

Cossacks team up with clowns, form best circus ever

This summary, by definition comprehensive, especially covering the main points succinctly. Therefore, it is about the circus, like the headline says.

BY BOZOTHECLOWN
President of the Circus

Point: the Circus was totally lame this year

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey performed at Greensboro Coliseum this February in an annual appearance. Although the circus is usually associated with nostalgia of exciting entertainment and daring exploits, this year it failed to impress. Popularly known as the famous "three ring circus," many spectators were disappointed with the scaled back one ring circus featured.

Breaks in the action featured three wisecracking elephants that made interesting but generally non-humorous comments much to the chagrin of spectators. Joining the elephants in the animal kingdom was the group of Russian Cossacks riding their horses, who performed tricks ranging from lame to boring. The highlight of the animal performers centered on a group of house cats, replacing the long-used tigers and lions. These cats, while offering comic entertainment, ultimately were unimpressive.

Bringing slapstick comedy to the crowd were antics of the always adored clowns. These

skits included a large-scale food fight and an intense go-cart race. To be completely honest, the clowns were a bit disappointing and came off as juvenile in their performance.

On the subject of disappointment, what is a circus without a trapeze artist? Although acrobatics would seem exciting, the female trapeze artist featured seemed content to swing back and forth off and trapeze and did not seem very interested in doing much.

Closing off the events was a circus video game, demonstrating the ridiculous obsession today's children have with virtual reality. Although the act featured a series of impressive flips, it left the audience wondering what it had to do with video games. Our hero Dan eventually triumphed over this circus "video game," thus becoming crowned the King of the Circus, showing us all the size and age do not matter in the Circus of Dreams. As if the watered down performances were not enough, this flimsily added moral seeks to bludgeon the spectator with the warm and fuzzies.

Counterpoint: The circus was totally awesome this year

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's Circus came to Greensboro Coliseum this February and was, as it was billed to be, the Greatest Show on Earth. Following the theme "The Circus of Dreams" the show focused on a boy named Dan who demonstrated that even little people can be important, too.

Featuring trapeze stunts, clowns, house cats, and even talking elephants, there certainly was no lack of thrills and wonders. Critics complained because it was only a one-ring circus rather than a three-ring circus. Yet, some spectators content that this one ring was about three times more exciting than those overrated three-ring circuses. Who needs three rings anyway? That is simply too much circus at one time.

Adding to the mind-awing thrills was the incredible strong man Herkules, who excited the crowd with amazing feats of strength. If that was not enough testosterone for the audience, the impressive Cossack riders followed, performing dazzling tricks on their horses. What really stole the show, however, were the cute little kitties that used impressive discipline to show off their agility and speed.

Hilarious clowns and stunning trapeze artists also made appearances in the show. The clowns, who displayed comic genius in a one-of-a-kind food fight, cracked up the younger crowd while filling the older ones with nostalgic joy. Following the clowns, the trapeze artists displayed their death-defying skills with amazing flips and twirls high up in the air, leaving the audience breathless.

This years circus was classic entertainment that never failed to impress and must be experienced to be believed. Nowhere else can one find such a compelling array of entertainment. From adorable animals to incredible displays of talent and comedy, the circus provides something for everyone.

Maintenance team deals students a royal flush

BY TOILETBOY
Professional toilet cleaner

Students at Grimsley High School are privileged enough to enjoy not only fine academics, but also the most luxurious restrooms of any American high school.

Granite countertops with golden sinks adorn the women's bathroom on second floor Main, while the men's restroom in Old Science features a sink and countertop area carefully designed to resemble a sandy beach and the adjacent ocean.

Unlike the average high school bathroom, Grimsley's bathrooms are so clean that one could eat a gourmet meal from Café Whirl off their immaculate floors.

Students are no longer forced to write messages on stall doors, Principal Robby Glitterjello has deemed all restrooms on school property free from every restriction regarding electronic devices. This measure has reduced text messaging and cell phone usage during class, as students have a place where they are allowed such freedoms.

