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THE GRYPHON

President, V. President Comment On Happenings Around Campus

"I wish I was a personal friend to each student in the school," states Richard Bulluck, President of the SRA.

With vigorous enthusiasm. Richard Bulluck, "the man with the briefcase," has begun the school year of 1971-1972. His main desire is to overcome what he cites as the greatest obstacle this year: lack of communication. Richard feels that without good communication among the students as well as with the administration, all is lost. As the above quotation points out, he strongly feels that he must know a majority of his fellow students personally in order to get his job done. He would like to take this opportunity to ask the students to feel free to talk to him and ask him questions or make suggestions. "If you don't recognize me by my name or face, know me by my briefcase!"

HOPES TO IMPROVE SCHOOL

As another objective for this year, Richard wants to try to make all students at RMSH feel that their school belongs to them and have pride in it as well as school spirit toward it. He sets his goal at reaching the apathetic students, those that for one reason or another do not participate in school activities or show any enthusiasm for them.

Richard hopes to launch a series of programs to improve the atmosphere at Senior High. In doing so, he hopes that 3:05 will no longer signal freedom from imprisonment within the walls of RMSH.

This year Richard hopes that the racial relationships will improve and more genuine feelings will develop among the students. He hopes that friendships will become lasting, not just "part time".

STUDENTS UNCERTAIN OF WANTS

Bruce Flye, Vice President of the SRA feels that "the students don't know what they want: they just want to complain and they don't even do that to the right people." According to Bruce, there are two groups of people to complair plain to: those you're supposed to complain to, and those who will do something." His advice is "if you want to get something done, go to the source."

Radical as these statements may seem, Bruce feels that perhaps they will arouse indignation from the student body and even if he is "put down" as a result, student emotion will have been aroused and there might be a rise in loyalty among the students and toward our school as well.

CLASSES MET WITH PRINCIPALS

At the beginning of the year, each class had separate meetings with Mr. Newbern and Mr. Batts. Richard cites this as "our great opportunity to get used to our administrators" and he feels that it was not handled with "too much maturity". Bruce comments that he was disturbed by the conduct of a minority of people in each assemble. At the close of the assemblies, several people aplolgized personally to Mr. Batts and Mr. Newbern and for few days following, went by their offices to apologise.

EXPERIMENTAL ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies are technically Richard's and Bruce's responsibility. A new policy has been adopted this year to have assemblies, or activity periods, only twice a week. This poses a problem because the assemblies are held at 3:05, when everyone is ready to go home. Despite the obstacles, Bruce has been "encouraged to ex-periment." He is sincerely interested in presenting interesting assemblies that are "cool". He would like to solicit any suggestions that you readers might have. These suggestions would be greatly appreciated and are very likely to produce results.

WALK-OUT OCCURS

On October 3, an all-school assembly was held. During this assembly, which was really a pep rally, a mass walk-out occurred. When asked to comment on this, Bruce said that he was "upset" by it, but most of all, "shocked". This assembly was worked out by Margaret Sheridan and Nelson Dunn and it was unique in that there were

no teachers present. This was not an oversight, because an idea of a student assembly without teachers to supervise (there were coaches present) had been discussed with Mr. Newbern. "This was our chance to show our responsibility and maturity," comments Richard. Bruce points out that this mass walk-out which occurred was "the same as skipping". He also expressed disappointment that there was so little respect for the cheerleaders and the football team as to merit such behavior.

SCHOOL SPIRIT

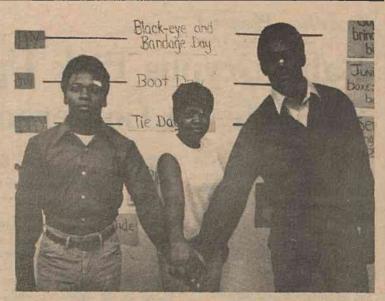
Richard feels that school spirit is now at a crucial stage. "This time of the year is the turning point. It's now or never; a or b, there is no c." He feels that last year's level of enthusiasm can be reached this year but we must begin now, "tomorrow may be too late". Everyone recognizes the lack of spirit and we need "people with the right attitude to correct it". Bruce commented that "about half of the students are willing to give 100% support to RMSH. But as for the other half they could care the other half, they could not care less."

CANDIDATES MUST PETITION

This year there will be no nominating committee. Instead, anyone wishing to run for an office must petition in order to do so. Bruce comments that this "will be the biggest test of school spirit." There must be someone interested enough in holding an office to go to the trouble of petitioning for that office. This new policywill give a greater majority of people a chance to run for or hold an office, but Bruce says that he is "skeptical" as to whether or not there will be enough response to make this new system work. Richard feels that it is up to the incumbent officers to use their powers to arouse interest in petitioning for that office. He wants to help raise the prestige of being an officer.

Richard comments, "If you need anything, I'm the man who will try his best to get it done."

If there are any comments, good or bad, on this interview with our President and Vice President, please do not hesitate to make them. They will count. SHOW YOU CARE.



Senior Class Officers (from left to right) MacMelvin Knight, Vice President; Mary Barr, Secretary; and James Davis, Treasurer, exhibit their school spirit by participating in "Bandage the Bulkdogs Day". Absent from picture, Cecil Davis, President.

Senior Class Officers Aim For A Great Final Show

As the curtain begins to fall on the last performance of high school life for the mighty Class of '72 one must "check out" the leaders and their plans for a swinging finish.

For the first semester, Cecil Davis, President; Mac Melvin Knight, Vice President; Mary Barr, Secretary; and James Davis, Treasurer, have begun directing the Senior Class for its last curtain call as a part of RMSH. These officers were formally installed by the President of the SRA during a Senior Class assembly. Each officer pledged his support to the Senior Class.

Cecil Davis, presidentdirector, formed a committee for Senior Privileges as the first phase of the operation. After successfully securing certain rights for Seniors, the committee is working on other means of recognization for Seniors. As President of the Senior Class he installed all homeroom officers giving them the "final touch."

Every performance must have an assistant in case the "main man" blanks out. Mac Knight, assistant to the director, feels that this Senior class is composed of the most experienced students. "Because of the talent and experience Seniors possess, they will be expected to take responsibility and strive toward becoming leaders."

The show must have a record of the "happenings." Mary Barr has begun the perilous task of writing down the events as they happen. Once her pen begins, it does not stop until the last word is said.

Every show must have money to "keep on truckin"". James Davis is busy preparing a financial report for the mighty Class of '72. Since an accurate record is required, James is checking his records to the letter.

Now that the show is on the road, the Seniors must keep it moving.



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