

GREENSBORO GRIMSLEY SR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Whirlie Alumni in Action:

The Ninth Annual Page/Grimsley Rivalry Reunion Golf Tournament Friday, October 17, 2014



It started out as an “ordinary golf outing” of 8 players on the first tee box trading jokes, barbs, lies, and ultimately ironing out the details for the day’s match. Something was different about that day’s match. It became apparent this day the players had a particular allegiance that ran deeper than their love of golf. It was realized each player had a particular allegiance to either Page or Grimsley High School. The selection for the competing foursomes was easy to make on this “ordinary golf outing,” but more importantly, it was the genesis of the annual Page-Grimsley Rivalry Reunion Golf Tournament!

In 2006 John Hodges ('77) and Dean Barrett ('77) approached Don Dempsey ('78) about creating a golf tournament to celebrate and benefit the athletic departments and student athletes at Page and Grimsley High Schools in Greensboro, North Carolina. Having attended the schools and experienced North Carolina’s most intense and long standing rivalry, the trio agreed that the rivalry extended well beyond the confines of the student athlete’s high school tenure and that a golf tournament to celebrate it be would be well received.

The tournament has been a huge success from day one. The competitive spirit between the two school communities was obviously still alive and well and the alumni came out in full force to support the event.

The dress code for each foursome is either red or blue ... there is a banner hung in the parking lot and a bevy of red and blue golf club sets further decorate the grounds. Starting the play each year is a speech given by Don Moore of the Greensboro Grasshoppers. The cheerleaders from each school are invited along with the principals from each school. Black Cadillac Old offers a Hole in One Sponsorship.

The Rivalry Reunion is supported by many local businesses each year. The Greensboro Grasshoppers have been title sponsor since 2008 and Neese’s Sausage has been the sponsor for the student athlete’s scholarships since the first tournament.

In addition many other local companies continue to support the event each year. The alumni continue to support the event by filling the field each year with blue and red attire...256 golfers and requiring a waiting list for entry. Entries closed early for 2014 with Page dominating golfers at 159 and Grimsley at 104.

Currently the Rivalry is 4 to 4. 2014 may be the tie breaker. Traditionally the school with the most players wins. Don Dempsey resurrected an old golf trophy from his fathers (Larry Dempsey) winnings and had it remade for this Tournament. The trophy resides for one year at the winning school. The scoring method is unique. The winning team is determined by taking the 75 lowest scores from each school’s players and totaling them. School with the lowest total wins.

The biggest winners from each tournament are the two schools which receive annual donations and scholarships. The schools and student athletes see the benefits in athletic scholarships and \$10,000 is annually donated to each athletic department. Scholarships are usually awarded during the Page Grimsley Football Game each year. Where else does this happen? Nowhere!



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The event is held at Bryan Park Golf Course. The tournament is held the same Friday as the annual Page Grimsley football game. The event has grown beyond fundraising and has become an annual reunion weekend for the two schools. Players register from most southern states in order to play. Many class reunions are now scheduled each year to coincide with the tournament.

Sponsorships have been a key component to making the Rivalry Reunion a continued success and helped keep the spirit alive for our nine year competition. Recent sponsors include:

Title Sponsor: Greensboro Grasshoppers

Scholarship Sponsor: Neeses Sausage

T-Shirt Sponsor: Lomax Construction

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Don Dempsey and his brother **Mike Dempsey** ('71) co-own **Yellow Dog Design**, a sublimation print business begun in 2001 creating and manufacturing fashionable ("trendy") neckwear for pets. The business is located here in Greensboro and enjoys a world wide enthusiastic distribution.

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From Your GHS A&F Co-Presidents

Mary Jane Beavers '73 and Joe Franks '78

There are many exciting things going on at your Alma Mater, not the least of which has to do with the impact of your Grimsley Alumni Association.

To date, the Association's campaign to help restore our Chance-Cousins Auditorium has raised about \$ 41,000.00 – and we have put that money to good use. Our Auditorium Project Chairs, Linda and Ron Wilson, have worked diligently to organize and mobilize the resources, both human and architectural to make this dream a reality.

The moment we had adequate funds available we immediately went into repairing and restoring the stage floor – yes, it was the original stage floor! It has been a long and sometimes frustrating task (as all construction is) but very well worth it.

Due to the generosity of the Greensboro Coliseum, and the dismantling of the War Memorial Auditorium, stage curtains and acoustical clouds have been donated that will enhance sound within the Chance-Cousins Auditorium and give our Performing Arts students a venue rarely seen in a high school setting.

In addition, the Guilford County School System is underway with replacement of the windows in the Auditorium. This is perhaps the most needed renovation in order to preserve the restorations that we are undertaking.

