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# POLICY MAKERS ATTACK EDUCATION AT RICHMOND

BY PAUL NELSON

RT...While the exact body-count isn't in yet, it's already evident that the Muse of Education at Richmond had her throat cut this semester from a number of angles — mostly about six inches below our own noses. And the **corpus delicti** is hopping mad, from faculty votes of non-compliance with tenure quotas and calling Dean Odious on the carpet for his dictatorial role in the crime, to student promises to seize the fourth floor of the Main Building for classrooms, rather than be exiled to Outer Mongolia.

The main clues to the murder, so far, are as follows:

1. The "cut-off" point for class sizes — the number to which faculty can restrict enrollment, so that education may in fact occur — has been raised by Dean Odious from 35 to 50. This has raised the **average** class size from twelve to twenty-seven immediately (barely trailing grammar school averages), and in practice has raised many classes to the seventies. (When educational policy-makers, from the ruling-class Committee on Economic Development to our own phlebotomist Dean Odious, speak of getting away from the " '60's", this is part of what they mean.) This is especially charming, since few classes at Richmond can even hold the original limit of 35, and one of them—the Old Bookstore—has conveniently been closed off at this time for "renovations".

2. Graduate school enrollment—pursuant to official BHE policy—has been severely curtailed, particularly in admission of new M. S. Ed. students. The general idea is to either drop the programs (and students) totally, or force them over to the private colleges. While Richmond was more liberal in applying the new guidelines than some (Queens College for example, dropped 2,000 graduates already enrolled), the outlook for the future is bleak, not only for those affected directly, but for the college itself. Since these students are over one-third of the student body, take almost one-fourth of the credits given at the school, and have a disproportionate potential for

building support outside of CUNY against cutbacks (through their work in the schools, social agencies, and more stable position in the community), their elimination will accelerate loss of faculty jobs, "unproductive" programs (including the undergraduate education majors itself), and so on **ad mortuary**.

3. Combining the first two features, some forty overcrowded graduate and evening courses have been located at McKee High School. Since extra space, in the form of the now empty fourth floor, has been available since November for usable class space, continuation of this insane policy can only be designed to further disgust the students so af-

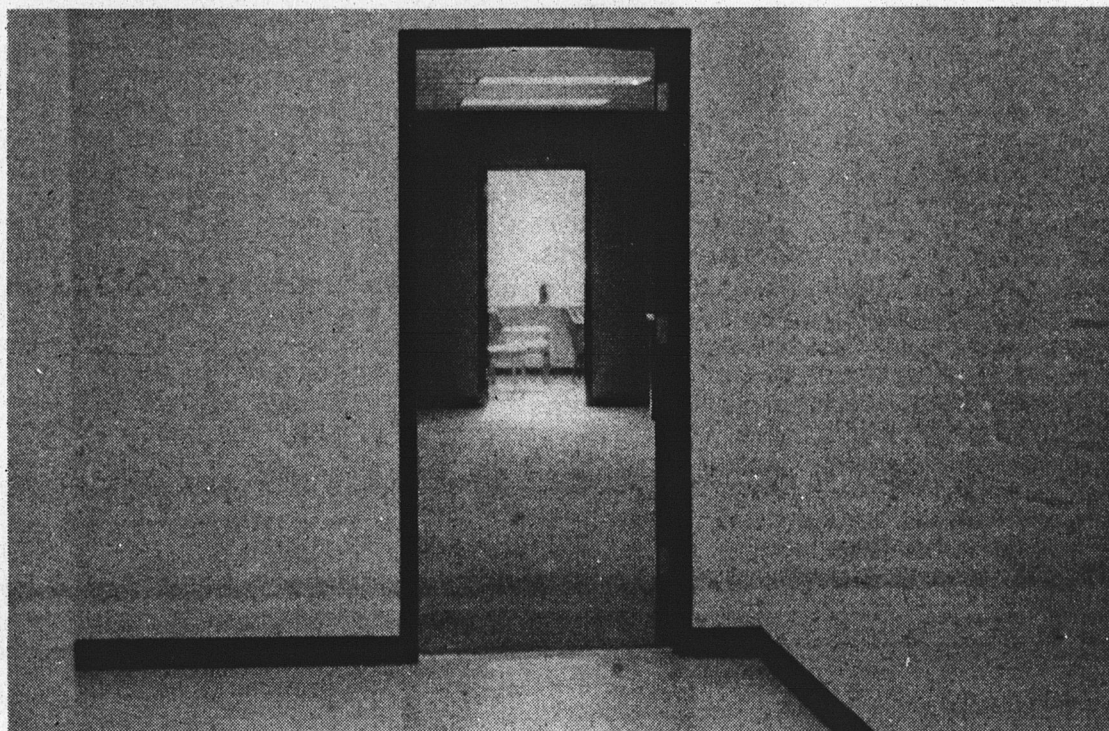
flicted, and demoralize the faculty thus sentenced. Particular cases reflect the general absurdity. Students in an American Revolution course are so overcrowded, that those who cannot squeeze into the doubled high-school desks (degrading itself in its throwback to infancy), must sit on window-ledges and floors, when not out in search of chalk and erasers. A physics course has no equipment for experiments. An Environmental Sciences (M. A.) class is scheduled for an hour **after** the building closes; not to mention courses which were given no classroom at all (yes, really!) The combination of exile and torture is expected to have obvious effects: driving in-

numerable students from the school permanently, many before the term is out, and making less gross forms of effecting the same policies seem delightful by comparison.

4. Other forms of the same pattern are harder to estimate, such as the number and significance of course cancelled for "underenrollment" (thirty-three as of two weeks ago, including most of the Latin-American Institute and one-third of the American Studies courses); the number of part-time faculty whose jobs have already been lost; the effect of allowing faculty only half-credit for team-teaching; or the latest attempt to blame "pass-fail" grading — i.e. unidentified incompetent students — for deteriorating education and job markets. (See next Times for more details on grading, etc. — or write your own stories!)

Nor should we be parochial in evaluating what's going on. With variations in method, severity and direction, the same is happening throughout CUNY, and in most colleges for that matter; and a major aspect of the throat-cutting, aside from cut-backs **per se**, is the **re-organization** of education, Richmond's place in a developing national "Master Plan" for education. Thus, the **city-wide** mandate to dump graduate programs in education reflects a national move to: 1) eliminate many graduate programs (e.g. liberal arts and social sciences) in **toto**, outside of the elite

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"While the News Ferry discusses the questions raised...it does miss one important area... the faculty contract itself."

