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Do you realize that there are actually people in this school who want to read or study in a quiet library? When there is no supervisor in this room at noon, concentration becomes extremely difficult due to the din.

The people who seem to make much of the noise are the Library Assistants Club, a group of gabbling females, concentrated around the main desk, who are supposed to have a certain amount of responsibility in controlling the noise in the room. The Chess Club (which supposedly meets only on Thursdays) and about twenty spectators also creates a stir.

This school has over twenty other rooms (not to mention the gym) where these seemingly unmannered people and any others like them can have a gab session. The chess club can easily be transported to the room next door.

It was intended that this editorial would discuss the inadequacies of the library with regard to books, size, and so forth. This will have to wait--the library needs some of its inhabitants cleaned out first.

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On the Sports Scene -

We were robbed!!!! A minute of play somehow disappeared during the last quarter of the Senior Girls' game last Saturday night at Aldegrove. It's understandable that the Aldergrove students were a little anxious to try out their new clock, but let's hope that the same mistake doesn't happen too often - someone else might notice it.

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In spite of the pooped Pep Rally last Friday noon, there was lots of cheering (and jeering) at the games last Friday and Saturday nights. However, as someone has suggested, a pep rally before the game itself would have a little more effect.

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EDITORIALS (continued)

Here's some "Do's and Don't's for Spectators" taken from an Edmonton school paper. (This is only a partially serious attempt)

- Do attend games and cheer your team in victory and in defeat.
- Do applaud skilful play, whether on the part of your team or that of your opponents.
- Do maintain absolute quiet during a foul shot.
- Do support your cheer leaders so that your cheers are organized and may be heard by your team. This is the support they need.
- Do afford opposition cheer leaders the courtesy of a hearing.
- Do consider the gymnasium and its caretakers. Walk on rubber matting where provided, avoid crossing the floor, remove wet overshoes and place litter in trash bins. (at Aldegrove there were no trash bins)
- Do treat officials, coaches, and players with respect.
- Do, if yours is the host school, make visitors feel welcome, whether team members or spectators.
- Don't "boo" referees, or any player who makes a foul.
- Don't cheer when a foul is called against the opposition team, delay your cheer until your team members scores the penalty shot.
- Don't make objectionable remarks about the opposition players, coaches or spectators.
- Don't be objectionably noisy. Your neighbour wants to enjoy the game too.
- Don't smoke on school premises.

Did anybody laugh?

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Regarding New Columns -

Before Christmas, several students expressed a desire for extra columns to be added to the Rambler. Here's a quick sketch of what's to come:

An "Ask Abby" column (which I understand appeals mainly to Grade Tens) Will appear in the next issue.

A "Top Ten" will not appear because last year it proved rather unsuccessful. Lack of participation and the fact that the paper comes out every two weeks (so that a Top Ten would be out of date) are also contributing factors to not having one.

A "Swap Shop" department can begin any time. If you have something you want to swap, list it and your name on a piece of paper and deposit it in the Rambler box. For example: "Will exchange large sum of money for tape made of jokes on Haney-bound bus last Saturday night. Unsigned"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor, Ridge Rambler.

As students of Maple Ridge Senior Secondary School, we would like to know why the Student Council meetings are not conducted in a more open manner?

As it is, every meeting seems like a big secret, some of the executive not knowing what is going on, the representatives confused, and a result of this is that the reports which are given to the classes are confused and jumbled.

From speaking with other students we learned of several different methods that the voting regarding the social, junior prom, and swimming party was conducted.

Why is this? Why is everything mixed up within the Council? Every meeting seems to confuse the representatives ever more.

To help clarify the issue, we would like to suggest that a notice be read by the president or social convenor regarding the social, prom and swimming party, and another vote be taken. This way, the students' council would learn the interest and the desires of the student body.

