

# Moratorium: 'time for peace'

## 'Concern replaces apathy'

Moratorium Day, October 15, Ramsey High School. Although the leaders of the Moratorium share the feeling that it was successful, they are somewhat disappointed with its organization.

Principal Curtis Johnson said in an interview that he thought things were pretty well organized. "Things went along smoothly...mechanically the thing ran well."

Senior Anne Hauerwas had slightly different feelings about the organization of the Moratorium. Anne, and seniors Barb Metzger, Jeff Weihe, and junior Bob Meek, had planned the Moratorium and introduced a Student Council resolution.

The resolution, passed Oct. 9, recognized the Moratorium at Ramsey as an official memorandum for all people who have died in Vietnam. It also asked for a first hour lyceum, the wearing of black armbands, use of the public address system, and discussions of the war in English and social studies classes.

"The administration said it was impossible to have a first hour lyceum," said Anne. In-

stead, a voluntary lyceum was scheduled for seventh hour.

Anne noted that some students left school seventh hour and others who failed to report to classes were marked absent.

"I feel the administration is partly to blame for the disorganization seventh hour," said Anne. "They wouldn't even make an announcement of the lyceum."

Anne commented that social studies teachers had cooperated with the Moratorium and held discussions in their classes. But, she said, English teachers did not.

"I feel that the classroom program was very successful for those who chose to participate," Anne concluded. Many classes had guest speakers, and a number of students wore black armbands.

"Even with the poor circumstances, 400 people were still in the gym at the end of the lyceum. Five years ago such a thing could never have happened. Perhaps student apathy is finally being replaced by student concern," she stated.

by Linda Sorenson  
and Sue Smiley

"Caution-War may be hazardous to your health."

"Bring our boys home to racism, poverty, rape."

"War is the symptom: Jesus is the cure."

The moratorium march from the University of Minnesota to Minneapolis brought many people together to work for peace. But different attitudes and methods divided the group into factions.

Two blocks away from Coffman Memorial Union, where activity began, it wasn't evident that a protest march was

being held. Students and Professors scurried by, loaded with books and papers as on a normal day.

The Moratorium began about 9 a.m. with a Purple Heart recipient saying, "We're all together today, but are we really together?" Several students handed out pamphlets representing various groups.

Students were peddling black arm bands which were stenciled STOP THE WAR in white for a quarter.

One outspoken speaker, Sandy Wilkenson, clearly opposed the war. He urged soldiers to desert their posts and pledged aid and comfort to any deserter.

The intense young man, conservatively dressed in a gray suit, stated his position, "I will no longer collaborate with this deadly machine."

Earl Craig, Minneapolis Tribune writer, declared the American foreign policy as "racist, materialist, and militaristic" crying "get out of the Goddam war now!"

The pace was altered slightly as poet John Barryman took the microphone and began by reading one of his selections

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## BITING COMMENTS

# Vampire has its Mark

by Craig Eckert

Blueprint Editor

Count Voivode Dracula is on the loose again. When the old boy was in town seeking victims, BLUEPRINT was there to get an exclusive interview.

Dracula is of course a man of many faces. As he travels from town to town and horror to horror he takes over the body of any person who is supposed to portray him in a dramatic production.

In this case its senior Mark Johnson, erstwhile thespian and part-time character assassin.

The soul of Dracula overtakes Mark nearly every night from about 6:30 to 9:30; oddly enough, it's the same time at which the play is rehearsed.

Mark was caught in one of his more "unusual states," when the count dominated his entire being.

The interview as it went was somewhat "off the cuff" and "fang in cheek."

The Count was asked how he became a vampire. "Well when I was a kid my parents always said I was a little sucker," he quipped.

Dracula has been to many locations in his 500 some years. He gave his first reactions to

Ramsey: "Picture if you will a place with all the charm, comfort, beauty, luxury and spaciousness of a Paris sewer and then being asked for a pink pass." said Drac.

He was asked what the most unusual thing he has seen at Ramsey was. "The milk, I've noticed it clots just like blood. Have you ever seen a white scab? It ain't a pretty sight?" he answered.

While here Dracula said he was staying in the attendance office "During the day, I pose as Mr. St. Germain," explained Dracula.

"I've spent some time in some classes," he said, "I went to boys cooking and we made blood sausage...the janitors were delicious."

Dracula since he has arrived has even taken in a football game. "I didn't like it," he said, "all the bloodletting made me hungry."

What do you think of (Mike) Hanily as the director? "You mean in directing my biological urges?" countered the Count.

While still on the subject of urges the Count was inquired

upon as to what made a victim appealing to the fang?

He replied "When I look for a victim. I try to find a girl with juicy jugulars . . . veins that is."

Dracula said he had to cut back on the low calorie diet.

"The doctor said that the cyclamates in their blood would give me cancer of the fang. I had to quit. Have you ever seen a vampire try to gum a girls neck open.. It ain't a pretty sight." explained Snagletooth.

Since Dracula was particularly concerned with his fang's health he was asked to comment on proper fang care.

"I tried to brush my fangs after every meal," said Dracula, "But they keep tearing up the toothbrush."

He began laughing exposing a mouth full of large Bristel studded teeth.

As the interview drew to a close (something about Dracula wanting to get a bite to eat) He said he would be going on a vacation after leaving Minnesota. "I'm going to spend two weeks at Forest Lawn," he said.

### BULLETIN --

Administration sources do not anticipate any Moratorium activity at Ramsey Nov. 13th.

"I haven't heard from any kids that anything is planned for Ramsey," Ralph Gooding, assistant principal, said Thursday.



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## The Blueprint Reader

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## New board choice gets involved

Mrs. June Demos wanted to get involved. This was one reason why she applied for the school board seat left vacant by Mrs. Harriet Jordan who resigned.

On sex education, Mrs. Demos doesn't think it's a question of should it be taught, but a question of how and by whom it should be taught.

