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Reporters, who assume that good news involves features about soldiers and military operations, overlook that Americans are not the only people reading, viewing, or hearing their stories. Enemies take advantage of publicized information that reporters frequently provide, such as soldiers' identities and locations, obviously detrimental to their safety.



Jacob Woods

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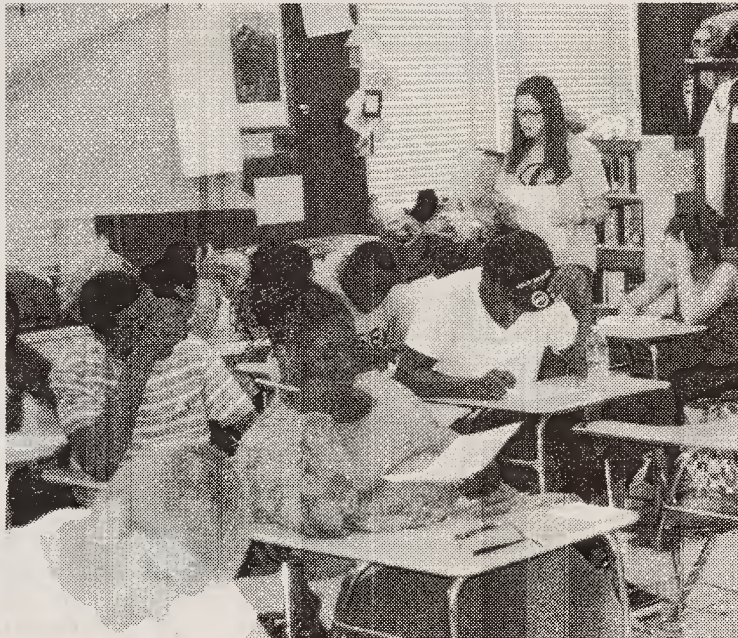
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Congratulations to Karyn Dickerson, GCS Teacher of the Year!

English teacher Karyn Collie Dickerson not only earned recognition as Grimsley's Teacher of the Year, but also for the entire Guilford County School District. After receiving \$1500 for the honor, she will now compete for state-level recognition. The entire Whirlie family is quite proud of her.

Dickerson grew up in Reidsville, NC with her parents and older brother. From an early age, she developed a passion for reading to satisfy her vivid imagination. When she wasn't consumed in story books, she was pretending to be an elementary school reading teacher like her mother. Dickerson's students were a collection of stuffed animals and sometimes willing and patient members of her family; however, interestingly enough, her original career goals did not include teaching.

Dickerson attended Rockingham County High School where she graduated as valedictorian in 2000. She developed an interest in environmental law but changed her course of study once she attended UNC-Chapel Hill, where she found herself popular among other students who asked her to proofread their papers. Consequently, she changed her career path towards becoming a college professor, finishing her undergraduate work with top grades and then traveling to Scotland, where she attended the University of Glasgow to pursue a master's degree in English literature. Along with taking rigorous, research-based courses, she gave speeches as an Ambassador of Good Will, thus requiring her to travel throughout the United Kingdom. "Being a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar was a life-changing experience," said Dickerson.



Mrs. Dickerson monitors her students in a sophomore College Prep class fourth period. On this particular day, students were working on a quiz covering rhetorical terms. Guerra photo

She described her first teaching job as one in which she worked with middle school students in reading remediation classes, focusing upon comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills.

"At the end of the year, almost every student passed the North Carolina End-of-Grade Reading Test," said Dickerson proudly. As a result of such achievements, she decided to delay working on her doctorate and instead teach in a high school setting.

Dickerson joined the school system in 2006, and her reputation blossomed rapidly as she created innovative lesson plans to engage her students most effectively.

"I set up mock trials, seminars, and small group work assignments to ensure that all of my students are involved in meeting my course objectives," said Dickerson.

Now in her seventh year at Grimsley, Dickerson's favorite aspect of her present job is "without a doubt the people she is

blessed to work with daily. Grimsley has such a diverse staff and student body. All the amazing Whirlies never cease to amaze me. No matter what their ability level, it's so exciting to see kids understand the information and apply what we read and discuss to their own critical thinking skills," said Dickerson.

She has taught both Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate English, but Dickerson believes that the IB program is more in sync with her personal philosophies.

"IB emphasizes the importance of educating students about the world beyond the doors of their schools, homes, and country. I thrive on its global-minded focus," said Dickerson.

As a candidate for the County Teacher of the Year, Dickerson completed a long and detailed portfolio that included her professional biography and philosophy

of teaching, as well as her beliefs regarding educational issues and trends.

"The problem of recruiting and retaining new teachers is one of the greatest problems educators face today. I stay in education because I love working with students and seeing them grow over the course of a year," said Dickerson.

Besides her own mother, other teachers inspired Guilford County's Teacher of the Year, such as an elementary school teacher named Mrs. Coleman, who encouraged Dickerson and her fellow classmates to think critically and to learn more about the world by exposing them to operas, world-renowned literature, and classical music. In high school, Mrs. Murphy inspired her by challenging students to think beyond standard interpretations of a text with their own personal responses. Yet another educator and former colleague at Rockingham County Middle School, Mrs. Ormond, has had a lasting effect on Dickerson.

"Mrs. Ormond was North Carolina's Teacher of the Year in 2003. Her advice and support during my first year of teaching changed my entire career path and led me to a full-time teaching career," said Dickerson.

As a newlywed to Spanish teacher Jade Dickerson, fondly known as Profe to his students, she is pleased to be married to someone who fully understands the demands of being a teacher.

"My husband and I don't have much spare time because he coaches cross country in the fall, but when we do have moments together, we like to read, watch TV, and remain active by running, attending spin classes, and hiking," said Dickerson.

Rivalry game draws loss on field but financial victory for school

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For the last 50 years or so, Grimsley and Page have battled a rivalry that is most popular in a legendary football game. Not only does such a celebration boost school spirit throughout the entire community, but it also serves as a great week for increasing school funds.

Since Grimsley's facility holds more fans than Page's can, the competition always takes place

at Jamieson Stadium, which has the capacity to accommodate 10,000 fans. Even so, the home field advantage varies from year to year, thus meaning that both schools share the profits.

Leading up to Friday before the game, Grimsley collected \$9,762.00 in ticket sales, while Page made \$7,014.00. At the gate on Friday evening, despite the rainy weather, additional tickets sold for another \$11,944.00, which made the grand total of

ticket sales \$28,720.00. In concession stand sales alone, there was a \$2200 profit.

Though the incoming money was impressive, officials, ticket sellers, clock operators, the announcer, gate help, and security all drew compensation for their hard work. After taking care of their rewards, the total net revenue was \$23,455.51. Thus, each school walked away with \$11,727.76. Whirlies also generated approximately \$3000

throughout the week just by selling Whirlie Wear during lunch and at the game itself.

With these funds, Athletic Director Lewis Newman can purchase equipment, uniforms, and other expenses for the following year. While some sports do not earn the same revenue, they still have expenses. Thus Newman pools the resources together to ensure that each team, whether male or female, is supported fairly.