The pace-setting vote of the SICC faculty, to strike on March 1 if BHE threats of "tenure quotas" are not withdrawn, has added new dimensions to the fight against CUNY-wide cutbacks. The **SICC News Ferry** (12-19-73), in giving thorough reportage and analysis of the issue, raised four major points of interest.

1) The vote itself, and publication thereof are illegal, (**let alone attempts to act on it**) in violation of the state's Taylor Law.

2) The sole precipitating issue of the strike (the only demand faculty seem to want for themselves), is an end to tenure **quotas**, which not only ignores a great many other issues now affecting faculty (class sizes, elimination of programs, cuts in enrollment, etc.), but even on its own terms — protection of faculty jobs and educational quality — is narrowed to fighting a particular method, and may lose in practice what it wins on paper.

3) The decision to actually strike is contingent on approval by the Professional Staff Congress (PSC) "leadership" and a majority of CUNY colleges, neither expected to

occur without much further pressure from the rank and file.

And 4) if the SICC faculty are forced to strike against quotas, they will not then return, they say, without guarantees on three student demands: guarantees for Open Admissions, no tuition (for undergrads), and **financial aid sufficient for the student to live**

faculty with other union experience as **not even a sellout**". Yet, though it was voted on in November, it appears that most faculty have not themselves waded through its fine print, or drawn the hairy conclusions it logically leads to. If anyone can clear up the history of this contract, and how and by whom it was ratified, we'd like to know. It was a big secret to students during the 15 months it was being framed. Thus the January PSC meeting was devoted to reading the contract in the first place; the following are some of its more charming features.

tralegal, and **en masse**.

2. **Academic freedom**. This has been of great recent interest in two areas: on the one hand, increased cuts in education, and the increased number of unemployed faculty, allow perfection of the traditional purging of "left-wing" faculty and the ideas they put forward, which is indeed going on apace, particularly among minority and women teachers. Awareness of this has already affected Richmond in sundry ways. This is accompanied, on the other hand, by full-scale defense of the "academic freedom" to teach, publish, televise and

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legitimize the cutbacks and selective firings, and opposition to the theories has become a major grounds for such firings.

The PSC contract in this regard is chilling. The Preamble guarantees without qualification the "freedom" to do research and publish — freedoms "academic" in that neither funds for research nor the pages of journals are open on demand — but warns the teacher in the classroom against introducing "controversial matter which has no relation to his subject"! Further, a fired teacher may not contest any academic judgment involved in the firing, (20.5), although two-thirds of the standards for evaluation fall into that category. E.g., the radical anthropology professor that U. Conn. is now trying to fire, on grounds of "insufficient publication" — although he has published his Ph.D. thesis and four articles within the

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## FACULTY POWER ERODED IN NEW PSC CONTRACT

BY PAUL NELSON

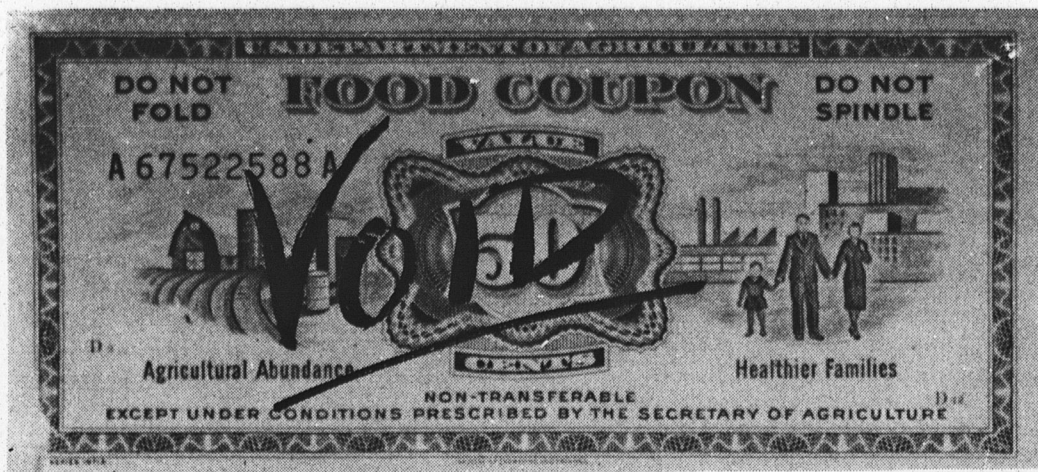
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While the **News Ferry** discusses the questions raised by these points in detail — especially the strange bid for student support — it does miss one important area — **the faculty contract itself**. "Legally" binding on the faculty until September, 1975 (Section 33.1), and legally replacing "all prior Agreements and understandings" (2.2), from governance rules to the experimental nature of Richmond to the existence of CUNY, its twelve pages have been described by some younger

1. **You can't take it to court**. As a collectively ratified document, the contract legally binds faculty where lack of such a contract might not. E.g., teachers who opted to teach at Richmond for its experimental leanings, because they preferred teaching to research, and so on, even if that were originally a formal basis for their coming here, may now be denied tenure for lack of research, prevented from experimenting, and equally so on. "Breach of promise" hasn't a leg to stand on in a courtroom; the fight against such changes will have to be ex-

shout from the roof-tops the notion that, **scientifically**, Blacks and other minorities (or the "lower" or working class, depending on who's proving it) are genetically, culturally or psychoelectrically inferior of mind and - or body, and should thus be sterilized, locked up, booted out of school, de-minimum-waged and-or a number of other theories and solutions put forward by these geniuses, with ample government and "foundation" funding, and promises of more to come. These two aspects of "academic freedom" are related, in that the "theories"





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It seems like nothing is a bargain nowadays. Rents are impossibly high, food prices exorbitant and going up each day. Yet you can cut down substantially on your food bills by applying for and receiving Food Stamps. Food Stamps is a program set up by the Federal Government, (that's right folks), to help people on a limited income meet the cost of living in this very prosperous country. It's not a handout, but a helping hand. You can get food stamps very easily if you know some of the facts beforehand and if you are willing to stretch the truth a little to help yourself.

If you are a single person, living alone, you are entitled to \$21 dollars worth of F.S. every two weeks. This works out to about a dollar a day, with inflation, and they expect you to eat three meals a day on this allotment!! Now your income as a single cannot exceed 185 dollars a month. So here is a sample budget which would get you on the program, and keep your payment to the minimum.