Electronic items are not only permitted, but they are also actually provided. Each stall is equipped with Internet access, and 12" monitors are available for all who desire to use them. In addition, each restroom features a large plasma television recessed behind a mirror with access to both digital cable and satellite TV. A selection of video games is accessible to all students with grade-point averages above .05 for free use during lunch.

Stalls also feature floor-to-ceiling oak doors that automatically lock for optimum

privacy. While locking doors may be novelties at other schools, they are standard at Grimsley.

Each stall provides students with the ability to select their own music, to be heard only in their personal stalls, courtesy of sound-proof doors. Selections range from pop, rap, country, rock, nursery rhymes, and hundreds more. Students can even record their own songs for other students to hear in what is called "Restroom Karaoke."

As a result of recent changes to student intervention (SI) policies, pupils who receive this punishment will not complete their assigned work during the day; instead, they will be stationed in restrooms to hand out towels and mints.

"Would you like a heated towel?" asked senior Louie Loo as he offered freshmen football star and computer whiz Ram Gigabyte a selection of plush, fresh-scented towels.

"I went with the cream-colored, floral scented," said Gigabyte. "These luxurious towels really make the world a better place. In fact, I have noticed that using them significantly improves my chances of scoring a touchdown!"

Countertops are decorated with a fragrant selection of spa-quality soaps and lotions, a popular reason female students and teachers visit the facilities.

"Newsweek," "CNN," the "New York Times," as well as other news outlets, have featured Grimsley restrooms in recent stories about the deteriorating quality of lavatories in public schools. Grimsley has been called the "single exception" to the dreadful state of national high

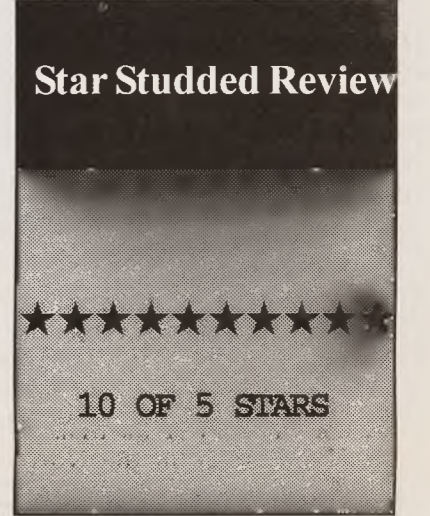
"Doc" Holiday on a recent tour of the restrooms, paid for by parking tickets issued to students.

Golden sinks, marble, oceans, the Internet, and fluffy towels are just a diminutive part of what makes the time spent in a Grimsley John so magnificent. The real centerpieces of each room are the TOTO toilets.

As the latest in popular toilet culture, TOTO toilets feature a germ-free coating, specially designed clog-free plumbing, water jets, and dryers. Such items eliminate the need for toilet paper, which escalates Grimsley into an advanced level of eco-friendliness.

Environmentally-conscious students also have the alternative option to use recycled towels, which are produced from old copies of "High Life," excluding any copies that feature pictures of administration, of course.

"Grimsley no longer has bathrooms. We truly have rest rooms," said Junior Class President Dee Zaster, expressing her gratitude for the wonderful amenities available at school.



Café Whirl Serves Up an A+ (with peach & chicken specials)

BY MACARONI
Lunch Special

Located at 801 Westover Terrace, Café Whirl provides a source of sustenance for over 1700 people each day. The eatery is a great place to hang out with friends, converse with the cleaning crew, and copy the homework of the day. Café Whirl serves everything from soup and sandwiches to steak, if you like it Salisbury, and tops off its excellent food choices with exceptional service. If you are looking for a great place to dine with exceptional service and divine ambience, this establishment is for you.

