

GREENSBORO GRIMSLEY SR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION



Whirlie Walk Challenge



Whirlie Walk

The date has been set for the Alumni Association Sponsored Whirlie Walk Fund Raiser. This year, we want to include Alumni as well and have a contest among GHS graduating classes. We'll post updates and the top donating class on the website and also include a "bragging rights" ad in the next newsletter. So mark your calendars, get a group together, and help us spread the word. See details below for how you can participate whether you are near or far away from good old Grimsley!

- When:** Saturday April 25, 2015 at 10 (Registration at 9:30)
- Where:** Grimsley
- Who:** Students, Faculty, Alumni, and Friends
- Why:** To raise funds for various school needs

If you're not in the area or can't attend for other reasons and want to help with the cause, you can send a check to:
Grimsley Alumni Association
PO Box 4248
Greensboro, NC 27404-4248

Or

Donate via our secure website www.whirlies.com.

Just click on the "join now" box on the left side and indicate WW donation and your year with payment.

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From Your GHS A&F Co-Presidents

Mary Jane Beavers '73 and Joe Franks '78

Aside from GHS missing 8 of 10 days due to the weather-related school closings, things are clicking along as we ready ourselves for spring activities.

The Annual Whirlie Walk Fund-raiser for the Alumni Association will take place on Saturday, April 25. This gives Grimsley's current students a chance to get involved with our Association and "pay it forward", so to speak. It sure would be great to see more alumni from the local area involved, so if you can make it to GHS on the 25th of April, we would love to see you. Sponsorship is a minimum of \$25.00 to participate and we have a great t-shirt in your size!

Spring is also the time for our Alumni Scholarship recipients to be selected and presented on Senior Awards Day. Thanks to your generosity, and that of our scholarship donors, we are still able to make these scholarships happen for our seniors. Look for the info on our

recipients in the next newsletter.

As we approach 4,500 "Likes" on Facebook, it is fun to watch the comments on our weekly posts. We hope that the nostalgic nature of many of our posts can rekindle great memories from your days at GHS. On Facebook, we are listed as the Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni and Friends Association and don't forget to check out www.whirlies.com for the latest news about what is happening with our Association.

As always, the assistance we are able to provide to our alma mater is only possible with your support – so we thank those who have donated and encourage those who haven't yet to remember:

All of us started out as Whirlies and in our hearts we will always be Whirlies. Let's make sure that Grimsley remains that same cherished place in another generation's teenage life!



From Your Principal

Charles Blanchard

Spring is in the air and it is hard to believe how quickly my first year as Principal of Grimsley Senior High School has progressed! I have been fortunate to meet many alumni at different school events and out in the community. “Whirlie Nation” is strong and the support our students receive from the Alumni Association provides them with a truly special place to learn. I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the renovations and updates to our campus this school year.

Auditorium Renovations

The auditorium received a partial renovation during the first semester of this school year. The renovation was led by the Alumni Association refinishing the stage floor. The Alumni Association also provided additional black curtains and stage ceiling acoustical cloud. This was achieved by several alumni reaching out to the people in charge of the War Memorial Auditorium demolition project to receive them as a donation. Guilford County Schools replaced all of the exterior windows. Our students, faculty and school community have all been impressed with the updates. A special thank you to everyone from the Alumni Association who worked so diligently to support these renovations!

Old Cafeteria Building

The Old Cafeteria building renovations were completed in August 2014. The first floor of this building now has two beautiful visual arts classrooms and four academic classrooms. They all contain the latest available classroom technology. It has been fun watching the excitement of students and teachers as they’ve settled into these new spaces.



Exterior Doors and Roof Replacement

Guilford County Schools began a project to replace all of our exterior doors around the end of October 2014. This project is almost complete and has provided a major face-lift to the exterior of the building. You will definitely notice the improvement if you visit campus in the near future.

The Home Economics, Music and Vocational buildings have received roof replacements this school year. This has really helped eliminate some leaking and other issues in these buildings. This improvement is not as visible but has definitely been appreciated by students and teachers!

Thank you again to our wonderful Alumni Association support and I look forward to meeting more Whirlies in the future!



