

Around Ramsey High School

Dancers, lights, and flashing pictures...rock music and singers...

Sound like a new discotheque? Well, you're wrong. It's what James Peterson, orchestra director, hopes the "Bach and Rock" concert will be like.

Peterson, the innovator of the idea, said that the program will be produced by students, who will compose the music, text, choreography, and design the set and lighting effects. The orchestra will play a Bach cantata.

The concert, scheduled for April 2, 1970, will be open to all who are interested in participating. An announcement will be made as to how to become involved with this program.

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Victor Collado, the 1968-69 AFS student from Panama, will be receiving letters from Spanish Club members. The club, which met October 1, made plans to set up correspondence with Victor soon.

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Future Nurses of America have changed their name to Health Careers Club. Lectures on careers in health are planned. The club will also sponsor films and trips.

Teachers, Board end dispute

By Elaine Grittner

The teachers and the school board reached agreement on this year's salary schedule on September 29.

The board offered the teachers a proposal on September 22 which met all their demands. This offer was rejected by teachers because the pay increase was not made retroactive as the teachers wanted, and would take effect only from August 1.

But about a week later, teachers reconsidered and accepted the board's offer.

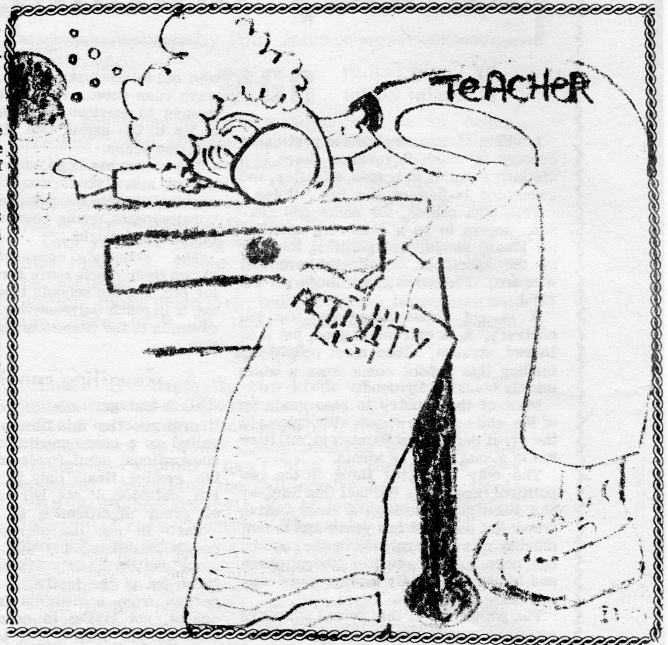
As a result of negotiation difficulties this year, the teachers and the school board have written up a statement concerning future negotiations.

Two important points are included in the statement:

1. During any action between the school board and the teachers, all efforts will be made to avoid involvement of students.
2. Teacher representatives will exercise the right to inform all other teachers of any factors concerning negotiations.

When asked if he thought students were in any way responsible for the settlement, Superintendent Dr. Lloyd Neilson said "It was the concern of all parties involved that brought an end to the situation."

"I think I would have been much more surprised if the students did not react as they did," he said. "There was a definite pattern formed by other schools and it was only a matter of time as to when they would join the movement."



MERIT SCHOLAR FEELS

Grades aren't important

Steve Wood, Ramsey's only National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, doesn't think grades are that important.

"I don't study for grades," said Steve. "What I get, I get, but I'm not going to kill myself."

He also stated that in some ways grades aren't good for students, because they usually put too much pressure on them. He admits, however, that some students need pressuring and grades are at present the only good way teachers have of eval-

uating what a student has learned.

"Ramsey isn't the ideal high school," Steve said. Because all students are individuals with varied interests, he feels there could never be one high school ideal for every student.

Steve must become a finalist in the NMS competition, before he can acquire a scholarship.

Semi-finalists received the highest scores in their states on the NMSQ test given last February to 750,000 high school juniors in the country. They

constituted less than the top 1% of the graduating seniors in the U.S.

pected to become finalists.

