

High Life

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School System Turns To Computer; Gee Explains, 'Brine of Many Jokes'

By Jean Broadway

"Computers are the brine of many jokes. They can't defend themselves. But, it's simply not the computer's fault," explained Ellen Gee, the woman who is in charge of the computer work in the Greensboro City School System. Beginning this year, students were denied the privilege of making their schedules because of the IBM computer.

Master Schedule Given

Although the computer can only add and subtract, it is capable of storing information. In planning for this year's schedules, Mrs. Gee designed a program for the computer to follow and then gave it a list of the master schedule.

The program included selecting first requests, matching periods in which the subjects could be taught, making sure the student wasn't signed up for a course that period, and then placing his name on the roster.

Different Schedules Tried

"If there was a possible solution, it found it," commented Mrs. Gee. However, the computer had to try different combinations when the student already had a course that period.

The schedules were made in approximately 55 minutes and were printed in an hour. An additional 45 minutes were needed

to print the class roster. The entire process was repeated two or three times to make minor changes.

A committee composed of teachers and principals proposed a plan to change the grading system because the computer could not print pluses and minuses. It was then voted on by the Board of Education before it took effect.

Each letter grade is given a certain number of quality points:

A-4 points, B-3 points, and C-2 points. An average of 3 points or better is considered honor roll.

Effort Graded

Letter grades will be given for the student's scholastic ability. Conduct and a new category, effort, will be graded as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory.

Report cards for one school are completed in less than an hour and as many honor rolls as are needed can be printed.

Whirlies Represent GHS At N. C. Governor's School

This past summer eight Grimsley students attended the Governor's School of North Carolina in Raleigh.

Representatives from Grimsley were Susan Breger, Carol Crocker, Bob Freedman, Matt Gibson, Austin Lybrand, Ken McArthur, Craig Pyron, and Alan Rauch.

Each night a lecture or a concert was given. The entire school was required to attend, and the speakers varied to include the many different interests of the students.

Susan Breger went to the school to study English. The courses she took included English, philosophy, and psychology.

Carol Crocker attended Governor's School for Latin. "Teachers threw out new ideas and encouraged you to question what you had learned and what you will learn," she commented. "I can't stress how much freedom was given to us," she added.

Bob Freedman went to participate in the choir. From 9 a.m. until 12 a.m., they sang and repeated a type of spoken chorus. Bob was impressed by the liberal atmosphere and the people he called "thinking people."

When asked about the most outstanding element at Governor's School, Matt Gibson replied, "... not so much what was learned but the interesting people met and the valuable friendships made." Matt attended the school for drama.

Matt also felt the students at the school really had a chance to seriously consider whether or not to go on professionally.

Austin Lybrand, attending for math, studied logic, calculus, and programming computers. He programmed a computer to solve two equations simultaneously with two variables.

In the student government of Governor's School, Austin was elected recording secretary. He agreed that meeting new and exciting people was one of the best parts of Governor's School.

Also attending the school for music were Ken McArthur, Craig

Pyron, and Alan Rauch.

Ken and Craig had about the same morning schedule. Craig studied violin, and Ken studied orchestra. After a complete orchestra rehearsal, each had private lessons.

Craig felt that being on your own you really felt the responsibility.

Piano was Alan Rauch's main concern. From 9 a.m. until 12 a.m. he had private lessons and a piano class. Alan was selected as one of two to play a concerto with the orchestra.

According to Alan, unlike regular school at Governor's School you were taught to think and freely express your ideas.

Summing up the opinions of the students, Ken McArthur added "It is really a wonderful experience for anyone."

GHS Students Tour Europe Attending Summer Course

Nine Grimsley students toured Europe this summer while attending a summer school course in Europe.

Jeanie Byrd, Susan Fruitt, Gerald Hill, Jim Hinek, Jane McDaid, Mark Morris, Jeff Pickard, Debbie Putnam, and Gale Sikes were part of the summer school program for the American Institute for Foreign Study.

The students spent four weeks studying at the University of Dijon in Dijon, France. Classes were attended approximately six hours daily.

Films Seen

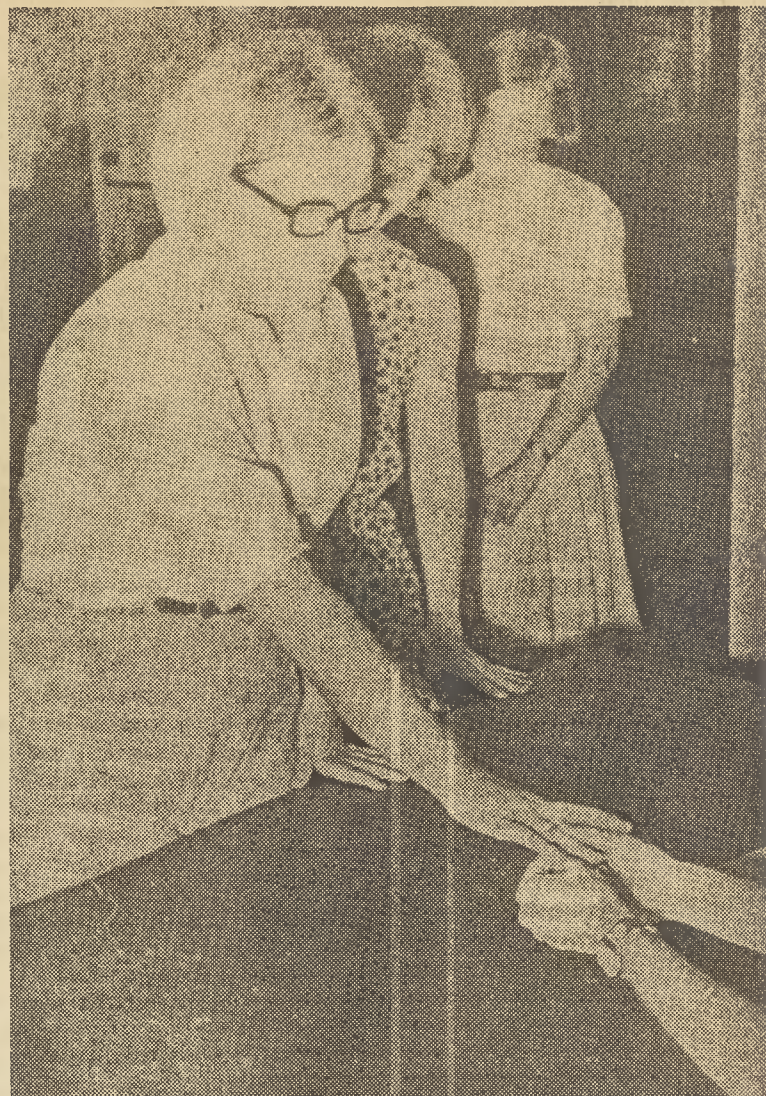
A typical day for this group began with a brief film. Then, classes were taught which aided the pupils in the pronunciation of the dialogues in the film. Textbooks, which contained the scripts of the movies, were studied and read along with a review of French grammar.