We are far from our goals both in donations and consequently renovation projects, but upon completion, the Association hopes to have the opportunity to host an event to allow our alumni, community members and especially our generous donors to see what a positive impact this partnership between the Alumni Association and the Guilford County School System continues to make upon our beloved and revered school.

This fall, the Alumni Association, via the generous donation of Board Member Felicia Ford Reader ('81) in honor of her husband, was able, once again, to provide each of the Grimsley faculty with a gift card usable at Office Depot towards their classroom supplies. This Teacher Assistance Program has been in place for several years, and contributions such as Felicias have helped make to make it possible to say thank you to the Grimsley faculty in a very concrete way. The card will help defer the amounts teachers annually spend from personal funds for their classroom supplies.

You can see that we need you, appreciate you and always want you to know that each dollar you donate to your Alumni Association goes back into the Grande Old Lady, her students and her faculty... all to keep the dream alive and to be able to hear fresh new young voices each year chanting:

GO WHIRLIES!

**AUDITORIUM RESTORATION UNDERWAY
BUT YOUR HELP IS STILL MUCH NEEDED!!**

Our co-presidents article contains a good report on progress being made with stage floor restorations, acquisition of curtains and acoustic panel and installation of new windows in the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. A lot is happening with the \$41,000 thus far donated but additional funds are sorely needed. We can only commit to work for which we have funds in hand and we can go no further until additional funds are received.

If you have not yet made a donation or feel that you can donate more,

Please go the last page of this newsletter for a donation form or directly to www.whirlies.com and click on [here](#) in the **Capital Campaign** paragraph to donate on-line. For your convenience, the form is connected to Paypal.

Ron Wilson

Who Knew???

Here are some before and after photographs of our Auditorium Renovation Project. We expected some surprises once the 1960 era composite flooring had been removed ... but we were not expecting to see ... 8 trap doors! **Surprise!**



Here your donation dollars are at work for 2014. Thanks to **YOU** we are well underway towards completing the first phases of renovation. New stage curtains, new rigging for new acoustical cloud, revitalized stage floor, new windows (courtesy GCS), stage roof repaired, new work lights ...all underway. Still remaining to be funded are: auditorium roof repair (courtesy GCS), grand piano storage box, stage lighting, sound system, audience seat covers, locking hallway doors, flame retardant treatment of stage curtains and historical/architecturally correct exterior doors....to name a few. We still need your help in raising funds to cover these. There is a donation form on the back of the newsletter for you and **THANK YOU!**



Original Window



Summer Stage



Summer Stage



1929 Original Piano Cleaned & Stored



Floor Uncovered



Assessing Floor Condition

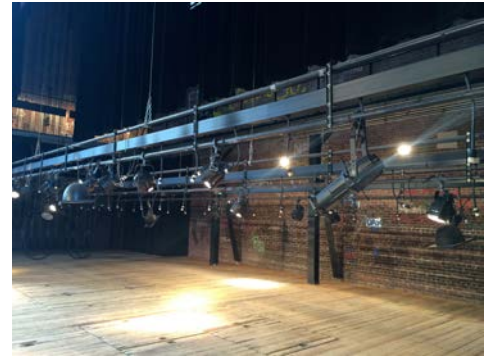
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Clouser View



Trap Doors Refurbished



Old Lighting



Touch Up Paint by H. Bradley



Stage Clean



Stage Clean, Painted



Stage Clean, Painted



Old Light Units



"New" Curtains Stored



Acoustical Cloud Stored

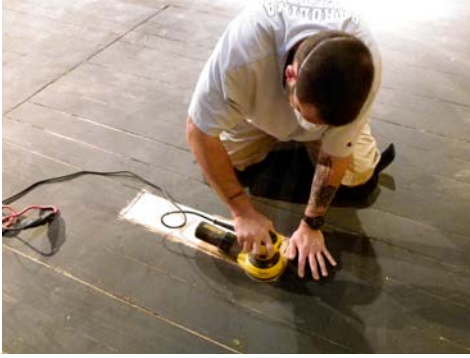


Replacement Milled Wood



Sanding Old Floor

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Patching



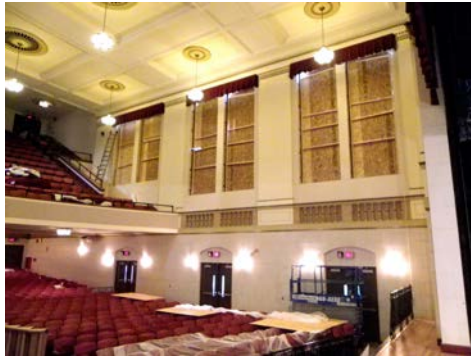
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Removing Old Windows



Securing Window Space



Inside View



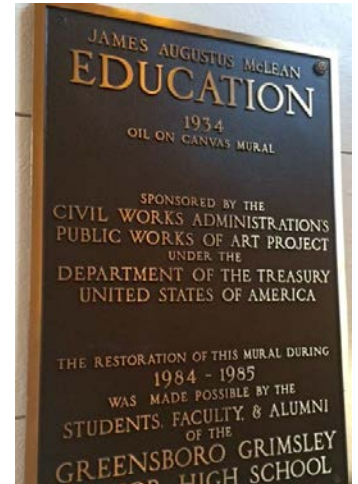
Installing First Window



One Down, More to Go!



