



## On the lighter side

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### Class scheduling: a no-win situation

Oh no, here we go again. Don't you just love scheduling and registration? I know I do. It never fails - each term the classes I'm required to take are offered at hours when I'm unable to attend because of work. I've discovered that it is impossible to plan a realistic schedule for the entire year because the classes I plan to take either aren't offered during the term that I plan to take them or, like I said before, conflict with my work schedule.

I've tried changing my major to fit the classes offered that term, but that doesn't work because in the following term the classes I need to take aren't offered, instead the classes I had wanted to take the previous term are now being offered. It's a vicious cycle and a no-win situation.

What I don't understand is how anyone can get through one of the programs right on schedule

like the catalog suggests. I suppose it's possible if all you do is go to school and do homework, but how many of us can really afford to do that?

Another thing that annoys me about scheduling is that many of the classes that are part of the special programs are only offered at one time a term or even worse - once a year. How can anyone be expected to graduate on time with things like this happening every term?

For me, I see a lot of credit-by-exam tests in the future. It seems to be the only way to stay somewhat on schedule. Even so, there are some classes that cannot be completed this way and once again we're back to the drawing board.

Scheduling really can be quite a dilemma. I remember how simple things were back in high school. We were given a certain number of required courses to take each

year with the remainder to be chosen by ourselves. These required courses were offered nearly every hour of the day, with some even being offered twice in one hour. It wasn't until you got to the "fun" classes you wanted to take that you ran into a little bit of trouble, but even then you knew it would be offered the next year, maybe you'd just have to wait a little while to take it.

Ah, but now we're in college and paying to be educated. That's right, we pay tuition and fees and worst of all we pay for books. And why do we pay all of this money each term? In order to get a better education, that leads to better jobs, which leads to more money, which is what we need in order to pay back all the loans we took out in order to get this better education in the first place. It sounds kind of funny when you look at it that way, doesn't it?

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## THE LAUGH CLINIC



### Look back into the future

I am a pack-rat by nature. Two former wives will attest to that character defect. I save newspapers, magazines, correspondence, bills, and sh-tuff. I run out of nooks and crannies to stash these accumulations in.

Recently, I have turned over a new leaf. Those dear ladies threw up their hands and now I have done the same. I bought a large pair of scissors and have been clipping items of interest from the magazines and newspapers while I watch "Miami Vice" and the news hours. Little by little the bulk has been reduced. I only wish I could lose weight so easily.

The table printed below tells its own story. I found it in the "Golden anniversary" program for the 50 year reunion of the class of 1931, Central High School, Superior, Wisconsin, my home town. I didn't graduate from Central. I am a product of Cathedral High, class of 1929. (You've heard of the stockmarket crash of 1929). My brother Hop (a Central grad of 1928) and I went back for the reunion.

In retrospect, the 30's were halcyon days. The memories are sharp for the fun-and-games ex-

periences and they are made all the more amusing and funny in the reminiscing 52 years later. We had to accept our minds and spirits. When I listen to the news and watch TV talk shows, I wonder how today's young people will remember 1987 in the year 2037.

On the occasion of "Black Monday" recently, a mood of uncertainty and fear pervaded the nation, especially in Wall Street. Would this be a repeat of 1929? The media noted that Yuppies working in the Stock Exchange cancelled their condos into cold-water flats in Greenwich Village; and decided to get along with their present supply of guccis and designer Levis until the stock market became more stable.

Doomsayers predict a deep RECESSION (when your neighbor is out of work) or a DEPRESSION (when you are out of work) and, God forbid, a PANIC (when your wife loses her job). It will take some time to know the results of Black Monday. I hope the adjustments will be made with grace and out of the experience we'll all record memories of laughter and love and high-spirited honest work.



## Wooden shoe like to know?

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### Foreign study broadens perspectives

Working or studying abroad! I wonder how you would feel about that. A little scared, because you don't speak a European language besides English, or very excited because going overseas means adventure.

I hope you chose the second option, simply because going abroad actually is adventure. It isn't all that easy, and sometimes problems can occur, but that is about the only disadvantage I can think of.

Nothing beats the adventure, excitement, fun, experience of going to the other side of the world. Working or studying overseas brings a great opportunity for anybody to do something wild, fun, and rewarding.

Going abroad really broadens one's perspective. You get a better feeling and understanding of "foreigners," which is quite an experience in itself.

Besides that you get to become fluent in another language. That might help you in later life since it shows that you are willing to take the challenge of learning a new language. But also a big advantage of going somewhere far from home is that you learn to be on your own and adapt to a new culture.

That probably is the most exciting part of going abroad. It is a lot of fun to get to know people who might have total different priorities and perspectives than you have or anybody else from

your country and culture.

Not to forget, see the sights. A host family or someone who is from that certain country are much better tour guides than the paid tour guides. They give you the regular tourist information, but you never get the "inside scoops."

Since it is so much fun to tour around with people from that country, doesn't that give you the motivation to go abroad?

That's all I will say about this. I really encourage you to go, because it will be an unforgettable experience, but the final decision is up to you.

I have only one more thing to say. Friday, Nov. 20, a student who went to Switzerland over the summer, will be talking in each foreign language class here on campus. Go talk to her and ask her about her experiences. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Ladd at ext. 392 and she will give additional information where that student will be at during the day.

#### EARNINGS AND ALLOWANCES

Of the total amount of expenditures made yearly, the  
Boys averaged..... \$273.81  
Girls averaged..... \$309.11

Of the total number of students (378) earning money during vacation

217 boys averaged..... \$89.74  
151 girls averaged..... \$50.88

Of the total number of students earning money during school (351)

240 boys averaged..... \$89.74  
111 girls averaged..... \$57.79

Of the students receiving allowances (697)

381 boys averaged..... \$59.68 yearly  
316 girls averaged..... \$57.79 yearly

119 girls take music lessons  
89 boys take music lessons  
257 girls drive cars  
414 boys drive cars  
One out of every three homes own radios.  
The average family is six.

#### ANNUAL PERSONAL EXPENDITURES

	Boys average total	Girls average total
Miscellaneous (jewelry, drycleaning, cosmetics, etc.)	\$135.96	\$131.52
Coats	\$22.59	\$47.09
Suits and dresses	\$41.11	\$61.74
Stockings	\$6.56	\$18.24
Candy, gum, ice cream	\$10.46	\$8.75
Entertainment	\$41.09	\$22.32
Shoes	\$16.04	\$18.47

**AFTERTHOUGHT:** On the news last week we learned that Tammy and Jimmy Bakker have just rented a \$1,000,000 house in Malibu Beach. They pay \$7,000 per month. Such is the power of prayer.

**FOREVER YOUNG.**

Most of us don't think about dying. It seems like we'll stay young forever. And some of us die drinking and driving is the number one killer of people under 25.

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instead. Because you will. Oregon has tough drinking and driving laws. And they just keep getting tougher. You'll lose your license for at least 90 days. Automatically. Immediately. It will seem like forever.

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