



Ray Ellis, Ottis Battle, Johnny Powell and Johnny Alston are four RMSH bus drivers who sat on the bus during a rainstorm. Other bus drivers, Sam Lucas, George Gant, Kirkland Alston, Tyrone Hines and Tommy Lowe were absent.

**RMSH Early Birds**

**Students Drive School Buses**

He rises at 6:45, even before the sun. Where is his left shoe? Clumsily, he falls over the chair reaching for it. The RMSH bus driver realizes that the early bird gets the worm. Therefore, many of them tip-toe to the kitchen to eat their Rice Krispies trying not to wake the rest of the family.

Our eight bus drivers cover a 1 1/2 or more radius of the Rocky Mount area from the high school. Ray Ellis to Englewood; Sam Lucas to a cross-town neighborhood and to the project; Johnny Powell to Meadowbrook Park; George Gant to South Rocky Mount and the

Cokey Road area; Kirkland Alston to Armstrong Homes; Tyrone Hines to a crosstown neighborhood; and Tommy Lowe to Hillsdale and Lincoln Park. Students wait faithfully at their stop until one of these guys drives the bus over and stops at the curb, grinning hello.

What are the qualifications of a RMSH bus driver? He must procure a license. This obtained by attending a three day course at Northern Nash and by scoring well on a two-day driving test. The bus driver devotes a lot of time to their jobs even at these early hours. A normal schedule is as follows:

- Wake up at 6:30
- First stop at 7:45
- Arrival at RMSH at 8:15
- Get home at 4:30

What was the most difficult thing for the drivers to adjust to? "The gears. It's turning the bus around the corner that's especially hard because you've got to remember that a bus is alot longer than a car." Johnny Powell thoughtfully remarked, "It's putting up with people telling you how to drive. Jabbering and all. The driver has a responsibility of the children's lives in the bus." Someone else remarked, "you meet alot of crazy people."

The fellows admitted that considering all pros and cons the bus driving job is worthwhile. The bud driver's pay is sufficient and he is provided with free transportation to and from school. Though it is nerve-racking, driving the buses is actually fun. With some thirty odd students riding--the driver is constantly looking through the front mirror and attempting to calm the juveniles down.

Frequently the bus breaks down or someone is late somewhere. The intercom drones, "Bus No. 27 has just arrived. Please admit these students to first period class." But if all systems are go, buses R-23, R-27, R-47, R-35, R-6, R-76, R-1 and R-4 will continue to run.

**A Circle Of Non-Daters Present Illogical Logic**

Several RMSH senior boys have stollcally decided that dating is unnecessary. They have decided to give up dating all girls for a certain length of time. In facing this sacrifice, it is necessary to be cognizant of the advantages that will be reaped. The following are four basic advantages: it contributes to better mental, physical, and spiritual health; it helps to curb inflation; it betters the ecology cycle by reducing pollution; it gives one more time to read or watch TV or to utilize other constructive outlets.

"The person is more alert and his mental attitude is better," remarked one fellow. "He doesn't have to worry about opening doors, snowing the parents or putting up with his date's six year old sister's karate chops." The guy can catch up on the sleep he didn't get during the week. Spiritual health is bettered for non-dating sustains the remnants of our Puritan heritage.

Giving up girls on Friday and Saturday nights is lonely, but it indirectly strengthens our U. S. economy. The boy is not forced to spend the extra dollar for milkshakes, movies, or dances. Thus, inflation is curbed.

Is non-dating indirectly helping out the anti-pollution campaigns across the globe? Yes. Half the mufflers' output would be radically stopped. The boy uses up 3 or 4 gallons of gas, simply by picking up his date, going to the Cameo, Center or Booker T., returning to his date's house and then riding home.

More time could be spent reading "The Hobbit", "Moby Dick", and "Silas Marner"--the all-time classics. Thus, the person could receive a more well-rounded education.

All points considered, the greatest advantage of not dating, is the greater appreciation of dating when this ridiculous notion is proven false.

**Our Good Sports Girls Boost Gryphon Spirit**

Editors note: This article is one in a series based on a "service club survey". The S.O.S. was in the Gryphon's last issue. The Phalanx, Booster, Service and Kudos Clubs will be included in the following issues.

The Good Sports Club has faithfully upheld the tradition of selling "beat the other team" ribbons on the morning of football and basketball games. Girls can be seen standing in the lobby, in the student commons or running down the hall selling another ribbon to boost school spirit.

Viewing the many projects that the Good Sports Club undertakes, one realizes that the personality of the girls must be super-energetic for the club to be so active.

During football season, the girls drove over to the Municipal Stadium armed with crepe paper and ladders. They fearlessly climbed on the 20 ft. goalpost and carefully wrapped

each bar.

For Homecoming, the club sold bright, yellow mum corsages. Winning first place in the parade made all the work and fun that went into it just a little bit more worthwhile.

For Christmas, this service club selected a needy family and delivered clothes, toys and staple food to their home. In the school's lobby, a tree was decorated and windowpanes frosted.

During basketball season, the group went so far as to roast 100 pounds of peanuts. Today, several roasted peanuts remain in the back of Mrs. Bell's room. "Fruit baskets" (a basket with bananas, apples, roasted peanuts) were delivered to the visiting basketball team as a token of hospitality.

The Good Sports Club is a shining example of how beneficial a service club can be. For this group has realized that true satisfaction results not from recognition but service.



Good Sports: Gwen Faison, Sara Fields, Wini Jo Bradley and Denise Morgan convince Mr. Langley that he needs eleven school spirit ribbons.

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