Energy



Education



Historical Marker

Meet the Alumni Board

Interview with 4 Board Members

Mary Jane Beavers

How long have you served on the GHS A&F Board and in what capacity?

MJB: I started out in 2000 (I think) when I was President of the Athletic Boosters and was invited to be a rep on the board to help liaison with athletics. It has snowballed from there to Reunion Rep, Vice President and now Co-President.



Why do you feel the GHS A&F is important to our community?

MJB: Unless you are involved with public schools now (not like when we were there) you don't realize the void that budget cuts and growth have caused. A&F are the people who love GHS in their hearts and not just for the four years that we or our children are there. So we try to make sure that the extra things that make GHS a community, a family and a tradition are taken care of...sometimes with our time and always with our treasure. We love change but want to assure that what makes Grimsley different from other high schools remains for generations to come to experience.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

MJB: Well, I graduated in 1973 after being bussed in 1971-72 to Smith for racial equality. I came back and was able to graduate as a Whirlie. I graduated from Salem College, moved back to Greensboro and built a house in a neighborhood so my children could attend Sternberger, Kiser and Grimsley just as I did. When my daughter started GHS in 1997 I ramped up my volunteering by accepting a place on the PTSA Board and was put in charge of Underclassmen Awards Ceremony for 8 years. (2 years after my last child graduated) I was the first Female Athletic Booster Club President, (this means I cleaned the concession stands for the health department on my hands and knees) and High School Volunteer of the Year in Guilford County, (I can answer a tough question at the phone in the front office).

Other organizations you serve?

MJB: I was a member of the Greensboro Junior League, Bone Marrow Wanted Board, Kiser PTSA Board, and lots of committees and clubs through the years!

Are you a GHS Grad? Do you have family members who are GHS graduates?

MJB: Already answered.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

MJB: I just loved Grimsley, the time I spent there and then when my children were there those years were even better!! I felt I could help and GHS needed it!

What do you feel are the greatest strengths of the GHS A&F Association?

MJB: Our continuing passion for the school, staff and students.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

MJB: Definitely the yearly scholarship interviews. In case you ever think the world is not what it used to be, meeting these young people hearing their stories and helping them along the way makes you know we are heading in the right direction. When I was a Senior all I cared about was boys and clothes. These students are driven, locally and globally aware and they are engaging. I would put our students up against any private or boarding school in the country for who they are and who they want to be once they leave us. Our hope is they come back and remember GHS!

Meet the Alumni Board (cont.)

Phil Weaver

How long have you served on the GHS A&F Board and in what capacity?

PW: About 20 years; a few years as the President.

Why do you feel the GHS A&F is important to our community?

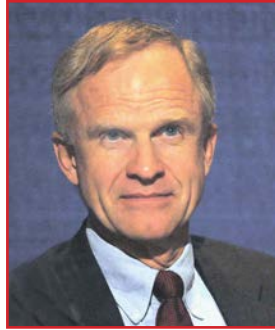
PW: We have put huge amounts of money into projects that otherwise would probably never have been funded: the current auditorium renovation, phones in each classroom, safety cameras, scholarships, and Office Depot gift cards for faculty are a few.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

PW: I have been a member of the Board of Directors since 1996 and served as the President from 2010-2013. I graduated from Grimsley in 1965, received my undergraduate degree from Duke University, and did graduate work at NCA&T State University before earning my master's degree from UNCG. In 1970, I returned to Grimsley as a social studies teacher and coach. After eight years teaching, I moved to the Counseling Department where I finished my 34 years as a Grimsley faculty member. The last 25 years, I served as the Counseling Department Chairman.

After retirement, I continued to coach for eight more years making 42 years of service to Grimsley. I coached football, baseball and golf as an assistant coach and men's basketball, women's basketball, and softball as a head coach. These teams won state championships in baseball and softball and state runners-up in men's basketball, golf, and women's basketball. I coached in the East-West All-Star Men's Basketball game in 1984 and had the Whirligig dedicated to me in 1986, the year after the State Softball Championship. In 1995, I was selected as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Male Coach of the Year.

Since 1986, I have served as an Executive Director of the NC Coaches Association with responsibility for the East-West All-Star Games. In 1992, I initiated the inclusion of soccer to the games and the initiation of the Carolinas Classic all-star basketball games against South Carolina in 1999. In 2006 I was



elected to the North Carolina Athletic Administrator's Hall of Fame. I am now in my second year as the Executive Director of the National Organization of Coaches Association Directors.

