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WHY?

This petition calling for a "big change" in Blueprint was circulated April 21.

Nobody said what kind of a change was wanted.

THIS SPACE IS FOR YOUR IDEAS.

editorial/opinion forum

Girls' and Boys' States have received much criticizm since the last session when Regina Hicks, from Marshall U. High, was refused the right to attend the Washington, D. C. conference

The reason given for Regina's exclusion from the Washington conference was that her viewpoint was too radical in the statements that she made.

In essence what she said was that she did not love her country but rather respected it and want-

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Regina, by making those statements was exercising her constitutional rights in saying what what was on her mind at the time, something

which more of this country's elder statesmen ought to do more of.

Regina was then rejected for saying what she thought, being denied a right for exercising an-

This brings to mind a question; What exactly does the American Legion believe in?

They indicate that they are standing up for America. However when they say that do they indeed mean America as it is today, unchanged regardless of problems which arise which indicate a need for change?

Or on the other hand are they in support of the concept of America in which every person is allowed their rights (including freedom of speech) and are not punished for using them within reason.

By their actions the American Legion seems to indicate the first of these two beliefs, and if this does indeed prove to be the case, then Ramsey and all the other high schools in the nation should not engage in the Girls' and Boys' State and Nation



he radical

by Ruth VanAntwerp

Blueprint's portrayal of Jesus as a radical and revolutionary is certainly more truthful than the weak, angelic softie concept. But the comparison of Christ to the radical of today is very distorted. Your writers and artists seem to be uninformed about the teachings of Christ and the life he lived.

On the cover of the last issue it is stated, ". . this bearded revolutionary challenged the established government . ." Jesus' beard had little to do with his feelings toward content. To his time a content was at the state of society. In his time, a beard was not a symbol of rebellion but an accepted thing, especially for a rugged outdoor man. The established government of his time was the Roman Empire. In the four gospels I can find no chal-lenge of home's authority. In fact, when asked if it was right to pay taxes to Ceasar, Christ said, "Render taxes to Ceasar, Christ said, "Render to Ceasar the things that are Ceasar's and to God the things that are God's," (Mark 12:17) When taken before Pilate, the Roman leader of that area, Pilate found no guilt or crime that Jesus had committed. The people pressured Pilate until he allowed Jesus to be killed, and even then said he was not responsible (Matthew 27).

responsible. (Matthew 27)
Blueprint goes on to say, "...he associated with criminal elements..." This is true. Jesus did not cut anyone

off from his love. The main incident of Jesus' associations with hated and crooked tax collectors and outcasts is found in Luke 5:27-32. Jesus ate is found in Luke 5:27-32, Jesus ate dinner at a tax collectors house and when he was criticized, he said, "I have not come to call the respectable people to repent, but the outcasts."

Jesus was involved with the people,

not their criminal acts.

Not only are your concepts of his Not only are your concepts of his life distorted, but your pictures are even more untruthful. You have written "Conspire" and "Revolution Now!" on Jesus' clothes, Jesus' revolution was not one of overthrowing the government or the established church, but a turnover in man's heart. Why did the same people who praised Christ and announced him as King of the Jews, less than a week later cry, 'Crucify him''? It was because he did not take over Jerusalem and set thimself up as their ruler. The people wanted this kind of revolution. As for conspiracy, the only conspiracy done was against Christ by the leaders of the church and one untrue dis-

The other picture shows Jesus smoking a cigarette or grass, (Pil assume the latter). This picture is absurd. Christ had something far better than marijuana to turn him on. Some of his comments are as follows:

"I am come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly." John 10:10

"But whosoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14 I am disappointed in you Blueprint,

You are usually more honest in your ideas and articles. We shouldn't try to change Christ to fit our purpose, we should change ourselves to fit

Holman's Heroes

by Jeff Holman

HATE-MAIL TO HOLMAN

No columnist can have a successful year unless he receives at least one unkind letter. I have now had a successful year.

th was sticking in my typewriter when I came to school one morning. It was addressed "Dear Mr. Holman," and it read as follows (spelling and punctuation corrected to make it read-

"If in future issues of Blueprint you will proclaim yourself 'the' or 'a' representative of the Ramsey stuare representative of the Ramsey student body, please ask our permission first so that we may tell you beforehand that we think that you are not fit to show yourself off as a reasonable faction of us. Furthermore, your wit (?) is not only depressingly bad, but it is a destructive cruci-fixtion of things that desperately need answers and not cruel spitting at. Keep an open mind to everything, especially you. You are not as cool as you think you are. Please try to control yourself when you get the urge to kick somebody when they're down."

down,"
Well, naturally I did some soulsearching, I had always tried to keep
an open mind as a journalist, even
when threatened with a closed fist, I had not recalled claiming to be the representative of the student body;

the letter-writer had obviously already

the letter-writer had obviously already filed for the position, and felt free to tell me that "you are not a reasonable faction of us."

