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M.R.S.S.S. is a confusing place as far as criticism is concerned. What is criticized vehemently one week may subside the next, and perhaps even be worthy of some praise. An example of this is the situation in the Library. Aside from a few minor complaints of some students talking a bit too noisily, the library is quieter now than it was before. Most of the Library Assistants' Club has retired to the back room, and the recent "deportation" of the Chess Club promises a still quieter library. It is true that the Chess Club was not responsible for creating any kind of uproar, but I'm sure most students who seriously want to use the library want it as noiseless as possible, if not dead quiet. (as any library should be)

Another example of this wavering criticism is the problem of "school spirit". Most students agree that MRSSS's spirit is not too high compared with some schools, but better than others. After the tumultuous display of "school spirit" given by Chilliwack at the basketball game here two weeks ago, I was led to doubt that we had any school spirit, or if we did, we exhibited it in a rather refined way. But the situation subsided at the Garibaldi game, where MRSSS school spirit was predominant.

In any case, the various comments and letters that have appeared in the last two Ramblers have shown that good instructive-constructive criticism helps to make MRSSS a better place.

RAMBLER EDITORIALS (continued)

Here lies an impassioned appeal for material! Do you feel creative? Ever yearn to break the barrier of illiteracy and express yourself? Here is your chance! Anything: poetry, philosophy, nonsense, as long as it makes some kind of sense, and is passed by our censor. (What censor? - Ed.) Contributions need not be signed. (but you'll never get famous that way) Head them "Literary" and put them in the Rambler

box.

Your Friendly Lit. Editor,  
Neil Arthur

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"A DISSERTATION UPON REFUSE AND THE DISPOSAL THEREOF"

Editor,  
The Ridge Rambler.

It is only common courtesy that refuse be placed in the proper receptacles at all times. However, we have noted (with concern) that there is no waste disposal unit in the Conference Room. As this room is used for noon hour meetings as well as for studying (??), we feel that this area would be a strategic location for a "Trash can". There is often much trash to be found in this room.

The performance of the janitorial staff in this school is, without exception, worthy of nothing less than the highest praise and the fullest co-operation by the students. The absence of a receptacle in the Conference Room works a hardship on its occupants to fulfil their responsibility to give all possible assistance to the sanitation department.

We have attempted, upon innumerable occasions, to remedy this glaring oversight by "borrowing" a receptacle from those who are more fortunate. However, our good intentions were misconstrued, and we were thwarted at every attempt.

It is essential that this situation be rectified "sine mora" or we will be forced to revert to our recent criminal activities.

Yours, in the interest of a happier  
janitorial staff and a cleaner  
Conference Room,  
Affectionately,  
Concerned Senior Matrics.

STUDENTS' COUNCIL REPORT - by Lynn Abra

The last full Students' Council meeting was the Open Meeting held in the gym on Wednesday, January 27, 1965.

ATHLETICS : The remaining home games will be on Friday, February 12, and Saturday, February 20.  
The vote was unanimous on the motion to put aside \$1000.00 for football next year.

SOCIAL : This Saturday night, February 13, from 8:00-12:00 will be the Valentine Social. The Hi-Lites will be playing and the dress is semi-formal. Class reps. have the tickets; price is \$1.75 for couples and \$1.00 for singles. Anyone having to come after the doors close at 9:00 must have their tickets signed by Students' Council President Dave Harris.  
The Swimming Party will be on Monday, February 22 from 7:45-9:45 at Renfrew Pool in Vancouver. The bus leaves the depot at 6:45. Tickets are available from the Class Reps for 50¢.  
The Skating Party will be in March.  
The Spring Prom will be on April 16.

ACADEMIC : Randy Arber and Barry Henshall were the two chosen to attend the 18th Annual High School Conference at U.B.C. They will give their report at a coming assembly.

TREASURY : On January 31, 1965, \$1201.88 was available to the Students' Association. From this balance, money for awards and graduating still has to be taken.

