

ority. Joy feels that in any school there would be some, but that it is declining at Ramsey. She said that this decline may be due to the increased number of early releases this year over those in previous years.

"The kids that went home after school instead of to the football game were the hoods."

A senenth grade girl's idea of what high school is like is probably different than actuality.

To her high school is a date every weekend with a star athlete, going to all the games to cheer the boys on to victory, running for Homecoming Queen, and lots of homework.

Those ideas are probably derived from the typical romance novels found in drug-stores, old movies, 'The Jackson Twins,'

The A and D wings are the worst areas of the school and the lavatories are the heart of the problem. D wing lavatory (men's) has a kicked in wall, clogged urinals, and marked up walls. Richard St. Germain commented, "It's never been in that state since I've been here."

Custodian Clarence Belland said the worst problem, "is plugging up urinals with cigarette butts."

Acts of vandalism bob up and down from expensive destructiveness to horse-play. Water balloons have been a problem. Two weeks fge thermostats disappeared at the rate of four or five a week. This fall two \$300 plate glass windows were shattered by a steel ball.

These incidents are further compounded by the perpetual kicking and breaking of lockers.

Why are students destructive? Vandalism reaches a peak after report cards are given out. Reckert believes "Kids take it out on the school." Also during football season, students from other school paint the building and generally other things.

more apatetic. They shouldn't be I think they should be respected, but they aren't."

"Last year," said Bergstedt, "every-time we had a pep fest, everyone stood around and talked. They acted like they were forced to go. That was a voluntary pep fest."

"Despite fan letdown;; he continued, "the players have, overall, good enthusiasm. Especially for a big game like Homecoming. The boys really get up for a game like that. It means a lot to them. Sometimes you wonder if it means anything to anybody else."

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"We played to standing room only audience last night;; said the orchestra member.

"Yeah, there were only three chairs set-up," laughed the other orchestra member.

Thus runs the oft-repeated orchestra joke. Sometimes it seems as if music concerts are given to a few grandmas and the local music teachers.

There was once a day when students and faculty attended concerts.

"During the past five of six years there's been a change. Now there's the feeling of every man for himself. There's less working together and building a community," revealed James Peterson, orchestra director.

"I've been here at Ramsey since 1960. More students and more of the faculty attended concerts the," Peterson stated.

Participation in band and orchestra is greater now. However, Peterson pointed out that the ratio of music students to the number of students at this school is low. He believes it should be higher for a school of this size.

The schedule is the determining factor according to both Peterson and Donald Brost, Chior director. There now is such a vast selection of courses that a student who might otherwise take music does not.

Peterson believes that there is now a general attitude of "school is for school." In other words, anything that is not strictly academic is considered outside of the school.

"There are many more things to get involved with now. When this school first opened, none of my students had jobs. We were out in the country so there were no jobs to be had," reflected Brost. "Now the kids have more interests other than school."

Peterson upholds that one cause of the lack of attendance at concerts is because things are becoming "professionalized." Sports, music and the theatre are so readily available that the amateurs ate forgotten.

"Kids and adults are getting snobbish largely as the result of the mass media," Peterson states. "They are used to professional entertainment."

mini-courses, but feels that a lot more publicity would help their attendance.

"There not really much school spirit. I'm in Ski Club, but I just never tjoat much about joining anything else-besides a lot of them (activities) were full," said Jeff Kaiser, also in a fifth hour study most of the week.

Over 300 students jam the large gym every other, Wednesday for participation in Pep Club. This activity claims the largest participation of all 5th hour activities.

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"The students are not only more actively engaged, but they are even developing, themselves, the activities that they want," proclaims Robert Emaheiser Ramsey's Activity Coordinator.

"A lot of activities are almost in the student hands right now," he adds proudly pointing out the newly emerged Mini Program. Emaheiser believes the Mini's to be the beginning of a new era of student awareness, concern, and participation.

James Warren, a Ramsey American Studies, World History, and Modern History teacher, and Jack Davitt, a Ramsey typing teacher, headed the Ramsey Activity Steering Committee.

In an effort to objective and realistic about the proposal the Steering Committee admitted to several disadvantages of the new proposal schedule. One drawback that is anticated is "that fewer students will participate in some of the activities and possibly some sports. Not everyone consider this a disadvantage of the program, however, since it is expected that the quality of these activities will improve.

"Presently, some students are involved in activities only because they would prefer not to be in a homeroom study hall. These students do not benefit from or contribute to our present activities. The proposal plan allows the student a freedom of choice and requires a bit of sacrifice which many feel will strenght our activity program."