I wish somebody had told me when the elections were held among reasonable factions of the student body. Not that I would have voted, but I would have liked to cover them.

would have liked to cover them.

But who was this self-appointed representative of the student body? He was a spokesman for self-control, open-mindedness, and apparently was against crucifixtion, except maybe of newspaper editors. newspaper editors.

There was an outside chance that

the letter was written by an administrator, Maybe St. Germain had felt I had gone too far in using "St. Bernard" in a recent column. I did show him the letter, and asked how he'd been feeling lately.

"Pretty good for a run-of-the-mill mutt," he answered with a gleam in

I just said "arf" and continued with my investigation.

Perhaps the Student Council was mad

at Blueprint's "destructive crucifix-tion," of them, which I felt was con-structive crucifixtion. But although I agree that the council is a thing that "desperately needs answers," I don't recall ever having cruelly spit at

them. And even council-critic Craig Eckert has a "dry" humor.

I decided it wasn't an athlete, as they are too busy working for something they believe in to critize somebody else for doing the same. It probably wasn't a greaser, as they have the guts to speak to me personally when they don't like my column. And it wasn't my journalism advisor. as it wasn't my journalism advisor, as she knows I don't claim to represent

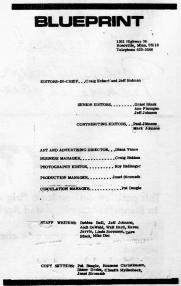
Finally I gave it up and began my

Blueprint columnist Mark Johnson had received and published some "pan-mail" earlier in the year. I showed him my little treasure and we noticed similarities. Both letters were written by experienced judges of right and wrong, who predictably had demonstrated the courage behind their conviction in not signing their names.

conviction in not signing their names, "You see, you're not the only columnist around her who is hated," I told Mark, a feeling of pride and accomplishment swelling in my bosom. We now have a contest going to see who can get the most hate-mail. Hatemailers everywhere-you are not as seed of you think you are

cool as you think you are.

But keep those cards and letters coming. I want to have a full waste-basket by the end of the school year.



Student defends idealism



You know, sometimes I feel like telling George to stick his 'youthful idealism' and go back to Boston"

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by Mark Johnson



by Robert Jenkins

In a recent article an ex-Ramsyite, David Hearding, asked the younger generation to use logic younger generation to use logic and reason with respect to current important issues. He also said that each person should think for himself and not follow the crowd, and that idealism in youth is admirable. As far as this goes he and I are in agreement, but from here on the union is discoluted. the union is dissolved.

David's counsel to youth is

not based on hope but on dis-pair, He believes you can't change the world or stop wars or prevent hate or make people less selfish. This is not the ideal-

youth

The idealistic position is that man can better himself and change the world around him. There are many examples of idealism providing the base for change, Slavery is no longer common; capital punishment is disappearing in the Western world; living standards are better than they have ever been before. We have changed the structures of society to limit the evil that is supposedly inherent in man. Idealistic evolution has taken over where biological evolution has left off.

A second point of his is that

we should "accept guidance and

advice from the elder generation." He is saying that we should accept advice and I say we should listen to it.

To him it appears that there are two polar strategies. One is refusing advice merely because it comes from the older generation and the other is accepting advice for the same rea-

The best course of action is neither of these extremes but lies in a truly thoughtful tactic: weighing advice and considering many alternatives. One shouldn't blindly commit himself to any one view but should think it through before acting on it. A good attitude toward advice is to ask why you should follow that advice. Don't accept it only on faith