RENT .....	\$120 or \$130
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TOTAL EXPENSE .....	\$135 or \$155 a month.

**Actually the higher budget is better. Just give yourself an extra \$25 or so, so if your expenses are \$160 total, and income \$185, then you have a \$25 difference to take care of personal needs.**

Now if you have higher utility payments each month adjust your budget. Food Stamp counselors are very suspicious if your income and your expenses work out to be exactly the same or very close. They insist that you cannot possibly live on such a tight budget, and that you must be receiving outside supplementary income. They will say that you don't have enough to even purchase your stamps. Even if your budget is very tight and you just manage to pay your rent and bills each month, you will have to change your rent receipt, lower it a bit. The program used to count in travel expenses and book costs if you were a student. Now they've changed and gotten much cheaper, and say you should walk to school!!!, and get your text books from the library!!!.

If you have a bank account you must bring your bank book with you. You are allowed to have up to \$1500 in it. If you don't feel like divulging this information or if your money's tied up in Switzerland, then just say you don't have an account, they never check. If you own stocks or bonds you must bring in the serial number of the bonds and bring in the stocks. You are allowed to own a car and if you are paying off a new car bring in your payment receipts. If you have any outstanding medical or dental bills which you're paying off every month, then bring your monthly payment receipts. In general though, the less possessions you have the better. You really just need to bring in your rent receipts pay stubs, gas bills, electric bills and telephone, plus any medical bills you're paying off. If your landlord doesn't give you rent receipts, or if you want to alter your rent payments you can buy receipt books at Woolworth's.

For a family of two, maximum income a month is \$260, and you would receive \$39 worth of stamps every two weeks.

A family of three income limit is \$373 a month and \$56 worth of stamps.

A family of four income limit is \$437 a month and they would receive \$71 worth of stamps.

You must have a job in order to receive food stamps and bring in recent pay stubs. Your last two stubs are good. If you are on Financial Aid you must get a form filled out in the F.A. office stating how much you were awarded for the year. Bring in your last two most recent work study pay stubs. If you are receiving a grant or a NDSL loan it will be included in your monthly income. For example, if your loan is \$1000 then they figure that over a ten month period that your income is increased by \$10 each month. Even if you haven't spent the loan as long as it's listed in your package it's included. So if you can get them, (F.A.) to somehow not put down your loan or grant award your income will be less and you will be considered poorer and get cheaper stamp payments. It's rather a vicious and shady cycle.

There are two Food Stamp offices on Staten Island. The day office is located at 1212 Bay Street in Rosebank. You can get there by taking the No. 2 bus. It's open from 9-5 Mon. to Fri. but they say you must get there before four to get processed. Their phone number is 442-8849. Now there's another office at 95 Central Ave., that's open Mon. to Fri. from 6 to 8:30 P.M. The phone number is 390-6805. This office seems to be better, it's just two blocks from school and much less crowded. Two men, Mr. Sanders and Petersen work as F.S. counselors. Some people think that Sanders is more understanding and will give you a break. I've had both, and they're about equal. Petersen is much younger and will usually take a more personal interest in a woman. He seems to be there more often than Sanders. They both know that people make up information and rent receipts, yet as long as you can prove your claims with receipts, letters and bills, they're satisfied, and they can process your application. Remember, just stick to your story and document it.

Now give yourself a break today and get something for almost nothing.

## Faculty Power

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past year — could not file a grievance on those grounds in CUNY, but must himself make it a political issue. Finally, infringing on every kind of freedom, faculty are obliged (15.5) "to comply with the Board's rules and regulations" concerning other other activities in or outside of school, with or without pay! In short, taking into account the rest of the contract and the situation of education at present — not to mention that faculty do not have the freedom to strike to enforce their rights — "academic freedom" is still freedom for those who run the schools, and academic for the rest of us. Not incidentally, the same Article which blandly forbids "discrimination" against faculty (8.1), just as untruthfully binds the union to represent the rest of the contract obviously does not do for the younger faculty most likely affected by such purges.

**3. Tenure — it doesn't exist!** Surprising, in light of all the talk of tenure "quotas, but true (Cf. CED recommendations on abolishing tenure.) Putting aside the general question of "tenure" as a form of job security — now referred to as "certificates of continuous employment" — the contract (Article 12) makes even this "subject to continued satisfactory performance, stability in academic program, sufficiency of registration and

financial ability", and applies only to the college one is at, not CUNY as a whole. Given the real situation in CUNY, the campaign around "quotas" becomes not only irrelevant in itself, but basically reactionary, — not too surprising, since the "fight" is being led by the sellouts who created this contract. The fine print, on methods of rehiring and filing grievances in particular cases, reinforces this opinion. For instance: decisions not to rehire require no reasons to be given, forcing the teacher to stick his-her neck out by appealing against a vacuum; if the President is personally responsible for the firing, he may be required to give his reasons in writing, but need never thereafter explain or justify them (9.9); deadlines for notification of firing are meaningless, in that even an invalid cause for firing, if given by the deadline, meets the time requirement if a "valid" reason can be found later on (10.3); Graduate Fellows cannot file grievances at all (11.2a); (they are judged by non-grivable "academic" judgments) faculty are themselves responsible for assuring that they are observed (18.2d); the contract sanctions a secret "separate administration file" on each teacher, "only" (!) containing everything relevant to his-her past, present and future

employment (19.3); any dispute the administration elects to settle "informally" cannot be a precedent for similar cases (20.3); the grievant is required to pay half the costs of the grievances, arbitration, etc., even when the administration is found in the wrong (20.6); the grievance procedure is very lengthy; faculty grievances on grounds of discrimination are not allowed, if the case is also being brought to court (20.7); faculty charged under "Disciplinary Actions", including charges (by the President) of "inefficient service" (!) may be presumed (by the President) guilty until proven anything and suspended at once (21.8); and the committee trying the case "shall not be bound by the rules of evidence" (21.5); and so on, in this amazing tribute to "nolo contendere".

