

GREENSBORO GRIMSLEY SR HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Grimsley's Dewey Pool **DEMOLISHED**

by Peter Byrd '74

One of the sadder events in Grimsley's history occurred the week of August 17, 2015, when the John Gordon Dewey '71 Memorial Swimming Pool at GHS was demolished.

This was the result of a gradual worsening of foundational and other structural issues with the pool building which had existed for years (and with multiple causes), and which came to a head in the summer and fall of 2011, ultimately closing the pool that December. The pool, which was located behind the Auxiliary Gym and was attached at one corner to the Robert R. Sawyer '55 Main Gym, never reopened, despite the hopes of many that the building around the pool could be repaired or possibly replaced.



Grimsley's Dewey Pool Demolition, August 2015.

Photo by Alicia Neese Irvin '79

Grimsley's pool opened with great excitement in the summer of 1976 and was used regularly over the years by the Whirlie swim teams (as well as by those from Page and Northeast Guilford), by the Greensboro Swimming Association (GSA) – a local AAU/USA Swimming team which donated half of the \$1 million cost of the pool's construction, and by the city of Greensboro (which paid the other half of building the pool), which operated it year-round for public swimming. In later years, the Triad Masters Swimming program (a competitive team for adults) used the pool regularly as well. When the pool first opened,

swimming was incorporated into the physical education curriculum at Grimsley, although that only lasted for about three or four years, ending once the aquatic director position at GHS was dropped, for budget reasons. Also for a number of years, the annual North Carolina high school state championship swim meet was held at the Grimsley pool.

Getting a swimming pool built on the Grimsley campus was the culmination of years of hopes and dreams and a lot of hard work by a lot of people working to see it come about. The complex and co-operative efforts by the Greensboro Public Schools and the city of Greensboro to build and operate this pool (as well as the one built

at the same time at Ben L. Smith High School in town) were admired and asked about by other cities and school systems throughout the state. Especially now that the GHS pool is gone, it is important that the history of these complicated efforts be recorded and preserved.

Just as he was the key player in so many other parts of GHS's athletic history over the years, Coach Bob Jamieson deserves the most credit for Grimsley obtaining the pool, beginning with the fact that he had worked hard to promote swimming in Greensboro going back to the 1940's (a period when his primary focus was football and basketball). That early emphasis on swimming by Coach Jamieson was very much in evidence too at Greensboro Senior High, with a boys' swim team dating from the late 1940's, first under Coach Garland Murray and then starting in the early 50's under Coach Pat Earey, and with Coach Jamieson coaching girls'

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swimming at the school by the early 1950's. Success quickly followed, with the boys' team winning the state championship five years-in-a-row (1953 to 1957), and the girls receiving national attention during this period. In the early 1960's the boys' team ascended to the top again, by then coached by alumnus Bob Sawyer, who would coach it to 15 consecutive state championships (1965 to 1979). With such a successful and established swimming program in place at GHS by the mid-1960's, the groundwork was in place — when interest began to build at that time — to have a pool built on the Grimsley campus.



*1970 Photo of Coach Bob Sawyer '55 and John Dewey '71.
From 1971 Whirligig*

The development of Grimsley's swimming program in those years closely paralleled that of the Greensboro Swimming Association, where coaches Sawyer and Jamieson also coached the boys' and girls' teams, respectively, meaning that the swimmers on the GHS and GSA teams

overlapped significantly. This connection was critical, relative to getting the Grimsley pool built. In the late 1950's, GSA purchased via auction from the city of Greensboro (through the Greensboro Pool Corporation, a separate entity made up of the GSA team parents) Lindley Park Pool, which GSA then operated until about 1966, when the city bought back the pool to run again as a city facility, which it still does today. GSA decided it wanted to use the money received from the sale of Lindley to build a pool at Grimsley, which by that point had the best swimming program of any high school in North Carolina, and most of whose swimmers, again, were also a part of the GSA team. Wise investing of the money obtained in the Lindley sale by several of the GSA parents paid handsome results, and eventually that money would be used, again, to privately pay half the cost of the Grimsley pool.

Once Lindley Pool was sold in 1966, serious discussions started about the desired Grimsley-pool project, extending into the early 1970's, which showcased the remarkable co-operation existing at that time between the city school system and the city government. Both school and city officials were committed to promoting athletics among the young people of Greensboro, and an unusual (for the times) and beneficial sharing of city-owned and school-owned athletic facilities by the schools and the general public (e.g., facilities for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis, golf, and finally soccer, by the mid-70's) showed how successful this collaboration was. While interest was peaking to have a pool built at Grimsley, strong local interest



Empty Dewey Pool at Grimsley, a week before the demolition, August 2015.

Photo by Peter Byrd '74

in tennis was surging as well, and the decisions to build hard-surface tennis courts at all four city high schools, along with a pool at Smith, were combined with the decision to build a pool at Grimsley. With lots of co-operation among all the interested parties, these projects all moved forward together: the current tennis courts at GHS were built in the summer of 1974, and the swimming pool in the 1975-76 school year. Key people involved — all under the watchful eye and guiding hand of Coach Jamieson — included local leaders (and GHS classmates) Jim Betts '52 (school board) and Jim Melvin '52 (mayor), as well as Tom Osborne (city manager, and a GHS parent), Thorpe Jones (schools, and a former GHS faculty member), and Oka Hester '33 and Bill Britt (Greensboro Parks & Recreation Department). While researching this article it became quite clear, though, that more than anyone else, Coach Jamieson was the one who made sure the GHS-pool project stayed on-track and was built. He felt strongly that another indoor pool in Greensboro would make a real difference, both for teaching swimming as well as for competitive swimming, and for both the city as well as for Grimsley.

The pool was dedicated to the memory of John Gordon Dewey '71, a champion swimmer for both Grimsley and GSA, who died of cancer on Palm Sunday, April 4, 1971, in the spring of his senior year at GHS. John grew up on Dogwood Drive, not far from Sternberger School in the Starmount area of Greensboro, with a brother and two sisters who were also swimmers and are Grimsley alumni. He was a remarkable young man, remembered for his strong



John Dewey '71

integrity, leadership abilities, sunny disposition, and service to the community, besides also being a great swimmer, including being the state champion in the 100-yard freestyle his junior year at GHS. Despite his health issues, John had been accepted to attend N.C. State that fall, and his determination was such that he was even in his classes at Grimsley on the Friday, just two days before he died. He had a strong impact on his fellow swimmers — both locally and state-wide (including this writer) — that was pretty amazing, and when he died, everyone wanted to make sure John's memory would be properly honored. The John Dewey Award, established at Grimsley that spring, is still presented each year and honors a senior Whirlie athlete of great character and integrity, and a similar award was created by GSA to be given each summer to a swimmer at the Eastern Invitational Swim Meet in Greensboro. After John's death — which occurred in the midst of the efforts to get the pool built at Grimsley — a strong consensus emerged that the new pool should be named in memory of him, which is what happened when it was built a few years later.

From the time the Dewey Pool opened in the summer of 1976 until it closed in late 2011, it was operated by Durante Griffin, hired originally by the school system to be the faculty aquatic director for Grimsley, working with the P.E. teachers to teach swimming as well as maintaining the pool. In 1979, when the aquatic director position was eliminated, Coach Griffin became a science teacher at GHS. That year he also succeeded Coach Sawyer as the coach of both the boys' and girls' swimming and diving teams, and he served on the Grimsley faculty a total of 32 years. When the school system cut the pool position in 1979, the city hired Coach Griffin to maintain and operate the pool for the city, and he remained in that position even after retiring as a teacher, until the pool closed. (He actually continued maintaining the pool for the city until it was finally determined that it would not be saved.)