CONFUSED STUDENTS

Dear Editor:

We would like this printed so that the Students' Council may be shown the opinion we students have of their meetings. We, the students of Maple Ridge Senior Secondary School would like to know exactly what is going on in our Students' Council. Evidently our representatives are so confused they do not know what they should report to their respective classes. We understand that long and unnecessary discussions are being held on trivial matters. When representatives have questioned the actions of executive members they have not been given answers. Since the Council is set up for the students they should be responsible to us. Let the students see for themselves the council of their choice in action. We feel steps should be taken, to better our Council, soon.

OTHER PEEVED AND CONFUSED
STUDENTS.

(Names are not signed because
there are many of them.)

A REPLY FROM THE EDITOR

Upon first reading these two letters, I was quite surprised to find that they were written in a rather confused manner and also contained much material which seems fictitious. Both of them have a Pastor Emberg-like attitude about them inasmuch as they personally criticize the reps and the council executive. Such criticism is in very bad taste indeed.

To deal with the letters separately: The first paragraph of the first letter contains the statement "in a more open manner" which is most confusing. This is followed up in a paragraph which seems to indicate that the author is an expert judge of the organizational procedures of Students' Council meetings (as well as a master psychologist) and who, somehow managing to observe a meeting in action, has given it "thumbs down" for its inefficiency.

As far as I know, the minutes of each meeting are available to students on request, so there is nothing "secret about

every meeting" in that respect.

The fact that "the reports given to the classes are confused and jumbled" can be attributed to the fact that the executive council members and reps are mostly very busy people (i.e. - students as well as reps), so there is bound to be some brief confusion occasionally which will be straightened out shortly. Overall, the Students' Council of this school is functioning in a quite competent manner at present.

The voting regarding the social and swimming party was to be put to the classes as a straight question. Those interested in attending either function were to indicate this by a show of hands, the results to be tallied and sent to the office on the afternoon absentee sheet. As a class rep, I have heard nothing about a "junior prom".

The student council learns the interest and the desires of the student body through the class reps. There is quite a difference if "desires of the student body" refers to what the students themselves want, or what the council has to offer to the students for their approval or rejection.

This first letter has a certain vagueness about it which makes it hard to comprehend.

The second letter, written in much the same manner, seems to imply that there was a group effort in putting them together. The two girls who wrote the letters are members of a Grade Eleven group which unfortunately thinks it has a certain amount of influence in this school. The second letter seems to say "I know something you don't", especially -when it refers to "the trivial discussions." This student apparently thinks that the reps should repeat to the class every item of business which took place at the meetings-- much of the business is not of immediate interest to students and some not of interest at all. The statement about the "no answers from the executive" rudely implies that the executives are a group of conspirators unwilling to divulge information about the council and themselves. This letter is a bit ludicrous in that it gives the impression that a great hoard of M.R.S.S.S. students has suddenly become irksome due to the fact that the first Students' Council meeting this year has not lived up to the students' expectations. I cannot believe that the majority of intelligent students of the school thinks along these hypocritical lines.

Instead, the letters are only a scatty attempt by this above-mentioned group to start some nasty rumours, a practice quite common with them.

Such letters written in this confused manner and signed in the paper without names, I believe, should be printed without ink. The authors of the letters have yet to learn that this school has many good points which deserve mentioning in spite of those points, which, in their opinion, are bad.

Michael Quigley

Students' Council Report - by Lynn Abra

The last full Students' Council Meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 1965.

ATHLETIC : On January 23, the Grad Game will be held between Graduates of former years and this year's Ramblers. A Sports Committee has been planned to take over the responsibility of trying to make our home games more successful. Two representatives from each division, one girl and one boy, will make up the members of this Committee with the Boys' Sports Rep, Bob King, and the Girls' Sports Rep, Randy Arber, heading it. It will be the duty of this committee to get volunteers to sell tickets at the door, to work in the canteen, and other minor jobs at the home games. Anyone interested in being a division representative for this committee can see any one of the Student Council Executives.

ACADEMIC : Two representatives from M.R.S.S.S. will be attending the 18th Annual High School Conference sponsored by the Alma Mater Society at U.B.C. on February 5 and 6.