I'm married to Suzanne DeSimone Weaver who is currently a Grimsley school counselor. All five of our children graduated from Grimsley: Jennifer Weaver Mikita '94, Stacy Weaver Hummer '95 Cary Weaver Casterline '98 (her husband is Jason Casterline "98), Justin A. DeSimone '99, and Kathryn DeSimone Mills '02. We have eight grandchildren plus two due in March.

Other organizations you serve?

PW: Tabernacle United Methodist Church, NC Coaches Assn., and the National Organization of Coaches Assn. Directors.

Are you a GHS Grad? Do you have family members who are GHS graduates?

PW: Yes 1965 sister Carolyn, 1971(?) Children: Jennifer Weaver Mikita '94, Stacy Weaver Hummer '95 Cary Weaver Casterline '98 (her husband is Jason Casterline "98), Justin A. DeSimone '99, and Kathryn DeSimone Mills '02.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

PW: I was a faculty member at the time and I was asked. I love Grimsley and knew how valuable the association was becoming to the school.

What do you feel are the greatest strengths of the GHS A&F Association?

PW: We have a dedicated group with energy and useful, diverse talents.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

PW: The highlight of my service is the annual scholarship interviews. I learn anew each year that the current students are as strong academically and have engaging personalities as those who have graduated before them. Hearing their stories and helping them along the way makes you know we are heading in the right direction.

Meet the Alumni Board (cont.)

Bob Sawyer

How long have you served on the GHS A&F Board and in what capacity?

BS: Since 1996 as a board member; I was on the original board.

Why do you feel the GHS A&F is important to our community?

BS: Because i think it helps to maintain one of the oldest school communities in our state and reflects the strength and history of that community. I feel it is a valuable asset keeping us in touch with our past.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

BS: Born in Mt Airy, I graduated from Grimsley in 1955. I hold degrees in Physical Education and Business Administration from East Carolina University and Tennessee State University. I returned to Grimsley in 1961 to teach Business and Physical Education. In 1979, I became Director of Athletics. I “retired” from GHS in 1999.

I’m is married to Sue Sawyer (Sue’s brother, James Ballance, was on staff at GHS for 30+ years) and our three children all graduated from Grimsley:

During my time at Grimsley, I was the NCHSAA State 100 Backstroke Champion in 1954,1955 and 1957. In 1958 I was named NAIA National 200 Backstroke Champion, taking the State Title and National for that event again in 1959. From 2000 to present, I have served as High School Metro 4-A Conference Commissioner.

Here is a list of further Athletic Honors and Hall of Fame Memberships:

Athletic Honors

- 1955 Co-Captain, Greensboro Senior High Swimming and Diving Team
- 1955 Winner, Garland B. Murray Swimming Award (senior award)
- 1959 Winner, ECC John B. Christenbury Memorial Trophy (senior award)
- 1976 National High School Athletic Coaches Association National Semi-Finalist Swimming Coach of the Year.
- 1978 North Carolina Association of Broadcasters 4-A Coach of the Year.
- 1993 North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Association “Athletic Director of the Year”.
- 1995 Greensboro Sports Council Honorary Director of the “Little 4” High School Holiday Basketball Tournament.
- 1997 Greensboro Sports Council Citation for Director of the Little 4 Basketball Women’s Division since 1980.
- 2000 NCHSAA “All-Time Top 50 Who Make a Difference” Citation
- 2001 NCHSAA Annual “Unsung Hero” Award named the “Bob Sawyer Unsung Hero Award.”



Hall of Fame Memberships

- 1974 East Carolina University Sports Hall of Fame, Charter member
- 1996 North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame
- 1999 North Carolina High School Athletic Directors Hall of Fame
- 1999 East Carolina Educator’s Hall of Fame, Charter member
- 2007 Guilford County (N.C.) Sports Hall of Fame

Other organizations you serve?

BS: I am associated with the N.C High School Athletic Association and the NC Coaches Association. I assist the NC East/West All-Star Football game with the field preparation. I am employed part-time by the Guilford County Schools as a certified licensed activity bus driver for school field and athletic trips.

I am active in Morehead United Methodist Church as a lay leader and Chair of the Staff /Pastor Relations Committee

I am Founder and now Co-Director (with Mark Kronenfeld) of the John Dewey Swim for Cancer Research Event, which honors the memory of GHS Swimmer John Dewey. This event has run for 40 years. It is the longest running event for the American Cancer Association with funds earmarked towards research. Our swimmers have been very creative in coming up with ways to raise money! To date we have raised over 3.6 million dollars and that’s alot of nickels, dimes and quarters!

Are you a GHS Grad? Do you have family members who are GHS graduates?

