

# ... And Again Computer Scheduling

By Tommy Grant

Here we go again! Another semester: report cards, semester break, and once again computer scheduling! Remember, we are not the only school with this problem. At Page for instance, a couple of students found themselves with six study halls and one lunch.

Actually, the lucky ones are those students who do not receive a schedule of any kind. Their problem is tackled and solved first.

As stated in an earlier *High Life* editorial, arena scheduling would be easier and more hassle-free. At least everyone would have a schedule to begin with!

Until the problems with "Socrates" can be solved, students should not be used as experimental cases.

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Students stuck in the auditorium waiting for scheduling solutions had this to say:

"It'll be all right if the computer will shoot out what you put in."

"It's nothing to write home to mom about."

"Some more efficient way of getting students into classes could be found. I strongly recommend arena scheduling."

"I'm glad this is my last semester. I feel sorry for people who have to go through this next year. Maybe in the future this serious problem can be solved."

"Computer scheduling bites the dust. I can live without it."

"I think it's just a bunch of trash."

"It's ridiculous -- just sitting here."

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So, there you have it. When students complain about doing nothing in school, it is obvious that something is wrong.

*High Life* has addressed this issue three times -- just this year. We invite your ideas and proposals for a more creative way of dealing with class scheduling than the one we have faced for two years. (Deadline for the next issue is March 13.)

# Save Gas - Save Money - Eat At Grimsley

By Van Alston

"I'll never set foot in that gosh-darn grease pit!" -- or -- "Oh, gross; they serve soybean burgers!" -- or -- "Not me, I'd rather go to the Commons."

Do these quotes sound familiar? Yes, they do, for 73 percent of Grimsley students; and these replies usually come after somebody else says, "Hey, let's eat in the cafeteria."

Why this attitude toward lunched served in the cafeteria? Most likely it is termed "socially unacceptable" by somebody's cool peers. Nobody (well, only 27 percent of students at Grimsley, anyway) really weighs the advantages school lunch has over leaving campus to purchase lunch at one of the many fastfood restaurants that are accessible during the forty-six minutes we have for lunch.

Look at it seriously, folks. For only fifty cents you can get a hot meat dish, two fruits or vegetables, a roll, biscuit, or some type of bread, and two cartons of milk. Compared to two cheeseburgers at Mac's or

the "home of the whopper" for the same price, the cafeteria meal is a bargain.

It takes not over two minutes to get to the cafeteria from anywhere on-campus. You can eat at a leisurely pace and then walk over to the grove to socialize for fifteen or so minutes afterwards.

But, if you go off campus, you blow a dollar on gas, wait in ultra-long lines to pay exorbitant prices for food, then drive back at a breakneck speed, only to discover that your watch was slow. Then you get the "happy" greeting from Mrs. Keefer or Mrs. Pethel -- and, after three of these days, a nice form letter from Mr. Fuller inviting you not to come to school for a day or so.

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The food in the cafeteria is good, too -- a lot better than most restaurants around -- and the hamburgers are all-beef, not soybeans as the popular myth goes. Granted, some days the food is bad, or they don't have anything you

like; and that's when it is nice to be able to go out for a change.

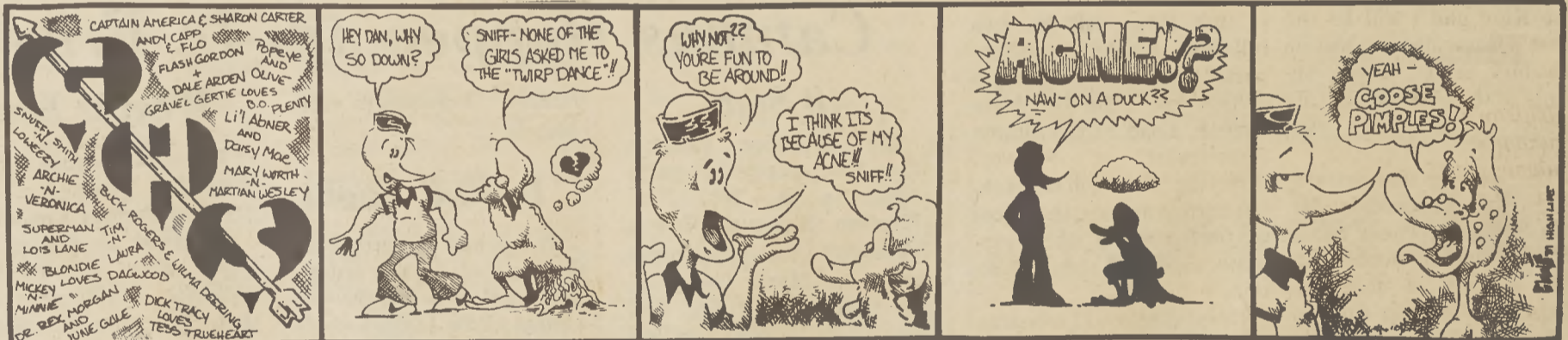
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The public schools have hired Guerry Sterling, a marketing research specialist, to find out why kids don't eat in the cafeteria, and they gave her \$99,000 to do it with.

The survey on February 9 was just a small part of the extensive research being done by Ms. Sterling for the school system. This survey gives students a chance to voice their opinions and suggest changes for cafeteria improvement.

Nobody wants to take away your freedom, or close the campus, or force you to eat cafeteria food. But, there are some people out there who want to educate you about the cafeteria, to change it to suit you better, and save you a lot of money. After all, isn't that what it really comes down to? "If it's what we want, at the price we want, and how we want it, we'll use it."

The American Way -- think about it.



## Comment

# Busing:

## Con

By Mark Langston  
The practice of busing students from their own neighborhoods to schools in other areas for the purpose of racial integration has come under heavy criticism, and for good reason. Busing is neither morally correct nor is it proving to be economically feasible.

The Declaration of Independence, further enforced by the Thirteenth-Fifteenth Amendments, states "that all men are created equal." These documents mean that Americans are Americans, regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, or otherwise. It seems strange that a nation which teaches its children such beliefs would insist on schooling them according to their race.

If "all men are equal," then race does not matter. Students should attend whatever school is closest, according to the school's capacity. To segregate or integrate schools beyond their normal composition is to cast doubt on the validity of our nation's most sacred truths. And to those who insist upon racially balanced schools, consider that people are not forced to live according to any racial balance. Restaurants do not force patrons to eat across town because others eating there are of the same race. Neither are airlines required to re-seat passengers to insure that both tourist and first-class sections are equally integrated.

Also, why integrate just by

race? If we are to bus, should we not bus Catholics into Protestant areas, Chicanos into Italian-American areas, Republicans into Democratic areas, etc. . . ? If we are all Americans, then what is the difference?

Furthermore, in light of the increases in transportation costs, busing is too expensive. The estimated cost of busing just 37,000 students in Columbus, Ohio almost two years ago was a staggering eight million dollars! With today's fuel so expensive and its supply unsteady, the U.S. simply cannot afford to maintain a program which contradicts its very heritage. Busing should be stopped and its funds put to better use.



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