SOCIAL : The social for January 30 that was to have replaced the Christmas Social has been cancelled because of lack of support. The next social will therefore be the Valentine's Social in February. The Swimming Party proposed for February will go off provided we can get the School Board's permission.

TREASURY : It was reported that \$2,221.04 was available to the Students' Association on January 1, 1965.

BOYS!!! START SAVING YOUR PENNIES FOR THE GRADE 12
GIRLS SLAVE AUCTION ON THURS. JAN. 21. (SLAVE DAY JAN. 22)
ONLY 30 BEAUTIFUL SLAVES!
THEY'LL GO FAST!
BE SURE TO GET ONE - BIDDING STARTS AT 25¢
LIMIT : TWO TO A CUSTOMER.

BOYS' SPORTS - BY RON POUND

Pre-Christmas Games

In the first game of the season, the Ramblers lost an exhibition game against Como Lake here at Ridge. However, Coach Andreasen commented that this game was just a warm-up.

On December 4 at Chilliwack, the Intermediates lost badly in their game, but the Ramblers played a very exciting game, losing 43-37. Ridge fans demonstrated their aggressiveness when the ref called a technical foul on one of the Ramblers near the end of the game.

Last Friday night, the Intermediate boys played a thrilling game against Garibaldi. Ridge came from behind to win the game. Ewen Cameron was the hero by sinking the winning points in the last minute of the game. The score was 27-25 for Ridge.

Ridge : B. Lehman 8, P. Trethfal 3, J. Charlton, K. Pulford 3,
E. Cameron 4, J. Lohnes, D. Stinson, R. Bertness 4,
M. Terris 4, K. Rothenburger, B. Norton.

Garibaldi : M. Knight 9, G. Lamb, D. Barker, G. Gale 3, F. Bols,
B. Ward 5, R. Tatham 4, R. Knight.

On the same night, the Ramblers wiped out the Garibaldi Seniors 71-28. Maple Ridge tied its record for the high score of 71. The Garibaldi team seemed in a fog when it came to scoring points, whereas Ridge scored consistently with comparative ease.

Ridge :- G. Sharpe 4, C. Hawkes 8, B. Vosburg 6, D. Harris 13,
M. Scheirer 2, B. King 9, G. Allen 12, W. Meek 6, B.
Brooks 9, W. Desjardins 2.

Garibaldi : D. Webster 12, P. Carlson 1, R. Jarvis 8, N. Peder-
son 3, B. Coleman, G. Ramsey 2, J. Ringrose 2.

The Intermediates, after the thrilling win on Friday, could not get their plays to work for them Saturday night as the Aldergrove team had the advantage of height. The Grove team seemed fairly consistent on the long shots. The score was 31-10 for Aldergrove.

Ridge : R. Bertness, E. Scherck, J. Lohnes, D. Stinson, E.
Cameron, K. Pulford 1, B. Lehman 9, B. Norton, J.
Charleton, B. Pentland, K. Strachan.

Aldergrove : B. Brown, J. Gardiner 2, L. Penzer, M. Gardiner 1,
G. Goin, D. Warren 4, B. Creasy, R. East 10, H.
East 8, K. Skidmore 2, L. Powell 3, L. Orwick.

Last Saturday night the Ramblers found difficulty playing the inferior Aldergrove team. Aldergrove combined a little football as well as basketball to rack up a bad total of 22 fouls. For example, one of the Aldergrove Seniors brutally attacked one of the Ramblers. This led to a near riot among Ridge fans. Most of the fouls came from inexperience on the part of Grove. The refereeing of the game was not all together perfect either - something should be done to improve the caliber of the referees. The score was 30-22 Ramblers.

Ridge : G. Sharpe 9, C. Hawkes 3, B. Vosburg 2, D. Harris 4,
M. Scheirer, W. Desjardins 3, B. King 1, G. Allen 4,
W. Meek 2, B. Brooks 2.

