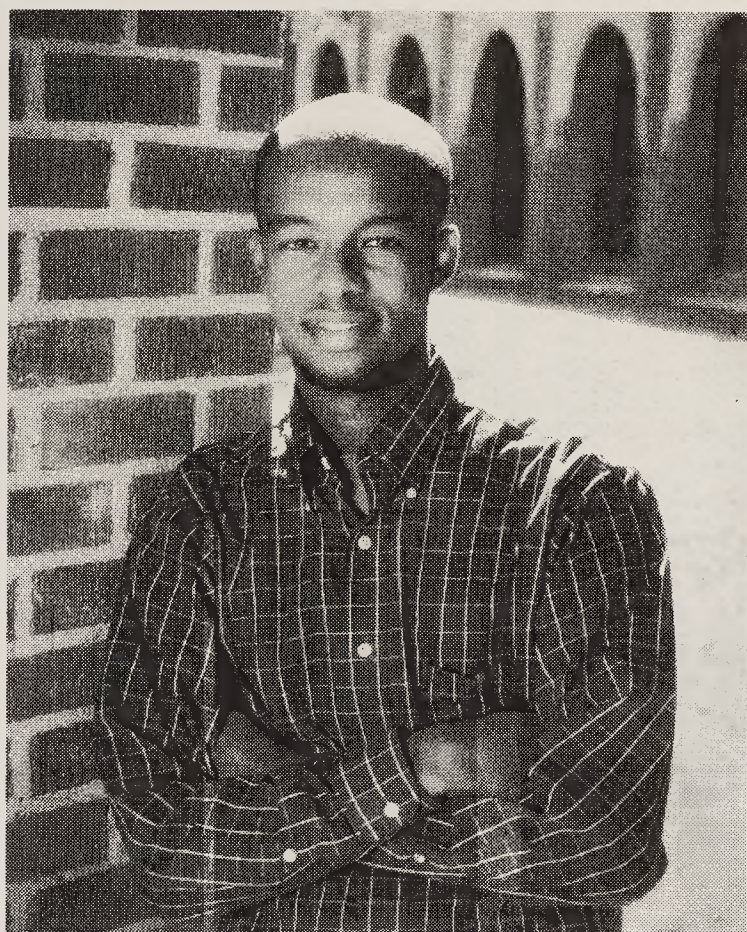


To the Class of 2011 from Your Student Body President



Ali Ali

My name is Ali Ali, and I am the Student Body President. Having attended Grimsley all four years of my high school career, I have enjoyed the moments spent with my classmates. Throughout this time, our class has had much fun together. From being the craziest student section at basketball and football games to spending time with each other during and after dances, we certainly knew how to have a good time together.

The Class of 2011 has survived many events, such as AP/IB exams, EOCs, and benchmark tests. We also had to drum up the courage to ask dates for dances, encourage others to join clubs and attend sports events, and endure a lack of sleep due to hours and hours of homework.

Now, we finally approach our graduation. We remember walking on campus as nervous freshmen and now find ourselves leaving as confident graduates. Our class has been through a challenging but exciting four years, which will benefit us for the tough roads that lie ahead.

Always the worst is the first day of school as freshmen. We never knew what to expect, and

most of us, as freshmen, were too nervous to introduce ourselves. Our freshman class adjusted quickly by interacting with our peers and becoming close friends. Freshman year was a wild way to kick off high school. After the assembly on the very first day with Coach Joe Franks, all of us who attended understood the history and tradition associated with Grimsley High School.

Sophomore year involved the most change we had ever experienced in a single year of school. We met new principal Anna Brady, many experienced their first AP classes, and a majority of students acquired their drivers' licenses. Friendships grew closer, and together we learned that we would receive from high school as much as we put into it; therefore, we started to work harder to maintain good grades.

For most students, junior year was the toughest academically because that was when the reality of attending college became a serious matter. SAT scores were crucial, and many of us took college visits. Considering the academic rigor of IB and AP, I certainly admire the work ethic of those students who exceeded

