

In and on school:

Attitudes change Opinions differ,

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Although there are a lot of opportunities to express school spirit through the activity program many people prefer not to get involved.

Two juniors, Steve Judge and Joy Harter, one who is active in school life and one who is not, offered their explanations concerning the contrasting attitudes on school spirit.

Steve and Joy both feel that the form of expressing school spirit hasn't really changed, but that the attitudes of students have changed.

"Everybody used to have school spirit," said Joy, "but today kids are getting their rights. We're independent. We do what we want to do and what we think is important, not what we have to do or what is

"High school kids have discovered that there are other things besides just school," related Steve.

Steve's definition of school spirit is something done "for the sake of Ramsey itself." He feels he doesn't have this kind of school spirit. Steve, who is active in Debate, Student Council, and Teen Corps, follows more of a "team spirit."

He says of Debate, "I try to win for the other guys on the team, myself, and next year's team. What school I am behind is not really the most important thing to me."

"Willing participation in school activities," is Joy's definition of school spirit. School activities in her definition include athletics as well as fifth hour activities.

Since she has an early release and does not attend games, Joy feels that she does not have school spirit.

"I am here because I need an education, not because I have to get involved."

As to the amount of school spirit at Ramsey, Steve thinks that it is a min-

and Mother's reminiscings.

That little seventh grader may be in for a jolt when sweet sixteen finally rolls around and she attends Ramsey 1970. Things 'ain't what they used to be,' according to alumni.

Perhaps Ramsey in 1958 would have been an example of the typical All American high school.

Alumni like to look back on Ramsey as a 'pretty good place.'

"The majority of the kids backed the team and got involved with School's activities. The kids that went home after school instead of to the football game were the hoods; the ones that wore low pants and their hair in a ducktail," observed Mrs. Ruth Zeimet, a 1958 graduate of Ramsey.

"There were lots of cliques, but I think that this was the result of the large area the Ramsey district covered," she continued.

But all of them loved electing Homecoming Queen and the like. The girl had to be popular but not necessarily the prettiest. She had to be in different activities. For example, if she was a cheerleader she probably wouldn't be elected because she already had a previous honor.

Jerry Zeimet, of the class of 1956 said that all the kids 'cheered on the team.'

Zeimet felt that maybe a change has come about because now there is an early release program, whereas there was none in the beginning.

"Vandalism reaches a peak

after report cards are given out."

"In the past seven years I would say vandalism has tripled," says Custodian Fritz Reekert.

Broken windows. Kicked in plumping. Stolen thermostats. Vandalism is on the

Belland says, "They don't care what they do. He believes that these acts are caused by "viscious mischiefousness not anger." He also believes, "They think they're belling something, trying to cause trouble for the administration."

There has always been vandalism. But why the rise? One problem is an increased number of students. However, Belland says, "They can get by with it. If they were put to work to pay for it there would be a lot fewer acts."

"During the past five or six years there's a change. Now there's a feeling of every man for himself."

The attitude change question was raised to Lars Overskei, Ken Bergstedt, and Duane Nelson, all Ramsey coaches.

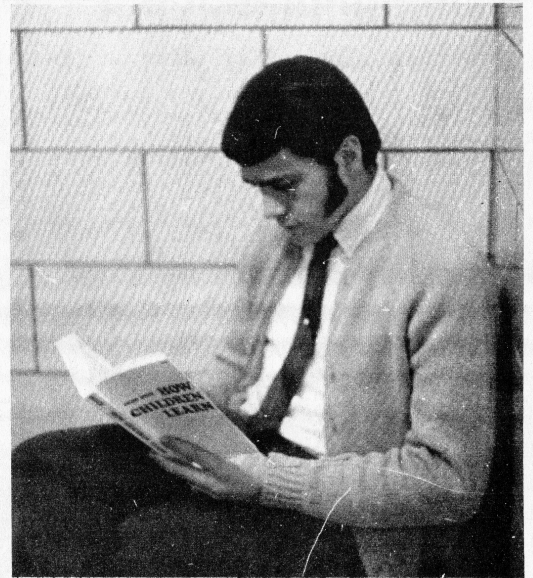
"During the past few years, not as many boys seem to be going out for sports as they used to," replied Bergstedt. "Several sports this year have suffered drastically from low number of boys trying out."

Bergstedt also commented, "I don't know why, but some of the boys seem to be after prestige rather than the challenge and desire of the particular sport."

"But I feel that the fan support has changed," said Overskei. Bergstedt agreed with him, stating, "Maybe more people come to the games but you couldn't tell by listening. You just don't hear

the enthusiasm you used to." Nelson said, "Yes, I think we've got the support, all right, but as far as the fans are concerned, they just don't have the same spirit as they did ten years ago."

"This fact is evident in the past," he added. "Ten or fifteen years ago, we REALLY had pep fests, but in the past four or five years, things have changed." Overskei also commented, "The fans are



Some squabble, some disagree, and some monitor the situation.

"We played to a standing

room only audience last night..."

A randomly chosen sample of study hall students has shown that many of them are involved in some activities.

Diane Manderud is assigned to a fifth hour study all week. But she says, "I was sick for awhile and then when I got back all the sign-ups were done, and the things I wanted to get into, like GAA, were full." Diane adds that she likes the