A three-hour period from 12:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. was reserved for lunch and free activity.

Language laboratories, similar to the one at GHS, were also attended. Afterwards, part of the script of the movies was dictated to the students. The last class ended with the writing of a French composition.

Teachers Were Strict

Each of the classes, which usually consisted of 20 people, was conducted in French. Teachers were described as strict and



FITTINGS FOR RINGS

Photo by Terry McMahon

Upperclassmen anxiously await their turn to be measured for their GHS class rings. In order to be eligible for a ring, a student must have 16 credits. A two dollar deposit was paid when the rings were ordered, and the remaining amount will be paid in December when the rings arrive.

Seymour Receives Honor Attends International Meet

President of Philomathian Hi-Y, Robert Seymour, was recently bestowed an honor when he was elected to represent both North and South Carolina at the International Plenary Meeting in Washington, D. C.

The meeting will be composed of the International Committee of the YMCA and 20 youths from the United States and Canada.

The International committee administers world service. This meeting is to promote YMCA organizations throughout the world

and to start and strengthen other clubs. Today the International Committee is working in 83 countries.

Two banquets will be given Friday and Saturday nights, October 23 and 24. The meeting will conclude on Sunday afternoon.

Friday night the world premier of a new universal service will be revealed. Dr. John S. Badaeu and the former ambassador of the United States to the United Arab Republic will speak Saturday night. Discussions about other services will also occur.

Robert was chosen by Jack Nantz, the General Secretary of the YMCA and his club advisor, Julius Hayworth.

On Friday afternoon Robert will fly to Washington, D. C. A girl also from the Carolinas will represent the Tri Hi-Y Clubs. When he returns from Washington, D.C., Robert will make a report to the Carolinas' Inter-State Meeting.

Beginning tomorrow morning, members of the HIGH LIFE staff will go to the home-rooms and take subscriptions for the paper. The paper will be published weekly and will cost \$1 per semester.

Each student subscriber will sign a subscription card on which the collection days will be noted.

Periodically, HIGH LIFE will print pictures of candid shots of the campus taken by the students. Anyone who would like to submit a picture may do so. The best pictures submitted will be printed and a payment of \$2 will be awarded. All pictures should be taken to Room 410.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Sept. 20—
Assembly—Third period
Mr. Weaver
Wednesday, Sept. 21—
Student Council
Thursday, Sept. 22—
Asheville Game—Away
Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 21-23
—Sophomore Self Elections

Juniors Present

'The Whole Truth'

"The Whole Truth", a farce by William D. Fisher, will be presented by the Junior Class on Thursday, October 27.

The play takes place in a small suburb in an Eastern metropolis. Here at their summer estate, the Martin family is introduced.

Mr. Joseph Martin, played by DAVID LABELL, is a stately, middle-aged man whose primary interest is his business. Mildred Martin, his wife, played by AUDREY LAVINE, is scatter-brained but likeable. She follows all of the latest fashions and fads from Hollywood.

Johnny Martin (JODY TURNER), the Martin's son, is a college sophomore who is truly a "picture of gay, young America." Elizabeth (LINDA MCKEE), the Martin's daughter is pretty, young, and vivacious.

Mr. Martin's sister, Helen (CAROLYN LYDAY) is known as adventurous, likeable, and a good sport. With church always his first thought and duty, the Reverend Jacob Teasle (JOHN LAUTEN) is presented to the audience as very stately and reserved.

A hard bargainer, G. Whitford Murdorf (MIKE SCHER) believes that putting on a good front can help anyone in this cruel world. Aunt Mat Worth (JANICE KIRBY), Mrs. Martin's sister, is quite a person. As president of Worth Enterprises, she is very wealthy but old-fashioned and believes "that a penny saved is a penny earned."

Tom DeNorth (TOM EASTERLING) who is handsome and always well-dressed is Elizabeth's boyfriend. Johnny's girlfriend, Lucille Armitage, (CHERYL JONES) is sophisticated, intelligent, and very mature.

Johnson (LARRY REID), the Martins' butler, is solemn and shy. The apple of his eye, Harriett (CATHY LEWIS) the maid, is cute, bubbly, and carefree.

The troubles, strifes, mix-ups, and joys of all these people combine to make one of the most humorous and entertaining plays.