The GHS pool was built in an L-shape, with eight, 25-yard lanes for competition, with the extension being a diving well, with two 1-meter boards and one 3-meter board to accommodate the diving team. Not too many years after the pool was built, the 3-meter board was removed as safety and liability concerns over having high boards grew (a concern nationally, actually), and eventually the 1-meter boards were removed from the Grimsley pool as well. A key factor for the pool building's precise location — attached to the Main Gym — was because money was somewhat tight when construction was finally ready to begin, so the decision was made to build only one dressing room in the new building itself (for girls), while boys had to use one of the existing dressing rooms in the Main Gym.

Structural problems with the pool building began to emerge in the late 1990's. Even though the structure itself sat on land level with the Main Gym — as well as with the tennis courts and a playing field on one side of the pool — the other side of the pool building ran along the ridge of a steep hill extending out from the Main Gym, which sloped down to a small, below-grade, gravel parking area just behind the Auxiliary Gym. When the pool was built, the end of the hill — the point farthest from the Main Gym — had been extended with filled-in soil to add extra level ground needed for the pool. By the late 1990's, that back corner of the pool building — on the filled-in area — had started to settle, and cracks in the brickwork began to appear there, raising fears about the overall structural integrity of the building. A consulting firm was hired in 1998 to analyze and monitor the situation (which they continued to do until the pool was torn down), and the problem was thought to be resolved when additional stabilizing material was injected into the foundation at that time. Unfortunately, that would not be the end of the matter.

In the mid 2000's a four-year drought hit Greensboro, causing the pool to settle further, resulting in more cracks appearing in the brick of the building, and this time not just in the back corner. Then in August 2011, a rare East Coast earthquake (whose epicenter was just north of Richmond, Virginia) brought further damage to the building, some easily visible (cracked mortar and brickwork of the upper walls), while some was not visible at that point (slight separation between some of the prestressed-concrete panels of the ceiling over the pool). The final blow came early that December, when a large storm including heavy winds basically peeled back the flexible roofing materials of a sizeable section of the roof, exposing the earlier structural damage. At that point, continued safe use of the facility was not possible, and the pool was closed immediately and sadly never reopened.

For several years, the city of Greensboro and the Guilford County School Board considered ways to repair or replace the building, and many within the Greensboro swimming community organized to try to save the pool as well. Despite these efforts, the interest by city officials in repairing an aging, indoor pool facility with major structural problems just wasn't there — especially since the city had just built the Greensboro Aquatic Center on the grounds of the Coliseum (and which has given Greensboro major exposure, nationally, as a swimming destination), as well as in light of the difficult economy — so in 2014 the city council finally gave the pool completely to the school board, along with money to either try to repair it or tear it down. This year the school board finally decided it couldn't

invest further funds — already stretched thin by more pressing needs — into the pool either, so part of the allocated money from the city was used to demolish Grimsley's Dewey Pool, and part was diverted to make needed upgrades and repairs on the Smith pool. The demolition work took about a week in August, and the land is being returned to use as a Grimsley athletic field.

Thanks to Bob Sawyer '55, Lem Cox, former Athletic Director of the Greensboro Public Schools, Durante Griffin, and Harry Bradley '77 for assistance with this article.



This photo shows part of the pool building gone, and with the Main Gym to the left, and the Auxiliary Gym in the background.

Photo by Harry Bradley '77



This picture shows some of the back wall still standing, but mostly the demolished building.

Photo by Harry Bradley '77

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From Your GHS A&F Co-Presidents

Mary Jane Beavers '73 and Joe Franks '78

Another school year is off and running and your Alumni Association is helping the Whirlies in many different ways!!!!!!

At the end of the school year last year we were lucky enough to be able to have the funds to donate to two traditional Whirlie Graduation events. The Senior Tea was the first tradition that your alumni association wants to make sure that Grimsley continues. It was important in your last days at Grimsley and we know that it is in each graduating class of Whirlies. The second is Project Graduation. This is another tradition that has continued throughout the years because of all the fun and safety it provides to our graduating seniors (and future Association members). We were glad to help continue projects that make Grimsley stand out among younger high Schools.

This summer, we were able to upgrade the lighting in the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. This is the second part of our auditorium renovation project. The stage floor was done first; this lighting was the natural next step. We have many more steps to climb so always keep us in your donation plans.

We were again able to provide gift cards for the Grimsley faculty to help with beginning of the school year classroom supplies. Our Association has done this for the past several years with the help of a few very generous donors. It is a mini Teacher Assistance Program if you will, and the faculty is always very grateful for such a useful gift.

It is most gratifying to be able to fund projects to help Grimsley, because we simply cannot count on the district to fund what we know our students and faculty truly need. These projects are why your contributions and yearly renewals make such a huge difference. When we say we couldn't do what we do without you, we truly mean it!

By the time you read this, the Grimsley / Page game will have been played and at this writing, we would love to have a crystal ball to see how it went. Not the game result, mind you (that is paramount), but the fact that the administration at Page decided back in the spring to play the game at Page. Anyone with an ounce of sense realizes that the logistics of putting on this event knows that Jamieson Stadium is the ideal venue in Greensboro to host this game. Stay tuned to see how this one turned out. Go Whirlies!!!

As we approach 4,700 "Likes" on our Facebook page, 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 your Association.

From Your Principal

Charles Blanchard

The 2015/16 school year has gotten off to an excellent start! I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the Alumni Association for providing the new lighting system in the auditorium. Our teachers, students and parents have been very complimentary of how nice it is to have a high quality lighting system on the stage. Please see below for some of the Grimsley and Guilford County Schools highlights for the first two months of school.

Say Yes to Education

On Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, Guilford County officially became the next community partner with **Say Yes to Education**, a national nonprofit program that will provide all eligible graduates of the Guilford County Schools system a last-dollar tuition scholarship for post-secondary education. This opportunity will result in far-ranging, positive effects on the community, including a more educated labor force, incentives for businesses to start or relocate into the area, a stronger tax base, increased property values and more.

"This is a historic day for the children of our community and for Guilford County Schools," said Maurice O. "Mo" Green, superintendent. "Entire generations of young people and their families will find their lives forever changed because our community and the Say Yes National Foundation believe in them and are willing to help them make their dreams of a college education possible."

The last-dollar tuition scholarships will be available for any in-state public college, university or community college and 100 private colleges and universities from around the country have also agreed to offer their own scholarships to Say Yes students. The compact members include all eight member of the Ivy League, Johns Hopkins, Duke University, Georgetown University, Wake Forest, High Point University and many more. You can see the full list at www.sayyestoeducation.org.

Grimsley Senior High School Receives National Recognition

Grimsley Senior High School made it onto the magazine's **Beating the Odds list** of the nation's top high schools. That list identifies schools that do an excellent job of preparing students for college while also serving a high percentage of students who live in poverty. Across the U.S., socioeconomic status is closely correlated with academic achievement.

Grimsley Media Specialists Named Finalists for State Award

Two Grimsley media specialists are finalists for the state Media Coordinator of the Year Award.

The North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLMA) named Grimsley High's media specialist team of Jennifer Worrells and Jessica Sherard as the finalists for the Piedmont West Region. They are up against finalists in three other regions for the state title.

The award recognizes outstanding performance in the school library center and carries the prize of a \$1,000 merchandise certificate from Follett Library Resources. "Grimsley High is blessed to have the best two media specialists that I've ever had the opportunity to work with in a school," says Principal Charles Blanchard. "They have implemented vision for our media center that academically supports all students and instills a love for reading in everyone on our campus."

The winner will be announced at the NCSLMA Conference in Winston-Salem on Oct. 23.

Chinese Delegation of Teachers Visits Grimsley

A delegation of teachers from Guangdong Ocean University recently visited UNCG as part of a collaboration program between both universities. For the second year in a row, the team of scholars from China visited Grimsley High to learn more about our school system.

Guided by student ambassadors, the visitors were delighted to see high-quality teaching and learning in every classroom they visited. At debriefing time, the delegation compared schools in both countries and left with many ideas about best teaching practices.