The various procedures for firings and hearing grievances, further, are heavily weighted with tenured faculty. This bias — which cannot be justified on grounds of academic expertise, since the committees are not allowed to rule on academic judgments — naturally favors the BHE in most ways; and the bias runs throughout the contract. The only area not subject to "budgetary considerations" are the creation of a certain number and proportion of the loftier academic titles (22); whereas, for example, staff hired since 9-73 don't get any raise at all for the duration of the contract. The idea here, to split the

faculty, is standard in sellout unions, and — may in fact be measured by the presently low number of new and part-time faculty in the union, though they are most in need of one, and probably most capable of mobilizing student and community support when needed. This division was reinforced at Richmond in December, when the full-time faculty voted down a proposal to give minimal representation to part-timers in the Assembly, where even mere students are allowed. The Assembly, for those wondering what the fuss is about, has no authority whatever; neither do its various committee, including the Personnel and Budget

Committee—classic cases of form over content, or of "student power" in its most "mature" form.) This is not to say that tenured or older faculty are per se more reactionary, but that they are more prone to that "detached objectivity" — something IQ tests do measure — which allows one to cut one's own throat in full public view without realizing it.

**4. Working conditions and sundries.** Whereas the salary questions are too complicated to evaluate (except for the wage-frozen new-comers already mentioned), the heavy gains made in working conditions — the heart of your

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normal union contract — are simple. As a minor point, with the exception of summer vacations (exactly defined in 14.1), teachers shall be "available for assignment to professional activities" (15.1), without defined limits of any sort. **Better yet, teachers are guaranteed that their teaching assignments themselves**, in terms of class size, number and scheduling of classes, and so on — not to think of the related "obligations" of research, community work and committee assignments — **will not be "excessive" or "unreasonable"** (15.1)!!! This is probably the most classical clause in the whole contract, one which will set a precedent for bosses everywhere, if it can be acted on. Indeed, classes at Richmond have already been more than doubled "unexcessively", in average size; courses are "reasonably" (if "illegally", due to the fire laws) located at McKee H. S., while space in the college goes unused; and so forth — all sanctioned by the contract, whose framers on the union side can not be accused of "excessive reasoning", except in the art of selling their fellow faculty o-u-t.

Copies of the contract are available (naturally) through Dean Odian's office. By stretching the imagination, faculty and students in virtually every class in the school could discuss it in their course, vis-a-vis what is happening to the school itself, without running afoul of that "controversial matter which has no relation" clause. It is obviously relevant to any course in Psychology, Economics, English and Languages, and the Fine Arts, and even the Pure and Applied Sciences can find a way.

More to the point, the contract is relevant to whether there will be any faculty, students or courses for them to meet in, if the "controversy" is not raised to the level of scrapping the contract itself, let alone discussing it. The SICC strike vote — and the Richmond PSC support (as of 2-15) for efforts to force the opening of the fourth floor to classes now languishing at McKee, if we have to move the chairs and blackboards ourselves — are opening steps in this process. The suggestion at the last Assembly meeting for an all-day "institute" to discuss class sizes and related issues is a good idea, and could lead to sharper action by faculty and students, if prepared for with that in mind.

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# STEAL THIS COLUMN

by Garry Tanner

In order to better serve the Richmond College community the Richmond Times is initiating this column. It will contain basic survival information like tenants rights, changes in food stamp laws, basic legal advice, medical referrals and so on. It will research topics which Times readers have shown interest in by submitting a question.

Submit a question by one of three methods. Slip your question into the pouch that is placed on the Times door Room

539. Give it to a staff member. Just tell them. It doesn't need to be in writing. Mail your question to: Richmond Times care of Richmond College, Room 539, 130 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island N. Y. 10301.

Equally important is this: If you can help answer any of the questions or solve the problems please contribute that information in the same manner.

The legitimate attitude that many people have that all these liberal agencies set up to help you deal with your problems aren't, in fact, worth anything will be reflected in the column. It will be done by us for us. It will try to serve our needs if necessary, at the expense of stretching the letter of the law. This instead of flaunting the law defiantly as Abbie Hoffman was wont to do in spreading his wealth of information. Although, we may, very well, draw upon Abbie's fund of knowledge which is known to be superior in the field.

Already there have been questions submitted to the Times and one of them was concerning rent. "What about rent control?" The answer to

this question appeared in **Tenant** the newspaper of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, a coalition of tenants groups around the city.

"Maximum Base Rent (MBR) gave rent-controlled apartments 7½ per cent annual increases since 1971. (By now, most tenants are paying more than 15 per cent increases in two years.) Vacancy Decontrol however lifts controls (meaning "the sky is the limit") entirely off all controlled and rent-stabilized apartments vacated after July 31, 1971."

And experience has shown that in many instances where tenants are "lucky" enough to still have a rent controlled apartment landlords encourage them to move by not making repairs and harassing them.

"1974 is an election year from state to local levels." It states. "Therefore, Repeal of Vacancy Decontrol has good chances of passing."

This is the optimistic hope of **Tenant** but with the even greater pressures caused by the deterioration of the economy it is going to be hard to realize.

## Live Food Anyone?

by Arthur Ratner

The first try at writing this article contained too much opinion and we all have enough shit to swallow without someone pumping more down our throats. The area I'm referring to is that of human nutrition and the American diet.

You have all probably heard one story or another about what food is healthy and maybe you are so pissed off with all the amateur nutritionists around that you just don't know what to believe. So I'll keep my whole theory to myself and tell you about growing sprouts (the kind found in Chinese cooking) and indoor greens which can be a helpful supplement to the other kinds of more expensive food you may be used to. You may grow sprouts and greens in your kitchen and provide an economical source of protein, natural vitamins (especially B-complex), and nutrients. Before seeds, beans or grains are sprouted they contain a high starch content and are hard to digest. The natural process of sprouting turns this starch into energy in the form of vitamins and amino acids in a period of 3 to 7 days.

You can grow your own organic garden wherever you are, in any room, in your backpack, in your jacket pocket or in your car. The following seeds, whole grains, dried beans and peas (untreated) can be sprouted successfully: seeds - alfalfas, unhulled sesame, unhulled sunflower, radishes, mustard, red clover, fenugreek. Whole grains - wheat, rye, oats, corn, barley. Whole dried beans and peas - soybeans, lentils, green peas, lima beans, mung beans, chick peas, marrow beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, cranberry beans and fava beans.

The basic method of sprouting is the same for all sprouts except for the amount of sprouting time required.