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BOYS' SPORTS - by Ron Pound

Intermediate Boys

The Intermediate Boys played a good game against Chilliwack here Friday evening, January 29. High scorer for Ridge was Bernie Lehmann with 14 points. High scorer for Chilliwack was A. Merrit with 31 points, without which Chilliwack would not have done too well. The refereeing was quite good. Neither team had too many fouls, making it a very exciting game. Final score was 46-33 for Chilliwack.

Ridge : B. Lehmann 14, P. Threlfall 2, E. Cameron 5, M. Terris 2, B. Pentland 2, B. Nerton 2, J. Charlton 2, B. Salmon 4, D. Stinson, K. Rothenburger, J. Lohnes, E. Scherck.

Chilliwack : A. Merrit 31, V. Croher 2, W. Sawatzky 2, W. Driegger 8, V. Hooge 3, R. Bell, E. Froese.

## BOYS' SPORTS (continued)

Last Friday night the Intermediates played another exciting game at Garibaldi. The score was close for the first three quarters, but Garibaldi pulled ahead for a 40-32 win. High scorer for Ridge was Bernie Lehmann with 10, and for Garibaldi R. Knight with 11.

Ridge : B. Lehmann 10, P. Threlfall 6, E. Cameron 4, M. Terris 2, B. Pentland, B. Norton, J. Charlton, B. Salmon 8, J. Lohnes 2. (Total fouls - 12)

Garibaldi - N. Bols 8, N. Pedersen, B. Ward 1, Dave Barker 7, F. Gale, R. Knight 11, M. Knight 7, B. Tathan 6, D. Lamb. (total Fouls - 15)

### Ramblers

The Ramblers were given their worst defeat in league play by Chilliwack on Fri., Jan. 29. The Chilliwack team made our team look rather small. Chilliwack's center was 6'7", and the rest of the team was close behind. Greg Sharpe, star left forward of the Ramblers, played the game with an injured ankle. His effectiveness on rebounds was greatly missed. Final score was 65-47 for Chilliwack.

Ridge : G. Sharpe 6, C. Hawkes 6, G. Allen 10, B. Brooks 6, D. Harris 13, B. King, W. Meek 2, M. Scheirer 4, W. Desjardins, B. Vosburgh.

Chilliwack : G. Driedger 18, R. Giesbrecht 20, D. Neufeld 13, B. Neufeld 12, K. Fordham, A. Merrit, J. Maclachlan, D. Schaefer, J. Wallace, W. Driedgen, E. Froese, V. Hooge.

The Ramblers had an easy time defeating Garibaldi 69-17 last Friday night. Ridge got the ball away from Garibaldi many times to rack up points from an unguarded basket. High scorers for Ridge were Dave Harris with 18, and Wayne Desjardins with 13.

Ridge : D. Harris 18, C. Hawkes 11, B. Brooks 4, G. Allen 10, B. King 6, W. Meek, M. Scheirer 2, W. Desjardins 13, B. Vosburgh 5.

Garibaldi : D. Webster 9, J. Ringrose 2, N. Pedersen 2, P. Carlson 3, R. Jarvis, G. Ramsey, B. Coleman 1, B. Buxton

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## GIRLS' SPORTS - by Sue Gibson :

There have been quite a few girls' basketball games in the last few weeks.

The Juniors have played two games against the Junior High, defeating them 11-6 and 17-4.

## GIRLS' SPORTS (continued)

The Seniors have been much busier but not as successful (of course their competition is much stiffer) The Seniors played their second game against Chilliwack on January 29, and in the two meetings Chilliwack has come out on top. On Friday the score was 36-16. Ridge was dwarfed by the tall Chilliwack team and were not pulling in their share of rebounds.

Their next game was on Friday, February 5, up at Garibaldi. It was a close game up to the last quarter when Ridge weakened. Nevertheless, when you consider Ridge played the final minutes of this quarter with only four players, they did not do too badly. Four Ridge players and three Garibaldi players were fouled out. The final score was 31-24 for Garibaldi.

Ridge has only three more games to play for this season: Two home, against Aldergrove and Mission, and one away against Langley. Be sure to get out to these games, as there will be plenty of action!!