"It is hygiene, but not all teachers, whether health, home ec., or biology, are able to teach it," said Mrs. Demos.

Mrs. Demos feels many girls are shoved into college and that schools are too college orientated.

She is in favor of a new vocational-technical school, and curriculum changes for girls, since "we are in a male-oriented society."

She thinks students should be given a smattering in a variety of areas, rather than just concentrating on college preparation.

She considers the recent teacher-board disputes not just a question of raises or procedures, but a struggle between two organizations trying to build their own empires: These groups are the Minnesota Education Association (MEA) and

the Minnesota Federation of Teachers (MFT). MFT is an organization only for teachers, and MEA is for teachers, principals, and administrators.

Mrs. Demos said she does believe in merit raises for teachers. She compared teachers to business or industrial executives by saying, "An executive isn't just given a position, he works for it, as should teachers."

She feels that there must be a base starting pay. She said it wouldn't be reasonable to judge each beginning teacher on his grades or personality.

Mrs. Demos thinks it was regrettable that students were brought into the disputes and believes it may have destroyed teacher images.

She gave the example of the St. Louis Park teachers calling in sick. "Kids have always been told it is wrong to lie; they may not always believe what a teacher now tells them."

Despite the damage done Mrs. Demos feels it was probably for the best. "More parents may take a greater interest in the future."

# BLUEPRINT OPINIONS

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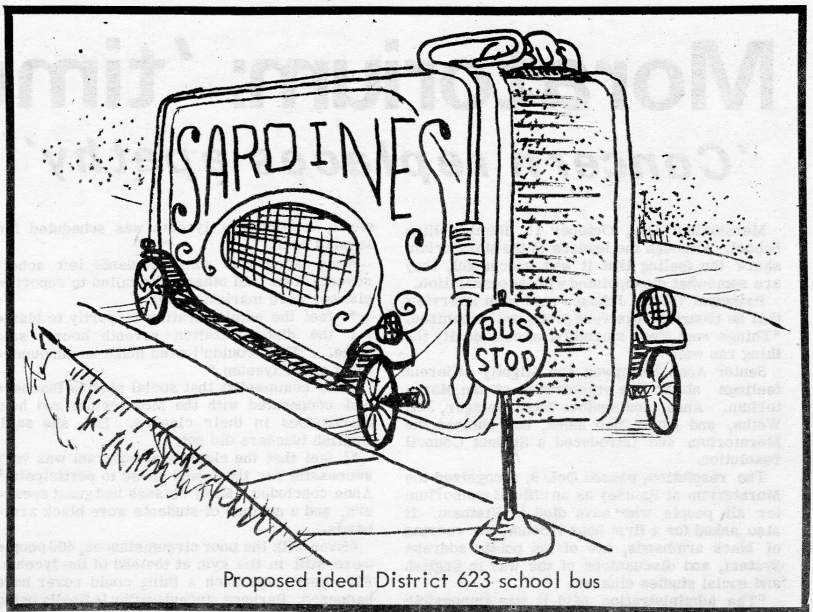
Fair, accurate, in-depth reporting plus editorial interpretations will pace the 1969-70 BLUEPRINT. Since daily newspapers, radio, and television have taken away most of the timeliness that the high school press may or may not have ever possessed, we feel that it is time to cease going under the guise of a NEWSpaper and adjust our perspective. We feel there is a growing need for a featurized and in-depth approach to reporting the happenings of a high school such as Ramsey and a community such as Roseville.

To fulfill this need, we have added an in-depth section to every issue of the paper which will report on issues relevant to our readers.

The Editorial which you are now reading reflects the consensus view of our editors.

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Proposed ideal District 623 school bus

# mcj

by Mark Johnson  
Blueprint Editorial Editor

## who's next?

## Quotable Quotes

"The report of my death was an exaggeration."

Mark Twain

A Cable from Europe to the United States

-Associated Press.

It's been a good year for rumors and an equally good year for deaths. Naturally, the biggest rumor of the year was that of the supposed death of Beatle Paul McCartney.

However, this recent epic in bally-hoo will pale before the next necrophile rumor to hit our country said reliable sources.

How reliable are these sources?

"Well, we're planning to circulate the next rumor around Christmas time," said Naomi Nisswa, press agent for the

Hollywood branch of 'Goldberg, Goldfarb, Goldstein, Goldmann, Goldbrick, Goldtooth and Schwartz Rumor Agency.' "I'm going to test market the rumor around Thanksgiving. We plan to sneak preview it in Snavely, Ohio."

"How big is this rumor going to be?" I asked.

"HOW BIG?!!!" she exclaimed, "Sweetheart, this is going to be even bigger than the time Dean Martin was caught drinking milk!"

"Imagine the public when they wake up one morning and read the headlines printed in 78 point Bodoni type 'America's Sweetheart Dead; DORIS DAY MAULED BY GENTLE BEN!' They'll go out of their gourds! I'll bet that we'll even get offers from Ed Sullivan to televise the funeral!"

"How are you going to go about circulating this rumor?" I asked.

"First," Naomi said, "We send a squad of midgets dressed like children into the schools. Between classes, they sneak into the lavatories and write things like 'Doris Day loves Gentle Ben' and 'Gentle Ben is hot on Doris Day' on the walls."

"Next, Doris makes a couple

of guest shots on Gentle Ben's show. It's essential that Doris drop over to Ben's cage for cocktails some night.

"Next, we slip Merv Griffin and Johnny Carson a couple of bucks to mention it on the air.

"Now comes the crucial point. We begin to circulate rumors that Doris was obsessed with death and her flicks are loaded with morbid symbols."

"What morbid symbols?" "For instance, take the big break-up scene between Doris and Rock Hudson in 'Pillow Talk'. She turns to him and says, 'I wish I were dead!' Now THAT'S what I call symbolic!"

"Finally, we tell the world that Doris Day really is dead and has been for four years and that her appearances were really made by Jack Benny in drag.