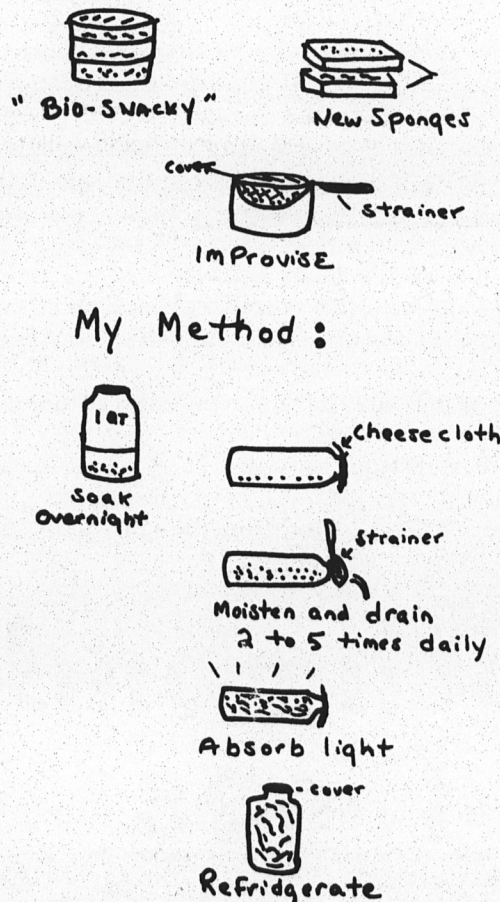
1. Select clean, whole seeds, grains or beans. If possible, remove any debris and broken seeds.
2. Soak a small quantity at a time - remember that ¼ cup dried seeds, grains or beans will swell to ½ cup after soaking and to 2 cups after sprouting. Soak overnight.
3. Next morning, drain off water (this is healthy to drink or use in soup.)
4. Put seeds in sprouting container (see diagram.)
5. Keep sprouts moist, warm and dark for 2 to 4 days. A kitchen cupboard usually assures even warm heat.
6. The sprouts will absorb additional Vitamin C and healing chlorophyll if they are placed in light (preferably sunlight or a "grow" light) for the final day or two of their growth.
7. Refrigerate in a closed container as with any fresh food. They will stay fresh for at least 3 days.

By experiment and experience you will determine which sprouts are your favorites. It will take practice to do them right but the following are my favorites and are ready when:

the wheat sprout is the length of the seed; the mung bean sprout is 1" to 3" long; the alfalfa sprout, my favorite, is 1" to 2" long; the lentil sprout is ¾" to 1" long; the soybean or pea sprout is 2 inches long.

Use sprouts as soon as they are ready, if possible. They are best served raw. To preserve their crispness and nutritive value add them to any hot dish (vegetarian or otherwise) immediately before serving. Use both the bean and sprout. The skins of mung beans may also be eaten. Try them in salads, as a side dish, garnish in soups, stews and casseroles.

## Sprouting Containers



If you wish to know more about live foods and transition diets, here's my suggested reading list:

Love Your Body  
by Viktoras Kulvinskis, M.S.  
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Published by Hippocrates Health Institute  
Boston

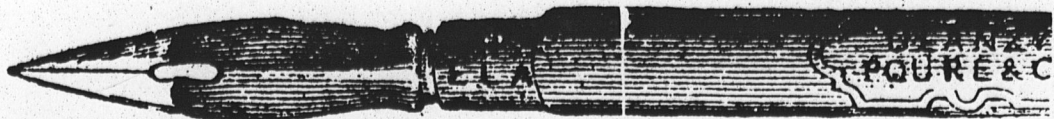
Live Foods  
by George & Doris Fatham  
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Tucson, Arizona 85705  
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You may find a nice selection of sproutable organic seed, beans and grains at the Shanti Food Conspiracy at 104 Westervelt Ave., Staten Island.





# LETTERS

## EDITORIAL

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In the spring of 1973 Richmond College President Herbert Schueler resigned under some heavy fire from the Board of Higher Education. Mr. Schueler had been with city university for thirty two years. And as is the case with "Lifers", after an unsatisfactory performance they're kicked upstairs.

This is a practice peculiar to Bureaucracies such as C.U.N.Y. and perhaps points a moral to the state of affairs we experience in 1974. But what hits much closer to home is that Herbert Schueler maintains his residence at the expense of Richmond College. To those not versed in (Bureaucratic jargon) it may come as a surprise that while we're stuffed into classes like cattle Herbert Schueler has a house, maid service and salary that comes from the Richmond College Budget. When space is at a premium, and cutbacks make open admissions a farce, a mansion and grounds is maintained for a man that was politely fired. The mansion on 56 Howard Ave. would make an excellent neutral zone for some of the many warring factions at Richmond. But no seniority is seniority, we must face the realities of a working class education. It's better to slug differences out between gongs in the library conference room than have the facilities at hand for relaxed rational discussion.

It makes for analogies between C.U.N.Y. cutbacks and the gas shortages; may be even watergate. One thing about C.U.N.Y. education though - you sure learn your place.

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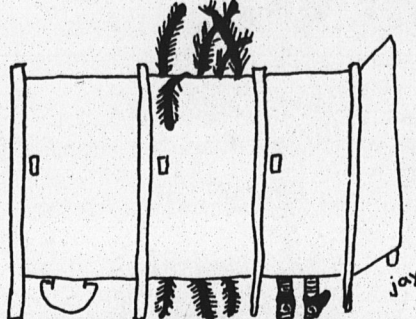
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Who says fish don't feel pain like we do? Last Saturday I was having a tuna-roll and fries at the frank stand, and when I bit into the sandwich, it screamed bloody murder! (Actually, that part was a bit of a fib. My littlest had his finger in the roll to try sneaking out the pimientos, so the joke was on him anyway.)

But they sure can swim.

Florence Nesbitt  
Montreal, Canada



An angry letter to the Editor:

You know in the last issue there was this letter, and this person was defending Siamese cats!!! You know that's really messed up. What about dogs??? They're the ones who are really oppressed, let me tell you. How about our everyday offensive expressions like "Oh, it's a dog's life," and "they call it puppy love," "Oh, my aching dogs," (a common put-down used by waitresses), "his bark is worse than his bite," and last but certainly not least, "He stood with his tail between his legs."????!! Now come on, I demand equal time. Let's hear it for pooch power. Free the Pekingese 14! Let's sit up and be counted, let's roll over and be strong.

Sign me,  
One Angry Airedale



EX-PRESIDENT'S SCHUELER'S HOUSE

(A Reply to "Congressman Murphy — 'On Impeachment'" — Last Issue of R.T.)

The Attica Brigade — On Throwing the Bum Out

One thing that's certain about Nixon and the whole mess the ruling class of this country is in, is that people are MAD! "I hate Nixon!" and "He's got nerve showing his face!" was the general response of people at Richmond College when I leafleted about a demonstration against the bum.

