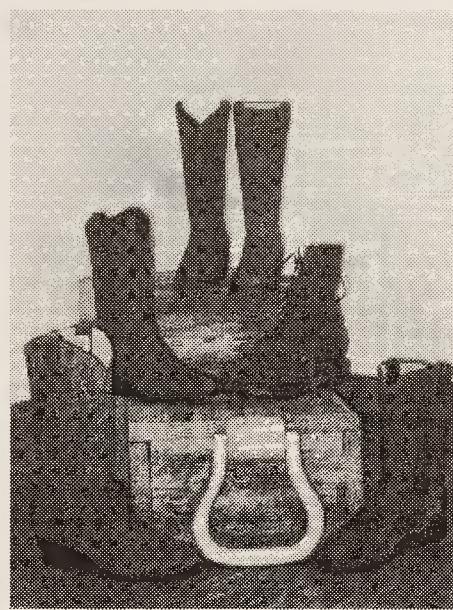
The new discipline form includes punishments such as Sunday detentions, weekday lunch detentions, and even home visits.

"I think other alternatives are good ideas, especially Sunday detention because it [takes up] the student's weekend," said senior Danielle Tate.

Despite the variety of consequences offered, some students and teachers doubt these changes will improve classroom behavior or reduce bullying.

"This form is just at Grimsley, modeled after a generic county form. It won't improve discipline [in the classroom] at all," said Woody in the disciplinary form's defense.

Proactive measures such as student or staff intervention are the only ways to improve student behavior and to reduce the number of disciplinary problems, according to an anti-bullying organization called ESR.



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