

GRADUATION

Symbolic Manifestations

On Thursday, May 21st, the Graduation Committee decided to call an emergency meeting of the approximately 600 January, June and August 1970 graduates for Wednesday, May 28, at 5 P.M. in the cafeteria.

The faculty, at their last meeting, voted to support the students if they determine, by referendum, what type of graduation ceremony they would most like.

The emergency meeting was called because there is not sufficient time to mail out and wait for the return of referendoms. However, if a student is unable to attend the May 28 meeting, he can pick up a ballot in the Dean of Students Office or mail in a note stating his preference.

The issues to be discussed at the General Meeting will be whether students wish to have a traditional commencement, a semi-traditional commencement, a counter-commencement or no commencement. Each of these four positions will be clarified and elaborated upon at the General Meeting.

Also to be discussed is the suggestion by the Graduation Committee, which consists of approximately 17 members, that the money allotted by RCA for caps and gowns, printed invitations and a reception be given back to RCA. This would be done with the stipulation that this \$2,500 be donated to the Richmond College Peace Fund to further its cause if it meets with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Graduation Committee feels that this action would be a "symbolic manifestation" of the students' feelings about the war.

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