Another thing we can be sure of is that every opportunist is going to try to use our outrage to benefit their trip. The guru types are gonna tell us that it's our karma and if we just chant or meditate or put our heads up our ass we'll all feel just fine and our problems will be nothing compared to the "great cosmos". (One group is actually going around trying to get signatures to "love and forgive as an answer to Watergate"). People know they are oppressed. They feel it concretely in their daily lives. What we need to do is not negate our problems but organize and fight back.

The liberal politicians are just as bad if not worse. They say "rely on me, I'm honest, I'll work for your interest because it's not the way the system is set up. Sure, it all looks o.k. We even get to vote for the "candidate of our choice". But it's all just a facade. The power in terms of money, the media,

the schools, the police, etc., lies within one class of people — the Ruling Class. They are the monopoly — capitalists who control everything in this country and make their money off the backs of the working people. It's the Rockefellers, the Fords and the Hearsts that pull the strings. If it will cool people out to off Nixon, they'll do that. It would definitely be in their interests to see some other lackey of the ruling class to emerge as the white knight and savior of the American Cause. It is this system — monopoly, capitalism, or imperialism — that they have to protect; all politicians, no matter how liberal or righteous they sound, are tied to this system. It is this sytem they work in and it is their job to uphold it.

Congressman Murphy reads the definitions of "High Crimes and Misdemeanors" from an A. C. L. U. pamphlet to see whether Nixon's crimes are "impeachable." The case against him has been building for years — not in the courts but in the day-to-day lives of the American people. We don't need an "articulate young lawyer" to explain to us what to do. We know from the condition we have to live under that Nixon is guilty. His entire economic program has been one long attack on working people. Phases 1, 2, 3 & 4 were all designed in the interests of big business and put the burden of a shaky economy on the backs of workers.



From the "Stop and Frisk" and "No Knock" laws to the use of undercover agents and spies, Nixon's plan was to set the whole state machinery against Black people and all those in the fight against national discrimination and oppression. Law and Order was the excuse for all the attacks on the Black Panther Party. It was also the cause for attacking anti-war demonstrators, for murders at Jackson and Kent State, and for all the phoney conspiracy trials.

Nixon is the one. He is the murderer of thousands of people killed to keep Indochina open for U. S. investments. When ITT handed Nixon some money to get elected they knew it would make the CIA-backed coup in Chile easier for them to keep sucking profits from the Chilean people's labor.

What should we do with this criminal? Who should we rely on?

We say Nixon's gotta go! Whatever form it takes, impeachment, his resignation, or he strangles himself in his own tapes — it doesn't matter. What does matter is that the American people see who their real enemies are and fight like Hell against them. When we rely on ourselves and the strength of our unity this is a real blow to the ruling class. Now in this confusion is a good time to win victories. Getting rid of Nixon will be a good thing for us. Organizing together and learning to fight harder will teach people how to win victories. It will serve notice to the imperialists that we are fed up and ready and willing to fight. We're through being double-talked, side tracked and having our anger and energies co-opted into a thousand dead end streets. Now is the time to attack. Now is the time to THROW THE BUM OUT!

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT

Flash: N.Y.C. Demonstration against the Bum!

March 2nd! Look for more information from the "throw the bum out" Committee forming at Richmond College.





## Gas Pains

by Ellen Rothberg

On Friday, February 15, at 3:30 P.M., Earnest Slaughter was arrested at the Sunoco station on Bay Street in Stapleton. After waiting on line for gas, the attendant told him that he could not serve him because he did not have odd-numbered license plates. Slaughter became angry, left his car standing there, and walked over to a telephone booth. While he was making a call, two policemen drove up and asked the attendant what was happening. While Slaughter was in the phone booth, Officers Cameron and Mason walked over, yanked him out violently, threw him down in the snow, and handcuffed him. They stomped on him twice after throwing him down and he screamed in pain. Then they took him off to the 120th Precinct.

At the precinct, Slaughter was processed (fingerprinted and given a criminal record) and sent home with a summons to appear in court. Though the desk sergeant gave the names of the arresting officers over the phone, the police later refused to disclose either the reason Slaughter was arrested or the date when he is to appear in criminal court.

As the Richmond Times goes to press, we are still trying to find out when and on what charges Slaughter is being brought into court. When his hearing comes up, there will be one witness to the real criminal action that took place — the needless brutality inflicted by police on Earnest Slaughter, a black man with a gold Cadillac, even-numbered license plates and no way to fight for himself.



## AMERICA — THE LAND OF STATUS INTEREST

Professor Kramer's article in the Richmond Times of February 13, left me rather perplexed. Professor Kramer writes about class structure and related antagonism in the American sense, but never identifies it as such. He writes about a class system that is not innate to this country, the segmented upper, middle and lower with its related subunits. This system does not answer important question on class in America and its maintenance in print is absurd. A good question would be to explain the Black-Americans who have recently "made it" in this country and their antagonism toward this fellow Black Americans who have not

# The Liberal View

By Eric Bahrt

The other day I stopped by at Ramsey Clark's apartment to see if any volunteer work would be needed in his forthcoming campaign for the senate. A young female campaign worker came down the elevator to greet me. We talked at some length on what we thought would be Ramsey Clark's chances of defeating that incorrigible character Jacob Javits. I then commented that if Clark was to defeat Javits (everything is being written here under the very likely assumption that Clark will win the Democratic nomination to oppose the Republican senator from New York) it would require massive campaign expenditures for him to do so. At that she commented that Ramsey Clark would not take contributions over a hundred dollars. After having recently read how Nixon received over five million dollars worth of campaign contributions from oil companies, it was refreshing to know that there were men like Ramsey Clark around who would not take over a hundred dollars from anyone. True, he consequently may not have enough money to wage an effective campaign for the senate. But it's nice to know that there are some honest men around anyway. Just for the hell of it.

After I left his apartment I thought about how Ramsey Clark during the war had spoken out over Hanoi radio and condemned Nixon's genocide. True, what Clark did was not politically prudent. But Clark never worries about what is prudent, he just does what is right. And no, he didn't speak out over Hanoi radio because he's against this country. Only the likes of Nixon and his cohorts would ever dare question the patriotism of a man with the caliber of Ramsey Clark. It's just that he was so incensed at the murder, the destruction, the partial ruination of a civilization that Nixon had wreaked upon the Vietnamese people, that he just had to cry out in anguish over what he had seen. And I imagine if I had been to North Vietnam and had seen Vietnamese orphans roaming the streets, or maybe if I had seen a little Vietnamese child who would never be able to walk again or see again because of Nixon's napalm, I too would have reacted in the same manner.

