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“ Teen pregnancy is rapidly on the rise and will continue to grow into a severe epidemic to the point that it will be too late to educate teenagers with the information they must know if abstinence is not their choice of lifestyle. ”



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SHRC encourages mutual understanding among members of the student population

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Reporter

Each Guilford County high school represents itself with a minimum of 15 students on the Student Human Relations Commission. Student delegates from ANYTOWN selectively choose these young people. According to its website, ANYTOWN offers rising juniors and seniors an opportunity "to live and interact among a diverse group of students."

While in attendance, they unite "to build a community based on inclusivity, respect, and understanding." Students hold discussions about racism, violence, and other relevant issues in today's society. ANYTOWN participants demonstrate a passion for change and equality among all races.

Criteria for student selection begins with determination if a candidate's behavior is ethical,

trustworthy, and honest. Additionally, a candidate must work well with others, demonstrate good self-discipline, earn good grades, and attend school regularly with limited absences. Such attributes usually imply that a student also practices effective time management skills, which is important regarding their responsibility to attend various conferences.

"After attending ANYTOWN last summer, I really wanted to get involved with SHRC and promote the values it represents," said junior Jessica Papier.

Over 60 students actually participate in the Whirlie chapter, which is more than the norm of most high schools. Senior Jacob Massey and junior Kassra Homaifar serve as Co-Presidents and hold meetings every other Tuesday in the media center.

Students recently attended the Conference of 300, a gath-

ering for 15 commissioners from 20 schools in Guilford County, on Tuesday, October 18. In a discussion concerning LGBT (Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transvestites), the county participants broke into three groups in which they brainstormed ways of preventing prejudice against individuals with different sexual orientations. The commissions also addressed evil of stereotypes and other contributing factors to racism and inequality.

SHRC helps to foster awareness about differences within one's community or society and encourages acceptance of such differences. The organization embodies four main goals: mutual understanding and respect; a decrease in less desirable activities, such as gangs, separatist behaviors, etc.; identification of positive values and resolution of issues specific to the school; and positive program identification.

"The conference was a success because it gave many Grimsley students, some who hadn't been to ANYTOWN, the opportunity to see our student body as a diverse yet unified group. That's what SHRC is all about," said Massey.

Participating in such a forum proves challenging yet rewarding for students in that they are sharing opinions on difficult subject matter among people who are merely acquaintances.

Advisor to the Whirlie chapter is social worker Melanie Lee, who inherited the position from the previous social worker who covered the school.

"I have enjoyed working with the students so far. It's good to see young adults who are so passionate about healing the world and generating a feeling of acceptance," said Lee. "I like that the program helps to foster awareness about our differences and encourages acceptance of such differences."

News Blurbs of the Month

Penn State Scandal: Gerald "Jerry" Sandusky was charged with sexual abusing several boys over a 15-year period. The university's Board of Trustees also fired head football coach Joe Paterno and school President Graham Spanier because they had knowledge of the situation and never reported it to the police.

Justice for Michael Jackson: Dr. Conrad Murray was found guilty of manslaughter after a six-week trial regarding the death of his personal patient, the King of Pop. Prosecutors proved that Murray injected Jackson with enough propofol to stop his breathing. Murray will serve a 1437 day sentence that will more than likely be reduced in half if he exhibits good behavior since Los Angeles jails are overcrowded.

Sexual Harassment Charges: Presidential candidate Herman Cane denied all accusations from three different women who alleged he behaved inappropriately with them during American Restaurant Association conferences. He insisted he would not drop out of the race for the Republican ticket, but only time will tell.

Seven Billion Mark: According to the United Nations, the world population has hit the seven billion mark; however, the US Census Bureau disagrees, claiming that the world population will not reach that mark until March of 2012.

As published in the October paper, a young family was devastated by the recent and unexpected death of their father and husband, Will Caviness. Captain Caviness was a firefighter here in Greensboro where he enjoyed a life in his hometown with his wife and two children, a son of four and a daughter of ten months. Caviness had traveled to run a marathon in Chicago to benefit burn victims but tragically died just short of finishing the race.

Caviness and his wife, Jenny Britt Caviness, were Whirlie graduates in 1994 and 1995, respectively. Caviness performed as the kicker of the football team.

Volunteer parent Don Puryear is graciously leading a drive to raise funds for the family Captain Caviness left behind. The entire Grimsley family needs to support this effort and help the family who is part of the community. **Please choose one of two ways to help:**

1. Write a check made payable to the "Will Caviness Memorial Fund," and bring it to the Main Office, or mail it to the attention of Alana Neal, Grimsley High School, 801 Westover Terrace, Greensboro, NC 27408.

2. Write a check made payable to the "Will Caviness Memorial Fund," and mail it to the Greensboro Municipal Federal Credit Union, 2200 Soabar Street, Greensboro, NC 27406.

Thank you for supporting the Whirlie family.