Aldergrove : J. Evans, E. Lange 1, B. Burgess 8, J. Smurthwaite,
R. Davidson 4, D. Dahl 2, C. Morven 2, G. Anglin,
D. Hooge, H. Moore 5, W. Sater

GIRLS' SPORTS - BY SUE GIBSON

Basketball season is now in full swing. The Seniors have played three games against Chilliwack, Garibaldi, and Aldergrove. The Chilliwack game was played before Christmas and the girls had only had two practices before because the volleyball season was late coming to an end.

The game against Garibaldi was played on January 8 and proved to be an exciting game. Ridge had both poor refs and rough players to contend with. A great many fouls were overlooked by the refs and there appeared to be no such rule as "three seconds in the key", or at least it wasn't called. The game ended up 22-17 for Garibaldi.

On January 9, Ridge played at Aldergrove. This game was even more exciting than the Garibaldi game, with Ridge closing by only one point, 13-12. The refs were good and the game was clean. (Ed. Note - This is questionable. See Page One "On the Sports Scene") The final score was 13-12 Aldergrove.

The Seniors will be playing at Mission on Jan. 15, and this should prove to be a good game, as Ridge has been very successful in the Mission gym. If you wish to go up on the bus, contact Mr. Andreessen.

Another upcoming game is the Grad game on Jan. 23. These games are usually very good with the grads trying to show the seniors how to play basketball, so be sure you get out to this game. Lots of laughs are guaranteed.

Basketball Game Schedule

- Jan. 15 - Maple Ridge vs. Mission at Mission
- Jan. 16 - exhibition game - Ramblers vs. Semiamhoo here
- Jan. 23 - Grad Game
- Jan. 22 - Maple Ridge vs. Langley here
- Jan. 29 - Maple Ridge vs. Chilliwack here
- Feb. 5 - Maple Ridge vs. Garibaldi at Garibaldi
- Feb. 12 - Maple Ridge vs. Aldergrove here
- Feb. 19 - Maple Ridge vs. Mission here
- Feb. 26 - Maple Ridge vs. Langley at Langley

Social Activities - by Donna McNab

The Students' Council is willing to purchase 10 records for our sock dances. Which ones would you like?? List your ten favorites on a slip of paper and drop it in the Rambler box outside the office. Records listed should be dancing records only, not necessarily the current hit songs. The top 10 records will be in the next Rambler.

There are several socials, a swimming party and skating party coming up, but no definite dates have been set for them yet.

POPULAR OPINION

What do you think of the joining of the Junior and Senior High Schools next year?

Linda Smith - Time will tell. Come back and see me after they've joined.

Sherry Soles - What's wrong with the way it is now? Actually it would cause a lot of confusion for new students and there would have to be longer period changes. Also, the halls would be more jammed (if that's possible!)

Heather Irvine - I think everything is fine the way it is.

Rod Laity - I don't think it would be a good idea. Things that would apply to people in the higher grades wouldn't have anything to do with the younger ones. It would be a mistake.

Don Moody - There wouldn't be much change. The only people coming over here would be those working in the shops (I hope) and on technical courses.

Linda Luko - Real neat idea.

Ellen Thompson - I like the idea but maybe when the schools join I'll change my mind.

Drusilla Wilson - They went to all the trouble to put Grade 10's back into Junior High and Grade 7's into Elementary, so why join Jr. and Sr. to undo the changes already made.

Ron McLean - I won't be here. (I hope!), so let them do what ever they want.

John Evens - What? Never!

Bob Brooks - Doesn't make any difference, as long as the juniors stay over there.

Colleen Morse - I think the union would end the "period of adjustment" when the kids come from the Junior to the Senior High. Besides, then we can visit all our "dear" little brothers and sisters in the Junior High. (Why can't we visit them now? - Ed.)

John Williamson - There's every reason in the world to join. I'd like to see some of those nice "little" Junior high girls walking up and down the halls with their tight little skirts.