And as I walked on further I thought about the 1968 Republican convention. There, candidate Richard Nixon, vowed before a standing ovation that he'd bring "law and order" to the country by removing the present attorney general, who was then Ramsey Clark. And so he replaced him with that crooked bum - John Mitchell. And then there was Kleindienst who is also under indictment. And now Saxbe, the man who virtually said the killings at Kent State were a good thing. One can't help but feel a certain nostalgia for the days when the attorney general was a man to respect, not to throw in jail. In those days Ramsey Clark ran the Justice Department and there wasn't the slightest trace of scandal or scurrilous activity.

And so it is easy to see that Ramsey Clark is a man who has integrity and dignity. I wish that much could be said for Javits, the man most likely will soon be running against. Somehow, for reasons well beyond my comprehension, Javits has been able to project the image of being some sort of noble statesman who is guided by only the greatest virtues of integrity and honor. But I can't help but wonder where was Javits' integrity and honor during the Vietnam War when the Vietnamese were being bombarded by the worst

bombing raids in the history of all mankind. Sure, Javits would sporadically utter a few words of feeble protest and then support the reelection of the man who was dropping those bombs. Who the hell was he trying to kid?

Where was his dignity and self-respect when he, and Percy, and Brooks, and the rest of those "liberal" hypocrites allowed themselves to be used as window dressing at both the '68 and '72 Republican conventions? How could any man, with any dignity or self-respect, have allowed himself to be used that way?

Where was his dignity and self-respect when his buddy Rockefeller created the bloodbath at Attica? The prisoners had remonstrated with Rockefeller to just come down and talk with them. Rocky answered them with bullets, killing the prisoners as well as the hostages. If Javits had any shred of human decency, one iota of human feeling in him, he would have disassociated himself from Rockefeller forever. Instead he went onto call him one of the great governors in the history of New York.

I can even respect someone such as Barry Goldwater. I may deplore his point of view, but I can respect him for being honest and sincere in what he believes in. But I can't respect someone who dedicates his career to being a hack of the Republican party and then tries to palm himself off as being some sort of independent liberal maverick.

In all fairness, Javits has to be given credit for having a pretty good voting record. He has been for civil rights and other important social causes and I would assume that he has a high A.D.A. rating. But what's the point in being for day care centers, for example, if the man he supported for president vetoes funds for day care centers? How can he call himself a liberal and then support the party which is against everything the liberals stand for?

If Clark wins the Democratic Primary, which I'm quite certain that he will, the Democrats will then have a real liberal candidate. A real liberal who will be able to work for good social causes without having to be tied down with commitments to Nixon and Rockefeller. Who knows? The difference between a Democratic or a Republican senator could be the difference between a Democrat or a Republican carrying the State of New York in '76. And while Rockefeller is no longer governor he will seek the Republican Presidential nomination in '76, a candidacy which his lackey Jacob Javits will undoubtedly devoutly support.

But though Javits is a "talks out of both sides of his mouth" politician he will most likely get reelected. Even in '68 when Democrat Hubert Humphrey carried the State of New York, Republican Javits still managed to get reelected by a landslide. Despite his insipid personality and blatant hypocrisy he has somehow won the undeserved respect and support of his fellow New Yorkers.

So if you're a gambler, one who likes to bet on races, fights, and elections, I would suggest that you put your money on Jacob Javits. And then vote for Ramsey Clark.

"made it". Just on the questions of housing alone, there are vocal desires to remain aloof from their fellow Americans, or their ghetto brothers. This antagonism within an ethnic subunit of American society does not derive from a multi-segmented class system.

I rather think Richard Hofstadter's definition of class in America with its paranoid style of politics to be more pertinent. In particular it helps to understand the problem that Prof. Krammer writes of in the Times. Hofstadter's work on status interest is the American class system and it explains such interest groups as Ethnic-American. It is the interest group and its ability to politic for causes that insures representation of affiliable groups in the status-interest society. One always has a desire to affiliate with some group or groups that will give the assemblance of roots. At the same time there is a desire to remain outside of and attain status. It would appear to be this status class that induces the element of intense competition and antagonism toward the have and have nots.

It is the dual class system that wrecks havoc upon the social essence of the individual,

due to his desire and action to remain in a class and at the same time to distinguish himself as belonging to a special class. The economic function of the dual class system is in the pursuit of status to distinguish one-self from the interest class. In the pursuit of status we engage in the orgy of materialism in order to show status by possessions. In the accumulation of possessions, scarcity is intensified, further accentuating anagonism in the class system.

If the concentration is put upon the elimination of class and upon a cultural reorientation to bring about working to achieve for the purpose of achieving for itself in itself this society will benefit. To concentrate our efforts upon maintaining status interest or following Fabianest orientation, the left will never leave the void it now appears content in.

Patrick T. Sheridan

Sirs:  
Sexual revolution, hah! We monkeys have been doing everything to ev-rybody long before anybody even heard of Pat Nixon's daily "happy hours" in the White House men's room. If you don't believe me, just drop by the Bronx Zoo sometime and take a squint at the floor of our cages.  
Abba dabba.

Pat Baboon  
Bronx, N.Y.

## SEND YOUR FRIEND A COCONUT!

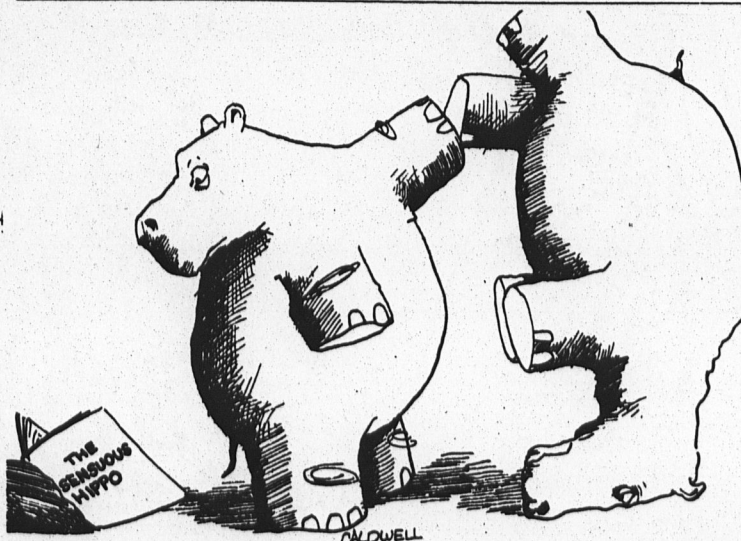
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## A-victimizer-is-sentenced, What-about-his-victims?

