

# GRYPHON EDITORIALS

## If You Didn't Sell, Don't Gripe

The office has regretfully announced that all students who didn't sell at least one magazine subscription this year will not be admitted into any school sponsored activities. This includes dances, the Junior-Senior prom, and any other projects carried out by the financing of the Student Organization.

Don't get too excited. This is not true at all. There's no way that this announcement could be made. But maybe if it had been announced, it would have made students work harder. Yet every student is a member of the student organization and has the right to attend all school functions. So what if he didn't sell a subscription? So what if he can take advantage of the uses of the money without helping to earn any of it?

To those who didn't do their part, it's too late to go back and sell subscriptions this year. But remember this . . . No one has any right to say that RMSH never does anything or that the band at the dance is cheap and lousy unless he or she helped during the magazine campaign. To those who sold subscriptions, a "Thank You" is definitely necessary. They should enjoy this year's school activities, for they have not only earned the right to attend, but the right to gripe.

There is no rule written down anywhere saying that students can or can't complain because of the amount of money they raised. It's just harder to appreciate gripes made from those students who didn't really care enough to sell. If one must complain, it might be wise to avoid the company of those students who did their job. They may resent it.

## You Can Slow Down Dishonesty

Several recent incidents at RMSH have opened many students' eyes to their classmates' dishonesty.

Two girls left their pocketbooks in their car while they were attending a meeting. They returned to find the pocketbooks gone. The purses turned up under some shrubbery with the contents spilled out on the ground.

Another student decided not to put a lock on her locker this year. After two notebooks disappeared, she changed her mind.

The students of RMSH are admired throughout the city and state. It would be a great shame if the school's reputation were damaged because of the irrational behavior of a handful of inconsiderate students.

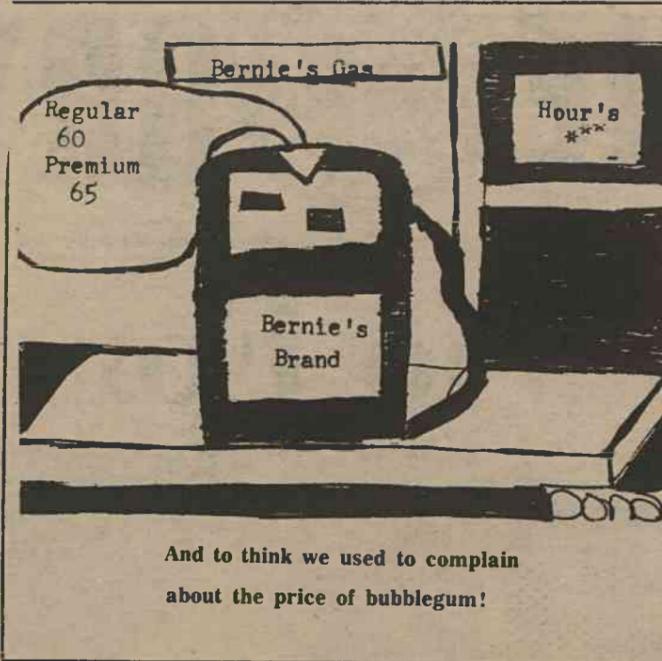
To correct this problem, it is necessary for students to always be careful with their possessions. They must lock their doors and guard their valuables. If the students of RMSH eliminate all opportunity for theft, then the problem will be eliminated.

Don't leave an invitation in your unlocked locker or your deserted purse.

## Senior Privileges Ready To Go!

Hats off to Frank Incoe and the Senior Privileges Committee. They've seen to it that there has been no big hassle with Mr. Newbern, nor have things been dragged on and on. To show our appreciation for the fine way the committee got things rolling, let's keep things rolling for them. Of course there were privileges the committee wasn't able to get approved, but it's useless to waste time over them.

What we've got to realize is that along with freedom comes responsibility. The senior class and its attitude toward senior privileges mark the way for the underclassmen. If seniors handle



## Editor's Echo

by Cathy Allen

President Gerald Ford has asked all Americans to put forth all their effort in his new program called WIN, meaning "Whip Inflation Now." WIN encourages everyone to conserve natural resources and to refrain from being wasteful.

