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MONITORS VS. STUDENT BODY  
OR

## HOW I CUT OFF MY NOSE TO SPITE MY FACE

We on the Journalism staff would like to extend our congratulations to the Student Body. This third six weeks has really started off with a bang! Outside of a few minor injuries (brain concussions, broken backs, etc.), a few fights, and demolition of a few classrooms, everything is under control. The situation in the hall has improved also. Now only 750 students are cutting hall.

There seems to be a misunderstanding about the monitoral system. A few of the students seem to think that they were appointed by some unknown authority to keep the monitors straight. We wonder if that same authority has given them the right to guard the auditorium doors, get water between classes, and order the monitors around. They seem to forget that monitors are monitors whether they are in the halls, classrooms, or the lunchroom.

What about the situation in halls? It's certainly not improving! And it won't start improving until certain students get it into their heads, that it is not cute, funny, or amusing to cut hall. Cutting hall will not get rid of bad breath, it will not cause them to have 20% fewer cavities, and under no circumstances will it increase their amount of friends. Need we say more?

The same thing applies for loud talking, and obscene language in the halls. No one likes to be run down by some loud-mouthed, over-sized brute. If you have something to tell someone, meet them after school or during lunch break, but don't yell from one end of the hall to the other!

Loud talking is bad enough, but pushing, shoving and other such horseplay is one thing that the teachers, monitors, and students will not tolerate. There is no reason that students cannot walk in single file and keep their hands and feet to themselves. It is not only rude, ignorant, and uncivilized to push and shove, but it is also very dangerous. Someone could fall and hit their head on a locker and receive a very severe head injury.

Although some of the students at Grier have "seen the light" and tried to co-operate, others appear as though they couldn't care less and continue to break rules and cause trouble. These are looked upon as "hard cases". Although there is hope for the majority of Grier students, the "hard cases" are too far gone to bother with.

Since the "hard cases" and even the "not-so-hard cases" insist on giving everyone a hard time, we feel that something should be done. Something more than having monitors request politely that you get into single file or that if you'll wait just a little bit longer you can get water. We've tried being nice and it just doesn't work. The monitors don't stand a chance. It's the sane against the insane, the civilized against the uncivilized, the humans against the animals. Therefore the Journalism Staff would like to throw in our two bits. We suggest that each monitor keep a list of names and every time **your** name appears on that list, five points are subtracted from your citizenship grade. This should make some people think before they cut hall, get water between classes or run into a monitor. But cheer up! If this idea doesn't appeal to you, we can always go back to detention slips!

*On The Rack*

Her name is: Lisa Gilreath  
Lives at: 1328 Fern Forest Drive  
Parents are: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilreath  
Likes: Heading, Spaghetti, Skating, Steak, Swimming, Playing the piano.

Dislikes: Spinach, Sissy boys, Show-offs  
She has: Two brothers, Black hair, Blue eyes, and freckles  
Her most embarrassing experience was when she hit some wrong notes on a three page piano recital piece. She plans to attend U. N. C. and become an English teacher.

She is: Blenda Gault  
She taught: English to the eighth and ninth graders  
She has: Brown eyes and hair, two daughters and a son, and a shelf full of objects from all over the world and a great sense of humor.  
She likes: To go camping, Play the piano and the organ, to knit and sew, travel, Eat, Have a goodtime, Teaching, and People.  
She Wants: A white coat and twins!

He is: Don Land  
He is in: the eighth grade  
He lives at: 1534 Timberlane  
He dislikes: snobs, boasters, asparagus, and spinach.  
He likes: T. V., girls, fishing, mini-bikes, and go-carts.  
His hobbies are: oceanography, and aquariumology.  
His most embarrassing moment was when he fell in the lake at Scout Camp while trying to catch a turtle.  
Don says the teacher who has made the biggest impression on him is Mr. Kessler. He likes him.

He is: Roger Lampe  
He lives at: 243 Cambridge Drive  
He has: balck hair, brown eyes, two sisters, and one brother.  
He likes: playing the trumpet, chemistry, T. J. B., and sports-especially football.

He dislikes: asparagus and small downs.  
Roger moved to Gastonia from Michigan and likes the South in general. When asked how Grier compared with the other schools he had been to, he said he'd never been to one as good as Grier! He hopes either to attend Purdue and major in engineering or to attend UNC and study law. Roger is a monitor and an honor roll student. When asked an embarrassing experience, Roger said, "My whole life has been embarrassing!!"