"Later, Doris comes out of hiding and we all walk away with another million skins."

"That's fantastic!" I cried. "This must be your greatest rumor!"

"Not quite," she answered. "We really out did ourselves with the Spiro Agnew account. Sweetheart, we even had HIM convinced that he had disappeared!"

## Holman's Heroes

### OPERATION PLANNED BLAND



by Jeff Holman  
Blueprint Editor

I am sick and tired of 99 percent of the student body saying they are sick and tired of school lunches.

It's un-American, For lousy, miserable, tasteless school lunches are a part of our American heritage.

Many years ago it must have happened--a closed-door conference between military officers in charge of food consumption and garbage disposal. World War I had just ended, and they were wondering what to do with the leftover army rations.

"Well, men, the war has just ended. Now what are we going to do with the leftover army rations?" asked the General in charge.

There were various suggestions, ranging from donating them to the American Kennel Club, to giving them all to the Germans.

"What about our school children?" a bright-eyed young officer asked. "We could serve it to the young five days a week, until they are eighteen or so. They would learn to live without luxury--since we would withhold knives and drinking glasses. They would sit in dimly-lit cafeterias. If another war ever broke out, the youth of America would be ready!"

"Brilliant!" said the General. "School lunch would complement physical education. They'd be trim as strings of spaghetti. In fact, we'd tell them our string was spaghetti!"

"It would keep the doctors in business," another officer agreed, "Good for the American economy -- a cure for national ills."

An older, whiskered officer was skeptical. "But how do you know the kids would go for it?" he asked the others.

"Why they might even pay for it," declared another officer.

"Some of our stuff might be a little fatty," the officer said, "especially our fat. But after eating our lunches, they wouldn't want to eat another thing all day!"

The General then commented, "I think we need a name for this plan."

The officers scratched their heads and searched their souls and briefcases. Several suggestions came out, including, "Sloppy Joe" and "Heave Ho."

"I've got it!" said the bright-eyed young officer. Let's call it, 'Operation Planned Bland.'

"We would win over their stomachs as we win over their hearts and minds," he continued. "They would receive their daily meals and mumble: 'Ours is not to reason why . . . ours is but to eat this pie.'"

"Brilliant!" said the General. "But I just want to say one thing: This is America, and these are American children. And we will serve them American foods--I don't care about Polish sausage, but none of that Hungarian Goulash!"

"Right, sir!"

Somebody asked about French Fries. "Well," said the General, "They were an ally." The General glanced at his watch and remembered he had another meeting scheduled on selective service.

"Who was the one who thought of this idea?" asked the General as he stood up from his chair.

"What did you say your name was?"

"Hershey, sir," said the bright-eyed young officer. "Louis Hershey."

"I predict that you and your ideas may someday have a profound effect on the youth of this nation," said the General.

With that, the meeting broke up and the officers left to go to a delicatessen.

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# Moratorium (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)



Additional group of supporters converge on the main group of moratorium heading for the Federal Building PHOTO Vaughn Harrison

which appeared in the Minnesota Daily. He declared an immediate pullout was infeasible, but recommended all troops be withdrawn by October 15, 1970. As the next speaker mounted the platform, six children lashed to their parents by a long rope, made their way through the crowd. The children, oblivious to the day's activities,

babbed on, much to their parents' chagrin. The balding political science teacher and member of the Socialist Party, Mulford Q. Sibly, aimed his speech at the war's eroding effect on the education system. "Through education, students have become aware of the deception of the government."

The speeches were over and the students patiently awaited the mass exodus to the Federal Building in downtown Minneapolis. They were prepared to heed the speaker's wishes to remain peaceful and only take up half the street.

The mood was somehow different from that at Coffman. Songs were sung with little conversation in the brief interludes between them.

A member of Veterans for Peace eloquently declared that death in this war is "the most wasteful sacrifice a man can be called on to give."

**'70 Rambler sales**  
The 1970 edition of Rambler, the school yearbook, will be on sale Nov. 10 through Dec. 17. Students wishing to receive one this spring must order it during this time. Each student will receive a card for ordering a yearbook. Those desiring one must simply fill out the card, cough up \$5.50 and bring both to the selling stations which will be located across from the cafeteria. Orders will be taken every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. on the dates stated above.

Seniors who want their graduation picture in Rambler, and hadn't returned their proofs to C.J. Larson's as of Oct. 23, should talk to Jeanne Bourquin. They can contact her any 5th hour in Rm. 235.

## ONE FROM LONDON Balloons float back

by Mike Dec  
Blueprint Staff Writer

Since homecoming, balloons have continuously come "floating" back to Ramsey, from all kinds of places. There is no official winner yet, but Amy Erdman's balloon is currently in first place. It was found in Simcoe, Ontario. A close second is Vica Club, whose balloon was found in London, Ontario.

Some balloons that have come in didn't belong to students. Principal Curtis Johnson's balloon was found along with Ginny Bruhn's, Pam Madison's and Mrs. Elsie Finn's by Elmer L. Johnson in Mandouini Wisconsin.

A newspaper in Linden, Michigan called the "Linden Leader" had an article about Ramsey homecoming balloons. The balloons found were released by juniors Patsy Ballis and Nancy Newman. Mrs. Myrie Ferguson discovered them when her Welsh ponies wouldn't come into the barn.

Audrey Mayer got an interesting response from a boy who found her balloon. The following is a portion of the letter. "I haven't described myself much but I'm not tall, dark, and handsome. I am a sophomore at Durand High School and I'm about 5'5" and 115 lbs. I have blonde hair and my favorite pastimes are girl watching, dancing, teasing, and flirting."

Returned balloons and letters are displayed in the hall across from the biology rooms. There is also a map where the locations of the balloons are shown.

Hunting and fishing season may provide an opportunity for finding balloons that haven't come back yet. But then again, maybe not. Balloons may be out of season.