BS: I graduated with the Class of 1955. My Brother Tom 1957, Sister Kay Sawyer Hardin 1962 and brother John Class of 1967. Son, David 1984 (President, Class of 1984) Daughter, Carol 1986.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

BS: Tom Penland was principal when we began and I wanted to do what I could to support the original projects such as the first alumni directory

What do you feel are the greatest strengths of the GHS A&F Association?

BS: The association has supported the school in so many ways over the years and continues to do so.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

BS: Working together for 18 years I appreciate the base support the organization has given to maintain the school property itself ... preventative maintenance in particular.

Meet the Alumni Board (cont.)

Felicia Reader

How long have you served on the GHS A&F Board and in what capacity?

FR: This is my fourth year as a GHS A&F Board and I'm participant, server and promoter for the board.

Why do you feel the GHS A&F is important to our community?

FR: Because we are active, previous students, caring parents/grandparents/my family members that help support current students with higher educational scholarships. GHS A&F can provide network opportunities, unbiased information, resources and connections for students, Class reunions, facts about former GHS students/personal. We are the support that the community needs to stay connected with past and present.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

FR: A passion to listen, willingness to help, support or give, previous student, current member of a board, previous Red Cross Volunteer – worked Hurricane Andrew, 29 years of customer service experience at Amex and a child of God.

Other organizations you serve?

FR: Board Director for New Zion Missionary Baptist Church.



Are you a GHS Grad?

FR: Class of 1981 Do you have family members who are GHS graduates? Toni Ford Bingham 1976, Glenn Ford 1978, Wendy Ford 1980, Denise Ford Shipman 1985, Tony Ford 1994 and David Vernon Reader, Jr. aka DJ 2012.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

FR: I was asked by a former volleyball, basketball and softball teammate Roberta Rohan; it was an offer I couldn't refuse (LOL). Also I felt like I could make a difference being a former student and given the love, passion and support I have for GHS.

What do you feel are the greatest strengths of the GHS A&F Association?

FR: We look for the opportunities to "Pay It Forward" such as higher educational scholarships, providing gift cards to the teachers yearly for supplies, fund raising for the auditorium renovation project, providing updated newsletters and making ourselves visible so the community can see what GHS is all about.

Favorite memory regarding your service to GHS A&F?

FR: Being in position to honor my husband David Vernon Reader, Sr. who was also a passionate supporter of education by donating a 2014-2015 Teacher Gift Card to **each** GHS Faculty member in his name.

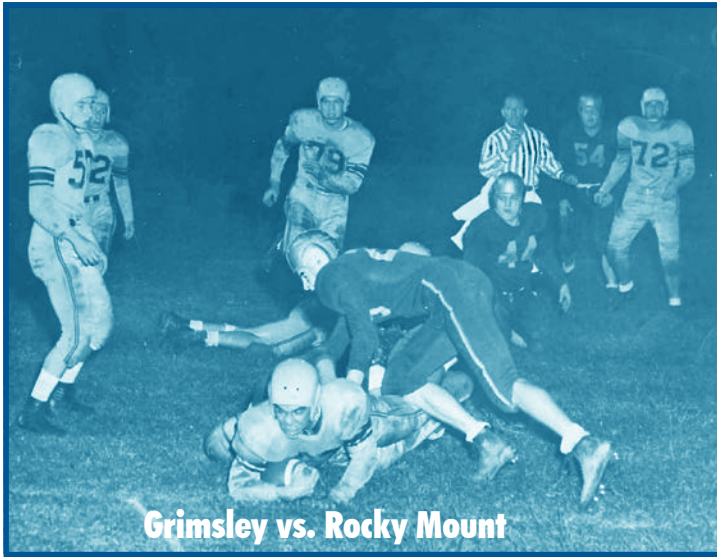


Sports News

By Lewis Newman, Athletic Director

Football

Football is very young. We are playing hard, getting better and playing to the last down no matter what. Pat Neal is doing an excellent job. We have 3 seniors. Our last game vs. NW, we had 6 starter out due to injury. We dropped two passes in the end zone and had two turnovers from a bad snap or we would have been in the game.



Grimsley vs. Rocky Mount

Cross Country

Doing great! Will make a deep run in the state playoffs! Girls should win conference and boys could win but will settle for no less than 2nd.

Women's Tennis

Struggling with injuries. Will do well but lost a surprising match to SE due to #1 & #2 sick. Conference tournament will be next week on 7& 8th.

Women's Golf

Young as you know but improving each match.

Men's Soccer

Started slow with yet another young team, but has turned in on recently after disappointing loss to Northern that we should have won. Will do well and most likely win the conference and should at least get to round two in state.

Volleyball

No competition yet. Defeating everyone in three matches by wide margin. Loss first match in the last second shot just last week by Page. Should not have lost, took Page for granted. They really are a much better team and should win conference and tournament. Should go deep in playoffs.

