

The teacher Board negotiations are over . . . bravo. There will be no walk outs, no withholding action.

No cliches about the letter of the law, and no cute picket signs. There will be no opportunity for demagogues to run the students ragged.

In general there will be none of the hogwash that many people last fall rationalized to being "The most relevant education the students will get all year." Yes, it is in deed a sorry situation for all the students wishing for a rallying point.

board negotiations

However, it is best for all concerned if the negotiations are not something which splits schools, and indeed classrooms. In two while creating ill feeling between teacher and students which lasts much longer than the negotiations.

This year the issues were naturally different, than last year, whether more or less crucial it is hard to say.

In the previous negotiations, a new law and the new experience of negotiating moved the talks to the breaking point.

We commend the School Board and the Teacher's Council for their business like attitude in the recent talks. We also feel that a wise decision was made in keeping the political maneuvers out of the picture.

Furthermore it was an even wiser and more commendable decision to keep the students away from the fray.

Holman's Heroes

THE NUDE RAMSEY

by Jeff Holman



Ever since the coming of spring, I have felt very strongly that the only way to really improve this school is to undress it.

Let us shed our doubts, fears, and inhibitions. Let us shed our clothing.

Nudity in school would bring the student body closer together. Students could see each other as they really are. The results would be educational, stimulating, and revealing.

Sex-education courses would be easier to teach, if not unnecessary. It would be a boon to biology. The drama department could stage "Hair" as the next spring play.

Of course, there might be some people afraid to face the naked truth, but Ramsey could eventually accept it's nudity, even if it were to blush a little at first.

It would give a boost to our athletic department. It would take less time to dress in the locker rooms. Our football players might be at a disadvantage without all that protective equipment, but this might be compensated for by our cheerleaders, who would hopelessly distract the other team.

Students would not spend hundreds of dollars to keep up with the latest styles. There would be only one beautiful style. . . the human body, in all its glorious variations. We would be more honest, more open about ourselves and each other.

Ramsey High would gain a reputation unique and innovative. A citizen with a good telescope could spot a Ramsey student walking home a mile away. Ah, but would the community object?

Concerned citizen: "Hello, Ramsey High School? I was standing in front of my house this morning, and I counted 127 naked students walking across Highway 36."

Student answering phone: "My, you must have stood there for a long time. You say that students were crossing in the middle of the highway?"

Concerned: "Yes! But. . . they didn't have any clothes on!"

Student: "Well, they weren't supposed to take their clothes off until

they were in the building, but it's such a hot day, isn't it?"

Concerned: "Young lady! This is teaching decadence, smut, filth, and dirt! The world is perverted!"

Student: "I should say so. But what did you say was dirty?"

Concerned: "Why, naked people, of course."

Student: "My body isn't dirty. If you think your body is dirty, why don't you take a bath?"

Concerned: "Then I'd have to take my clothes off. And what if my wife saw me? Hey--what has happened to Ramsey, anyway?"

Student: "Well, there are fewer unwed mothers, fewer students seeing psychiatrists, fewer students dropping out of school. . ."

Even though it is obvious that nudity would be fun and educational, let's face it--it might not be healthy. The school board probably wouldn't spend enough money to heat the place. We'd all catch cold.



BLUEPRINT STUDENT FORUM

dave hearing's illogic?

Concerning your editorial by Mr. David Hearing on page three of your April third edition of Blueprint.

As a former debater, Mr. Hearing appears to have lost some of his former polish. While the headline of his article called for logic and reason, he makes the cardinal error of self-contradiction. Coupling this with an often lost or misplaced logic and reasoning, Mr. Hearing abandons his debate tactics for the security of the opinions and ideals of the status quo. Mr. Hearing advises that "Man is selfish! He is imperfect. . . and he will always be that way! Accept that fact and quit beating your head against the wall. . ."

In my opinion, youth must continue to beat its head against the brickwall of society with the energy of idealism. Only if youth beats its head long and hard enough will the archaic, cracked, decrepit, and eroded bricks fall.

As an alternative to beating their heads, Hearing suggests that youth "try to live the idealistic life within. . ." itself.

The results of this would be, as I see it, twofold. Youth would be a mass of hypocritical, inner-directed social products. Hypocritical because the idealism

would be only "within yourself," while outside we would accept Mr. Hearing's pessimistic, self-defeating attitude toward a hopeless mankind. Because the idealism would be strictly inner-directed, society would lack the vital conflict of idealism and realism, which produces change.

Mr. Hearing suggests we do our "own thinking," at the same time his advice is to agree to "advice from the elder generation."

Youth must remain outwardly idealist, only then can we prevent the stagnation of society.

Pat Scully junior

effective s. c.

I have heard so much from the students about the ineffective Student Council. This has got me to thinking about the whole situation.

One has got to look at the Council in respect to the students, the representatives and the officers. It is easy to look at the president and vice-president and say that they are ineffective, but when you take a good look, not just a glance, but a good look at the representatives, one can easily see where and when the Council becomes ineffective.

The classes are even a different story. It is more or less a game of "post office." What happens at a Council meeting is told differently to the class, which may be the result of misinterpretation and not paying attention.

When one looks at the Student Council in all its aspects, it is being effective, especially with what it has to work with.

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