

Three More Hours To Sleep

"Oh boy! We're having Career Day this morning for the first three periods. That means three more hours to sleep." This seemed to be a popular sentiment on April 12 when RMSH participated in Career Day.

Career Day began badly for many. Many students couldn't remember what they had chosen as possibilities of careers. They were shocked when they realized that they had signed up for topics in which they had absolutely no interest. Some couldn't remember even having filled out the career choice form, possibly because they didn't know the purpose of the form when they filled it out.

Due to this sentiment, the speakers who had taken their valuable time to come to RMSH and try to "sell" or explain their careers were confronted with little response and lack of interest by some students.

Career Day is a good idea. To the majority of the students, it proved to be an enlightening experience. But to those of you to whom it was uninteresting and not worthwhile, perhaps it would be helpful if more time was spent in considering what topic to indicate for the career day next year . . . if, indeed, there is one.

Were We Too Hasty?

Will self-nomination work? This question has been plaguing RMSH students since the dissolving of the Nominating Committee. The previous elections using self nomination have been successful. However, these election were on the class level.

The upcoming election is for Student Organization Officers. These officers will be the leaders of RMSH next year. Will there be enough interest to prompt qualified students to nominate themselves? Or will the qualified student be too modest to nominate themselves?

Last year the SRA voted to dissolve the Nominating Committee. The student body voted almost unanimously in favor of this discontinuation of the Nominating Committee. Yet, were we too hasty? Is there enough interest on the part of the students to make this election successful? The well-being of RMSH could easily depend on the response to self-nomination. Did we act prematurely or unwisely in abolishing the process of nomination by committee? Could a better solution have been found?

Alimony—Balony

In the 19th amendment, ratified in 1920, the women of America were given the right to vote. But as in the case of Black Americans, they have also been discriminated against. Women could hold the same job or office as a man and yet receive less pay for the identical amount and quality of work.

Now there is a constitutional amendment which will give women out and out rights with men. If this amendment is ratified by 38 states it will be included in the Constitution. No one can give a reputable argument against the outward appearance of this statement. But take another look at it. The women will be eligible for the draft. Men can no longer be required to pay alimony, since a woman by law should be able to support herself and the children she may have. Such Senators as Sam Ervin (Dem.-N.C.) wanted special ratifications to the amendment. This was to no avail.

So, Women Libbers, you may have bitten off more than you can chew. You started out wanting to pay separate checks on your dates and now you may have ended up paying alimony to your ex-husband.

Around The Campus

By WILLIAM FARMER

Spring is the season of love. With roses blossoming and birds chirping, the lovers are breaking from the shell of coldness and the blackness of depression into the warm and colorful love. For this reason many letters and poems of love are circulating throughout the school.

Spring also means the Prom. The young men are trying to "find the right way" to ask a young lady to accompany him to the Prom. Each young lady is "dying" to have that certain young man ask her.

Spring also means that the Seniors are making final preparations for graduation. The plans preceeding graduation should be complete. Seniors should know which college they are to attend. If they aren't to attend college, the students know in which technical school they will enroll. Juniors and Sophomores are trying to find summer employment or a place to spend summer vacation.

Spring is a election time this year. The local, national, and school elections are just around the corner. The students at RMSH hold a great power--the power of the vote. There are many qualified candidates running but only your vote can elect them. We, as students have been very apathetic to the problems of the school. Now is the time to redeem ourselves.

Spring means that students are becoming restless. Students seemed to get into more mischief during the time of the year when warm weather prevails. Students at RMSH should guard against this. For the "idle hand is the devils workshop." Tempers also flare up at the least little thing. So, be cool to prevent unnecessary aggravation.

This is the second and last junior issue of this year. Please bear with us as we strive for perfection. Have a happy spring. Right on!

Life Could Never Touch Us

By SUE FORD

Life could never touch us with its harshness.
Out love was strong enough to protect us.
No one and nothing could separate us two
For our love was strong enough to protect us.

We lived in a world apart--a secret world all our own
In which things were as they should be.
You loved me and I loved you..
So life could never touch us with its harshness.

Our world was shiny and rosy and happy
For it was filled to the brim with love.
We were happy and content in each other,
And life could never touch us with its harshness.

The gray clouds came one by one,
And we brushed them aside as they came
Without worrying or fussing or fretting,
For our love was strong enough to protect us.

Then one day without any warning, it happened.
All blackened now with hate, they came.
They hurled themselves in our faces.
Was our love strong enough to protect us?

We clung to each other in fear and desperation,
For our most precious possession was being threatened.
But they were so dark, so strong, so filled with hate.
Was our love strong enough to protect us?

Time was passing, yet we were unaware,
So intent were we on standing up to them.
Yes, we loved each other, and we were strong.
Our love must be strong enough to protect us.

Almost as quickly as they came, they left.
So we had won after all, hadn't we?
Our love had been weathered, yet still it survived.
Yes, our love was strong enough to protect us.

We looked around at our own little world,
Yet it wasn't our world anymore.
Something was wrong, terribly wrong,
For life had touched us with its harshness.

We looked at each other in silent alarm.
What were we to do now?
Our world was all barren and desolate
For life had touched us with its harshness.

We looked around us with horror and disbelief.
Our world was in ruins about our feet!
Where was the shine, the glow, the happiness?
Yes, life had touched us with its harshness.

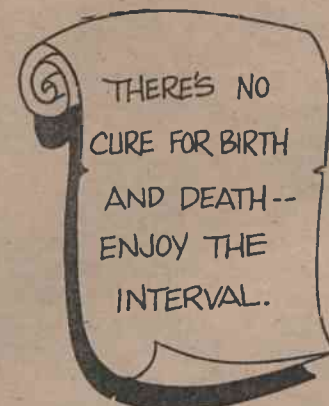
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The History of Eric Clapton: Sooner or later it had to happen. Atco Records has put together a package of material recorded by Clapton in various stages of his career. A few cuts from early Yardbirds, a couple of Cream favorites, a few Blind Faith numbers and a couple of Derek The Dominoes bits. This album is Clapton, and Clapton is good anytime.

Tribute to Woody Guthrie (Volume I): This is a recording (first in a set of two) of the Memorial Concert for Woody Guthrie, one of Americans best and most loved musicians. There are offerings from Joan Baez, Bob Dylan, Pete Seeger and Arlo Guthrie. All the material was written by Guthrie over a period of 35 years. After buying Volume I, I can hardly wait to save \$5.04 to buy Volume II.

We must pick up the pieces and build our world again, Yet we knew in our hearts it would never be the same. Search though we might, something was missing still
For life had touched us with its harshness.

The brightness of life went with you that day
And the cold wind grew even more biting.
Yet our love had been strong... and real.
I know now that real love never dies.



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