Cheer Team

Doing well, maybe best team since I have been here. Placed second only to Ledford who wins the Newbridge competition every year. Will compete in the NCHSAA state competition in November and NO DRAMA! Great coaches!

Gymnastics

No team this year.

Rugby

Undefeated in two games, practicing hard learning the sport. Will play in tournament this upcoming weekend at Wake Forest. Their head coach is the Wake Forest Coach.

Field Hockey

Also doing well. Had their second win of the season out of three last week as they beat Bishop McGinnis 5-0. Last year 14 girls, this year 44 girls. Now a JV and varsity team.

GO WHIRLIES

GHS Class of 2014 Statistics

Total number of Graduates : 420

Co - Valedictorians:

Meredith Leigh Wettach and Pieter Clemmetsten Salovaara
Brower with weighted GPAs of 5.41

Salutatorian:

David Branson Marsh GPA 5.39

International Baccalaureate Diploma Grads : 41

Naval Academy Appointment:

Jacob Simpson (worth over \$400,000).

Best All-Around Students:

Erin Christine Stephens and Devin Juwan Banks
(The senior class votes for Best All Around)

Class of 2014 Mean SAT Score was 1613;

the National SAT Mean Score is 1497.

There were 6 National Merit Finalists and 6 National Merit Semi-Finalists with 11 National Merit Commended. There were 1145 Advanced Placement (AP) tests given with 18.2 % scoring highest marks and 753 International Baccalaureate (IB) tests given with 14% scoring 6 or higher.

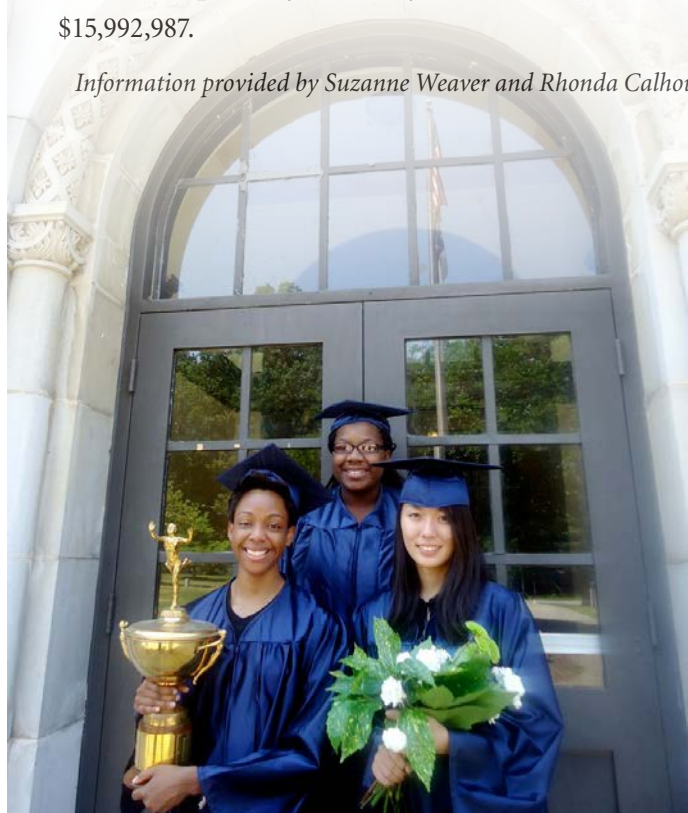
Post Graduate Plans

62% will enter 4 year college, 26% will enter 2 year college, 8% plan to attend an out-of-state school with 12% whose plans are unknown.

Total scholarship money earned by the Class of 2014

\$15,992,987.

Information provided by Suzanne Weaver and Rhonda Calhoun,



We Remember Honored GHS Faculty Members

MARJORIE WARREN

was a dedicated teacher of mathematics and computer science at Grimsley High School for 25 years, An active member of her community in Greensboro, Marjorie was the organist at Southside Baptist Church for 30 years and was a member of the Avon President's Club.

BUDDY WADE

was born in High Point and graduated from Guilford College and then entered the US Army being stationed in Japan. Buddy received his Masters in Education. He enjoyed a long career as both a guidance counselor at Grimsley High School and as director of music at First United Methodist Church.

Cultural Arts News

In the Fall 2013 newsletter we featured the GHS Bands with Dr. Stefan Stuber, the Spring 2013 issue we featured Britany Green and the GHS Orchestras... for Fall 2014 we feature the GHS Vocal Music Program under Marshall Johnson.



Music Director Marshall Johnson

is now in his 11th year at GHS and celebrating his first decade at the helm. Mr. Johnson has served as Department Chairman for his entire tenure at Grimsley, as well as chapter advisor and founder of the Tri-M Music Honor Society Chapter #5681.