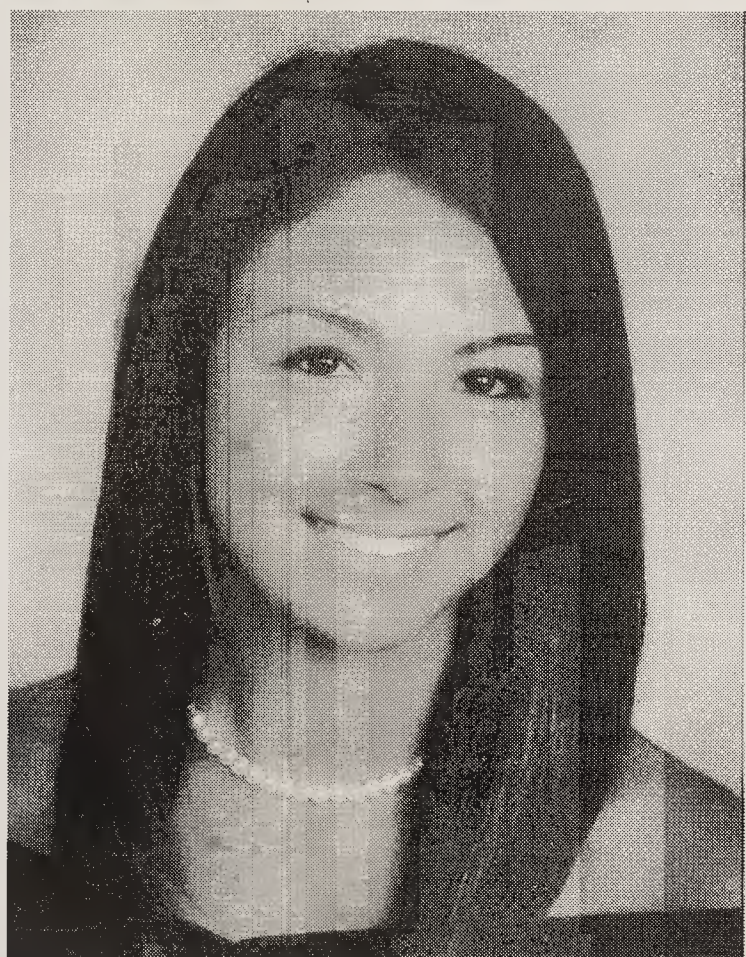
the typical work load of other students to earn college credits, especially completing four years, sometimes six years of a foreign language.

"BLUE WHITE, YOU KNOW! BLUE WHITE, YOU KNOW!" is the popular chant that the proud students in the senior section would yell at football and basketball games. No matter where the games took place, we were willing to carpool and travel the distance just to support our athletes. Our unity is what stands out about our senior class; we have become a family. Even though we all might not be headed in the same direction after high school, we all have each other's best interests at heart. I couldn't have asked for a better group of classmates with whom to spend four years of my life. I hope to remain in touch with as many people in our class as I can because I will miss all the great memories and fun we have had together. I want to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to represent our class as Student Body President. I wish all of you the best in life!

Sincerely,

Ali Ali

To My Fellow Seniors from Your Class President



Gaby Scott

I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of our high school experience. Although I am ready to graduate and continue with the next step in my life, as I am sure all of you are as well, I am also quite sad to be saying goodbye to Grimsley. We have spent so much of the last four years of our lives walking on this beautiful campus, trying to find just the right shortcuts so we could make it to classes in just six minutes. It is at this school that we have met some of our best friends and strong influences. We all have had very unique and personal experiences as Whirlies, and the memories we have made will stay with us forever.

As seniors, we have experienced numerous events that united us as a proud class. We attended eight Grimsley-Page basketball games and four fierce Grimsley-Page football games. We also enjoyed four fun and colorful Grimsley-Page Spirit Weeks that included four very hot bonfires, and four Senior Theme Nights to cheer on our football team. We cannot forget the wonderful time we had at four Homecoming dances, four TWIRP dances, and two proms, as well as four winter and spring breaks. Still other events included two Whirlie Walks, a fire in the cafeteria building extinguished by one of

our own. one triple-overtime lacrosse victory against Western, the stealing of a pirate head, and the introduction of a new Whirlie mascot. Whirlie Wednesdays provided a weekly catch-up on sleep, though it was no cure for Senioritis, and three too many snow days that cut into Spring Break. As our time as Whirlies grew shorter each day, we still had popular activities to share, such as our Mr. Whirlie pageant, Senior Tea, Senior Awards Day, Project Graduation and, most importantly, GRADUATION.

As our futures draw us into college, the workplace, or the military, it is only natural that we begin thinking about our lives from a greater perspective. Many of us will be leaving our homes for the first time in just a few months, and all of us are in the process of making huge decisions that will have major effects on our lives. These changes are both stressful and exciting, but when you think back, it was not so long ago when we were experiencing the same anxiety and uncertainty of our first days as freshmen. Transitioning into a new environment is difficult no matter your age or the setting, but since we seniors did it so well once before, I am confident that this time will be no different.

I know that wherever our different paths take us, we will be successful because our class is truly one comprised of leaders. The actions of the Class of 2011 have made an impact on the underclassmen as well as the larger community that supports us and the inspiring teachers who have educated us. We are a class of scholars, athletes, artists, musicians, clowns, and providers. I have learned so much from knowing you all as classmates and friends during my time at Grimsley, so it is important as we go our separate ways that we remember all the friendships developed and lessons learned throughout these four years. I am also thankful to the amazing teachers who have served as mentors and guides to our class throughout our stay. You have influenced us in so many unique and wonderful ways; we will always treasure the counseling you have offered us. Grimsley High School is known for its traditions, and I am proud to say that our class has most definitely carried on the Tradition of Excellence that others have come to expect of us as Whirlies. "ONE, ONE, YEAH, SON!"

Sincerely,

Gaby Scott