Listen to your elders. Sperates, an adult, said in Plato's "Republic" . . . ". . . They will rediscover rules of behavor which their predecessors have let fall into disuse, including matters supposed to be of little importance; how the young should be silent in the presence of their elders, give up their seats to them, and take dutiful care of their parents; not to mention details of personal appearance, such as the way their hair is cut and the clothes and shoes they wear. It would be shoes they wear. It would be silly, I think, to make laws on these matters; such habits cannot be established or kept up by written legislation. It is probable, at any rate, that the bent

given by education will de-termine the quality for one an-other, till they finally mount up to one imposing result, whether for good or ill. For that reason I should not myself be inclined to push legislation to that length,"

idealism

Here's what one adult has to say in SCIENCE, March 1970, "Student Unrest: Sources and Consequences." by Leon Eisenberg, Professor of Psychi-Eisenberg, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School "The energy, idealism, and intelligence of youth are the prime resources of each nation; if those resources are to be wisely spent our youth must by involved in the mainstream of national life. Youth is impatient—as it should be—with excuses for perpetuating eyil. In the excess of its tuating evil. In the excess of its zeal, it sometimes abandons reason. But he who does not lose his mind over certain things has no mind to lose.'

Change depends on people taking unpopular stands. There will always be a resistance to will always be a resistance to change, but change we will and change we must. We must not stop now but keep on trying to improve the human condition. Let us not cast aside idealistic goals, but instead use them along with the council of our elders and our intelligence to preserve the noble in man and stifle the base and ignoble.

and the winner

I am sitting in front of the tube, eating a piece of Sarah Lee cheesecake, being intellectually affronted by the Academy Awards

program.
Okay, let's assume that John Wayne IS an actor. Okay, let's assume that "Hello, Dolly!" WAS one of the year's five best pictures. Okay, let's assume that someone STILL believes in all that ceremonial baloney. There is still nothing, from my point of view, that elevates this from the average high school letter assembly except, perhaps, for the fact that at least you can turn off the TV. At any rate, it seems that the absurdity and magnitude of these awards seem to grow with each year, Each year the endless procession of Max Factored faces seem to grow longer.

As I sit my mind begins to wander and my TV picture begins to blurr...and soon...

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ramsey presents...

"Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. This is Bob Hope speaking to you from Alexander Ramsey High School and I'm here for this year's annual "Academy of All-Around Everything Award Show."

It's a tense moment in the gymnasium, It's the social bash of the year and everyone is in formal dress (for athletes that means black socks). Even the gym is decorated (Canteen Council so wisely chose "Your Neighborhood YMCA" as the theme).
"Our first award today is for 'Best Administrator,'" said Hope.

"Wilber") amid thunderous applause.

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and the nominees are Bud Stokely Krammitt for 'Midnight Fascist,' Murray Molotov for 'The Reivers,' and Gloria Muckmind for 'The Wild Bunch? And the winner is ''

But, before he got to announce the winner, the bell rang and the place emptied faster than a Kosher delicatessen on Yom Kipur and Hope was left alone facing a group of gangly sophomores vainly trying to master the Teeton Mountain Stompto the cracking of an antique record player and the instructions of an irate gym

Mother woke me and informed me that it was three o' clock and that I had been smiling mindlessly at a test pattern for four

Believe it or not, the test pattern was the best part of the show.

What Chuck hath wrought FORWARD TOGETHER

by Steve Judge

It seems this year we have had the misfortune of a Student Council that hasn't worked to its fullest potential. This article is not a defense of the Council but an attempt to shed some light on the subject. This then could be called an analysis of

the Council,
One problem of the Student Council is the student who doesn't seem to care. The reason he doesn't care is because he feels the Council hasn't done and won't

do anything for the student.
For this type of attitude to develop, both the student and the Council must have made some mistakes. These mistakes were made by the Council as well as by the student. The student made the mistake of believing the Council hasn't done anything with him. The Council has worked on several worthwhile projects.

1. Mini-Courses. This year Council implemented the Mini-Courses. It is something that

Courses, It is something that each student can get involved in,
2. Voluntary Lyceums. The students complained that they shouldn't be forced to go to the lyceums, Now, because of the work of the Council there are alternative studies,
3. School Exchange. This was successful in its primary goal.

sucessful in its primary goal of getting ideas from other schools. But it also got students involved in Council work who vouldn't have become involved otherwise.

4. Forum. This was a great program last year, the students asked for it again. This year we have two days.
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for this project was obtained from
Council sponsed activities and
many people got involved in it
through the Council.