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES - by Donna McNab

At noon on Friday, February 6, the Roulettes (Howie Baker, Graham Bleasdale, Rick Brown, and Roy Fitchett) played for a sock dance. The music was very lively and good, and everyone enjoyed it as a change from the same old records.

Don't forget the Valentine Social on Saturday, February 13. Dress is semi-formal; time, from 8-12. Prices are \$1.75 for couples, \$1.00 for singles. Music will be supplied by the Hi-Lites. Advance tickets are available from class reps. now!

Coming events include the Swimming Party at Renfrew Pool on Monday, Feb. 22. The price is 50¢ (tickets available from the reps.), and the time from 7:45-9:45. The bus leaves the depot at 6:45.

An ice skating party is planned for March and the Spring Prom will be on April 16.

Don't forget: the Social on February 13!!

## STUDENT PERSONALITY

Name : John Humble  
Grade : Ten  
Former School : Queen Charlotte High, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.  
Clubs : Chess Club, Sports Council  
Comments : At MRSSS, I've found that there are more clubs and more freedom for the students than back on the Island. The subjects are also easier as compared with nine subjects and no electives there.  
Regarding school spirit, I think that sheets with the cheers on them should be given out at the games so the spectators would know what to say to help support their teams. Also, everybody should support our teams whether they win or not at the games.  
Three Wishes : 1. Money  
2. Health to enjoy the money  
3. More money  
Interests : Driving, swimming, camping, baseball.  
(For the girls: I have a big bank account.)  
Superstitions : None.  
Fav. Record : All Alone am I  
Fav. Movie : The Robe  
When do you reach a boiling point? : When I have to tell a kid several times to keep quiet, and he keeps on talking.  
Fav. T.V. Show : Red Skelton  
Fav. Subject : History (S.S.)  
Greatest Inner Fear : To be caught by the cops on the freeway at 80.

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### Fransay com je parle le.

(exclusive with the Rambler)

oiseau - goose cooked in water  
chaud - Cleopatra film  
pas de deux - father of twins  
au lait - what the Spaniard tells his hens when he wants more eggs.  
cafe au lait - as above, but instructions for coffee-flavored eggs.  
eau - expression of surprise  
donc - a small quadruped - known for obstinacy  
confiture - I cannot fit you, madam - useful for sales girls.  
juillet - Romeo's girl friend  
laisser - tie up your shoes  
maigrir - a thin detective  
malade - my son  
mari - a proposal  
mouche - a drunken hunter's vision  
le pain - a headache  
le pays - allowance  
le paysan - one who gives allowances  
mur - inhabitant of North Africa  
longtemps - Romeo's tall brother Thomas  
la soucoupe - teacher's pet

## POPULAR OPINION

What do you think of the school spirit situation at Ridge at the present?

1. Diana Greeno - It could be better. (It could be worse, too.)
2. Dave McLaren - School spirit in this school needs a lot of improvement.
3. Joanne Murgatroyd - It's okay, but it could be improved a lot more.
4. Valerie Ramsden - What school spirit???
5. Stella MacKenzie - Our school spirit cannot even be compared with that of other schools such as ABBY, but some schools have worse spirit.
6. Jim Funk - It's all right.
7. Bonnie Hubbard - This school has no school spirit compared to most high schools - but it's improving.
8. Doug Harper - I'd say school spirit is a lot better than what it was, thanks to this year's Council executive. There have been more things to do in which the whole school has had a chance to participate as a whole.
9. Lynda Saether - I think it's all right - It's better than last year anyway.
10. Donna Villiers - School spirit in this school is getting quite good, except it still has a long way to go.
11. Wendy Bailey - It's O.K. Last year I don't think there was any.

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### CHESS CLUB MOVED!!

Because of recent protests that the Chess Club was contributing to the humdrum in the Library, it was moved (some of the members commented that it had been "expelled" from the Library) to the Activity Room across the hall, where it meets except on Thursday. This room may soon be developed into a room which is more or less exclusively for Chess players.

It should be interesting to see if the noise level in the Library has been lowered any because of this move.