## Bush's 'A Thousand Clowns' entertaining human comedy

by Mark Johnson  
Blueprint Editorial Editor

"People fall into two distinct categories, Miss Markowitz; People who like delicatessen, and people who don't like delicatessen. A man who is not touched by the earthy lyricism of hot pastrami, the pungent fantasy of corned-beef, pickles, frank furters, the great lusty impertinence of good mustard-is a man of stone and without heart."

Thus runs the off-beat philosophy of Murray Burns, the screwball TV writer from the Edyth Bush Theatre's production of Herb Gardner's "A Thousand Clowns."

The production is generally quite satisfying. Gardner's dialogue is witty and pointed while still being sentimental and human.

Murray is an oddball unemployed TV writer who acts as guardian to Nick, his illegitimate nephew. Murray casually busies himself all day by asking forgiveness from strange people on the street or talk-

ing back to the recorded telephone weather lady. Into Murray's cluttered Manhattan apartment come Sandra Markowitz and Albert Amundson, social workers from the school district, seeking to place Nick in a foster home.

Murray, as played by Bill Murphy is a wonderfully nonchalant likeable character. He is neurotic, shiftless and lacks all self-discipline but is nevertheless, intensely human. He is a one man revolution against conformity.

Sharon Swink, as Sandra Markowitz, is likewise vitally human and believable.

However, inspite of the assets of Gardner's dialogue, and the strong characterizations in the leads, "Clowns" at times loses its sparkle and falls flat.

Although the leads are excellently cast, Earl Nurni and Richard Scott, as the social worker and the TV star, skillfully manage to deaden otherwise lively and crucial scenes, with hammy and flat characterizations. The general affect

is similar to that of watching Souv Sales in "Othello."

Ramsey English teacher Dann Peterson is adequate within the limitations of his small part as Murray's brother, Arnold, and Todd Nielsen is also appropriately precocious as Nick.

Because of the quality of the original work and the strong leads, "A Thousand Clowns" is an entertaining 'diamond-in-the-rough,' despite minor production flaws.

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# STUDENTS FACE *the* *draft*

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America's military draft has been opposed and defended since its beginnings in the Civil War.

A limited conscription act passed in 1863 took draftees only when communities failed to produce a quota of volunteers. Wealthier men were able to avoid conscription by hiring a substitute or by paying the government an exemption fee of \$300.

Opposition to conscription was widespread during the Civil War. In New York, 10,000 troops were called out to suppress draft riots. Other rioting occurred in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Ohio.

The Selective Service Act of 1917, which required all men 21 to 30 to register, was signed at the start of World War I after heated debate. "The draft is in no sense a conscription of the unwilling; it is, rather selection from a nation that has volunteered," said President Woodrow Wilson in defense of the law.

## History OF SELECTIVE SERVICE

When the war ended the United States returned to a voluntary military system.

The United States adopted a new selective service law in 1940; it was the first time a draft had existed when the United States was not at war. The act provided that not more than 900,000 men be in service at any one time, and that service be limited to twelve months.

When the United States entered World War II a new act was passed, which made all men between 18 and 45 subject to military service. Over ten million men were inducted into the armed forces during World War II.

The act expired in 1947, but the next year a new law made all men between 19 and 26 liable for induction and 21 months service. They were to register at 18.

When the Korean War broke out in 1951, the Universal Military training and Service Act pushed the minimum age for induction back a little further -- to eighteen and one-half. It also extended the length of service to 24 months. The Reserve Forces Act of 1955 required six years of active and reserve duty.

The draft law has been renewed with little ceremony in Congress every four years since then, and remains basically unchanged.

Criticism of the draft has increased dramatically since the Vietnam war. Many say that the draft discriminates against the poor and the blacks. Others call it a form of slavery, and have gone to jail for refusing registration and induction.

While those who support the draft frequently admit that the system has its faults, they say that a draft is necessary for national security.

President Nixon has expressed the desire for an eventual all-volunteer army. Until such a system can be put into effect, he has asked Congress for the power to take younger men first on a lottery basis.

## Resistor

### Former SC president faults school's values

A former Ramsey Student Council president is now an active draft resistor.

Mark Larson, Student Council president in 1966, turned in his draft card to the Selective Service last November. He regrets having ever registered and accepted one. "I didn't think twice about registering at the time," said Mark in a recent interview, "because my school ignored the issue . . . men were being killed and it wasn't being discussed in school."

Because he turned in his draft card, Mark was classified as delinquent by his draft board. He later refused induction into the army.

Mark believes that high schools do not teach the truth about the draft and the war.

"The high schools teach a certain value system," he maintained, "and it is a value system that glorifies war. Consciously or unconsciously, the high schools keep us ignorant of real issues."

He stated that schools are set up to channel people into society the way it is, "rather than teach young people to make society more decent."

After graduating from Ramsey, Mark spent one year at Yale and another at the University of Chicago.

"For the most part, Universities wanted young people like me to stay in college and keep a deferment, and go on to become a member of the elite leadership in society." This didn't appeal to Mark.

"The common young workers are sent to Vietnam and killed. Or they find a lousy, low-paying, boring job," he said.

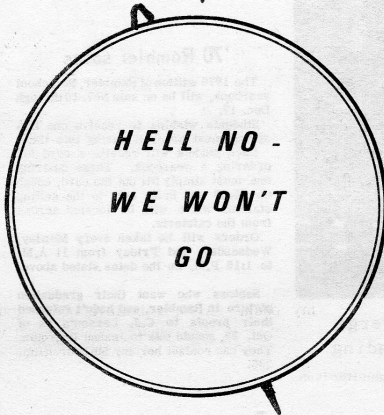
Mark advises students to "get out of the suburban isolation, and find out what's happening in this country."

While he thinks changing the draft is important, he doesn't think it is the crucial question.

"The crucial question is whether we are going to serve war, or the needs of human beings around the world for food, housing, and freedom from exploitation."