Choirs under his direction have toured many cities of musical significance and sung at some of our nation's finest performing venues, including Lincoln Center, the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine and Saint Bartholomew's Church in New York, the Mission Dolores Basilica in San Francisco, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and Symphony Hall in Chicago. His students have achieved great individual success as well, with 14 selections to the North Carolina High School Honors Chorus, 3 selections to Governor's School, and a National Finalist for the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition. Many graduates during this period have gone on to study music and education in top collegiate and graduate programs, and are performing and teaching across our state and nation. Mr. Johnson instated numerous performing events at Grimsley, including annual

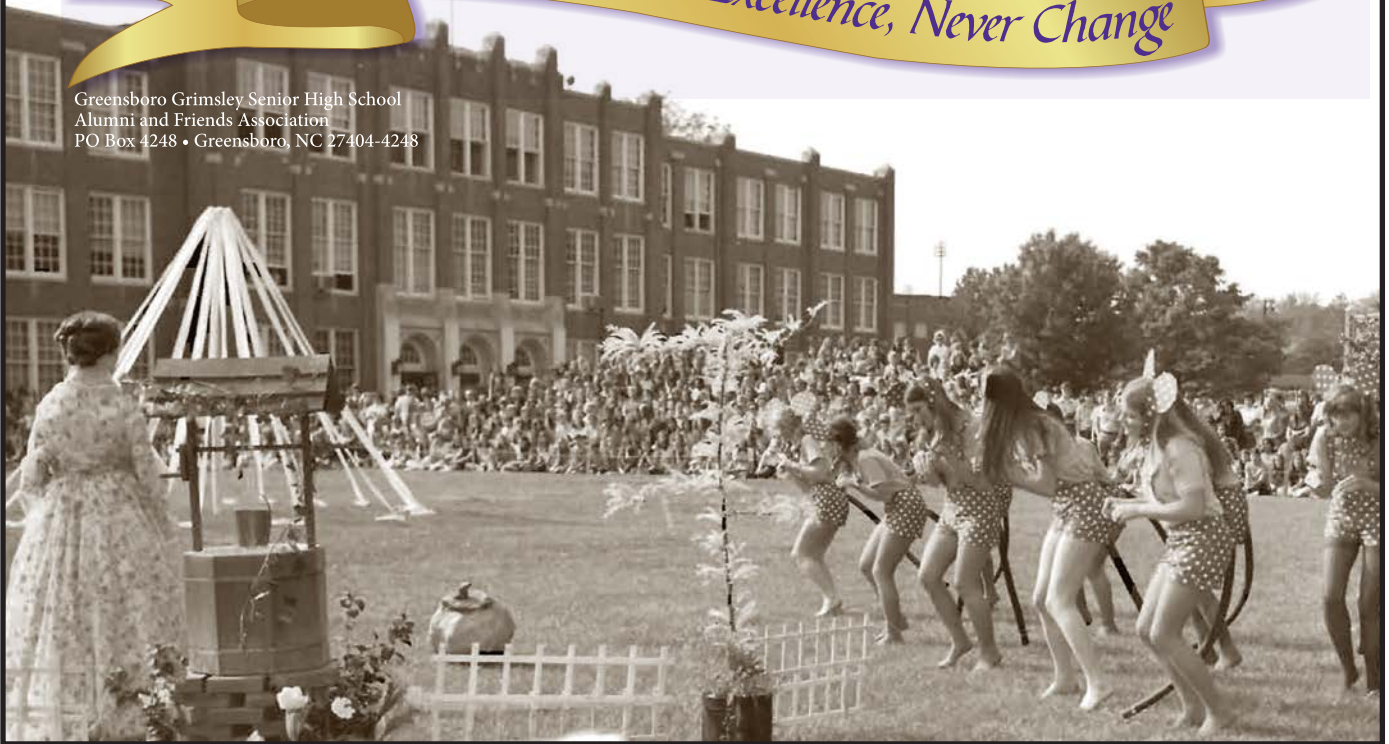
events like Open Mic Night, Tri-M Recital Night, and a revitalized Concerto Night, and several one-time events like the Hope for Haiti charity event and some talent shows. While maintaining and expanding established programs like our Madrigal Singers, who will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2016, Mr. Johnson has also introduced new ensembles like Men's Choir, Code Blue Show Choir, and a cappella groups like The Kingsmen, Consort, Treble Makers and Cleftomaniacs. The Madrigals have performed twice at the GCS State of our School Address and are regularly requested by the Superintendent to provide performances for district level meetings and events. This year the Madrigals have been selected to perform at the state convention of the North Carolina Music Educators Association, a career highlight for Mr. Johnson. When competing in NCMEA Large Ensemble Music Performance Adjudication events the Madrigals have never achieved anything other than a Superior rating, and this past year while touring New Orleans they swept every competitive category for an entire Heritage Festival event, including Best in Class, Best Overall, two Adjudicator's Awards and Best Male and Female Soloists. We hope the alumni association will join us in taking pride in these accomplishments and we hope to enjoy your continued support as we head into our next decade!