Record Review - by Neil Arthur

Richard Strauss: "Also Sprach Zarathustra"

Recorded on the Columbia label by the Philadelphia Orchestra, Eugene Ormandy conducting. Mono - ML-5947 Stereo - MS-6547

ATTENTION!! For those of you who have read this far (perhaps you mistook it for a supplementary page for the gossip?):

The practice of putting classical reviews in the Rambler is bound to be criticized for two reasons:

- a) the reviewer doesn't know what he is talking about.
- b) nobody wants to read about Strauss (who's he?) anyway.

In answer to (a): the article is not intended as a criticism, it is a review, a comment, and (b): If you are a unique person, and you think just a little, you might find listening to classical music gives you that little extra that is lacking with the Rolling Stones, for example. In any case, with apologies for the introduction, Here It Is!

Actually, as listening music, "Zarathustra" is frustrating, because of a strange mixture of mediocrity and brilliance. The opening is a gigantic masterpiece. A pipe organ lays down its lowest "C", holding for a long, long time, then a trumpet plays the main theme; three dramatically rising notes, climbing alone over the organ. This is followed by a stupendous brassy crash, then thundering kettle-drums with the organ under even them. The whole orchestra surges to a tremendous climax, and suddenly drops out, leaving just the organ - a shining C-major chord. This is creation, overwhelming and beautiful. What follows is a showpiece of sound - an orchestral masterpiece. There is a tendency to vulgarity, everything is overstated, however. Unlike Beethoven's 5th, where there are monstrously powerful underlying currents, the strength is diminished by its very insistence. Finally, there is a soft and mysterious ending which solves absolutely nothing. That's where you come in - Think!

About the music - Edited by Michael Quigley from a book of musical analyses

Richard Strauss, the notable recent (1864-1949) German composer (no relation to the Viennese Strauss family), wrote his gigantic musical work "Also Sprach Zarathustra" in seven months during the year 1896. The composer was only thirty-two, but had already astonished the musical world with his first four great tone poems. In "Also Sprach Zarathustra", he presented an enigma to the musical public by taking his inspiration from the work of a great philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), whose "Thus Spake Zarathustra" the author himself had described as "a book for all and for none."

Nietzsche's book is said to be "a summary of the intellectual life of the nineteenth century." It brings forth the doctrine that the mission of the human race is to create a "Superman". Strauss told the world when he was writing "Zarathustra" that it was not his intention to write "philosophical music". The whole symphonic poem, he declared, "is intended as my homage to the genius of Friedrich Nietzsche which found its greatest exemplification in his book "Thus Spake Zarathustra".

Strauss never achieved greater heights technically or spiritually in music than he did in this work, which is constructed of episodes that describe the growth of man as portrayed through Nietzsche's philosophy. Strauss conceived the work for a huge orchestra and divided it into 8 parts, each prefaced with a selection from Nietzsche. His thematic material develops from his first themes in such a marvellous manner that one is constantly hearing new ideas although they are in truth but developments of airs heard in the first section.

The ending of the work is most mysterious - the orchestra ends up playing softly in two different keys. Strauss never gave an answer to the question as to why he ended his work in this fashion, though most authorities believe he felt that Zarathustra in his search for the Superman had found that, after all his philosophy, that life was still as deep a mystery as when he had first begun his attempt to understand it.

LITERARY

"Fumes of Fancy" - by Eric Nicol

Statements that will be made the same day that Hell freezes over:

The losing coach: "I just want to say that I thought the refereeing was extremely fair. Our penalties were every bit as deserved as those of the winning team."

The movie queen: "A reconciliation is out of the question, because we are both too self-centered to stay married for any length of time."

General de Gaulle: "I honestly believe that there are several other countries in the world besides France."

The labor congress leader: "I like the idea of profit-sharing, even though it may mean that labor unions will become obsolete."

Canada's prime minister: "The trouble with Canada is that we're a chuck-roast country with T-bone tastes."

Ol' Casey Stengel: "I have nothing colorful to say on this occasion."

President of the WCTU: "Oh, I don't imagine a little nip now and then does any harm."

TV cigaret commercial announcer: "Here it is, friends, the answer to that compulsive need to smoke, completely habit-forming, and guaranteed by every medical association to improve your chances of dying of lung cancer."