Two Grimsley Swimmers Honored for Athletics and Academics

Two Grimsley Senior High School swimmers were named to the USA Swimming's Scholastic All-America Team for the 2014-15 school year.

To make the team, swimmers need to attain certain national qualifying times and have at least a 3.5 GPA. All nine of the GCS students were further distinguished by earning 4.0 GPAs.

The swimmers are:

- **Amelia Gilchrist**, a senior at Grimsley High, was named to the team for her first year.
- **Parker Zieg**, a Grimsley junior, was named to the team for his first year.

A total 1,925 swimmers made the team from the entire country, and 187 are from North Carolina.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

Grimsley looking for news articles
for Spring Newsletter!

Deadline for submitting articles
is March 1, 2016.

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Chance-Cousins Auditorium Renovation Update

by Ron and Linda Wilson

To the delight of the Grimsley students and staff, renovation of the lighting system was completed in August 2015, just in time for the start of the new school year. This \$32,000 contract brought our aged and outdated system into the 21st century with some LED features and remote control access for lighting changes on the stage as well as installation of new balcony level lights. These lighting improvements will make a difference for years to come for our 1929 Auditorium.

Mr. Zaruba, who we lost last year, prepared the original list of needed improvements to the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. The Alumni Association is steadily working our way through his original list and additional items have been added that are now needed. He would be so proud of the work completed and planned.

We hope that alumni and Grimsley friends will appreciate the improvements already completed and can financially support completion of this project. Donations of approximately \$55,000 have been received by the Alumni Association. To complete the project, our best estimate is that we will need an additional \$30,000 which will cover the cost of the balance of the lighting contract, allow for upgrades to the sound system, build a piano box and allow for purchase of new seat back covers.

Many thanks to the individuals and classes who have made donations for us to reach this point in the renovation project. We solicit your continued support. Please use the donation form in this newsletter to direct your tax-deductible donation to the Chance-Cousins Renovation Project.



Matt Ringrose '02
proud of his new lighting.



Matt teaching students how to use new computer
system for lighting.



Matt at "command lighting central."



Demonstration of working lights from balcony.

Meet The Board

Linda Wilson

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

My husband, Ron, and I joined the Board in 2012 to undertake fundraising and renovations to the Chance-Cousins Auditorium. It has been a rewarding but slow process.



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

Grimsley is an important part of our Greensboro heritage. No matter what your age, you need to be involved in some way in education in our community. I came to Grimsley as a parent and immediately felt connected to the school. The Alumni Association allows alumni and friends to support the school financially to enhance the student's educational experience. With all the funding cuts in education, it is a challenging task to adequately maintain our schools and support our teachers.

What experience or background do you bring to the board?

Having been a community volunteer for over 35 years, I have served in many roles over the years. My husband and I served as Co-Presidents of Grimsley's PTA from 1997-1999 so I got a complete history lesson as we prepared for the 100th year celebration in 1999. That must have been where I got the bug for the Auditorium needs, as one of the projects we helped with was Auditorium renovations, installing new front curtains and the seat covers that now need to be replaced.

Other organizations you serve?

Christ United Methodist Church, Greensboro Symphony Guild and the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Association.

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

No. After college, I moved to Greensboro for a job opportunity in 1974. Our youngest daughter, Lauren and granddaughter, Anna graduated from Grimsley. I have been connected with Grimsley since 1996 when my husband and I asked the PTA if there was a job we could do for the school; we became the Beautification Chairs or as I call it, the "weed pullers and planters chair".

What prompted you to accept nomination to this Board?

Marta Force, our daughter Lauren's Choral teacher, and Alumni Board member, asked if we would undertake the Auditorium renovation project on behalf of the Association. Since you can't so "no" to Marta, and since we already knew some of the Board members, it seemed like a good volunteer opportunity.

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

Having an organization dedicated to support the students and teachers at Grimsley.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

Serving with other volunteers to support Grimsley: through annual scholarships, providing support to teachers or maintaining our campus for future generations.

Meet The Board (continued)

Susan Gentry

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

I have served on the board for three years, serving as secretary for two years.

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

The association is a means to keep thousands of alumni connected with the school. We provide financial and volunteer support not available in today's current economic environment and have managed projects such as the auditorium renovation that the school system is unable to fund.



What experience or background do you bring to the board?

As a parent volunteer for eleven years at Grimsley, I am familiar with the variety of opportunities at the school and recognize the important role the alumni association plays in supporting the school.

Other organizations you serve?

First Presbyterian Church

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

I am not a Grimsley graduate. I have three children who are Grimsley graduates – Leslie 2004, James 2008 and Rachel 2011.

What prompted you to accept nomination to this board?

Serving on the GHS A&F board provides an opportunity to stay connected with Grimsley. Our children had wonderful high school experiences at Grimsley and by serving on the board I can continue to support the school.

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

Board members have a variety of leadership skills necessary for association projects. They are a dedicated group of individuals, committed to continuing the Grimsley tradition of excellence.

What has been your greatest joy in serving this organization?

I've gotten to know other board members and appreciate their dedication to the school.

2015-2016 Will See the 20th Class of International Baccalaureate Diploma Recipients at GHS

by Harry Bradley '77

The 20th class of students enrolled in the International Baccalaureate program at Grimsley Senior High School will earn their diplomas in the spring of 2016. It may be helpful to explain a bit about the International Baccalaureate program and give some details about its establishment at GHS.

The International Baccalaureate program (IB for short) originated in Geneva, Switzerland and was driven by a need to provide a consistent and rigorous academic curriculum for the children of foreign diplomats as they traveled from country to country. IB was formally established in 1968 and the first program in the United States was started in 1971. International Baccalaureate began as a comprehensive, two-year curriculum that awarded a diploma to successful candidates aged 16 through 19. Candidates had to complete required and elective classes in addition to passing exams in six different subjects – world literature, foreign language, social studies, mathematics, science, and the arts. Exams are graded by teachers all over the world, and the scores can be compared directly against the scores of thousands of other IB students in over 150 countries. Over the years, IB has been expanded to include a total of four programs for students aged three to 19: Primary-Years Program, Middle-Years Program, Diploma Program (which we have at GHS), and Careers-Related Program.

Mr. Thomas J. Penland, principal from August 1993 to September 1996, spearheaded the effort to bring IB to GHS. Preliminary discussions about IB began almost immediately upon his arrival. This fact is not surprising as Mr. Penland had a great deal of exposure to IB during his 10 years of experience at an international school in Malaysia. The official application year was the 1994-1995, school year and Dr. Steven Kee was hired in September of 1994 as our first faculty IB Coordinator [administrator]. The application process involved a comprehensive and very detailed self-evaluation of all academic departments and facilities. The proposed curriculum was

developed and defined. Specific materials such as books and equipment were all carefully listed, noting those that were on hand and those that were needed. Projected budgets for all needed items were developed as was a budget for operation of the entire IB program for the first few years. Budget information was shared with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jerry Weast, and the Guilford County Board of Education.

Another significant aspect of the application process involved observational visits to other high schools with IB programs already in place. Mr. Penland, along with other GHS administrators and numerous faculty members, visited no less than eight high schools, mostly in Virginia, but also some in North and South Carolina as well as in a few other states. Official IB Workshops were also attended by much of the faculty.

By early 1995 all the hard work on the part of the faculty and administration paid off, and it was formally announced that Grimsley had been accepted for the IB program. “The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is the most prestigious [and] rigorous program available. It’s the only internationally recognized academic program in the world. We can become not only one of the top school systems in North Carolina, but also in the nation and the world!” enthusiastically spoke Mr. Penland upon getting the news that Grimsley had been approved as one of the I.B. schools in the United States for the school year 1995-1996.” [1996 Whirligig, p. 277] Grimsley’s program was the first in Guilford County and only the fourth in North Carolina.

