convinced we'd never learn without the A's and B's to keep us going.

But how long are we expected to continue this "habit"? The habit of playing the game itself.

Another part of the game is when students have to deal with the Administration, trying to help solve problems. Trying to point out wrongs so we will benefit in our high school preparation.

We are expected to let known our views through the Administrative "gift" of the Student Council, a council which is neither respected nor recognized.

We are encouraged to talk about school problems, to talk to the people who will listen.

We talked alright. A group of students went to Board meetings, which parents never seem to have time to attend. We told them of our problems. We spent many long hours researching to present our cases, cases ranging from teacher apathy to out-dated textbooks.

And what did we get for all our efforts? First the Board thanked us and said "they were glad to finally see some student input". Then the promise of "we'll get back to you". Then no answer for 8 months, and still no answer. All we recieved was the Administrative runaround we had been previously warned of.

The problem is we weren't prepared properly. WE WANTED a better education. We let ourselves be heard, but no one listened. So this year's Seniors had an even tougher task in high school, the task of doing much of their preparation themselves.

We realize that any kind of change is slow, we merely want to express that we, the students, the ones recipient of the education you pay for, see some shortcomings, and have tried to help to improve them, to help the classes of the future be able to truthfully say "WE ARE PREPARED".