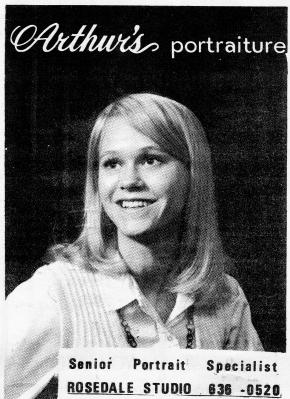
6. Flick In. Each of these have been fun as well as a good money making project.

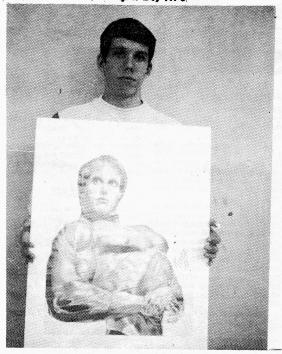
The student who says that the Council has done nothing with them is mistaken. If the students feel alienated

from the Council then there must have been actions or attitudes on the part of the Council and mem-

bers that have alienated them. Here the Council is at fault.

When you find fault in some-thing then you can change it. The rest of next year must be spent correcting this fault.





photos roy hallanger



Three big ideas make up Dale Kennedy's award winning jewelry.

Thad Kielb and his

award-winning

"muscles"

Artists receive Best 100 Awards

by Kathy Haggerty

The Best One Hundred Art Exhibition sponsored by the St. Paul Junior Chamber of Commerce and Minnesota Museum of Art, held its annual exhibition in early April produces little preliminary excitement at Ramsey. The impending exhibition is quietly announced and enteries are made with equal

But this is where the scene makes as abrupt change. Regard-less of the degree of importance it may have with each individual, a contest is a contest, and an-xiety inevitably grows.

There are three stages an entry may pass through in the Best One Hundred competition.

CRITERIA

The first hurdle is being accepted in the exhibition. The jurors for the 1970 competition were Gerald E. Martin, from the Martin Gallery in Minneapolis, and David Thomas, from One Hundred and Eighteen: An Art Gallery also in Minneapolis, Their criterial for selection was the same as they use in their own galleries: design elements, concept originality, workmanship, and other asthetic considerations. There were more than 330 enteries form which the than 330 enteries form which the first 100 were chosen.

MERIT AWARD

There 'best 100' then are eligible for either of two awards. The highest award is the Merit Award. This year it was presented to six artists, two of whom are

Dale Kennedy, senior, is work-ing in art for the first time this year. Dale's merit award winning entry was in the jewelry clas-sification. He stated that he liked that particular piece for its crafts-manship and symbolism. Dale looks forward to art competition and the opportunity to hear other's opinions of his work.

Thad Kielb, sophomore, was the other merit award winner. His entry was in the drawing classification. Thad is critical of his award winning entry. "There are a lot of things I could have left a not of things I could have and would have liked to, made it bigger, maybe even life size," he said. Thad feels that art contests such as the Best One Hundred are for many, a source of frustration.

He recalled a "fantastic drawing" that was entered by a friend in the same exihibit which was rejected. Thad judged this action as "crazy."

HONORABLE MENTION

Also awarded to the Best One Hundred entries were 10 Honorable Hundred entries were 10 Honorable Mentions. Three of these ten were also from Ramsey. They are Ann Ledy, senior, prints; Jane A. Tedrow, senior, ceramics; and Dale Kennedy, senior, jewelry.

Nineteen percent of the Best One Hundred Exhibit consited of entries from Ramsey.

Girl's Boy's State greeted negatively

by Sue Steinwall

A great number of people hold that this is the age of revo-lution. Seeminly harmless orga-nizations and institutions are coming under fire for their be-liefs and purposes.

One might suppose that the Girl Scouts might one day be criticized for demoralizing today's youth and selling ranced cookies.

Last summer, there was a little skirmish over Minnesota Girl's State. Regina Hicks was elected governor of Minnesota Girl's State. Traditionally she should have then attended Girls Nation. She was denied that privileget.

Why? That was the big question. Some people contended that Regina was denied the right to attend Girl's Nation because of her race.

The spokesmen for the American Legion, which sponsors Girl's and Boy's State, held that it was because of her attitude.

James i Warren recently explained why he refused to distribute ballots for the election of representatives from this school to Boys and Girls State.

There were two reasons why Warren refused to conduct the election, one was personal and the other was political.

The political reason was the aforesaid one involving Regina Hicks.