High school students should "look around and become part of a group that's working for change, that's really alive," Mark believes. He sees draft resistance as one way in which high school students can contribute to changing the society.

"A lot of people at Ramsey can go on to college, where they're still in isolation," said Mark. "But those who will be the workers -- including some Ramsey students -- will be caught right in the middle of it."



## SELECTIVE SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

1. I-A-O—Conscientious Objector available for noncombatant duty only.
2. I-O—Conscientious Objector available for civilian work only.
3. I-D—In ROTC or reserves.
4. I-S—Student deferred till end of school year.
5. I-Y—Not presently qualified for military service.
6. II-A—Occupational deferment.
7. II-C—Agricultural deferment.
8. II-S—Student deferment.
9. III-A—Deferred because of dependents.
10. IV-A—C completed military service or sole surviving son.
11. IV-B—Officials deferred by law.
12. IV-C—Alien deferment.
13. IV-D—Minister or ministerial student.
14. IV-F—Not qualified for any service.
15. V-A—Overage.

Three seniors with different ideas about the draft agreed to air their views for Blueprint. The participants, Rick Kline, Tony Olivia, and Fred Wolf, brought up other questions such as war and killing. Editor Jeff Holman served as moderator.

The article features excerpts from a tape recording made two weeks ago.

Holman: Let's begin by talking about how each of us will be affected by the draft.

Wolf: I am going to register as a conscientious objector, reasons being that I don't feel we should be killing people. Killing is against my moral and religious backgrounds.

The draft in itself is a poor set-up. It keeps a guy sweating for six years. That's just too many years for a guy to sweat, because he's gonna lose a lot of weight.

Holman: How do you think the system could be changed to make it more fair, Fred?

Wolf: I think it should be abolished, period.

Holman: What about you, Tony?

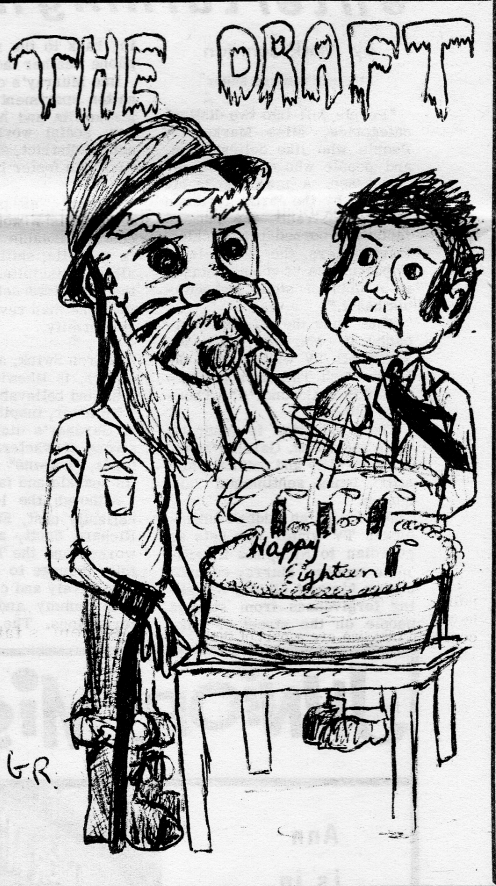
Olivia: Okay. Right now I'm seventeen. And pretty soon I'm going to have to start worrying about the draft, whether I want to go in or not. I just don't think that I should be over there fighting for something I just don't believe in. I myself have no intention of going in...the grounds being bad health and certain problems that have arisen within my family.

Holman: What about you, Rick?

Kline: Before I say anything about me, can I comment about what the other two have said? Tony, you're not here to discuss over there or any place else, your here to discuss the draft, period. And Fred, we just want to know why--why is it you don't like the draft, period. Is it that you don't want to go in service, or that you're afraid?

Wolf: Well, I possibly am afraid. But then, again, I don't believe in killing. The army can't tell me it is anything but to kill, really, that's what you're taught in the army.

Kline: I think the draft, the way it stands. . . it's a weak system, it can be improved. But I'm not looking to get out. I'm not looking for anybody to kill, either,



## 'Quote--Unquote'

From the individual's viewpoint, he is standing in a room which has been made uncomfortably warm.

"Several doors are open, but they all lead to various forms of recognized, patriotic service to the Nation."

"The psychology of granting wide choice under pressure to take action is the American or indirect way of achieving what is done by direction in foreign countries where choice is not permitted."

-- From "Channeling," an official Selective Service memorandum issued in July, 1965, and subsequently withdrawn.

but I feel that somebody's got to do it. Do you think that you'd be able to say, 'Well, no, I don't want to go, I don't think it's right, I couldn't kill,' if somebody hadn't done it before you?

Wolf: Okay, in World War II--I don't know if I would have fought or not. I really can't say. Rick.

Kline: In World War II we were attacked openly and they killed thousands of people in Pearl Harbor, and you might or might not have fought?

Wolf: Rick, I can't say. At that time, if I were thinking this way, I would have probably gone to prison. I don't know. It would have been a totally different generation, Rick. At that time it was okay to fight. I feel that killing is wrong.

I will serve my country, as a conscientious objector... be classified 1-0 and be an intern in an hospital.

Holman: What do you plan to do about the draft, Rick?

Kline: I don't plan to be drafted. I plan to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Holman: What about the draft. Is it a fair system? Kline: I'm not against the draft. I say the draft can be fixed, and maybe get around to some other type of draft system. I don't believe you can get rid of the draft.

Holman: What about you, Tony? Do you think we need a draft?

Olivia: Well, based on the information that I've heard on our armaments, we have enough missiles to literally destroy four planets of our size. If people want to join the army on their own free will, fine. It's okay by me. But you mentioned something about being scared, earlier. Yes, I'm scared.

Kline: So am I. Do you think I want to get shot?

Olivia: Well nobody in their right mind wants to get shot.

Kline: But I'm still not gonna' look for a way out. I've never done that in my life. I've never ducked a fight. I've never picked one, either.