Chance-Cousins Auditorium Renovation Update

Ron and Linda Wilson

We are so proud of the work we have been able to accomplish and say a big THANK YOU! to all who have made donations. Donations in the amount of \$53,600 have been received to date. We are almost ready to proceed with a major project to rework the entire auditorium lighting system; however, we are still \$2,000 short of being able to execute a contract. So any donations to the lighting system upgrade would be most appreciated. Once the lighting system is upgraded, plans are to upgrade the Auditorium sound system and replace the aging seat back covers.

Our grand old piano has been cleaned and tuned and a new cover has been purchased. Future plans are to build a cabinet to protect the 1920's grand piano when not in use.

To date, donors have enabled big changes to the aged stage floor. It's not "new" but all of the overlayment was removed, new boards purchased to replace the worst of the deteriorated original boards and, after sanding, the floor was painted black and sealed. We also made some modest utility lighting improvements; however, the next big project is to completely

rework the lighting system.

Thanks to the Greensboro Coliseum and the coming demolition of War Memorial Auditorium, we relocated back and side curtains from War Memorial to our auditorium. The coliseum also donated sound baffles, typically found in only professional settings, and we had the necessary support system and stage ceiling acoustical cloud professionally installed.

We are very pleased that the Guilford County School system was able to undertake some very needed work while we worked on the stage. New doors and windows were installed in the auditorium and they look great. They were designed by architect Rick Lowman to closely match the old ones while providing all the benefits of modern technology.

Kudos to the individuals and classes who have made donations!! If you have not yet done so, or if you can possibly make another donation this year, please use the form in this newsletter to direct your donation to the Chance-Cousins Renovation Project.



Meet The Board

Tim Weikel

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

I have been on the board since 2001 as an at large member. I have headed the Generations fund raising campaigns in the past.

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

As our community has grown, some of the older schools have been neglected in order to move funds to new schools. GHS has always been an asset to the community and we need to take care of this historic gem.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

I was in sales and finance. I ran my own marketing company for 32 years.

Other organizations you serve?

Boards and committees at West Market Street Methodist Church. Boy Scout Leader ACE supporter.

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

Yes graduated from Grimsley in 1966. Two of my children are also GHS grads.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

I accepted the nomination because I felt it was important to keep the high standards of GHS in place. If the community did not speak out, GHS would not have received the funds for the renovations and additions which were so overdue. I wanted to help GHS stay on top as one of the best 100 high schools in the Nation.

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

Our greatest strength is that like the dedicated faculty: we really care about providing the best high school environment possible for our diverse student body. The extra things which we can sometimes supply hopefully make a difference at GHS.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

Great joys are two. **First:** I spearheaded registering the GHS campus on the National Historic Register. We were able to convince the architects to preserve this look in the renovation plans. No one wanted HIVAC tubes running down the Main Hall!
Second: Interviewing the students applying for our scholarships is confirmation that GHS is still a wonderful High School and the students begin to realize what a wonderful education they have been offered. Like those who came before, we send them on to high and greater things which enrich the lives of all of us.



Roberta Rohan

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

As a general member for 9 years, served as secretary 2 years.

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

In the political realm of underfunding education, its important for some group to step up and bring support to quality programs.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

As a 21 year teacher at GHS, I am aware of needs and can provide contacts for the board.

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

Yes, Class of '82 and all four of my siblings are Whirlies and my niece is also an alum.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board? Belief in what role it serves in making Grimsley better.

What do you feel are the greatest strengths of the GHS A&F Association? Unending loyalty and commitment to GHS and all its stellar traditions.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

Participating in annual "Whirlie Walk Fundraiser" and seeing seniors that receive the A&F scholarships at senior awards.



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Meet The Board (continued)

Bobby Rives

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

4 years – Treasurer

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

To show support for the quality education and life experiences offered at GHS.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

Just an accounting background and civic club membership. I serve as Treasurer.

Other organizations you serve?

None at this time.

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

Yes, class of '65 - other family members to attend GHS – Paternal Grandmother, Mother, Daughter, and both grandsons – 5 generations.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

Love of the time spent at GHS. My daughter was on the first Board and was the newsletter editor.

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

Dedication of the members – willing to serve for several terms.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

Keeping up with GHS life and the successes of the school and its graduates.