Warren believes that Regina was not sent because she is "a harsh critic of features American tradition. She contends in essence that the black man is in actuality not free.

Warren went on the say that "I believe the policies(of the American Legion) demolish human liberties. I felt it would be hypocritical if I participated (by passing out the ballots)"

When Warren was asked to nominate some students for Girls and Boys State, he sent a note requesting to know what these changes in procedure are.

Receiving no reply to his query, Warren felt that he could not conduct the election. He returned the ballots to the Guidance Office along with a note saying that someone else was free to hold

The Principal eventually held

the election.

Marsha Gorman, a member of Mr. Warren's American Studies class said that the general class consensus was that the class

could see that Mr. Warren was justified with his reasons but that everyone didn't agree with him.

Warren said that the policies of the American Legion empha-size nationalism, patriotism and love of country.

"They selfishly clutch the rights of a veteran. I too, am a vet-eran but I believe this doesn't entitle me for a free ride through life." said War en,

After the incident of last sum-mer Warren said that there were sessions conducted by the American Legion Auxilary to consider revising certain procedures.

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Warren said that he has attended Boy's State and believed that it was "good experience and training."

Pat Scully, junior and a candidate for Boy's State said that he had heard from senior Bill Cafferty who attended Boy's State last year that a great majority of the time was spent playing volleyball, baketball, swimming, etc.

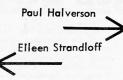


SCHUBERT AWARD

Two Ramsey students Eileen Strandlof, senior, and Paul Hal-verson, sophomore, recently won Schubert Club Scholarship.

The Schubert Club is a women's club in St. Paul, which annually gives \$200 scholarships for muscicianship. The scholarship Orchestra director James Peteris one of the two highest offered.

Eileen, a clarinetist, has been playing for eight years. She played Von Weber 1st Concerto and Mozart Clarinet Concerto. the competition accompanied by Sally Heuer. This is the first time she has entered the Schubert Club competition and she commented that the competition was



winners of Schubert Club Scholarships

Paul won the scholarship last year, too, for playing the piano. But this year he tied with some-body else, so he has to share his scholarship. Paul has been studying piano for nine years, presently under the instruction of Phillip Lillestol. He played Chopin Scherzo in C Sharp Minor and Bach Prelude and Fugue in D minor in the competition.

A winner's concert will be held Friday, April 17, at 8 pm in the Arts and Science Center Audotorium.

DISTRICT CONTEST

When the district band contest was held at Ramsey on Thursday, April 16, Ramsey came out way ahead of the other five schools



Both the Ramsey Concert and Varsity Bands entered the competition and each received three stars out of the possible four

for its performance.

Aside from the bands, Ramsey received twenty more stars for solos and ensembles. There were ten stars from the woodwinds nine from the brass, and one from a percussion ensemble.

Band director Robert Hallquist said they were "nothing short of phenomenal." Later he added that during the band contests is the "one time during the year when

everybody is trying his hardest."
student moderator replacing
Ramsey's bands, and starring
solos and ensembles will now go to the state band contest held this year at Anoka on Saturday, May 9.

Racing foot ball Engines SPORTS motors Girls "Rats!"

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The reason for this action, Mrs. Esther Holste explained, is that there are "people who don't care a button whether they take care of them (the books) or not." went on to say that this

If you get your name cleared by the library and plan to at-tend this year's prom, you should find it to be as exciting as ever. Ticket will cost \$4.00 per couple. They must be purchased in the

The theme of the prom is "Moonlit Paradise." Decorations will be put up the pre-ceding Wednesday, Thrusday, and

teen members and a vocalist,

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Program chairmen are Terry Holstein, invitation, tickets, and programs; Denise Hendrickson, refreshments and check rooms; refreshments and checkrooms; Chris Ahern, entertainment; Steve Curley, clean-up; Lois Skon ticket sales; and Terry Carlin, publicily. Entertainment chair-men are Pat Domier and Gigi Robinson, walls; Liz Schatz, halls; Mark Lemke, stage; and Doug Nelson, floor. Photos will be taken by Lar-son Studios

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not purchase prom tickets until all fines have been paid."

was the ordinary procedure.

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Dave Whitebeck and his band will play. The band contains six-



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ON EDUCATION Forum plans begun

by Linda Sorenson

Every Ramsey student has been caught up in the whirlpool of the educational system for at least nine years. Yet, how many students really understand the intricacies of this institution?

