

I thought I was going to be bused to an all black school or an all white school. But I received my card to where I was going, and it said the Holmes. "I'm not going there"! But my mother said that I have to. So on the first day of school I was a little bit scared. Hardly any of the bus students were there, and they never came for about two or three weeks; and the first days were fun! We didn't do much work at the beginning of the year.

When Judge Garrity said that all schools would be integrated, I thought I would be bused out of my district. But I wasn't. I came to the Holmes and it's right up the street from my house, so all I have to do is go up the street to school, and if there's any trouble, I just have to go back down the street. I've met a lot of new friends and a lot of old friends, but the Holmes kids are the best kids. Also, this year of school was the best and the fastest of my whole school life.

When I first came to the school it was different. I met new friends and new teachers. But some of the bus people didn't come until about two or three weeks. The police had to guard the bus students so no one would get hurt, and they had police guarding the front of schools because fights were starting. Then they left the schools when the action cooled down. But there still was a little bit of roughness and there were a couple of stabbings down by Ashmont Station, or some place like that. Kids get jumped

because of their color. The Woodrow Wilson is still having trouble with kids. A girl was stabbed yesterday because she called a boy a name about his color. I heard she was stabbed with a pencil and it sliced her face up, and punctured her over the eye and she was rushed to the hospital. I don't know what happened to the person who stabbed her.

Next year I hope that I come back to this school because I like some of the kids here and I like the teachers. I hope I don't get bused to the Woodrow Wilson or the Grover Cleveland or the Thompson; because I'll have to meet some new friends and teachers. But I like the Holmes because it's a fun school and I live right down the street and it takes me about three minutes to get to school and come home from school. I've met a lot of new friends and I've met my old friends from last year. I joined the softball team and it's great! It's fun and exciting and easy. But this year of nineteen seventy five was the best year and it went by the fastest of all my school years.