Wolf: Didn't you feel that going over to Vietnam is picking a fight.

Kline: No. I don't think I'm picking a fight. I've

thought of it, and I think we're justified in being in Vietnam. I think that nine times out of ten, we are right. I think that there are more people that know more about it than I do. And there must be some reason, more than what they're telling us. But do you know how long it would take to clean out that war if they wanted to do it the way they should ...

Wolf: I am a very idealistic person. I feel that if everybody believed the way I did, that killing is wrong, and that going out to have a war is wrong. . . we wouldn't have war if everybody resisted the draft.

Holman: It has been suggested that the draft is unfair to those who don't go to college, to the poor, and to minority groups. How do you feel about that?

Olivia: The way the system is now, those who are illiterate, those who are in the ghettos--white and black--, all minorities, generally are those who are taken first.

Kline: I think that if they are illiterate, or if they are in the ghetto, maybe the armed services would be a better thing for them. They'd get three square meals a day, which they maybe never had before. And they'd get some inkling of an education, which they never had before. And there's individual pride--may they never had that before, either.

Olivia: Okay, Rick, there are advantages to minority groups being in the army. But what about their families? Kline: One less mouth to feed . . .

Wolf: Well like if he's a father, Rick . . .

Holman: I think we've given everyone a chance to express their views. Does anyone have any concluding comments?

Kline: I don't think we can get along without an armed forces. If they had a completely volunteer army, I wouldn't go either. I want to get it over with. I want nothing on my back. Also, I believe in my country 100 per cent.

Olivia: If I'm reading you correctly, you're going to serve your country and you're not going to resist. I also believe in serving my country. But I'm not gonna' go over there and kill possibly someone who looks more like me, than me. There are ways right here in the United States that I could serve my country much better.

## Student Forum

### the draft discussed

## To college or Canada Center counsels youth

The Twin Cities Draft Information Center (TCDIC) exists to "provide a counseling service for young men, promote the idea of resistance, and organize around the issues of the draft and the war."

Dan Holland, a full-time worker who recently spoke at Ramsey, brushed aside his shoulder length hair and said that all these activities have kept him and the center very busy.

"We counsel from 75 to 100 people every week, besides doing organizing at the induction center. We used to leaflet every day in Minneapolis to people going in for physicals. Then we would go in and talk to the officials.

"Now they all lock their doors, except one," he said.

Holland also commented about police - TCDIC relations. We haven't had any trouble from the cops. In fact, we are a part of their recruitment program. We take police recruits on tours of the West Bank, and answer questions like, "What is it like to smoke grass?"

At a recent counseling session, students ages 18 to 26 met with counselors in small conference rooms. Most students were dressed conservatively and informally. Feelings of urgency and hopelessness sat with them on the sofa.

The following are excerpts from sessions:

Student: "Hello, my name is Bill."

Counselor: "I'm Ed. You don't mind if I eat my lunch now, do you?"

Student: "No, not at all. (Pause)

My situation is that I tried to get a teachers' deferment, but it didn't go through. Now I am trying for a C.O. I'm 25 now and they could draft me."

Counselor: "You should have asked why your board turned down your claim. Ask your board what they think a C.O. is. You'll be more able to appeal your case if you know what your draft board expects, and if they are being legal in their demands."

Student: "I heard from some friends that it is very difficult to get a C.O."

Counselor: "It is difficult. You

have to convince your draft board that you have the religious training and beliefs to qualify."

Student: "I think that I have the religious training. I went to a Catholic school."

Counselor: "If you have any problems, contact me."

Student: "I hope I will get a C.O. If I don't, I'll probably leave the country--and go to Morocco."

The Draft Center began in September, 1967.

Dan Holland, Ed Plaster, Dave Gutknecht, and six other full time workers receive a subsistence salary each month from selling buttons, posters, books, and other fund raising. They are all draft resisters. Many have staged non-violent protests during their trials.

The Draft Center has succeeded in getting draft information in many Minnesota High Schools, and promoting discussions on the war.

## Service official calls draft system 'fair'

Major John Abrahamson, of the Minnesota branch of Selective Service, feels that the present draft system is fair.

All 131 local draft boards in Minnesota, and all others throughout the nation, must follow a single set of rules in selecting draftees. In a recent interview, the Major insisted emphatically that Selective Service does not deliberately give a high priority to draft protestors.

Major Abrahamson said that much of the anti-draft feelings today are caused by the "period of uncertainty." This is the six-year period during which a man is vulnerable to induction.

One complaint about the draft is that many people escape it with 2-S, college deferments.

"A deferment is in no way an exemption," Major Abrahamson explained. "For instance, a man who entered college four years ago may have thought there would be no draft when he got out, but it just didn't work out that way. He's actually more vulnerable to the draft now than when he began college."

Draft resistance is not much of a problem in Minnesota, according to Major Abrahamson.

He said he is tolerant of those who oppose the Selective Service.

"There's a place for dissent in this nation," he stated. "I think everyone should be heard. If I saw someone wearing an anti-draft button, I wouldn't generalize and call them chicken."

President Nixon has stated that he is aiming to replace the draft with an all-volunteer army. The Major is not so sure this is a good idea.

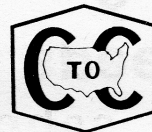
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Defensive tackle Joel Holger pursues a Mounds View ball carrier in the Ram-Mustang clash.

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# Wealth of football talent found in 1969

by Jeff Johnson  
Blueprint Staff Writer

It was a "trial" season for the Rams; a season that uncovered a wealth of new talent. Yet this football season also had it's heartbreaking and bitter losses.

"We've shown much improvement in every game," said coach Lars Overskel. "Quite a few things did not go our way during the season. Among these were injuries to key offensive and defensive players, such as Joe Garry and Dan Johnson, who were both out for two games and are still not back in full form."