The International Baccalaureate program has been an unqualified success at Grimsley. The growth of IB at GHS has been steady, increasing almost every year. During that first year, 18 juniors enrolled in the Diploma Course. [There were no seniors that first year as the program lasts for two years.] Grimsley’s first IB class graduated in the spring of 1997 with seven students earning the IB diploma. Moving forward to the

20th Class (continued)

spring of 2015, the 19th class, 56 students earned the IB diploma. Through 2015, a total of 492 GHS seniors have earned the IB diploma. In the spring of 2016, the 20th class, the projection is that a record number of 87 diploma candidates will take their final exams. Individual IB courses are open to all students at GHS. As of the current school year, approximately 450 students are participating in at least one IB course, which is about 25% of the student body. It is also noteworthy that the diploma candidates in first 19 IB classes earned over \$49 million in scholarship monies to apply toward continuing their education at the college of their choice.

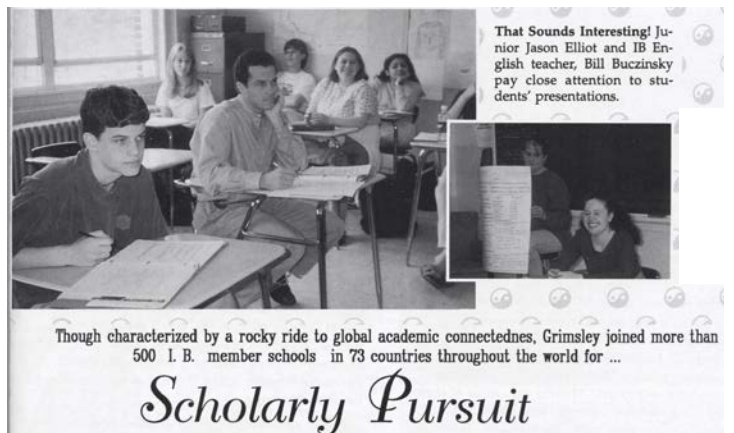
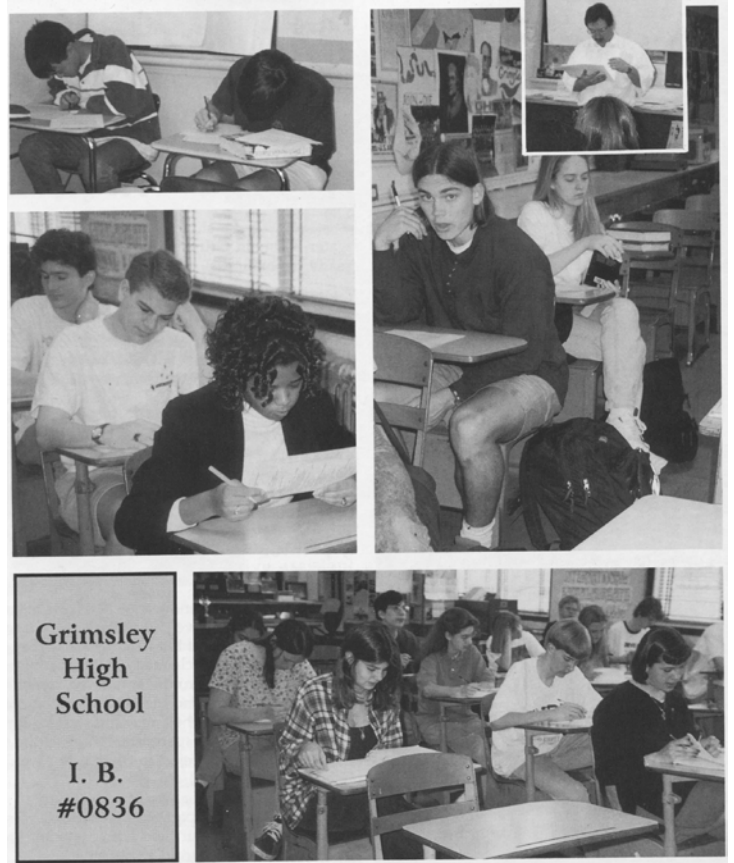
To put our IB program into both a global and local perspective, consider these figures: As of August 2015, there are 4267 schools in over 150 countries around the world that offer at least one of the four IB Programs. 1676 of these schools are located in the United States and 62 of those are in North Carolina. To narrow the focus a bit more, 876 high schools within the United States offer the Diploma Program which we have at GHS. Thirty-two of those schools are in North Carolina and four of them are in the Guilford County Schools.

GHS IB Faculty Coordinators:

Dr. Steven Kee	1994 - 2000
Ms. Ashly Newton Morrison	2000 - 2005
Mr. Bud Harrelson	2005 - 2007
Ms. Dibrelle Turret	2007 - 2011
Ms. Christina Adams Purgason	2011 - 2015
Ms. Karyn Collie Dickerson	2015 -



IB music stuents at their graduation recital 2003



Cultural Arts News

Art At Grimsley

by Seth Bunch

At Grimsley we believe in using our talents to better our communities and the world around us. That very philosophy is what drives the art department that Kim Davis and I believe so passionately in here at Grimsley High School. After we teach our students technical skills and how to create a dynamic image in Art 1 and 2 using a plethora of media, Art 3 and above is where our students find their voice. "Art does us no good just sitting on your desk." Or, as the abstract artist Kandinsky would say, "Art has to move outward and onward into the world." These are the first ideas presented to art 3 students at the start of every year. This framework shapes and guides our projects and thoughts in Art 3, 4 and IB. Our students, who are so incredibly gifted with seemingly unlimited creativity, begin to explore how various artists used art to change the fabric of the world. This in turn pushes them into that same mindset. From propaganda posters to conceptual self-portraits to investigating the world around them with their own concentrations, students begin to see the power of an image in our world. By the time they leave our department our students have become active participants in their community and learned more about themselves through their art. They have found a true confidence and interest in further education in a field they love and are passionate about.

In a recent interview I did with three students in order to get some feedback about our department I found exactly the results of going through Grimsley's art department. I asked each student what was their favorite/best part about the program, how has the art department changed/shaped you as an artist or person and what advice/wisdom would you give younger Grimsley artists? Below are a few of the student's responses to these questions.

Emily Lippitt: "Being able to be associated with a group of people through the common bond of art has broadened my scope of people and has brought about friendships that never would have happened in a normal class. The environment and community that was built in our classrooms allowed for this

openness not just as an artist but as an avenue to learn more about my classmates. This was the best part for me."

Caitlyn Carlson: "Taking art at Grimsley has taught me to be more opened as an artist and as a person. I am a bit of perfectionist so through my classes I have learned how to become looser but also maintain my own style and flare as an artist and as a person."

Taylor Thorn: "To any current or future artist who is going to take art at Grimsley I would say to trust the process. The process of making art as well as the process of how the teachers organize the projects and lessons. I have learned that you have to have organization and structure to know how to filter the freedom you get in IB art. Just trust."

The kids put it best. Even within the plans Ms. Davis and I make every day to provide what we think is best for these young artists, art and the passion to create is the ultimate teacher for them. Our hope is to simply give them the proper tools to thrive amidst the creative ocean that will not fail them.



Ecuador Adventure

by Seth Bunch, GHS A&F Educational Grant Recipient 2015

In late June I traveled with a group of teachers from North Carolina to Ecuador and the Galapagos islands. The trip was quite a stretch for me. Normally when I have traveled abroad I am use to doing something service oriented and really getting hands on. Ecuador was the

opposite; I had to take in and process a lot through my eyes and brain, not hands. We flew into Quito, the capital, which rests at the base of a volcano in the Andes Mountains. We spent our first couple of days touring and learning about the country's history and the state of its education system. Coupled with this history tour were visits to a couple of schools before we hopped on a plane and headed to the legendary Galapagos Islands. The only word that could describe the islands is magical. We spent seven days exploring three of it's islands as we walked in Darwin's footsteps, witnessed the political strife of the Islands, and learned about their lives. Despite all of these great experiences and the stunning scenery at every turn the school visits were no doubt the most impactful part of this trip, and rightfully so. They have shifted how I see myself as an educator and how a classroom/school should look.