Darlene Hardy - They should be separated because the grades have been separated for so long I don't think it will really work when they join.

Linda McGregor - Sharp?

Laura McDonald - I don't mind the schools joining.

Janet Smith - It would be O.K. except I'd hate to get stuck with one of those "extra large" lockers.

Al Thomas - It doesn't really matter to me.

POPULAR OPINION (continued)

Arlene Rhodes - I think it depends on the way it is done. It could get very mixed up.

Sherry Dyke - I don't like the idea of the Grade 8's tearing around.

Dilys Wilton - I don't like the idea because we'll have all those little Grade 8 and 9 kids over here.

Dave Fraser - ditto.

Howie Baker - ditto also. I can see those little devils over-running the place.

Dianne Burrell - ditto again. There's no reason to join them. We don't want all those little kids here and we don't want to go over there.

What do you think of the new Canadian flag?

Linda MacGregor - I think they should have blue bars instead of red at the ends to represent from sea to sea.

Kathy Booth - I think the public should have had a vote on it. The kids should have been allowed to vote also because we're the ones that have to live with it.

Sherry Dyke - I like it.

Linda Smith - I like it. It's nice to be independant.

John Evans - I do not like the new flag because I do not think that someone (namely the Liberals) should tell us the flag that we shall fly the rest of our life.

STUDENT PERSONALITY

Name : Sherry Soles

Grade : Eleven

Last School : Courtenay Senior Secondary

Future Plans : Work, then go to Europe.

Clubs : Bowling.

Pet Peeve : Gossipy girls and sarcasm.

Three Wishes : 1. Wish I had a better mark in S.S.

2. Wish a certain guy wouldn't make fun of me.

3. Wish everybody would be as friendly as the kids up here.

How would you improve school spirit? : More participation on part of spectators.

What do you look for in boys? : Personality, charm, pleasant looking, and lots of fun.

Interests Outside School : Horseback riding and a certain guy.

Fav. Food : Southern fried chicken with whipped potatoes and asparagus.

Most Embarrassing Moment : When a certain girl in my Co 34 class pulled my chair from under me.

When do you reach a boiling point? : When I have to listen to a spoiled, screaming kid.

Superstitions : Bad luck to have an umbrella up in the house, and never irritate teachers around recommendation time.

MOVIE REVIEWS

"My Fair Lady" recently underwent the transformation from stage to screen, and came out as a big goshawful movie that will make little girls say "ohhh", and little boys say "ugh".

The costliest musical ever made (\$17 million in all), "My Fair Lady" will probably go down as one of the best and most successful.

When Academy Award time rolls around, the movie will reap in a bundle of Oscars. Rex Harrison and Stanley Holloway will undoubtedly win as "best actor" and "best supporting actor" respectively. However, Audrey Hepburn may unfortunately lose out to Julie Andrews of "Mary Poppins".

As the movie has fairly well exhausted cinema critics of superlatives some of them have started the rumour that the movie is too good, and has somewhat outdone itself with its lavish sets and colourful costumes, polished acting and superior stereophonic musical score. (The original soundtrack is nicely preserved on the Columbia label KOL/KOS 8000.) This is true in part - the talents behind "My Fair Lady" sometimes approach their work a bit too delicately, as if afraid to risk too much in capturing the wit and style of a modern masterpiece. But in the essentials, it is all there, and once in a Hollywood moon the customers get full measure of the elegant escapism they are paying for.

- M.J.Q.

"Gilt-Edged Bond", from the London Sunday Times, Sept. 20, 1964.
Edited by Neil Arthur.

It is superbly engineered, it is fast, it is most entertainingly preposterous and it is exciting; Guy Hamilton, the director, has impeccably captured the right tone.

Bond, of course, is once more incarnated by Sean Connery, as insolently deadpan as ever. His loyalties are rooted in quicksilver: perceiving the approach of an assailant, reflected in the eye of his partner during a passionate kiss, he takes only a fractional instant to transform her into a battering ram.