Ruth Comer

I was asked to be on the Board a few months after the Alumni & Friends was formed in 1996-1997 school year. I have been on the Board as just a Board member since then. I feel the GHS A&F is very important to the School, the Students, the Staff and the Teachers.

I have served as Co-chairman (with my husband John Comer) of the Jamison Trust through which we raised the money to replace the seating in Jamison Stadium, build a new concession stand and press box plus new restrooms for the Stadium on home side. I have also served as a volunteer as Director of Concessions for GHS Athletic Department since 1987. (Note: We are currently the only school concession with a Guilford County Health Department sanitation rating) I was also a Member of Booster Club from early 1980s until around 2005.

To me, the greatest strengths of the Association is the Board itself. We are very organized and contain people who are very easy to work with. We talk, we agree, we vote. We go home. We help when needed and we enjoy being together and love to help Grimsley in any way we can.

My husband, John, graduated from Greensboro Senior High in 1952. All our children graduated from Grimsley as well: Cathy in 1980, John Edward, 1982, Missy 1984 and Maryanna in 1988. You can see Grimsley and service to Grimsley has been and continues to be an important part of all our lives!



Whatever Happened To??

The GHS Archives is seeking a 1952 Yearbook for its collection. If you have one and would like to donate it, or any other GHS Memorabilia from your time with us, please contact **Harry Bradley**: hbradley25@msn.com



Grimsley's Mason & Hamlin Concert Grand Piano

By Peter Byrd '74

In the summer of 1929, a brand new, model-CC1 Mason & Hamlin piano--a magnificent ebony, nine-foot concert grand, serial number 39017--left the factory in Boston, headed to the still-under-construction Westover Terrace campus of Greensboro Senior High School, scheduled to open that September. The music program at GHS at the time--the choir and band directed by Grady Miller and the orchestra by Earl Slocum--was firmly established and growing quickly, and it had already developed a reputation as being among the very best in North Carolina, such that furnishing the new school with a fine piano in the auditorium was not a hard decision for the school board to make. Now, 86 years later, that piano is still on the Grimsley Senior High School stage, one of the few original 1929 furnishings at GHS to still be in its original place and serving its original purpose.

I remember the first time I heard this great instrument played in a concert: on February 17, 1972, during my sophomore year, Janice Bray '72 (now Bradner) was the piano soloist for Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, played with Herbert Hazelman's Symphony Band. I was mesmerized--by Janice's playing, by the band, and by that incredible piano--and I still have the LP record

of the concert I bought at the time, having listened to it countless times in the years since. It was a great performance that I will never forget.

Spring forward over 40 years to last year's Awards Day ceremony, on May 22, 2014, for my most recent experience hearing an exceptional Grimsley musician perform on this fine piano: Kwynn Gilbert '14 wowed the assembly that day with an arrangement he wrote of variations on Grimsley's Alma Mater, and I can report that his playing left everyone in the auditorium overwhelmed by his great skill and the rich sound he brought out of our historic instrument.

Recently while preparing for this article, I visited the school, intent on seeing, examining, and playing once again our Mason & Hamlin concert grand. It was mid-day, and as I got near the closed doors of the auditorium, a smile crossed my face as I unexpectedly heard the piano being played, accompanying a chorus, and I eagerly slipped in and found Marshall Johnson, our current choral director, at the keyboard as he rehearsed one of his ensembles preparing for an upcoming concert. The sound of the piano resonated beautifully through the live acoustics of

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Piano cleaned . . . and returned!

Grand Piano (continued)

the room, and I stood there in awe of what I was hearing! I also appreciated – yet again – the amazing foresight of Greensboro’s school leaders of the 1920s who made sure that the new GHS was outfitted with the best furnishings available, including this piano from one of the most respected piano makers of that day.

Mason & Hamlin was founded in Boston in 1854 by Henry Mason, a pianist from a famous musical family, and Emmons Hamlin, a mechanic and inventor. While making pianos was not the original focus of the company, in 1881 they moved into that area as well, and their established reputation grew even greater. By the early 20th Century, Mason & Hamlin pianos were so well received that composers Sergei Rachmaninoff – also a legendary piano virtuoso – and Maurice Ravel played these instruments on their tours.