Article written by Marshall Johnson



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Auditorium Renovation - our newest project – bringing ours into the 21th Century

Educator Grants - providing GHS teachers with funding for special projects

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Our Grimsley traditions are important to us all. Your memories and support play a big part in continuing these. *Thank you always!*

New Cafeteria Update

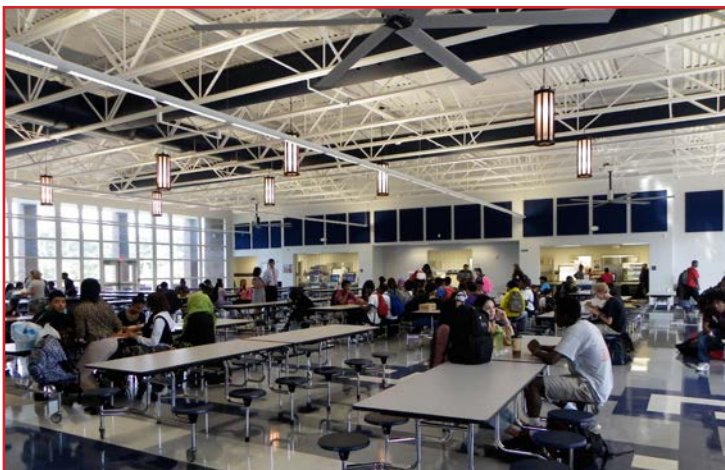
Photos of the old cafeteria building transformed into classrooms and the interior of the new Byrd-Bradley Cafeteria.



Old Cafeteria and Patio



New Cafeteria Lobby



New Interior



New Cafeteria and Patio

Reunion: Class of 1984



The Official Reunion Photo for Class of 1984

On September 26-27, 2014 the GHS Class of 1984 gathered for their 30-year reunion. In spite of having to move the event from the Page-Grimsley game weekend due to Furniture Market, the class had a nice turnout for a full weekend of events. So good to see everyone! Our class joined together to see Grimsley take on the Northwest Guilford Vikings on a misty Friday night. Although the Whirlies lost, those in attendance were treated to a stadium-shaking performance after the game by the NC A&T State University Marching Machine.

On Saturday afternoon we gathered for a family potluck picnic on the patio in front of the NEW Byrd-Bradley Cafeteria. Joining us were a number of former faculty and administration including our Principal Dr. Bonny Baur. Classmates had the opportunity to take their families on campus tours led by student ambassadors and purchase 'Whirlie Wear' from the Athletic Boosters as well as join the GHS Alumni & Friends Association. The highlight of the weekend was our banquet at the UNC-G Alumni House, a beautiful venue.



*L. to r: Bonny Baur, Principal 1984
Gayle Manahan, English
Ron Sawyer, Athletic Director
Gayle Lackey, Social Studies*

Our class was happy to support local Whirlie-owned businesses namely the exclusive wine supplier Grove Winery (owned by Max Lloyd '82) and the exclusive beer supplier Pig Pounder Brewery (owned by Marty Kotis '87).

Always generous, our class enthusiastically opened their wallets to support significant donations to the Chance-Cousins Auditorium Renovation Fund in memory of classmate Wendy Thompson Leonard and donate to a memorial fund in support of a recently widowed classmate and her young daughters.

Our Class of 1984 truly exemplifies the words of our Alma Mater: *"All hail to thee, and as the days go by, we'll pledge our faith and love and loyalty, Greensboro Grimsley High!"*

Article written by Dawn Swanson, Class of 1984

GHS Teacher Wins The Chief's Award Greensboro Police Department

Message 2 Die 4

MATTHEW RINGROSE, drama teacher, and his student teacher, **EMILY SCOTT**, were awarded the highest civilian honor by the Greensboro Police Department. They put together a 4 segment video series as a prelude to the Police Department program called "2 Die 4". This is a program on the dangers of texting and driving.

An actual crash was staged and filmed. Then the crash site is recreated on campus, students are cut out of the car, taken away by EMS, and a mock funeral is staged.

The program was called "**Message 2 Die 4.**" Matt edited the four short videos (that were written and filmed by the students), and put them together with footage taken at the live event. That finalized video is what is currently being used as the county-wide example for "Message 2 Die 4." Officer Price, the coordinating officer, is currently reaching out to other counties in the state for which our video is still serving as the example.

Matt and Emily, together with their Drama classes, did an exceptional job filming and their video production is now the "model" used by the GSBO police with other schools.



*Emily and Matt at the award ceremony with Officer Brian Price.
Emily is currently teaching at North Forsyth High School in
Winston-Salem*

A Walk Down...





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