Plans are being formulated for an education forum to be held in May to remedy this situation. Co-chairmen of this forum, which is independent of the general forum, are ju-niors Peggy Stevenson and Marsha Gorman.

Original plans included two days of regular classes held in a more relaxed schedule, and a third day for speakers and discussions. However, this idea was not feas-ible due to lack of preparation time. The education forum com-mittee hopes to be able to schedule the first two days for next year, but definitely plans the third day for sometime in May.

The final plans need approval by Mr. Johnson but a tentative schedule has been set up. The day would begin with a general lyceum featuring, if possible, Patrick Stevens, the Kennedy teacher who was recently fired. Some suggested topics for his talk are "What is education?"

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and "What do you care about this school?" Stevens, a con-trocersial person at this time could offer "quite a lot" with his views on education, according to Peggy.

The day would be divided into

three focus groups of roughly 100 students with speakers leading each group. Alternate study halls will be provided with the exception of the general lyceum first hour. These groups would cover related areas such as Modular Scheduling, Summerhill, Smoking Policies, Co-ed Dorms and the Pass System. Speakers could include graduate students in education from the U., former students, and an ad-ministrator, teacher or student from a school on Mod scheduling presenting pros and cons of the system. Richard Currier, the author of "Why Are Children in Boxes?" which appeared in the Minnesota Daily and Rip Rapson, a leader of a students' rights

group are other possibilities.
After the general speech the
focus groups would break up into
smaller discussion groups. These would be led by a student moderator or the featured speaker visiting each group. Various innovations will be

tested for the forum, among them the elimination of the passes and bells with music replacing them.

Also a short break after the first focus group is planned during which cokes, cookies and dough-nuts could be served. Fourth hour would be schedul-

ed as usual with a speaker or student moderator replacing the class. Panel discussions with topics specifically relating to Ramsey will be held fifth hour.

One problem is the role of the teacher during this forum, Peggy emphasized the students role in the planning and con-duction the forum stating, "It's their needs that are going to be met." Possibly the teachers could serve as merely partici-pants in the groups lending their "perspectives" on the various

topics.

The forum needs a great deal of support if it is to be successful. Meetings will be held fifth hour for all interested students. Contacting of speakers and ar-ranging of the schedules will

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Burnsville Relays head Rams into stretch

by Dave Black

The last two weeks have been quite important ones for Ram-sey's track team, which will soon close up its "unofficial" season and head into the championship

The club was scheduled for the first of two extremely tough weeks of workouts this past week. Last week, the Rams showed theirstiength in four meets over an eight day period.

Tomorrow, some of the top runners will compete in the 2nd annual Burnsville Lions Relays,

annual burnsvine Lious heavy, an all-day affair involving over 30 teams in various classes. With only two compatatively minor meets in two weeks, head coach Kent Smith decided to work the cindermen especially hard these weeks, so everyone is in top physical condition heading into the Suburban Conference championship meet, scheduled for May 11 and 14 at Maca-lester College. Defending champ white Bear Lake has turned in top-notch performances in many of the 20 events, and the Rams will have to drop times in α der to catch the Bears.

A last-minute change on the

1969 meet schedule gave Smith a week without any outside competition. When the team wasn't progressing well in early running, the coach decided to make

He dittoed off a long schedule every day and passed out copies to the group, many of whom be-came discouraged before even starting. But those who kept at it improved considerably and the

hams wound up with a good team
This year, the time has been
doubled and hard word spread to all parts of the squad. The head coach leads the sprinters, hurdlers, and field event men in interval work at 170-. 220-, 330- yard, and quarter mile dis-

Coach Paul Busch in working he distance runners on long distance and half miles. In ad dition, coach Duane Skie may be getting his weightmen out of the circles and onto the track, and on stepping up the work for his group of underclassmen.

Chemistry teacher, Ted Moliter, a track coach until this year, has been working part-time year, has been working part-time with the hurdlers on technique early in the season, helping them to become one of the top groups in the state.

Following a so-so third place in the North Suburban Relays, hamsey won three meets by big margins last week, beating some top competition from around the

In two weeks, the Rams should be ready to tackle the Bears On Tuesday, the Rams (113) had no trouble disposing of Kel-

logg (69) and Stillwater (23). Mounds View and North St. Paul, two perennial league powers, fell victim on Thursday, 86-66-53

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MV had tied Ramsey in the North Suburban, while NSP easily captured the South Suburban.

