

Page students' vandalism, misconduct stun Grimsley fans who hold tempers

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Expecting a spirit-filled Blue and White Day in anticipation of the Grimsley-Page game on Oct. 12, students were appalled as they walked on campus that morning to discover extensive vandalism. Page students desecrated the "Go Whirlies" wall painting on the auxiliary gym by splattering red paint across the entire mural in a Jackson Pollock style with the words "08 Red Death," the nickname for Page's defense, emblazoned across it.

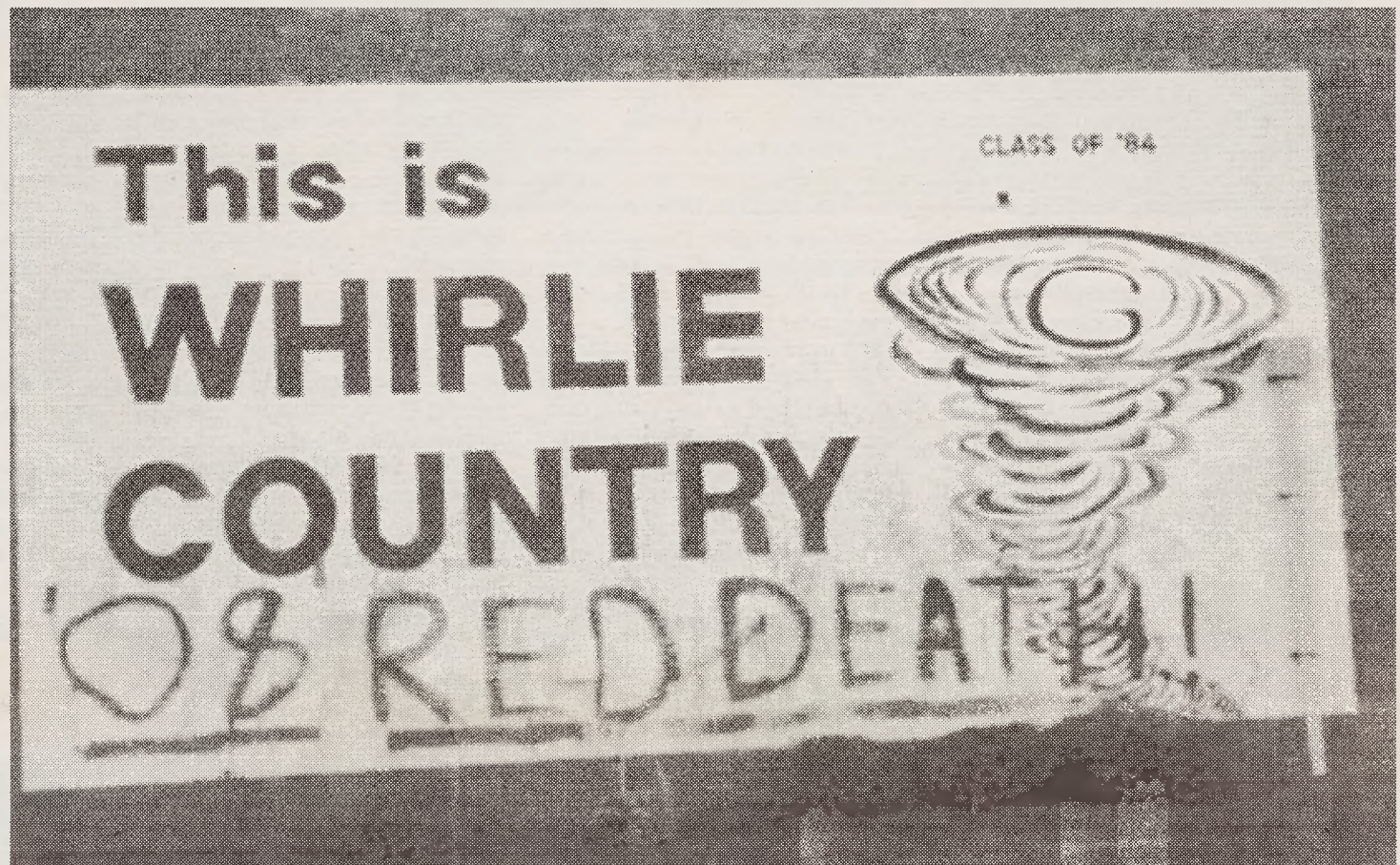
Page students also splashed red paint on the ground and across the benches in the Grove area. Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) quickly arrived, as did painters, so most of the damage was repaired by the end of the school day.

While there were reports of vandalism on roads surrounding Page, the damage was less severe than the damage at Grimsley.

Philosophy teacher Michael Courts found the paint can lid with its barcode still legible, specially ordered as "Page Red." CSI was able to trace what store sold the paint, and if a charge card had been used, the name of the credit card owner as well.

"Physical acts of vandalism in no way establish moral rectitude; in fact, it's quite the contrary," said Courts.

Vandalism and misbehavior from Page students did not cease



Each year, principals from both Grimsley and Page set and communicate expectations for their students to respect community and personal property, and most importantly, to respect each other. Once again, students ignored pleas.

that morning. When the Pirates won the game, students rushed the field, although Page principal Marilyn Foley had agreed to

a new rule of no rushing the field. Page officials were ineffective since they were unable to restrain their students. Once

students had rushed the field, they ran towards the Grimsley student section where they taunted them, threw rocks and

bottles, and made obscene gestures at students.

While Page was the official victor in Friday night's

football game, Grimsley administration believed the Whirlies won another sort of victory, the moral kind.



From archives

Great-grandniece of George A. Grimsley, the namesake of this campus, died September 23. Mrs. Eleanor Grimsley Jamieson passed away peacefully in Wilmington, NC at the age of 96. Jamieson's health had been failing rapidly since February. She suffered a stroke over the summer, preventing her from speaking. Eleanor Grimsley Jamieson was the wife of Robert B. Jamieson. Following her wishes, Jamieson was cremated. Her grave is located beside her husband's at Westminster Gardens Cemetery. A memorial service will take place in November.

JROTC cadets strut their stuff

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Recently, the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) established a more significant presence on campus. Its focus is to build self-esteem and character, encourage comradery and team work, and instill the values of pride, honor, respect, and discipline in its participants. Lt. Col. James Davis leads the school's chapter of the organization.

Low enrollment rates put JROTC in jeopardy. There are 94 members, but 100 are needed in order to keep the program in existence.

In an effort to increase enrollment, Davis spoke to the leadership team proposing monthly battalion formations, which was approved.

The first drill exercises

took place on Oct. 10, and they will continue the first Wednesday of every month, alternating between the two lunch periods. Objectives include student observers learning about JROTC, and for those individuals already involved to take pride in demonstrating their talents before an audience.

"I'm so pleased Leadership Team accepted my proposal. I'm certain we can recruit more students once they become familiar with the program. Consistent goodness leads to greatness. If we can visualize it, we can do it," said Davis.

JROTC members must wear uniforms on Wednesdays, but they can opt to wear ROTC T-shirts the first few weeks of school until they are comfortable in their full uniforms.

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