A detailed history of the company can be found on its Web site, but let me mention one item in particular which distinguishes Mason & Hamlin pianos from those made by other companies: the “tension resonator.” This device, invented in 1900 by the German-American piano designer Richard W. Gertz, is a circular metal piece centered under the piano’s soundboard, attached via metal rods to the maple perimeter of the case, tightened to ensure that the spruce soundboard will not flatten out, thus preventing the piano from eventually losing its rich sound. (While on my recent visit to GHS, I got down on the floor to look for the tension resonator and the rods under the soundboard and was excited to find them right there.) For the piano at Grimsley, one aspect of the success of this Mason & Hamlin technology was shown in 2014, when the piano was temporarily removed from GHS and put into storage for several months while the stage floor was being repaired and restored, part of the current efforts by the GHS Alumni Association to restore and upgrade the auditorium. As Marta Force, a former Grimsley choir director who is involved in the current project, observed about the piano, “After being dismantled and moved

twice, in both summer heat and December cold, and carted across town in a moving truck, it was still in near-perfect tune when delivered - the mark of a legendary instrument.”

The GHS piano was made at the very end of the “Golden Age of the Piano,” a period from the late 19th Century until its abrupt end when the start of the Depression had an immediate, negative impact on piano sales in the United States. In 1930, in order to survive, Mason & Hamlin was sold to another piano company (a move also made by many other piano manufacturers at the time), and its operations were moved to another state, hence our 1929 concert grand was among the last built of this brand’s classic pianos, and in its original Boston factory. While various owners since continued to use the Mason & Hamlin name as well as most of the technical innovations developed by the original designers, enough changes were made that it really was not the same. Not until 1996, when the company was purchased by its current owners, has a real attempt been made to restore the brand to its former glory, including returning the manufacturing of the pianos to Massachusetts, along with restoring all of its original technical aspects.

During the 1984-85 school year--after more than 50 years of regular use--Grimsley’s Mason & Hamlin piano received an extensive rehabilitation (including needed repairs), when in addition the current piano bench was obtained as well. Last year a thorough cleaning inside the case showed that more was needed to protect the piano than just a cloth cover, so former GHS industrial arts-and-drafting teacher Larry Keefer will soon construct a permanent, insulated piano storage box on-stage for this purpose.

I am sure if Greensboro’s school leaders from 1929 could visit Grimsley today, they would be thrilled to see (and hear!) that the concert grand piano they bought with great foresight all those years ago is still in regular use at the school.

Cultural Arts News

GHS Theatre Program

The Grimsley theatre program features a beginning level class, a technical class, an honors level production class, and an IB class that focuses on world theatre. Starting in the 2015-2016 school year, the program will also feature a film studies class where the students will learn about and create their own movies. The program is still highlighted by the after school group “The Playmasters,” which still puts on two shows per year. While our theatrical season is over this year, we will have the 3rd annual Playmasters Film Festival on May 1 and 2. The festival will feature short 10- minute films created entirely by students.

The Grimsley theatre students also participate in many service learning activities such as the annual 5K race “Miles for Matthew,” as well as theatre festivals such as the NCTC High School Play Festival. This past October, The Playmasters received three awards at the NCTC



HSPF: Excellence in Stage Management, Excellence in Audience Interaction for “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged (performed by the Honors Theatre Class),” and Excellence in Ensemble Performance for “The Laramie Project (performed by the Playmasters). Members of the theatre program also traveled to NYC at the beginning of March where they visited Radio City Music Hall, the Museum of Modern Art, Central Park, Strawberry Fields, and saw two Broadway shows: “Aladdin” and “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder.”

Matt Ringrose, GHS class of 2002, graduated from ECU with a BFA in Theatre Education in 2006. After two years teaching in Pitt County, Mr. Ringrose returned to his alma mater to take over for Mr. Zaruba, who retired in 2008. He lives in Greensboro with his wife, Erin, and daughter, Genevieve. Matt Ringrose is also very active in the film community. He runs the film component of City Arts’ Drama Center at the Cultural Arts Center downtown, and is a film instructor during the summer for the All Arts, Sciences, and Technology Camp run through UNCG.