On the brighter side, many new discoveries were made. Among numerous outstanding players were juniors Dave Kath, Carl Brandt, Jim Heller, and Doug Pahl, and seniors Steve

Sigstad, Jim Cox, Dale Wessel, and Ron Clark, who has been accredited to be the Rams' most improved senior.

A lot of good personnel and their ever willingness to win made it very exciting season.

## Ramsley vs. Irondale

For 46 minutes on a cold and rainy afternoon, Ramsley dominated the game. But the last two minutes led to defeat as Irondale squeezed by Ramsley 8-7.

Knight quarterback Rick Anderson drove his team 70 yards, and, with only two seconds to play he scored on a 4-yard run. Then, with no time showing on the clock, he took the ball again, and when appeared to be stopped short of the goal line, dove over for the winning two points.

When asked to comment on the game, Coach Overskel replied, "We played a real strong game and the boys took the loss hard. It was a real heartbreaker to lose. Again, penalties hurt us."

Ramsley scored on a 6-yard gallop by quarterback Dave Kath in the opening period following a long pass from Kath to Steve Sigstad and a fine run to the 6-yard line by Joe Garry.

## Super Bowl

On November 6, two very good football teams will clash at St. Thomas for the Suburban Conference championship. Kellogg, who won their first football title ever by pulling off victories over Mounds View (18-14) and unbeaten Anoka (13-7) meets White Bear, whose record stands at 6-1, after sustaining their only loss since midway in 1967, to Moorhead 35-30.

Coaches outlooks are: Brad Hustad, Kellogg coach: "White Bear has a tremendous and well-balanced team. One thing we'll be working on is their passing attack and on stopping their effective I-formation."

DuWayne Deitz, WBL Coach: "We won't be looking for anything new in Kellogg's play since we've already scouted a few of their games. However, we'll be out to iron out our wrinkles and make it a real good game."

## WITH STRONG FINISH

# Rams end season

By the time this issue is out the soccer season will be over and the title will be decided.

The only weak point this season according to Coach Marc Brottem, has been that it takes the Rams a half a game to get going. The strong points of this season have been a good combination of halfback and fullback play and a good penetrating offense.

Brottem also feels that the defense has done an outstanding job this season. Not only has the regular team done well but Brottem feels he has a good bench to back them up.

Also, there have been no serious injuries this season, but there were some minor knee and ankle problems.

With a strong showing in the second half, Ramsley defeated Kellogg for the second time,

**P. J.** Comes through with a hit

by Paul Johnson  
Blueprint Sports Editor

## Can this be for real?

One third of the thriving metropolis of Belton, Missouri turned out for the basketball game. On this cold, mid-January night these one thousand cheering fans witnessed an incredible and totally unpredicted feat. Belton won! The final score Belton 39, Fort Osage 37

Belton is located about 17 miles south of Kansas City. It was in this 1890-style cow town that I made my home for two years.

It was also the home of the valiant Belton Pirates. Watching any kind of competition there was like watching Charlie Browns All Stars and 1962 New York Mets play a baseball game. The name of the conference was the Suburban Seven. To me, after being a Ramsey and Suburban Conference fan for several years before I lived in Belton, it was known by another name: Bush.

## ★ Bush City basketball ★

After seeing only the score, the average fan would say, "Boy, that's what I call defensive basketball."

Hooley! It was just a poor imitation of race horse basketball, where none of the teams even hit forty percent of their shots.

Don't get me wrong here. A lot of the guys on the team

were good friends of mine. But basketball players they weren't. Most of the team couldn't have made Fairview's ninth grade "B" squad, and they would have made Ramsey's team look like the Harlem Globetrotters by comparison.

The Belton Pirates—strictly "Bush City."

## ★ "Way to go, Clyde!" ★

One classic move during that big game that I'll always remember was in the second quarter. One of local aces drove in for a beautiful layup. All was fine until after he jumped when he lost the ball, grabbed onto the hoop and, in turn, shattered the backboard into a hundred or so pieces. I would have rolled onto the court in laughter had it not been for one thoughtful spectator who kindly

stuck his foot out to stop me. To help illustrate their quality of basketball, I will mention that I almost made the team at one time. Now, anybody who knows me, knows I'm no basketball player either. Out of forty nine intramural b-ballers last year, I'm the not-proud holder of the low scoring honors, with zero points in twenty games.

## ★ The moral ★

The victory of that joyous night brought their record to 1-10 in the first of one of their last ditch attempts to dig themselves out of the cellars.

But I think I learned something from those two wonderful years, cheering for a team that almost never won. If I

ever see a Ramsey team losing, I can always look back and remind myself: Things could be worse. A lot worse.

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# Ramsey runners rip region rivals

by Dave Black  
Blueprint Staff Writer

Continuing to show steady improvement, the cross country team moved into the State Meet by winning the Region IV championship, October 23. The Rams totaled 31 points to trounce runner-up White Bear Lake by fourteen.

Veteran coach Paul Busch commented earlier, "This team has improved more than any other I've coached". The harriers didn't disappoint him, or anyone else, as they took another giant stride toward their goal of a second straight state title.

Granse, first  
Ellevoid, third

Craig Granse again finished first, running 15:04 over the three-mile Goodrich course to add to his conference and district titles. Brad Ellevoid (15:20) took third, behind Mounds View's Jim Wilson, and barely ahead of John Weathers (North St. Paul), who was passed within 100 yards of the finish.

Tom Flaherty and Mark Nelson ran side-by-side for more than two miles, Tom finally beating Mark to even up their personal battle at five wins apiece. Flaherty had previously predicted, "I'll get him in the state".

Tom cut six seconds off his previous best, running 15:39. Guy Johnson (16:15) was again the invaluable fifth man, coming in 19th. Juniors Tom Henning and Len Sonterre also ran

well, and entered the state as team members.