Café Whirl serves breakfast and lunch each day. The breakfast menu consists of a combination of assorted delicacies including pop tarts, grits, pancakes, and boxed cereal. The lunch menu alternates from day to day. On Mondays, for example, you can enjoy a variety of foods including roadkill nuggets, screaming potatoes, and freshly frozen peaches.

"The lumps in the screamed potatoes are what I like best," said sophomore Johnny Budumbee, a frequent customer at the cafeteria.

On Tuesdays, the restaurant changes its menu a bit by serving a delectable Mystery Meat Parmesan, Krispy Kremey Koleslaw, and the bonus of a rice pudding cup. Wednesday, the cooks come out strong with their lima bean and broccoli pizza

smothered in bleu cheese, turkey crawler pie, and exceptional "Al Gore Potatoe" soup.

"Café Whirl's pizza is my favorite. The grease on top gives it a shiny glow that makes it irresistible," said JudyCortez, a pleased customer.

Thursdays, great days for other scrumptious victuals, means tasty chilled pears, turnip greens, and sandwich trimmers all as a la carte offerings. Chef Wolfgangster Puck ends the week with a finale of linguine zucchini, peas and carrots casserole, tofu dip, and grilled liver and onions fajita salad, adorned with crumbled tortilla chips leftover from food trays.

"We try to meet the needs of every customer by keeping our choices fresh and tasty," said Joe Momma, manager of the Café Whirl.

Restaurant atmosphere appears adequately conducive to digestion with the occasional gang fight or rap battle to keep customers on edge. Décor of fierce red walls and extremely bright lighting also contribute to argumentative discourse, and the

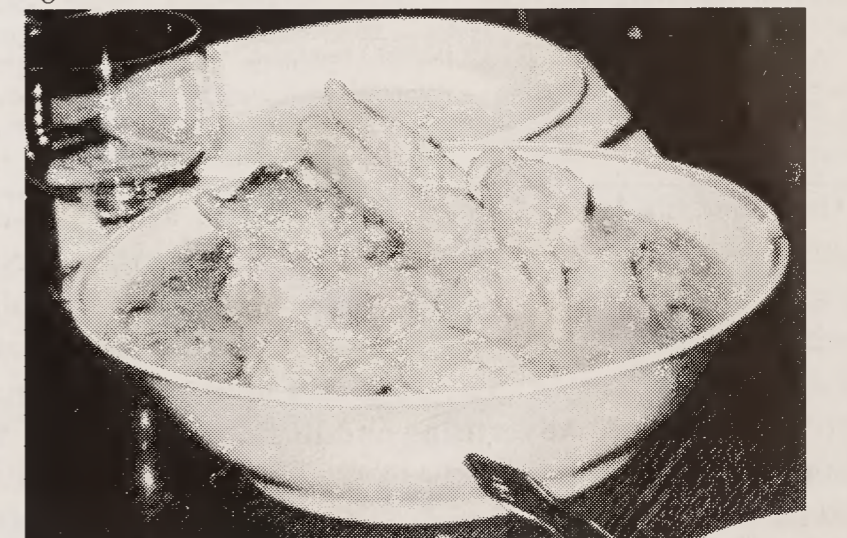
noise level eliminates awkward silences. Obviously, Café Whirl offers students the perfect dining experience.

Customer service is spectacular since the buffet line makes it easy and convenient to purchase your meals. Waiters are kind and personable, taking extra care to divide portions evenly. Servers do their jobs efficiently, making sure the crowd line moves smoothly.

"The line goes fast, and there is never any waiting. In fact, the food's aftertaste lasts a lot longer than the line," said Budumbee.

Café Whirl has been in operation since 1969 and continues to function in the same facility to this day. Amazingly, it has not undergone any renovations in all those years. Due to the increased popularity of this eating establishment, an outdoor dining area has been created to facilitate the overflow of students eager to dine.

"I love the great service Café Whirl provides. The servers make me feel spiritually inspired every time I patronize the establishment," said Cortez.



Students rave over gourmet Chicken Finger special served at Café Whirl.

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