Grimsley Playmasters at Central Park, NYC



GHS Retired Faculty Luncheon
for Former Faculty and Staff

25th Anniversary Celebration!

Enjoy an annual event unique to Grimsley!

The GHS Retired Faculty and Staff Dutch Treat Luncheon

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

11:30 AM

at Congregational United Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall
400 Radiance Dr.

*Remind everybody to bring their lunch;
drinks will be provided.*

For more information,
please contact Gayle Manahan: manahanp@bellsouth.net

Luncheon Pics next page 

1st Retired Faculty Luncheon – 1990



21st Retired Faculty Luncheon – 2011



More faculty pics next page 

Retired Faculty Past Luncheon Party Pics!



We Remember Honored GHS Faculty

Jackie Williams, History

Jackie Williams passed away on March 19. Since details are not currently available, we will list a full obituary in the next GHS Alumni & Friends Association issue.

Bob Fredrickson, History

Robert A. Fredrickson, 91, passed away March 13, 2015 at Hospice Home at High Point. Bob was born in Buffalo, New York in 1923. He was a devoted husband and father, a dedicated teacher, and an accomplished musician. During WWII he was a member of the U.S. Army 6811th Signal Security Detachment at Bletchley Park (England), where he monitored German military radio traffic as a cryptographer and analyst. After the war he completed his higher education at Penn State University and there, he met and married Jane. They moved to Greensboro in 1949 and soon after Bob accepted a position at Greensboro/Grimsley High School where he taught history for 35 years. In 1957 he was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach in the Middle East and he subsequently traveled to West Africa, Pakistan, South America and the Far East. Throughout his life he enjoyed playing his viola with community orchestras and chamber groups.

Richard August Zaruba, Drama and English

Richard August Zaruba, III passed away on December 24, 2014, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Richard was born in Petersburg, VA in 1957. He married his high school sweetheart Cynthia, and loved his daughters, his extended family and generations of students. Richard graduated from Gibbons High School as valedictorian in 1975, and received his B.A. from UNCG in 1978. He then began a 30-year career teaching drama, English, and speech at Grimsley High School. During this time, he was the “voice of the Whirlies,” announcing for the Grimsley football games, and coached GHS girls’ softball. Upon retirement, he worked as a tax preparer and instructor for H&R Block. For the past 15 years, he served as a church musician at St. Pius X, playing guitar and mandolin, which brought him much joy. Among his many interests, Richard enjoyed Americana and bluegrass music, Braves baseball, Colts football, college basketball, science fiction, cooking, good wine, family vacations at the Outer Banks, Merlefest, and winery tours.

Patricia “Trick” Beamer, Home Economics

Patricia (Trick) G. Beamer died on November 27, 2014. She was born in Mount Airy in 1933. She graduated from Women’s College (now UNC-G). She married her first-grade sweetheart, Arthur Beamer in 1956. She worked as an assistant home demonstration agent in Rockingham County, taught school in Alexandria, Virginia, J. C. Price School, Greensboro, South Fork and Jefferson Schools in Winston-Salem, and mostly at Grimsley High School in the home economics and child care departments. Patricia was very talented, making numerous wedding gowns, directed weddings, made UNC cheerleaders’ uniforms, taught tailoring, tested recipes for Betty Crocker, knitted sweaters, and enjoyed much humor with her friends.

Lynda Tamblyn, Physical Education

Lynda Leitha Tamblyn, 74, of Greensboro, died on November 8, 2014. Lynda was born in Los Angeles, CA in 1940. Her passions for teaching, coaching, and her students was evidenced by her 30 years of perfect attendance; primarily at Grimsley High School. She was selected eight times as Conference Girl’s Tennis Coach of the Year. She was the first woman to be granted lifetime membership in the North Carolina Coaches Association and for the past twenty-four years had used her extraordinary intelligence and attention to detail serving as the Office Manager, Treasurer, newsletter editor, and “Jill of all trades” for the North Carolina Coaches Association. A skilled writer and editor, Lynda co-authored a book entitled See Jane Not Run: Teachers are Leaders. Lynda was a passionately active member at the local, state, and international levels of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, this organization recognized her contributions with a North Carolina International Star of the Southeast Award in July, 2014. She attended the First Christian Church of Greensboro, where, at various times, she served as elder, trustee, treasurer. Lynda’s friends will remember the glint in her eye when exchanging greetings and her keen sense of humor. Fiercely loyal, any slight Lynda perceived directed at one of her friends, her family, her alma mater (the University of Oklahoma), or Grimsley High School would provoke a noticeable, negative reaction. Most of all Lynda is remembered for her talents and her unselfishness as a team player who excelled behind the scenes; never seeming to care for public acclaim for her group’s accomplishments.