## How the race was run

Granse took a narrow lead after the first quarter-mile straightaway, but Gerald Pederson of Coon Rapids didn't allow Craig to open up his usual big lead. Pederson stayed within three seconds for more than a mile, but dropped back after about a mile and a quarter. Granse was never again challenged, coasting in nearly 100 yards in front, only two seconds off his course record time set in the district meet.

Ellevoid ran fifth for more than a mile, but finally overtook Hastings' Gordon Benfield, and later NSP's top runner. Flaherty and Nelson ran their usual race, starting relatively slow and gaining places as the other runners tired. Ramsey proved again that

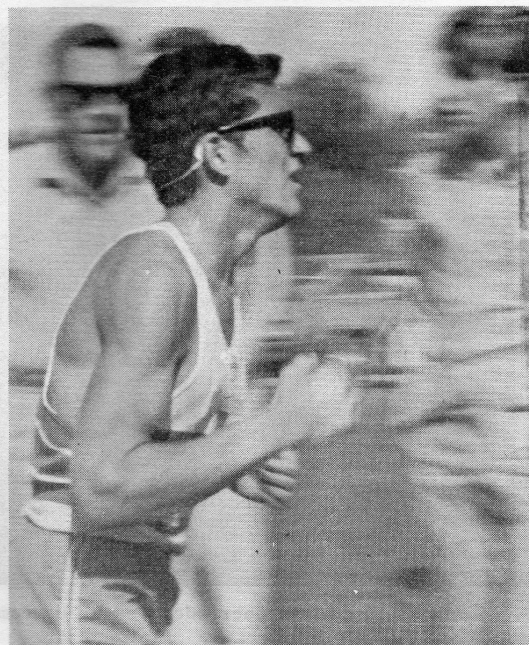
Goodrich was "our course," winning their tenth Region IV title in 15 years.

White Bear Lake joined the Rams in last Saturday's State Meet, which was too late for BLUEPRINT'S deadline. Wilson, Weathers, and Benfield entered as individuals.

## Pre-state favorites

On the basis of previous best times, Minneapolis Southwest had to be considered the pre-meet favorite. Edina, St. Louis Park, Mankato and St. Cloud Tech were also rated highly. But the Rams had planned to step up workouts, hoping to go all the way.

Whatever the state results, this team can be commended on their desire throughout the long season, advancing them from the role of an also-ran to one of Minnesota's finest.




Harrier Tom Flaherty runs at a recent Cross Country meet.

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"Buses uncrowded" says bus company

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# Commuters scrunch

by Andi DeWahl

Blueprint Staff Writer

"Our bus has two and three in a seat, and some standing."  
 "That's nothing. The bus I ride...lots of kids have to stand up, and our bus is one of the biggest ones!"

"Kids have to sit THREE in a seat!"  
 What is an over crowded bus? Asked what "crowded" could be defined as, Elaine Gritter, junior, answered, "I think three in a seat is crowded because you're uncomfortable. It's awful, especially in the winter."  
 All students questioned agreed with this definition.

Mr. Martin Walsh, owner of the Columbia Transit Bus Company, disagrees. "Students must ride three in a seat regardless of whether or not they are grade school or high school students. This is a state law."

Walsh and Principal Curtis Johnson agreed that there shouldn't be any overcrowded buses "unless the students are getting on the wrong bus," said Johnson.

There is a map in the office showing where each student lives. Bus routes are set up according to the number of students in certain areas.

Johnson said that problems come up since buses covering adjacent areas come at different times, and some students that get up late might take the later bus even though it might not be the one they are supposed to ride.

Another reason for crowding, is that students ride buses to Har Mar or Rosedale after school.

"These kids will find out which bus goes by Har Mar or Rosedale, and take that bus instead of their regular one," Johnson explained. "If we find that too many students

are riding the wrong bus, we will have to set up a system of identification so they can only ride the one they are supposed to."

Many precautions are taken to insure that school buses be safe.

Each year the bus driver has to get a physical comparable to that given an airplane pilot.

School buses must be equipped with things like fire extinguishers, first aid kits and seat belts for the driver. They are inspected annually by the local sheriff.

Walsh said that he is opposed to seat belts for the passengers because a study made on their use in school buses in California showed more injuries from misuse of the belts.

Walsh stated that until motorists are educated about laws concerning busing, school buses won't be completely safe.

"We get reports every day of motorists driving through the stop signs on buses..." he said.

The bus drivers commented about their "crowded" buses.

Jim Nippert, who has been with the company for three years, said, "My bus is about ten kids short of capacity, but that's three to a seat."

"If a bus is crowded, it's up to either the bus driver or the kids to report it. If it doesn't get reported nothing can be done."

John Gustafson, who has been driving Route 4 since Sept. 2, said his bus is usually about half full.

Craig Kuehn, who has driven with the bus company for about a year; said the buses are very safe. There is a staff of full-time mechanics watching over them.

# Mini-courses fight boredom

by Kathy Haggerty

Blueprint Staff Writer

Mini-courses are free and open. Mini-courses are non-credit and non-graded. Mini-courses may be the solution to fifth hour boredom.

"We'll be getting guest speakers from the University and from Mankato," commented Lynn Anderson, chairman of the Student Council mini-course committee. "Teachers will have to be present during the discussions, but I hope that the teachers will be selected so that they can add to the discussions, not detract from them."

Peggy Stevenson, a member of the committee, admits, "It's basically a selfish idea. It's entirely programmed for the students needs. And although it's not intended for the teachers, we are not banning them from listening in."

The mini-courses already begun are astrology, speed reading, theater workshop, expressionism in poetry, pollution, and art history. Anyone interested in having other discussions or classes can get them started as soon as Lynn Anderson is notified, if at least ten students are interested, and an available room can be located.

"We're really anxious for students to come up with other ideas. If you've got an idea just come talk to me," pleads Lynn.

Most mini-courses will last eight or nine weeks, but will meet only once or twice during each week, depending on how often the students involved can attend. Mini-courses can and probably will be repeated for more than one eight or nine week period, according to popular demand.

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