

Many varied issues concern students

There are certain people who go against other people just because of the music you listen to or the people you look up to. The bands I listen to alot of the music seems to be drug enhanced or the lyrics seem to be about drug trips or the people who wrote it or perform it have a drug problem. But I understand that drugs are stupid to get involved with. Some people put you down just because you don't listen to the same music or wear the same clothes they do. You can hardly do something different without someone putting you down. Strangely, they often start the same thing.

For example a while ago a friend and I were the only ones in all of grade 8 who liked skateboarding. Everyone else said it was a wimpy sport. A few weeks later everyone seemed to be getting right into it and buying new and flashy skateboards.

I don't really know why this gets me angry but I really don't think people should put down another person just because of the clothes, music or another person likes and dislikes. I'm not saying people can't change their mind but think about other peoples opinion and feelings before you make a comment!

Matt Gove 83

We need freedom. We don't need to be cooped up in schools. We are here at our schools to learn not to be punished. I myself am at the middle school level and I feel in my school I'm being penalized. We shouldn't have to have hall passes to get a drink or go to the bathroom. We also shouldn't have to have notes to get off of school property. It's hard enough to get kids to want to go to school these days. But if you realize the way some of the rules are in schools you wouldn't blame

us. If these rules keep up no student is going to want to go to school at any age.

I'm not saying to change all the rules because I understand that most of them are necessary. For example, some students in my class don't think it's fair that you can ride your bike to school but you can't bring your skateboard. There should also be equal rights between teachers and the

students. For instance you get yelled at for chewing gum but five minutes after you spit it out you look at the teacher that yelled at you and he or she is chewing it. Now is that really fair? I think some people need to realize that kids are human too.

By Stacey Brown.

Dear Reader;

I would like to impress upon the growing racism in Halton. Ever

since the two new developments at the far end of Georgetown came to pass I have noticed racism has started brewing again. Although some people have managed to look under the skin and find incredibly decent people, others have not thought of that possibility.

For those people out there who have yelled racist slogans at someone, no matter how simple the

phrase they are racist people. Or if you're watching TV and see someone with different skin than you and immediately change the channel are quite racist as well.

If you are a person like this then I have absolutely no desire to meet you are any one like you and I don't believe anyone else would either!

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