Eileen Cirincione: Guilford County Schools Teacher of the Year



Elementary teacher and Grimsley grad **Eileen Cirincione** was named the 2014-15 GCS Teacher of the Year.

Eileen Cirincione, a teacher whose creative energy inspires her students was named the district's 2014 Teacher of the Year at the annual Celebration of Excellence event on Sept. 18. She will represent the district at the regional level for the 2014-15 school year.

Fourth-grade teacher Cirincione, formerly at Fairview Elementary in High Point and now at Bessemer Elementary in Greensboro, was honored for her positive, one-on-one approach to teaching. She makes a point to keep her lessons fresh with new ideas and hands-on activities, and can be found standing on tables or singing to her students to help them engage in learning.

"My role is to support, encourage, redirect, question and challenge," she says. "If I am positive and excited about learning, it is only natural that some of that excitement may rub off on my students."

Eileen is a graduate of Grimsley High School, Class of 1990! Last year's state Teacher of the Year, Karyn Dickerson, is on faculty at GHS ... hoping the best for Eileen as she moves forward and aren't we PROUD of all these educators associated with Grimsley High School!!

We asked Eileen about her memories of Grimsley High School and here is her response:

"I truly remember my Grimsley days with great fondness and never miss an opportunity to share with others just how wonderful and special the school is. I feel so fortunate that I was able to spend four years there. I'm really dating myself, but my class was the first to switch from junior high in ninth grade to ninth grade at high school. I was thrilled to get to Grimsley a year earlier than those ahead of me!

I have so many special memories of my time there. The time I spent with Coach (Richard) Smith and the Cross Country team was so powerful and special to me. I am certain that the lessons I learned about teamwork, perseverance, and the benefits of hard work stuck with me and helped shape me into the person I am today. I also remember Mr. (Larry) Williamson's American History class with great fondness. I tell my students today that this class was my hardest . . . but also my favorite. I learned so much about pushing myself and sticking with things even though they were tough. I also learned so much about time management. (I remember lugging my history book to track meets so I could work on my ID's during breaks!) And I was never fortunate enough to have Coach Franks for class, but I loved seeing and hearing him in the halls and visiting him for quick trips to the trainer. I'll never forget the time he sliced a monster blister off my ankle . . . and then proceeded to toss the dead skin on a huge football player just

to make him squirm. (I would have crawled under the table if I had been able!)

I could go on and on about wonderful teachers who made sure I was more than just a number. The whole staff did an amazing job to make sure that such a large campus felt comfortable and safe. Grimsley was – and is – so much more than a beautiful campus. Those beautiful, old buildings house amazing teachers and students doing amazing things. I love driving by and thinking about how fortunate I was to have spent four years there."



Class of 1965: The 50th Reunion

The 50th Reunion for the Class of 1965 is being held the weekend of October 2-4, 2015. The formal invitations will be sent out in early May. If we have your e-mail address, it will be sent by e-mail. Otherwise, it will be mailed to you. If you hear of classmates who have not been contacted, please e-mail information to us at robertaparsons@bellsouth.net (Robyn). We will need the name, address, phone, and e-mail of that person. The person(s) can send it directly to Robyn.

The Friday night event will be held at Thirsty's 2. The Saturday night event will be held at Starmount Country Club. Starting times will be 6:00 PM for both events. Dressy casual is the dress code. There will be a golf event on Saturday morning, which will be coordinated by Bobby Rives and Steve Blackwood. Another Saturday day event is already being contemplated, but has not been scheduled at this time.

Be sure to look for your invitation in the coming weeks. We are going to have a great attendance and want you to be there.