Premier Khrushchev: "I believed in prolonging the Cold War because I got a kick out of seeing my name in the papers."

Girdle ad: "This garment is designed to hold in your fat stomach and shore up sagging tissue so that you can delude some poor male into thinking that you have a good figure."

The church leader: "I would say that Christian unity depends on all the other churches' admitting that they are the bunk."

The sexy starlet: "I don't care if I never become a serious actress. Who wants to play Lady Macbeth? My aim is to make a career out of my measurements."

Travel ad: "Come to Transylvania this summer. You won't find anybody in peasant costume. In fact, you won't find anybody, period, except 8 million other tourists milling around hot and tired. The natives hide in the hills till late autumn."

Pocketbook cover: "The picture on this cover of a nude woman draped on a hay stack has no connection whatever with the text inside, which is a study of wheat rust in southern Saskatchewan."

The coal miner rescued after three days of being buried alive: "No, it wasn't a miracle. I could just as easily have died down there. I got lucky, is all, and you won't catch me going down that hole again."

Time Magazine: "Frankly, we don't know."

My editor: "Funny piece you wrote yesterday, Nicol."

## GOSSIP

- M.K. - You laugh at me now, but just wait until I'm a big boy.  
R.A. - Get that chip off your shoulder. (pun!)  
M.E.H. - The things you tell the boys!!  
S.K. - How's M.H.?  
R.M. - Where were you the night you were supposed to be in the  
W.B. & C.B. - You make a cute couple. (boys) canteen?  
B.W. - What happened to P.S.? Is R.R. the new flame?  
B.V. - Did you say you were fighting with a 6 foot 6" cheer-  
leader at Port Moody?  
E.B. - Who did you meet in the hall after your little nap in  
study?  
A.P. - Barefoot basketball player.  
V.R. - Daydreaming in class again - Henrietta.  
S.McK. - Why did you go home to change that sweater?  
J.I. - Didn't know you were so agile - that new filter maybe?  
D.T. - Where did you catch that dandy cold? (eh?)  
D.R. - How are your new "eyes"?  
B.R. & M.E.S. - What have you two got going that we don't know  
about?  
J.O. - Leave "WELL ENOUGH" alone and give up on the BREAK-UP  
routine. It isn't getting you anywhere!  
J.W. - Our skirts are just as tight and even tighter than those  
!  
L.C. - Cameras just can't take your picture, can they?  
D.H. - Come on, now, give us a big smile.  
T.R. - Do you really believe you'll get even?  
D.N. - Did you get all your papers picked up?!!  
D.L. - Is it true that B.G. slapped your face for making **advances?**  
L.Mc. - Ping! Ping! Ping! Rickishay Rabbit.  
M.H. - Made any public apologies lately?  
L.B. - Received any public apologies lately?  
L.A. - So he stayed overnight, hey?  
D.K. - Didn't know you were so acrobatic in S.S.  
R.McL. - I'm sure glad you backed up instead of going forward  
Saturday night.  
B.K. - "Table for two, please".  
B.H. - Foot loose and fancy free.  
D.McN. - What time did you say you got home Friday night?  
K.L. - How was the landing down there?  
M.F. & L.W. - Did you have fun at the Abbotsford?  
D.K. & K.L. - You two should get together sometime. You'd make a  
wonderful comedy team.  
J.I. - Did you have a good time at Jimmy-Puffs??  
A.D. & B.H. - Here you are in Grade 13 and you're still writing on  
your erasers! Is it REALLY pure? (Pure what)  
G.B. & G.H. - Go a little rank at sock dances, why don't you?  
E.M. & S.S. - Let me tell you about the Birds and the Bees.  
D.H. - Isn't size 8½ (in nylons) rather small? (especially for  
boys)  
M.S. - There's a little somebody that's got a big crush on you.  
B.S. - Did you hurt S.S.'s feelings or her pride?  
D.V. - I hear you're in love with P.Z.  
R.R. - Why don't you like J.B.??  
M.B. - Why don't you quit leading G.S. on?

GOSSIP DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT RAMBLER IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.