Reflecting on my time in the school visits I always come back to one things and that is how every class, regardless of subject, integrated the idea of conservation into their curriculum. Conservation is a persistence topic of conversation in the Galapagos. With the rare wildlife and history that live down there the locals take the great pride in preserving their community and the wildlife. This projected into their lessons. Despite

lack of funding and support from the government, much like our situation here in North Carolina, these teachers are not only passionate but adamant about incorporating the values of their community into their lessons in conjunction with teaching their students how to take action in the place they live. This "common thread" of conservation did two incredible things for the students. First, it connected all of their classes together. English was no longer separate from Math or Math separate from history class. The big idea of conservation linked these courses together and allowed students to see the big picture and make sense of the individual classes they had daily. And second, because their classes were linked they were able to take action in a plethora of ways in their community. These students had an active voice and took ownership of where they lived.

Education and having a voice are one in the same in the Galapagos. Their education has been given a purpose and that is what I am adamant about bringing back to my classroom. Art can no longer



exist just as an entity for its own good our within its own classroom walls. We must become more holistic in our teaching like those in Ecuador and if we do the opportunities for our kids to change the world, near and far, through their education truly becomes boundless.





Hear Ye!, Hear Ye! and Huzzah!

Time for all former Madrigal Singers to get together !

2016 marks the

50th Anniversary GHS Madrigal Singers

so we're planning a

Thanksgiving Weekend 2016 Reunion

We're in the early planning stages but hope events will include:.

Friday evening November 25 at 7 PM

for Caroling at Friendly Center

Madrigal Singers of all years are welcome!

Campus Tour & Family Picnic

Bring your family, your camera, that stellar voice, all your memories and vintage photos!

Social Event on Saturday evening November 26 Place: TBA

Will have photos from most years — videos of some performances.

Grimsley Madrigal Singers 2016 will perform.

Memory Lane

Jeanne Meredith Busse (1966-69), Ron Hill (1969-78), Marta Force (1978-2004) and Marshall Johnson (2004-16) will be on hand to celebrate with you and enthusiastically deny rumors that you were ever a problem while singing with the Madrigals!

Reservations open July 7 2016

We will provide further details in the Spring 2016 Alumni Newsletter

(www.whirlies.com). Please send email address/contact info to us

at the Reunion: email address listed below.

Please mention the years you sang with the Madrigals.

In July, we will send you an email with details and reservation form.

Please make your plans NOW to join us!

November 25-26, 2016

Questions? Comments? Threats? Want to volunteer to help?

Serve on a committee? Have something to contribute?

Contact:

GHSMadrigalReunion@triad.rr.com

You can also respond via Facebook page

GHS Madrigal Reunion.



The FIRST Madrigal Singers 1966-67



In Memoriam

by Marta Force

Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley '58, passed away in Atlanta, Georgia, September 15, 2015.

She will always be remembered as a brave and notable alumnus of Greensboro Grimsley Senior High School. I reprinted the school newspaper account of the honor Grimsley bestowed upon her in 2006 within this newsletter. In addition you should know that following her graduation from Grimsley (as the first black student to graduate from a formerly all white high school) Dr. Bradley taught African-American studies at Clark Atlanta University and while rearing two daughters, earned her doctorate. She was a stand out honor student at Grimsley making her journey here all the more remarkable.

Bradley was among the first black students to enter a white school in North Carolina. After the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision mandating school integration, the state mixed its black and white children. Raleigh schools were not integrated until 1960.

Bradley said that in 1957, she envied the nine students who desegregated Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. They were denied entry and, when finally admitted, needed National Guardsmen to protect them. But, Bradley remembered thinking, at least they weren't alone.

Please stop by the display case in the main hall of Grimsley High School to see historical documents and an oil portrait of Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley illustrating her contributions to the history of Grimsley High School.



2006 Grimsley news account for 
Dr. Bradley: next page



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Grimsley High School
801 Westover Terrace
Greensboro, NC 27408

Friday, April 21, 2006

Bradley receives key to city at homecoming celebration

Josephine Boyd Bradley faced angry mobs and torment as the only black attending Greensboro Senior high her senior year. On March 31, she was welcomed back to her alma mater by members of the community, government, and press at a celebration in honor of her.

By Daniel Aronson
Reporter

Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley returned to campus for the second time after graduating 50 years ago. On March 31, Grimsley honored her as the first African-American to graduate from Greensboro Senior School. She received the key to the city and spoke to an assembly of students, dignitaries and press in the Chance Cousins Auditorium at 10:00 AM.

"We are honoring Dr. Bradley in an effort to thank her for the tremendous sacrifices she and her family made to integrate the school," said Cathy Daniels—Lee, Co-chairperson of the committee organizing the event.

Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley attended Dudley High School for three years before transferring to Greensboro Senior High. She was one of several black students the American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker group, recruited to apply for admission to the then all-white Greensboro Senior High. Two other black students were turned down because they did not live in the school's attendance zone, but Bradley, then a rising senior, lived within the white high school's district. On July 25, 1957 Boyd received news that the school board approved her transfer from Dudley to Greensboro High.

"It seemed that somewhere between 7:30 pm on July 23 and 7:30 am on July 24, life for me had suddenly entered a new dimension," said Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley, as quoted in the preface of her doctoral dissertation "Wearing My Name: School Desegregation, Greensboro, NC, 1954-1958.

On September 4, 1957, 17 year-old Josephine Ophelia Boyd, accompanied by her mother, walked through the entrance of Greensboro High School, surrounded by angry, hostile whites on either side. For the next nine months, she endured taunts and derogatory names. People threw eggs and tomatoes at her, boys spat on her food and thumbtacks were placed on her seat.

Despite the challenges she faced, Dr. Bradley was an honor-roll student who graduated and attended college. She earned a Ph.D. in Women's Studies from Emory University in 1995; a master's degree in social work from Michigan State University in 1966; an M.A. in American Studies with an emphasis on African American Studies as well as a certificate in Women's Studies from Emory University in 1994; and a B.A. in Political Science/Sociology from North Carolina Central



Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley looks in awe at her portrait, unveiled at a ceremony held in her honor, to be displayed in the lobby of main hall.

University where she graduated summa cum laude (1963).

Bradley arrived at Grimsley on Thursday, March 30 as the guest of honor at a town meeting in the media center. She conversed with freshmen students Friday and then attended a ceremony honoring her in the auditorium. City Council member T. Dianne Bellamy Small presented Dr. Bradley with the key to the city. An original portrait of Dr. Bradley will be unveiled by junior Michael Betts, junior Eric Blake, freshman Ellie Miller, and artist Leo Rucker and installed in the main building's lobby of the school. Students will perform tableaux of scenes from Bradley's high school experiences. Student Council issued a proclamation declaring March 31st "Dr. Josephine Boyd Bradley Day" to be celebrated each year.

In Memoriam We Remember Our Faculty

Donald Wayne Grigg

Donald Wayne Grigg, 72, passed away suddenly on April 21, 2015. Donald taught science at Grimsley High School from 1986-1995, Donald was a member of the Forsyth County Bee Keepers Association and a bi-weekly poker club since 1964. He loved Star Trek; Drag Racing; Bluegrass Music; the Merle Fest and the Garlic Festival; the New River Campground; mowing, riding his Gator with music blasting and story telling. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Ruth Grigg; children: Robert H. Grigg Kelly D. Grigg ; and Jody (Jennifer)



George D. Toenes

George D. Toenes passed away December 9, 2014 at age 87. Mr. Toenes was an assistant band director at GHS from 1953 to 1958. After leaving Greensboro, he spent the rest of his teaching career in New Jersey, and also was a clarinetist himself in several orchestras and bands. His wife, Mrs. Virginia Toenes, was assistant choir director at GHS for three years, and his sister, Sara Jane Toenes, graduated from GHS as the valedictorian of the Class of 1956.

