

Something has happened to high school papers over the past ten years or so. They have become more critical, more concerned, and we think, more responsible.

This trend is due in part to the growing sophistication of high school students. They are demanding the right to know-- about a lot more than who won the last athletic contest. They are unwilling to be bored with trivia. School newspapers are the only means of presenting and discussing ideas between an entire student body.

the right to think

But there are some adults in society who apparently do not believe that young people can think. They are busy raiding school libraries for books they do not understand. They seem to believe that all the problems of society will go away if school and the school press just ignore them.

We note with distress that the *Minnesota Daily*, a strong voice in examining college and national policies, has been attacked by the Board of Regents. High school papers have known similar repression for many years. Only recently has the gap left by shortsighted administrators been filled by underground papers.

But in our district, the administrators have not imposed censorship. We have and will continue to criticize their policies when we have alternatives. We do not consider any subject taboo, if handled in good taste. We are concerned with student concerns.

Anything less would be against the ideal of education, and a waste of everyone's time and effort.

Holman's Heroes

THE RESTAURANT CONSPIRACY

by Jeff Holman



The dinner was just "the most"-- the most cold, burned, miserable meal I had ever attempted to eat in a Roseville restaurant.

I was giving my waitress a dissertation on the many pleasures of hot French fries, when the manager walked over and informed me that this was a "family restaurant," so would I please keep my knee away from my girl friend.

This was the same restaurant where a week ago, a manager had stared at the fibers of my beard, and informed me that three guys with beards had once tried to hustle one of his waitresses, I told him that "hustle" was a word I would never associate with his waitresses.

If restaurants kept a list of the "ten least wanted customers" in their back rooms, I would probably be number one, I eat out several times a week, I don't ask much-- hot food, cream with my coffee, and a glass of water. I have found that some restaurants are apparently afraid to give water to anyone under 21; I didn't know that it was an illegal beverage. They are occasionally generous to youth-- while older people may scarcely be able to read the menu before their order is taken, I think sometimes they would let me finish *War and Peace*.

In the interests of consumer protection from nausea and indigestion, I would like to offer the following suggestions on obtaining better service from restaurants that discriminate against young people, or just plain people.

The "may I help you?" approach-- when after waiting ten minutes for coffee, you get up and pour it yourself. You may also gently offer to help fry hamburgers, clean the table (if yours is dirty), etc.

The "benign boredom" technique-- which consists of a "Jack Benny" stare at the waitress who should have waited on you fifteen minutes ago. Eventually she starts to wonder if you really are Jack Benny, and takes your order. You can easily get away with a cheap tip.

The "hunger strike" tactic-- where you ignore all the rotten food in front of you for 20 minutes or so, and leave (with or without paying). This has limited effectiveness, as they just put the food back in the refrigerator and serve it again the next day.

The "water over the damned" approach-- if you are really angry, sneak teaspoonfuls of water into every cup or saucer. When the unwitting bus-boy picks up the dishes, he gets his apron washed. Though it probably



"Take that Salinger, Huxley, Orwell..."

Council Conscience

A Review of Student Council activities

- Mrs. Caroline Johnson appointed Sergeant at Arms.
- Resolution providing rules for non-academic classes and activities which state why a person may be dropped from that class or activity.
- No money available for Student Council Scholarship.
- Suggestion of "Most Beautiful Bod" contest for Mud Days.
- Lyceum suggested on Arab-Isreali war.

Minis languish

by Keith Crane

Mini-courses are in trouble. Attendance has fallen off and Peggy Stevenson, the chairman, quit, only to sign up again.

What's the matter? Mini-courses were formed to provide a high-interest look at controversial or light topics, for example, snowmobiles or pollution.

The courses have accomplished this job very well. Knowledgeable speakers have been brought in and different opinions are usually presented.

However, students aren't attending meetings the numbers they should. They stay away due to apathy and

poor publicity.

Firstly, there are too many meetings. Six or more meetings gets too drawn out, especially for specific topics, such as "the environment." A stripped-down, speeded-up model, such as the micro-mini-course, would be

Publicity suffers from too little P.A. time. The time for announcements was cut back this year and mini-courses took a beating because of it. An Adequate way of publicizing meetings has yet to be found. Perhaps, a prominently displayed schedule in every English class would help.

Peggy quit not only because of student apathy, but also for a deeper reason, organizational difficulties. Chairmen of the individual courses were erratic. As Peggy says, "Each chairman didn't do his work." Overhauling of the system is now needed. A system where a few responsible committee members did all the work might be preferable to one where each course has different chairman.

Peggy is still frustrated. However, she has a little hope. She says, "I'm convinced if someone really cared about it it would go over well."

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