

KETTERING PROTEST**Student Paper:
'We're Robots'**

The "Kettering Free Press," an unofficial publication by students at Fairmont West high school, made its bow on Friday the 13th. It says the school is making robots out of students.

The purpose of the mimeographed paper, according to its editors, is "to provide another perspective on what is happening both here at Fairmont and in the nation."

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Hardest knock for the administration came in a piece signed by Steve Miller entitled "Individualism," which says, in part:

"It is too bad that the administration of this and other schools across the nation are so primitive. Every effort on the part of students to express themselves is suppressed by the administration unless it complies with their ideas and feelings.

"**I BELIEVE** that it is high time the students have a voice of their own, a soapbox on which to stand. We can and will show these administrators that as students we have the right to have a say in what goes on in the school and the policies of it. It is time we stood instead of knelt.

"Such things as the length of hair, personal appearance, and other small, minor freedoms should and will be allowed. The administration has infringed on the students' rights long enough . . . This school has produced its stereotyped, little, automated robots long enough. It is time a few individual students were produced — students with the education to build a better world with minds of their own. Students that will live free."

ANOTHER article, by Scot Stringham, reads:

"The first day you enter Fairmont you are told to look up to and follow your upperclassmen as examples. Then you get a number, so the first day you are nothing but a number and you should follow your upperclassmen.

"I felt that Fairmont was to prepare you for adulthood, but if you speak what you think you are criticized and mocked.

My unit supervisor said he had made a special study of just me and he knows how I think and live. He told me how to live compared to what he did. To sum it up — from the time you enter to when you leave you are a robot and told how to live and think."

A PIECE under the heading of "Student Power" calls the schools system the "enemy" and adds, "But let girls try to wear short skirts or sandals, or let boys try to wear long hair, no socks or no belts and the administration that doesn't like this will clamp down . . ."

Principal Alfred Bolender said he had called in the boys who edit the paper and told them it couldn't be distributed on school property or during school hours.

He said he had "glanced over" the publication.

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