William B. Aycock

William B. Aycock passed away June 20, 2015 at age 99. Mr. Aycock taught history at Greensboro Senior High for three or four years in the late 1930's and served as an assistant football coach during that time as well. The bulk of his teaching career was spent at UNC-Chapel Hill, where he was a law school professor for almost 30 years and UNC chancellor for seven. Mr. Aycock was related to GHS faculty members (and siblings) Mr. Jim Ballance (English and assistant principal) and Mrs. Susan Ballance Sawyer (librarian), as their mother was from the Aycock family. (This also makes them all related to former Governor Charles B. Aycock — "the education governor" — for whom Aycock Auditorium at UNC-G is named.)

2015 Scholarship Winners Greensboro Grimsley Alumni and Friends Association

Your generous donations to the Alumni Association help to fund three or four scholarships to assist GHS graduates who are seeking a collegiate level education. Additionally, Alumni and Friends Association donates \$1,000 annually to the GHS Teacher of the year. Below are the scholarship winners and recipients for 2015.



Madeleine Bray **Josephine Boyd Bradley '58 Alumni Association Scholarship** \$1,500
This alumni association scholarship named in 2015 honors the memory of Josephine Boyd Bradley (Class of '58).



Sydney Gilstrap **The David V. Reader, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** \$2,000
This annual scholarship was established by the family and first awarded in 2015 to recognize an educator, coach, mentor, father and unquestionably giving man, David V. Reader, Sr. The husband of Felicia Ford Reader (Class of '81) and the father of DJ Reader (Class of 2012).



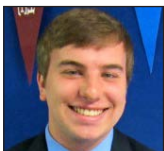
James Cameron **John Atkinson Alumni Association Scholarship** \$1,500
Dating from 1998, this scholarship was named in honor of John Atkinson in 2009. Mr. Atkinson, Strategic Account Sales Manager with Nike, had two daughters who graduated from GHS. He served as a co-founder and first vice president of the Alumni Association.



Natasha Derezinski-Choo **Dr. Richard Andringa Alumni Association Scholarship** \$1,500
Named in honor of Dr. Richard Andringa in 2009. Dr. Andringa, a Greensboro physician trained in Pediatrics and Anesthesiology and a Grimsley parent, had six children graduate from GHS (four daughters and two sons) and was co-founder and first president of the GHS Alumni Association.



Lia Bauert **Class of 1956 Scholarship** \$1,200
The Class of 1956 of Greensboro Senior High School gave this scholarship to the school as a gift to mark the 50th anniversary of their graduation from GHS and was first presented in 2006. The recipient must be a good citizen, have exhibited leadership at school or in the community, and have taken honors, AP or IB classes.



Patrick Trey Hiers **Lee Guard Memorial Scholarship** \$1,000
Created in 2008 by Grimsley student Will Curtis '09, this scholarship is given to both a male and female senior who participated in school athletics. Criteria include GPA, character, sportsmanship, being a team player, leadership in extracurricular activities and community service. Lee Guard, a man of unquestioned character and a big heart, was a long-time member of the community and the owner of Farmer Electric Sales. He grew to love Grimsley through his four children who attended GHS. He died in his late 50's of a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day in 2007.



Lindsay Leonard **Lee Guard Memorial Scholarship** \$1,000



Anna Peterson **Lester Gross '76 Memorial Scholarship** \$1,000
Lester Gross was a member of the Class of 1976 whose passionate and energetic school spirit for Grimsley was well known and appreciated. While a student at GHS, this Whirlie served on the Pep Board, participated in intramural sports, was a member of the Grimsley soccer team, and was a varsity cheerleader for two years. After his death in his late 40's, a number of his friends, led by Bob Nadler, decided to create a scholarship in his memory. This scholarship is award to a student who is involved with music and athletics and is passionate in demonstrating his or her school spirit towards Grimsley. It was first awarded in 2005.



Grace Anderson **Melvin Coleman Memorial Scholarship** \$1,000
First presented in 2005, the Melvin G. Coleman Memorial Scholarship was created by Mr. Coleman's family: his daughter Dr. Margaret Coleman Szott '88 and her husband Mr. Tom Szott, and Mr. Coleman's widow, Mrs. Marie Essa Coleman '50 who taught typing and business classes at Grimsley for almost 20 years. Mr. Coleman was a sales rep at Gate City Motors for 31 years who was dedicated to his family and his career. The scholarship is awarded to a senior who exemplifies the ideal of the "scholar-athlete", with a high GPA from a challenging curriculum that preferably includes honors, AP and/or IB courses and who participated in one or more of the varsity teams of Cross Country, Swimming or Track and demonstrates dedication and team spirit.

Grimsley H.S. Alumni Association Scholarships Criteria 4/8/15

General Characteristics of all Alumni Association administered scholarships

1. Must be a senior at Grimsley
2. A single payment will be paid to the college
3. Non-renewable
4. Applications available March 1
5. Applications due to the Grimsley Counseling Office April 9th at 3:45 pm.
6. Ten minute Interview with Alumni Association Committee required towards the end of April
7. Coat and tie/Sunday dress appropriate for interview. A picture will be taken just prior to the interview.
8. Applicant must have been enrolled at Grimsley for at least two years.
9. Winners will be announced at Senior Awards.
10. Winners must provide Alumni Association Treasurer (Mr. Bob Rives, brives@triad.rr.com) with all information needed to make payment to the college

Alumni Association - 3 scholarships given for 1 year

1. At least one scholarship will be based primarily on need
2. Academic achievement
3. Contributions to Grimsley

Lester Gross one year

1. Participation in music and athletics preferred
2. School spirited – Passionate and positive
3. 2.0 or better

Class of 1956 one year

1. GPA 3.0 +
2. Leadership in school or community
3. Must have taken Honors, AP, or IB courses
4. Good citizen
5. Applicant may not have accepted \$ 1500 in other scholarship offers
6. Preference to student with financial need.

Melvin G. Coleman Memorial - one year

1. Cross Country, track, or swimming letter winner preferred
2. School spirited
3. Financial need a factor
4. 3.0 + GPA and AP, IB, or Honors courses required

Lee Guard Memorial Scholarship 1 male and 1 female

1. Must be an NCHSAA eligible athlete with at least a 3.25 unweighted GPA
2. Must submit a letter from his/her coach attesting to sportsmanship and team attitude
3. Leader in extracurriculars and strong community service

David V. Reader, Sr. Memorial Scholarship 1 student/athlete for one year

1. Unweighted GPA of 3.0 or better
2. Honors or AP/IB courses
3. Must be a NCHSAA eligible athlete with at least two years of participation
4. It is now required to attach a letter of recommendation supporting your positive attitude from a coach or teacher
5. Must be school spirited

Class of 2015 Statistics

Total number of graduates:384

Valedictorian: Jenna Ashley Schnitzler Weighted GPA 5.45

Salutatorian: Caroline Shay Kane Weighted GPA 5.41

International Baccalaureate

 Diploma Grads:73

Spanish Immersion Grads:25

Service Learning Diploma Grads:47 with a total of 20,477,67 hours of service

Scholarship money earned\$16,373,914

Best All Around:Melisa Yuce and Thompson Vickers
(*Best All Around voted upon by student body*)

One National Merit Finalist and 12 Semi-Finalists

 National Merit Finalist:Madeleine Braye

 12 National Merit Commended:12

SAT Class Mean:1632 (National: 1490)

IB Diploma Recipients:56

AP Tests Administered:1,144

AP % scored 3 or higher:63.9

IB Tests Administered:847

IB % scored 4 or higher:80

63% went to a 4 year college

29% went to a 2 year college

9% attending Out-of-State Colleges

Sports News

by Lewis Newman, CAA Grimsley High School Athletic Director

Cross County

The Whirlies cross country team is having another great season with the leadership from Coach Peoples and company. The boys are working hard and have some ground to cover. The girls are off to a strong start and should do well in the conference and state.