Your Tri-Chairs: Bob Albright, John(ny) Markham and Robyn Parsons + 20 Active Committee Members

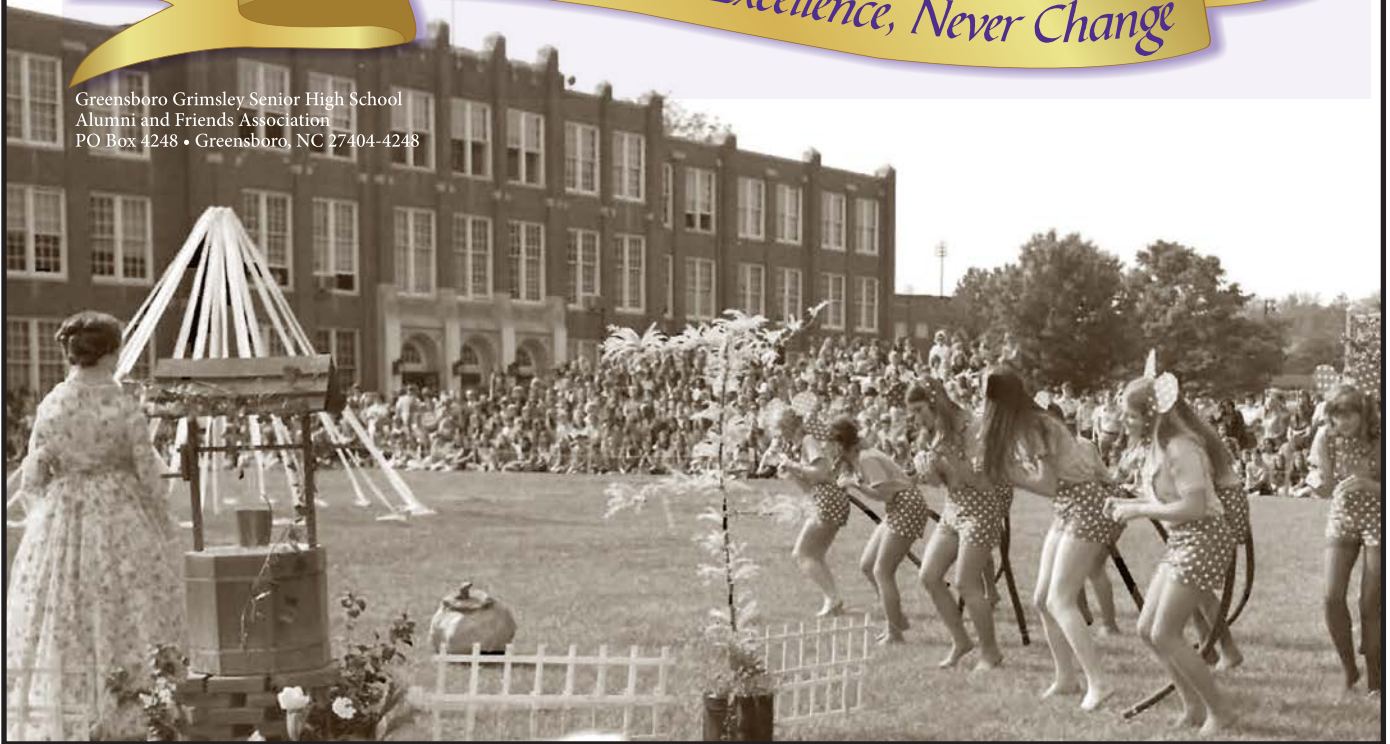
CLASS OF 1965



Whirlie Class Elections circa 1965

Traditions: Some, like Excellence, Never Change

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Some Need Your Help to Maintain.

*Please consider
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Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni and Friends Association

Amazing changes in education since you graduated! Your annual membership of \$25 will help us help Grimsley students and faculty, past and present, continue to “sing thy praise through all our days” through:

Project Graduation - contributing to “the (safe) place to be” activities following Graduation each year

Alumni and Friends Newsletter - been missing this? We have lots to brag about!

Scholarships - we contribute \$7,500 directly and administer five others totaling \$3,500

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

Educator Grants - providing GHS teachers with funding for special projects

Senior Tea - co-sponsored by the Association, this tradition is unique to Grimsley

Please consider renewing your membership this June to: Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School Alumni and Friends Association
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