His first pre-credits arrival is beautifully calculated: a sub-aquatic advance under a stuffed seagull which looks, as he surfaces, like a piece of Parisian millinery. From then on it takes a matter of seconds to concuss a guard, plant a time bomb, strip off his diving gear to reveal an immaculate white dinner suit underneath, negligently affix a carnation, and await the explosion in a nearby bar.

This sequence sets the speed - the best possible pace for daredevilry, thuggery, and the incessant lusting after long-legged blondes. There are some brilliantly edited car chases on mountainous bends when Bond's car brings all its fiendish gadgets into play: a kind of Ben Hur-inspired spike which shoots out from the wheel to rip an opponent's car to shreds; left and right wing machine guns, and a most felicitous invention - a passenger ejector seat.

There are also splendid performances: Goldfinger himself, and his Korean side-kick who expresses one fractional flash of irritation by scrunching a golf ball to fragments. There is also Honour Blackman playing Pussy Galore - "a woman of many parts" as she is described at one point. Miss Blackman plays well as the cool leader of a group of women dare-devil pilots. But one could have wished for a more bizarre wardrobe, a few hints of echt Fleming kinkery, and a consequent sterner resistance to Bond's fatal kiss.

Pulped bodies, electrocuted bodies, bodies hurled down cliff faces in blazing cars - there is violence a-plenty, but the fantasy world is so well created that it doesn't sear the mind.

Finally, on the level of high-class production alone, Bond deserves to prosper.

GOSSIP

- L.R. - Hear you like reading "True Confessions" on Sat. nights.
B.B. - How's it feel to light a stogie with a \$2 bill?
F.M. - "Hello, Dolly".
R.M. - Make it to school 5:30 Sunday morning?
B.P. (visiting) - Univ. of Oregon has some things this school hasn't.
R.J. - Confused still.
D.F. - Man, what a birthday party!
R.F. - What did you see in the bush that made you come apart?
M.F. - What were you doing in the Leon? Mrs. Who?
B.S. - Poor Georgie-Porgie!
G.H. - Look who's talking about truck drivers.
F.T. - Slow down!
T.A., R.A., S.B., & L.W. - Remember all those good ol' basement parties a few years ago? Fun, eh!
E.D. - Dig those crazy boats.
S.K. - "Smelling" is an occupation usually reserved for the filthier sort of dog, Fido.
A.D. - Fallen off any horses lately?
B.B. - Ever cute in a topless. Wow!!!
W.F. - Who were you eating chips with on Sat.?
R.R. - You didn't go to the games, eh?
M.H. - Given any blondes a ride to school lately?
G.M. - No wrinkles!! Laugh it up!
S.D. - I thought he wouldn't ask you out again?
J.M. - Still like the colours yellow and black? Roarrrr.
R.H. - What was so bad about "that" letter?
T.McN. - I really didn't think you were that serious.
S.H. & K.H. - Don't you two know any better?
D.M.B. - How's your "Petunia" coming along?
H.H. - Did you see a Christmas tree over the holidays?
S.M. - Better watch it.
A.T. - Did you get a paper clip for Christmas?
G.C. - Where were you and what did you do Sunday afternoon?
D.D. - How did you ever get a name like Alfred?
D.F. - Eight shots at a moose and not one hit?
R.M. - What did you do New Year's Eve? Are you worried?
W.B. - How's Eagle? Is she stupid or smart?
B.J. - Couldn't find the right bedroom, eh?
B.K. - If worse comes to worse, boom!
D.McC. & M.Q. - How was the trip home from Aldergrove on Sat.?
M.S. - What's the difference between a thief and a peeping tom?

THE GOSSIP DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE RAMBLER IS MONDAY,
JANUARY 25.

Don't forget:

The Grade 12 Girls' Slave Auction on January 21 and Slave Day
January 22.

The Grad Game on Saturday 23.

To vote for your ten favorite records. (See "Social Activities")

To read the two letters to the editor and the editor's reply.