Golf

Our numbers are down this fall for girl's golf, but the few we have are holding their own and competing at a high level. They will enter conference play this week.

Football

Our football team has many challenges ahead of them this week as we face PAGE. Seven of the 13 seniors are injured and will not play in the big game. We have been very close this year and for one reason or not, we haven't finished strong. It has been a long physical year for the football team, however, the underclassman have done a great job stepping up.

Boys Soccer

Our normal powerhouse soccer team may be the biggest surprise of the year. Generally, very competitive, we find ourselves deep in a hole with only one win in overtime against Dudley. The boys are working hard to figure it out, but we have a significant challenge to develop into the Whirlie teams from the past.

Volleyball

Wow! Way to go Coach Hunt! Our Whirlie volleyball student athletes are excelling. We were undefeated just last week as we lost our first game against Page. We meet Page again this week to determine the conference champs. We compete next week in the Metro tournament and then on to the state tournament. We will most likely have a first round NCHSAA game at home.

Tennis

Tennis competed yesterday in the first round of the Metro tournament and should do well today as we continue to dominate girls tennis. We have had only one loss and has you can imagine it was to PAGE. We will travel to Charlotte next week for round one of the NCHSAA state tournament.

Field Hockey

Our newest team (2nd year) have really progressed. Last year we won one game and continued to improve. This year we started with a tough Mount Tabor team and only lost by a goal. We have played better this year and won more games. The first year, we had approximately 15 girls and this year we had over 40 try-out.

Cheer team

Our cheer team continues to support the Whirlies and competed in a tournament early in the year with great results. They have another NCHSAA state competition in November and are looking forward to an exciting basketball season.

GO WHIRLIES



The Tenth Annual Page/Grimsley Rivalry Reunion Golf Tournament

Friday, October 16, 2015



2014: Page Participants 171 Grimsley Participants: 117

Cups Won GHS: 4 Page: 5

Page won by 120 strokes to take their first lead in the series

Together \$28,000 was raised towards both schools' athletic programs

In 2006 John Hodges and Dean Barrett approached Don Dempsey 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 would be well received. 2006 marked the first annual Page Grimsley Rivalry Reunion Golf Tournament.

It started out as an "ordinary golf outing" of 8 players on the first tee box trading 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 our

annual Page-Grimsley Rivalry Reunion Golf Tournament!

The event has been held at Bryan Park Golf Course every year. The price for each Golfer is \$90. Your payment of \$90 will include your green fees, cart fees, lunch on the course, soft drinks, and donuts at registration.

We encourage one member of each foursome to sign-up for the entire foursome, although this is not required. During check out you will be allowed to select one of eight spots on each hole from both courses. After you enter your name and the school you are representing you can add another player to your cart. If there is an open slot in your tee time as the deadline grows near an outside party may select to join your group, so to avoid a lot of shifting around it would be great if one member could pay for the four and then collect from your friends.

We will do our best to arrange your preferred starting holes and playing partners, but we do reserve the right to move players to different holes. We will not

disrupt designated foursomes.

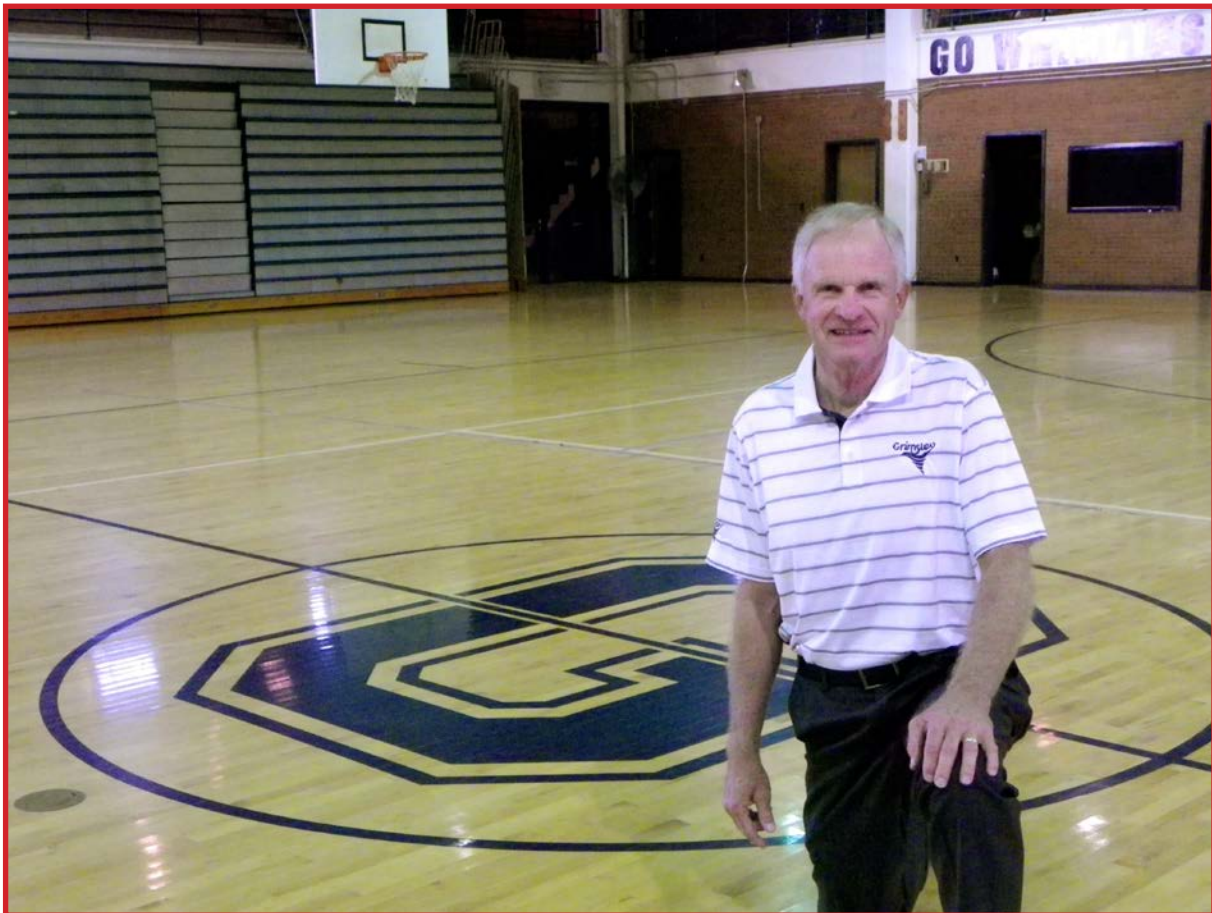
If you have any questions please feel free to contact us and let us know how we can assist you and the best telephone number to reach you if we do not feel the answer can easily be handled via email, visit the website: <http://www.pagegrimsleygolf.com>.



Sawyer Gym Floor Named for Coach Phil Weaver '65

I'd like to invite all my former students, counselees, athletes, coaches, colleagues and friends to join me and my family in the official naming of the Sawyer Gym floor as "**Phil Weaver Court.**" I'm honored and humbled by this and would love to have anyone come and let me acknowledge the part you played in this being possible. **The reception will be at 7:00 pm on Saturday, January 30, 2016 in the Sawyer Gym at Grimsley.** So we can have sufficient drinks and food, please let us know you plan to attend by responding at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/687QX8C> It will take less than a minute. Facebook is another option.