Thanks to some of the ingenious GRYPHON staff members, I have some suggestions to make to those who attend school.

1. Suggest politely to teachers who insist on manuscript on one side only that using both sides of notebook paper conserves paper and is easier on the pocketbook. (In case anyone has not noticed, the price of paper has sky rocketed.)

2. Ride in carpools. Besides fighting the hiked gas prices, this unique experience can be both exciting and fun. Games can be played such as "Guess who's leg is asleep now?" (This one can be played only when people are sitting on top of each other.)

3. Give up driving out to lunch. This will be too hard for many students, and only the more patriotic ones will make the sacrifice. In fact those patriotic students may give up eating lunch and begin saving food. I have to admit that I have heard that skinny people are healthier, but then starved students may function slower and waste time. And who knows? Time might go up in price too.

## Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

In the past issue in Miss Collier's column, Jock Jots, the statement about our teams passing was uncalled for, belittling and damaging to the school spirit and the teams' confidence. If Miss Collier would take some advice: "If you can't say something good, don't say it!"

Thomas H. Gerlinger

To the editor:

First off, I would like to say I am glad I can express my opinion through this publication without the fear of harassment. I feel I am being deprived of one of my most important constitutional rights — Freedom of Speech. Why? Just because I don't stand up and support school team at pep rallies. Why should I be made to support something I do not believe in? I have no interest in any kind of competitive sports as such. Don't get me wrong though; if you want to stand up and support the team, do it. You have a right just as I have a right not to. I have been harassed; threatened with detention notices and suspensions and ridiculed in front of my classmates because I don't conform with the rest of the school. I have my own opinions and beliefs and have a right to them without fear of harassment. If this letter doesn't have any effect on the issue, I will speak to the administration to see if anything can be done to assure me that my rights will not be deprived. Thank you.

Dave Cummings  
Homeroom 208

## School-Time Blues

Mother: Get up son, or you'll be late for school.

Son: Oh, mom. I don't want to go to school.

Mother: Stop complaining and get up!

Son: But I can't go to school!

Mother: And why not?

Son: Everybody hates me, that's why! All the teachers hate me; the students hate me; the coaches hate me; the lunchroom ladies hate me; even the custodians hate me.

Mother: But, son, you have to go to school. You're the principal, remember?

has long been delayed due to questions about its impact on the environment. Are we now to toss these considerations aside? He spoke of using coal fuel and in the next breath of cleaner coal. Which is to come first? He promoted the passage of surface mining legislation which would ease the environmental controls now governing it.

All legislation coming from the White House to Congress will now carry an inflation impact statement. Are environmental impact statements to be disregarded as obsolete?

There are many questions still in the minds of the American public. Rather than answer them, President Ford has added more.

## The Soapbox

President Gerald R. Ford's recent address to Congress on inflation was in many ways disappointing to the American public. Citizens hoping for strong federal controls saw little governmental aid for the problem.

Definitely not following the blockbuster tactics of some of his presidential predecessors, Ford instead admonished the public to waste less, conserve more, a slogan they have been hearing for years and from which they have seen few results.

One of the few steps Ford tried to take has cost him a couple more merit badges. Ford promoted the idea of a temporary one-year surcharge of 5% to be paid by all individuals with an annual income greater

than \$1,500 and by all couples with annual income greater than \$15,000.

Quite a number of people fall into this group. Many, already placed in a money crunch by growing inflation, will find circumstances even more difficult if the tax surcharge is enacted.

In the area of energy, an item which affects our food supply as well as our way of life, Ford has announced ideas which have the environmentalists hopping. His plan to reduce importation of foreign oil by one million barrels daily to the end of 1975 drew a heavy round of applause from Congress, but do the ends necessarily justify the means?

Ford advocated the recovery of domestic oil, namely that in Alaska. Recovery of this supply

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