Two days later the team totaled 85 points to sweep the Cottage Grove JC Invitational Track Meet, Richfield (ahead of the Rams in an earlier meet) finished second with 64 1/2, followed by second with 64 1/2, inclowed by two more Lake Conference schools, three Suburban teams, and host St. Paul Park. Anoka (2nd in the NS) and South St. Paul (2nd in the SS) were among the beaten.

The relay teams were successful, winning five of five successful, winning IIvo of live in the Kellogg meet and taking several firsts in the other two meets. Mike Phippen, Craig Granse, Bill Souther, Dave Mortensen, and substitute Mark Batherick and the miles of the property of the substitute of the substi den won the mile relay in all

Phippen and Mort joined Dale Ahrens and Bruce Gerboth to bring home the big 880 relay trophy from Cottage Grove.

The Bloomington Kennedy Re-lays, involving the Rams and the two B-ton schools, will be run Tuesday afternoon, starting about 3:00, on the Kennedy track.



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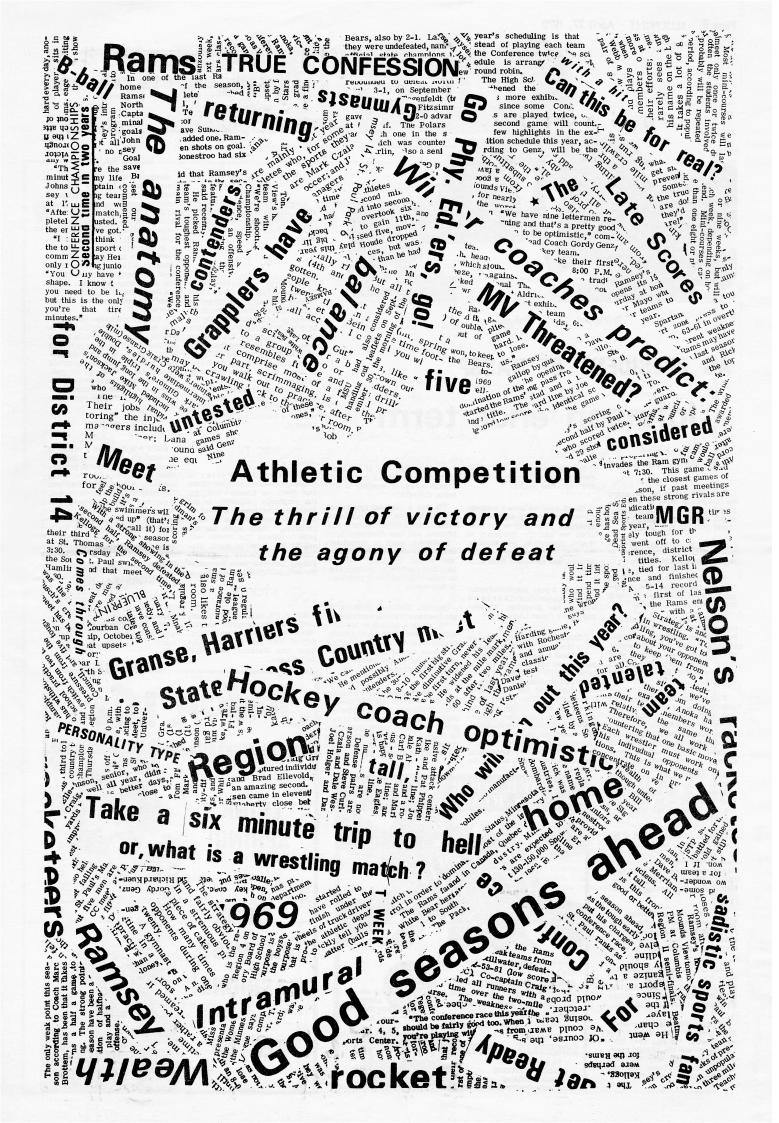
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Principal Curtis Johnson

AS PRESIDENT OF NASSP Johnson ends term

by Walt Hard

Principal Curtis Johnson ended his year-long term of office as president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) last March.

NASSP is an organization of more than 35,000 principals in North America and Europe.

