



Cafeteria Conundrum

by Shannon Matheny
As you may well know the cafeteria has taken a giant step by serving hot lunches. Whether it's the right one or the wrong one is a rather widely disputed statement. The term widely is used because many students don't like it and many others do.

The hot lunch program has made the cafeteria a more difficult place to eat, or should I say survive, in. You wait until 6th period to eat and then go hungrily down to the cafeteria only to wait in line 10 to 15 minutes for lunch—or even milk. You then sit down to a leisurely, enjoyable two minute lunch.

This must be what the scientists referred to as "fast food" or as the students say, "I had a bite to eat." Both statements should be taken literally.

It could be the new system will work its way out of the school or at least smoothe itself out. Let's hope so.

In the meantime there's a solution for you students who must wait in line. Bring a thermos or bag lunch or just bring a book to read while you wait. The possibilities are endless. Just think of all the homework you could get done. Kill two birds with one stone. Of course that can only be done if you are reading THE BIRDS and chicken is on the menu. But for 65¢ how can you lose? I guess all we can lose is a little weight, and some of us can use the extra studying time.

The food is great if you can get any. Perhaps things will work out soon. Until they do spend your waiting time productively. It could make the difference between an A and a B.



Last Saturday 50 S.H.S. students appeared on the Channel 11 dance program "Soul Alive." Pictured above are students who tried out for the spots on the show.



Halloween - the Inside Story



by Gwen Rothchild
The 31st of October is here at last. For those of you that have not already guessed, that's Halloween. Rather than talk about the over publicized origins of Halloween, I thought it might a better idea to get a look at what goes on behind the scenes.

With me today are two of the supernatural people most highly acclaimed, Zelda the witch we all know and love, and of course, your favorite ghost and mine-- Harold.

"Tell me Zelda, why did you choose witchcraft as a career?"

"Well my dear, I'll tell you. My mother and my father were witches and I just decided to enter the field I knew best."

"Do you like your work?"

"Oh yes, very much indeed. There's a lot of satisfaction in witchcraft."

"Really? How so?"

"First there's the fun stuff like turning Miss America into a mushroom, or having a handsome prince turn into a frog with one kiss. Then there's the travel. A witch can really go places on one of those brooms."

"Yes, I see what you

mean. You mentioned turning Miss America into a mushroom. Is this a favorite?"

"Oh, no, not at all. My favorite trick is Zapping people."

"Zapping people?"

"Yes, I fly through the air, and when I see some unsuspecting person, I zap him."

"Sounds great. One last thing Zelda, what do you think is the worst thing to happen to witches in the past centuries?"

"By far the worst thing to happen to witches is the new strain of "good" witches. Witches like Wendy and Glinda--their presence is a disgrace to the name of witchcraft."

"I see. Thank you for taking some time with me to discuss a witch's point of view."

"No trouble at all dearie. Bye now."

My other guest is Harold--the ghost. "Harold, as I can't see, you are a ghost. Why?"

"Very simple actually. Once you're dead there aren't too many lines of work. Being a ghost is the only alternative to being a skeleton. I was never skinny enough to be a skeleton."

"Very interesting. Tell me, what exactly do you do?"

"Glad you asked. Speaking from experience, I can tell you it's a very boring existence. I sleep all day and roam around the countryside all night, looking for some dumb cluck to scare."

"If it's so dull, why don't you change jobs?"

"Like I said before, I'm too fat to be a skeleton. I don't really mind the work---I mean, someone's got to do it."

"Yes, I see your point. As I asked Zelda, what do you think is the worst thing to happen to ghosts?"

"I agree with Zelda completely. The worst thing to happen are those good ghosts like Casper. I mean, if you are going to be a ghost you might as well do it right. What really bothers me is all the publicity he gets. In my opinion, he doesn't deserve a word of it."

"I understand how you must feel. Thank you, Harold, for giving some insight into the world of a ghost."

There you have it. The inside story of Halloween. I hope Zelda and Harold have a great time on their day and you have a great time too.