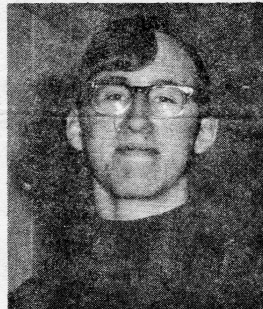
The NMS will present 1,000 scholarships of \$1000 each in 1970. They will also offer a number of four year renewable scholarships for up to \$1500 a year.

There are also about 39,000 students in the nation who fell just below the semi-finalists, but still within the upper 2% of the national graduating class of 1970.

Although these students will advance no further in the NMS competition, their names have been given to other scholarship granting organizations and to the college they have named as their first and second choices.

Among these 39,000 are 12 Ramsey students who have received a Letter of Commendation.

They are: Dave Black, Grant Blank, Tim Carlin, Dick Day, John Edwards, Denise Gorman, Bruce Johnson, Karen Little, Jim Meehan, Polly Meyerding, Kit Morris, Dave Sundeen, all seniors.



Steve Wood

To advance to the finalist stage, students must take another qualifying test and provide information about their achievements and interests. About 97% of the semi-finalists are ex-

Novices adopt Ramsey

By Andi DeWahl

A new man in a new position is Dale Schneiderhan, Ramsey's administrative intern.

Schneiderhan was sent here as part of a University of Minnesota program which prepares new graduates for administrative jobs.

He will stay at Ramsey for one year, to prepare himself to become a high school principal.

To learn all aspects of administrative work, he has been given a variety of duties. One day he might be handling discipline, the next day he might be making up final schedules for the computer. One afternoon a week he attends a seminar at the University.

Schneiderhan has taught for six years at Hoffman and at Stillwater, Minn. He has a bachelors degree from Moorhead State College, his masters from St. Cloud State, a fellowship from Purdue, and did his graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

He has a personal interest in computer instruction, and though interested in the computer activity 5th hour, has not had the chance to work with that activity.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of students in the halls during passing time. I have never seen so many students in a hall at one time," commented the intern.

"I was also favorably impressed by the quality of student dress in spite of the fact that

they have no dress code."

"So far I'm very pleased with the experience of being an intern," he stated. "I have already been provided with a wide range of experiences, and I am sure more opportunities will be provided."

Ramsey also has its usual flock of new teachers.

Robert Hallquist had taught at Capitol View for seven years before becoming Ramsey's band director.

He feels that Ramsey's bands have good potential, but he doesn't want to reveal any specific plans for them now.

Besides his work with the students, he has played with the Minnesota Civil Orchestra for seven years, and is now assistant director of the orchestra.

This is Miss Carol Field's first year of teaching. She teaches senior social studies and Debate. She graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead.

Miss Mary Lou Lupient teaches English 11 and journalism. She taught for four years in Beloit, Wisconsin, and graduated from St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Last year Miss Lupient was the assistant editor in the current editors department at Augsburg Publishing House. She is the advisor for Blueprint this year.

Wood and beginning drawing are John Lewison's subjects. Lewiston also works with Bergstrom and Busch with wrestling 5th hour.

Miss Ferial Abraham teaches interior design and boy's foods,

and has taught at the University of Minnesota. She is a graduate of the University of North Dakota, and went to graduate school at the U of M.

Harry PaDelford has been teaching for twenty-one years. He is teaching industrial arts at Ramsey this year, and has taught at Capitol View, Sault Centre, and Gaylord, Minnesota.

PaDelford went to Mankato State, and is now working on a dissertation for his Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota.

Last year Gerald Ramponi taught at a military academy in Missouri. At Ramsey he teaches business math and plane geometry. About the students, he says, "Coming from a military school, I find that the students are very relaxed."

This is Mrs. Sandra Allen's fourth year of teaching home economics. She has taught in California and Indiana.

She said about Ramsey, "I am not used to a school without a dress code, but the students are friendly."

Miss Judith Carlson teaches psychology. This is her first year of teaching. She has her bachelor degree from Hamline University, and did her graduate work at Simon Fraser College in British Columbia, Canada.

Other teachers that are new at Ramsey this year are Miss Kathleen Petjen, German; Miss Cynthia Farkes; Mrs. Katherine Koubsky; merchandising; Mrs. Arlys Leisinger; Miss Anita Madsen, American Studies and English; Miss Anne Wolf; and Pat Schaeffer.

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