In Johnson's words, it is a, "Professional education organization which provides leadership and research in education,"

In 1964, Johnson was elected to the NASSP Board of Directors. In 1968, he was elected president of the 54 year-old organization, and tool office a year later, He succeeded Dr. Delmas Miller of the University of West Virginia,

The NASSP presidency is somewhat of an honorary position, although it does involve a lot of work. Johnson had such duties as speaking at conventions and serving as an observer in national and international programs,

And most of all it involved travel, lots of it. As NASSP president, he had to attend regular meetings in all sections of the U.S. Most of his trips were on weekends.

Johnson ticked off a list of the states his trips have taken him to: New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Florida, Tennessee, North Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, South Dakota, Colorado, and California,

He has also been outside the U.S. several times. Two summers ago he evaluated secondary schools in France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Britain.

One of his most interesting trips was to Abidjan in West Africa. He represented NASSP at the World Congress on Teacher Preparation there last summer.

"There were representatives from over 80 nations there," he commented. "It was very interesting to see the education situation there and hear about education in the many different countries of the world," In addition to his travels, Johnson has metmany interesting and important people.

"Each year we have a national convention with a number of speakers. This year on the program we had the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the U.S. Commissioner of Education, and astronaut Mike Collins.

"Then, a year ago we had many interesting persons. Hayakawa was on our program. We also had Henry Cabot Lodge."

Johnson has been to Washington many times on NASSP business. "I spent a week in Washington once as an observer at the U.S. Senate Youth Program. The rewere 102 atudents there from all the states and the District of Columbia, They visited Congress, the White House, the FBI, the Pentagon, and other government departments. They talked to their senators and Defense Sec-

He feels that one of his most fruitful experiences as NASSP president was a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

"It was a regional meeting of principals from eleven southern states. There were no news media present, and they discussed their

problems, such as school inte gration, freely and objectively, and without emotion," Johnson said this conference enabled him to understand southern problems in Minnesota,

Overall, Johnson believes it has been an enriching experience.

"It gives a person an opportunity to have contact with people in education all over the country, it's been an opportunity to meet all kinds of people whose goals are in education,"

He has received several honors for his service. He has plaques from Minnesota and Michigan education associations, and he is very proud of a gold watch given him by NASSP. Also, the White House invited him to Cape Kennedy for the launch of Apollos 13.

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TV, radio express concern over pollution problem

by Sue Smiley

Americans are concerned--or so the sudden sprout of pollutions specials and documentaries or television and radio make it seem.

ABC TV

Television stations with the advantage of tear jerking, death defying scenes now changed to "disposealls" tend to focus on getting people involved by the use of feature angles. For example: A 3M documentary last week on channel nine pictured the beauty of wildlife, for the sake of pleasure, which is being destroyed in many wreas by the forces of progress.

"This Land Is Mine," the documentary featured a few Americans, who as actress, Kim Novak made "a search for beauty" and

iound it.

NBC TV

"Pollution Is A Matter of Choice," an ecology report shown last week on Channel five, put the emphasis "squarely on the average American and what he is-or is not-willing to do about pollution," Here again the approach toward the viewer was not in the form of guest, discussion, or lecture programs. People involved were laymen in the anti-pollution movement.

KTCR TV

KTCR TV, channel two, broadcasts an hour program entitled "Environment News" each Tuesday at nine pm. Last week the topic was discussed in a variety of ways. WLOL RADIO

Several radio stations have times set aside each day for guest speakers and or open discussion periods. Among these WLOL AM FM has held two or three such sessions in the past couple of months. The unique purpose of WLOL as a radio station is to discuss issues of public interest 24 hours a day. Two hours at a time are devoted 'a guest speakers and discussions. One announcer on WLOL noted "an increasingly more important issue" in pollution with "many calls a day."

A biology professor and a student from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota, discussed an environmental teach-in to beheld at St. Mary's, Immediately following, a series of commercials advertizing such things as gasoline additives were played with short background evaluations of the products following each commercial.

KSJN RADIO

KSJN FM has held a series of discussions, addresses, and impressiontic programs in preparation for the environmental teach-in. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 pm Studs Terkel, announcer, hold interviews with such people ar Paul Ehrlick, author of "The Population Bomb;" Mary Commoner; George Wald; a Nobel prize winner in biology, Ralph Nader; Hal Borlaud, nature writer; and "Laugh-In's Arte Johnson.

KQRS RADIO

KQRS AM FM hasn't joined the stations with pollution specials. An announcer from KQRS stated, "About the only thing we've been polluting with is music."



