

# GRYPHON EDITORIALS

## Television Is The Root?

Children are extremely vulnerable. When they see their 'hero' on T.V., constantly playing the 'bad guy', they want to do the same. At first, the whole role is merely a game. After consistently seeing and playing a role, a child begins to see no wrong in a role. The child cannot comprehend why his 'hero' can do something he can't.

If a parent constantly scolds a child's mimics, the child becomes bitter. He feels he has as much right to be a character as the character himself.

Perhaps if parents didn't let their children sit in front of the T.V. set to 'pacify' them, the children would learn to pacify themselves with something constructive. They would learn to depend on themselves, and find constructive entertainment. This would give the self assurance they need so very badly these days.

Violence on T.V. could be the root of the problem, but I believe it lies in the fact that parents are too lazy to help their children explore the outside world. They merely stick them in front of a T.V., hoping they will not be influenced by all the violent they view.

## Timely Problem

Time marches on. But at RMSH, it either marches with leaps and bounds or stands still.

For two years, none of the clocks at RMSH have been exactly correct at the same time. They either run fast, run slow, or don't run at all. One room hasn't even had a clock for over six weeks.

It is possible for a student to leave one class and arrive at the next class three hours earlier. This is due to neglect and worn-out mechanisms.

The clock problem has become quite evident in many classes. Students without watches are so busy yelling across the room to see how much longer it is before the bell rings that they disturb the class and don't pay attention to the lesson.

Until the time problem is remedied, students will continue to use RMSH time. This is obtained by adding all the times and dividing by the number of clocks.

Since the administration has been so helpful this year in working with the students to solve their problems, I'm sure they will come to the rescue. Administration, where are you? HELP!

## Dying For A Doctor

Are you dying for a doctor? You almost have to die these days in order to see one.

When an unexpected illness occurs, and the doctor is telephoned for an appointment, the same reply is almost always heard: "I'm sorry, but all the available time is filled for three months. Would you like for me to make an appointment for you then?"

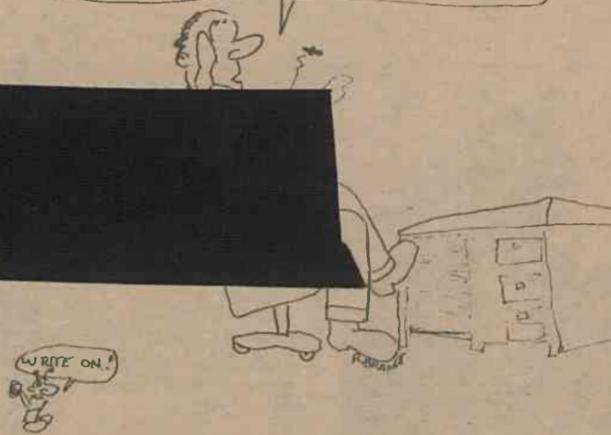
When a person is sick, he needs medical attention immediately, and should not have to wait three months. This length of time is far too long, for a person who needs medical attention could die before his appointment day arrives.

In this modern, scientific, supposedly convenient world we live in today, it's a shame that a person must wait weeks or months before getting an appointment with a doctor.

Ideally, man will wipe out all sickness and disease --eventually, but in the meantime, there are many people desperately in need of medical attention which they can't receive because the doctors are so overloaded with work.

Solution: Stay healthy or train more doctors.

UNITY, and love: plus combined efforts of equal MASSES, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED FOR FRESHNESS AND TRANQUIL REPOSE is the thing which SETS LIFE IN MOTION FOR THE FUTURE.



## Around The Campus

By RAY BRINN

With the Seniors on the GRYPHON staff laboring over journalism themes, the Juniors on the staff have been left with the opportunity to display our journalistic skills. In words somewhat less discreet, we (the Juniors) have been left with this

### LETTERS FROM READERS

One of the most disturbing problems concerning our school today is the lack of school spirit. As a devoted Gryphon fan, I would like to express my opinion as to some of the reasons for this.

The major cause for the scarcity of spectators at away ball-games is the problem of how to get to these games. Last year there were buses chartered, but this year it is left up to the student to find his own way. Many students (myself included) do not have a chauffeur at their disposal. They are left with the decision to either hitch-hike or stay at home and yell at the radio.

Another factor is the disappearance of the pep band. At least two other towns have had pep bands, and many of our players have remarked that they greatly added to the spirit. I know we have one of the best bands in the area. Fans (and there are quite a few, contrary to public opinion) have to get in the mood when our school song or "Jesus Christ, Superstar" is blasting through the gym.

Talk to your homeroom representatives and let's bring the spirit back!

Thank you,  
Christal Gagnon



If we had a penny for every word said about pollution, we'd have enough money to eliminate it.

## Book Review

### Stranger In A Strange Land

(Hugo award winner - By Robert A. Heinlein-Paperback, 414 pages-Copyright; 1961)

Since this book has been around for at least ten years, many of you have read it, and many of you have not. For those of you who haven't, may I urge you now to get this book as soon as possible. It deserves every little bit of your interest.

"Stranger in a Strange Land" is a very entertaining book. Let me emphasize the word very. The great quality of this book runs completely beyond your and my expectations. The delightful use of satire and fantasy completes the humorous yet serious plot of this book. Mr. Heinlein is showing us the complexities of our civilization in a way that we can laugh at them and worry about them. Who wants to worry, you might ask. Nobody, I answer. But you do anyway, so why not worry about something funny?

The characters, though remarkable, are thoroughly believable. Mr. Heinlein makes you stretch your imagination so far that you are easily able to believe in life on Mars, or anything else he happens to make you susceptible to.

If you are one of those hardy souls who is always looking for something different, and you enjoy poking fun at the old, long-established customs and traditions, you should pick up this book right now and read it. I guarantee you won't be able to put it down!

### THIS WORLD OF OURS



The earth's natural resources are limited. Nature, itself, is constant proof of the wisdom of recycling. What will we throw away when we run out of trees, oil, iron, coal, and natural gas. That situation need not arise if we use our resources wisely - better yet, if we use and re-use them by imitating nature's recycling processes.

### Editor's Quote Book

In all our rejoicing let us neither express, nor cherish any harsh feeling toward any citizen who, by his vote, has differed with us.  
--Abraham Lincoln

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