Coach Weaver



Reunions: 1966 and 1956

CLASS OF 1966

GHS

GRIMSLEY HIGH SCHOOL

50
YEAR

REUNION

AUGUST 19 & 20, 2016

FRIDAY AUGUST 19TH

12noon - Golf at Starmount Country Club \$65
 1:00pm Tennis at Starmount Country Club \$10
 7:00pm Cocktail Hour at Printworks Bistro FREE
 (Thanks Steve Tanger)

SATURDAY AUGUST 20TH

TBD - Tour at Grimsley High School
 12noon - Lunch at Friendly Shopping Center (Dutch)
 7:00pm - Cocktail Hour at Starmount Country Club
 8:00pm - Dinner and Party Time Band at Starmount
 Country Club \$50 per person

RSVP

BY JUNE 1, 2016

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GHSCCLASSOF1966

Greensboro Senior High

Class of 1956***60th Reunion***

June 3-4, 2016

For more information go to:

www.greensborosenior56.com

In The Know??

A new updated Alumni Directory is in the works. This will be the first one in over five years. Alumni will begin to get yellow postcards from the Harris Direct Company to update their information, so be looking for them late this fall and over the winter months.

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW

Beginning October 1, 2015, graduates and former students will no longer request paper transcripts. Guilford County Schools has gone to an on-line request system.

Go to www.gcsnc.com

Quick Links on right: click on online student records request form

Select To Get Started on left

Click appropriate link

Enter information

There is no cost for the service for current students; however graduates will now have to pay a \$13.00 fee.

Need a DJ for your reunion?

“Jammin’ with Jamie” - Jamie Cannady

GHS Graduate and son of former GHS Media Specialist

Proceeds go to the Special Olympics

336-339-2932

Annual GHS Retired Faculty and Staff Luncheon

will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016

at the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational United Church of Christ
from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (always the third Wednesday).

Announcement *(received at newsletter deadline, October 31):*

If you're a Kiser Middle or Junior High School alum, teacher or staff, you're invited to a first-ever, all-classes

KISER ALUMNI REUNION

from 2 to 5 on Saturday, November 7. Enjoy food, fellowship, school tours and a memorabilia display. Reunite with former classmates, teachers and friends. Please RSVP to the new principal, Ged O'Donnell, at 336-370-8240.



Cindy Underwood, GHS Registrar, expresses her thanks for the improvements to the Counseling Center.

Here is what YOUR GHS Alumni & Friends Association have provided for GHS in recent years:

Annual contributions to GHS Students and Faculty

- Office Depot gift cards to each staff member to begin each school year
- Scholarships (see scholarship page this issue)
- Annual contribution to Senior Tea
- Annual contribution to Project Graduation
- Printing of Senior Awards Day Program
- Providing Faculty Grants for extended study
- Provide \$1000 gratuity to the GHS Teacher of the Year

Projects

- Planting hardwood trees on front lawn (twice)
- Funded the start the GHS Lacrosse Team
- Major renovation to athletic weight room
- Security Cameras for campus
- Campus phone system
- Auditorium Renovation
 - restore and refinish/stain original stage floor*
 - new to GHS black curtains for stage*
 - new to GHS acoustical ceiling cloud*
 - new windows and doors (courtesy GCS)*
 - roof leak repairs (courtesy GCS)*
 - update electrical service (courtesy GCS)*
 - new lighting and sound system*
 - grand piano storage box*
 - replace auditorium seat covers - coming soon*

Coordinating Counseling Center Refurbishment: Moving secretarial/registrar station providing improvements to traffic flow.

If you have historical items you wish to donate to the GHS Archives, please contact **Harry Bradley**: hbradley25@msn.com

If you would like to donate goods or services towards any improvement at GHS please let us know.

Our Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

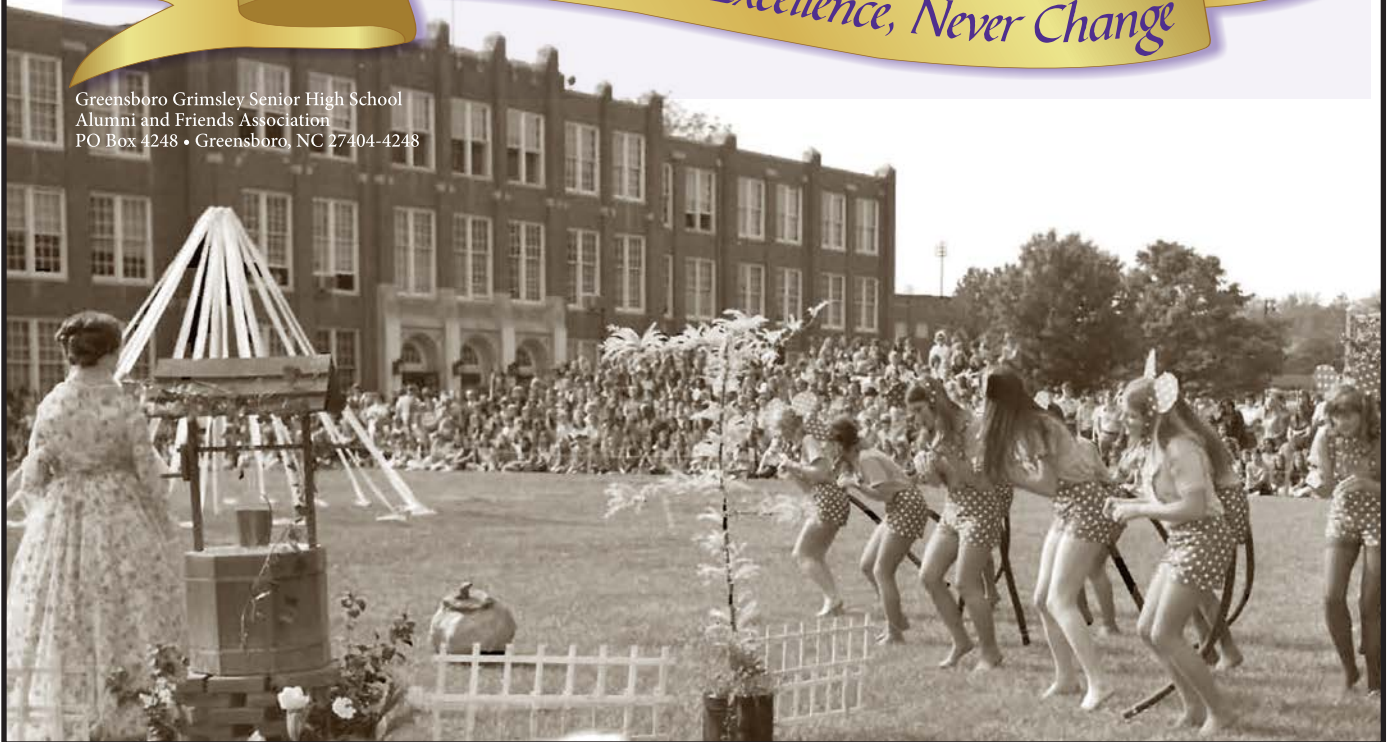
We want to make sure we are meeting all needs ... if you have a suggestion or idea regarding what you would like to see the Alumni & Friends Association do next please contact:

Susan Gentry

Alumni & Friends Association Secretary
susancgentry@bellsouth.net

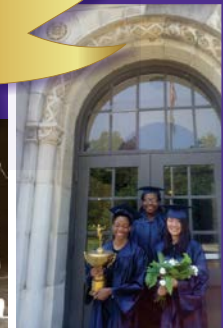
Traditions: Some, like Excellence, Never Change

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Some Need Your Help to Maintain.

*Please consider
renewing your
membership.*



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
PO Box 4248 • Greensboro, NC 27404-4248 or renew online at www.whirlies.com. June is our renewal month.

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

A large group of approximately 20 students are posing for a group photo outdoors on a grassy area in front of a brick building. They are dressed in a variety of creative costumes. Notable outfits include a student as the Cat in the Hat, a student in a cowboy hat with a mask, a student in a fairy costume with a large purple tutu, and a student in a blue and yellow striped hat. Other students are wearing hats like a straw hat, a blue and white polka dot hat, and a silver helmet. The group is arranged in several rows, with some students sitting on the ground in the front and others standing behind them. The overall atmosphere is festive and creative.



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