So there I was, sitting in a courtroom right out of Owen Marshall. All rose at the entrance of his magistrate the judge and the hall of justice was now officially open for business, so to speak. Dressed for a funeral, this mild mannered reporter was ready to quote the facts. She never succeeded. An impotent rage keeps me from reporting the facts in a business-like and orderly fashion, so I've called together some facts and opinions as recorded by my sisters.

What happens to a 20 year old man, JESUS LOPEZ, who succeeds (despite his CRIMINAL RECORD) in being hired as a GYNECOLOGIST by the city's H.R.A. to work in family planning clinics and then proceeds not only to MEDICALLY TREAT his patients but to SEXUALLY MOLEST them as well?????????????????

A few brave victimized women take it upon themselves to check the "doctor's" credentials (the responsibility of the H.R.A.) and subsequently initiate legal action. The crimes which carried a combined total penalty of 12 yrs. 3 months were bargained away by the D.A.'s office resulting in Lopez being allowed to plead guilty to a single count of "attempted forgery" and depending upon the sentence levied at the discretion of the judge.

Jesse Lopez was sentenced to a year of prison by Judge Leff, in Manhattan. He was in prison for the past eight months awaiting sentencing, and had it not been for the charges brought against him in Staten Island, he would be walking in a matter of weeks.

The Staten Island sentencing, levied on Feb. 15, was considerably more effective in postponing "Dr. Lopez's" career. The sentence was maximum for the charge, three years, to be served consecutively to his previous sentence. Judge Titone, who presided at the Staten Island sentencing also promised to set in motion the proceedings for deportation of Lopez, a Colombian citizen. While we got the biggest victory we could hope for, in terms of doing away with "Dr. Lopez", there isn't much that can be done to keep him from starting his practice anew back in Columbia. In the words of the Honorable Titone, "Let him go and examine El Exigente's wife."

### A-Justice Story

The H.R.A. has yet to conduct any investigation, to find out just who all the other women who received the kind and loving attention of the good doctor. That means that there are a large number of women taking medication prescribed by and suffering the ill effects of maltreatment by this man. If you are one of the women examined at the Castleton Ave. clinic on or about July 6, RUN don't walk to a gynecologist NOW! If you are a student at Richmond our school gynecologist, Dr. Marcia Storch is free and available. We will help non students find a competent and willing doctor to help you.

Why was Lopez allowed to function for such a long time without the professional complaints of other doctors and nurses?

In the medical profession there is an unwritten law of doctors to not file malpractice suits against each other, and a nurse is instructed never to challenge a doctor.

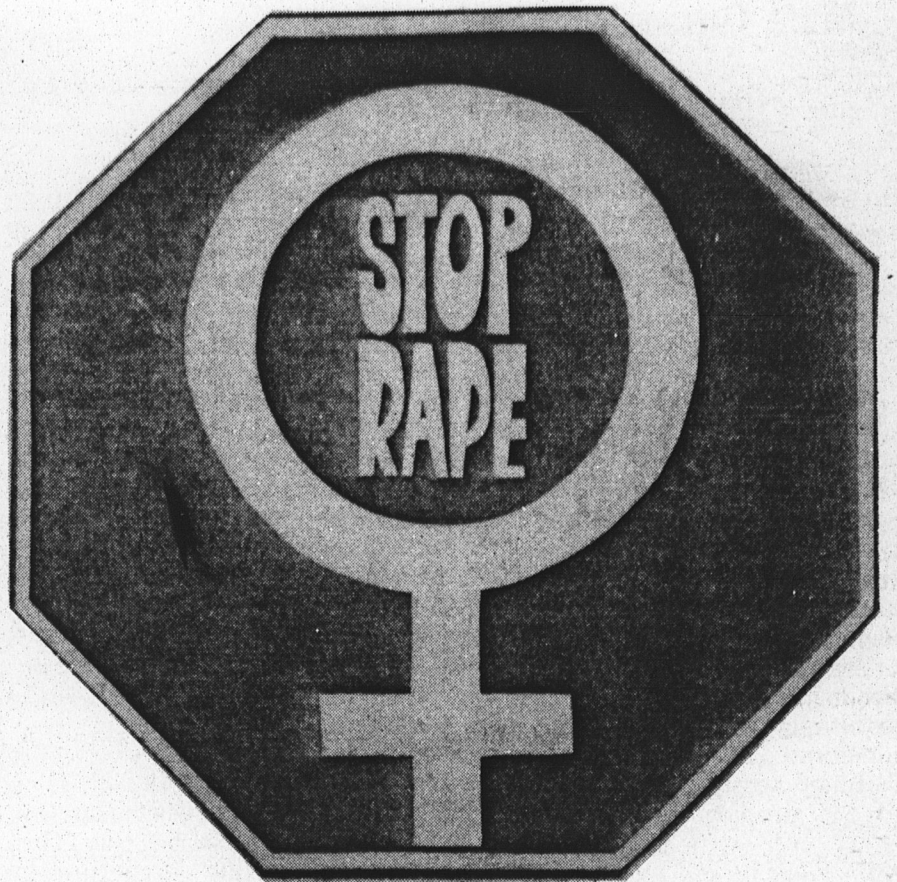
Why were the early complaints submitted about Lopez not acted upon? Was the Family-Planning Clinic trying to protect Lopez regardless of what he had done to women just because they believed him to be a doctor?

Are people who are believed to be doctors allowed to do anything? Are we as women at the mercy of clinics, doctors, and nurses whose primary concern is protecting themselves, not providing better health care for women?

What kind of scrutiny are doctors and nurses put under before they are hired in this work in this Family Planning Clinic? Are clinics sub-standard because they do not serve the upper class? How can we as women be assured we will be treated with the best medical facilities necessary for our health? How much longer will we be poorly treated, neglected, intimidated, molested, and raped?

What is it that inhibits women from filing complaints against doctors? In this instance complaints were filed but not acted upon. Nowhere are women taught what a gynecological exam should properly involve. The legal support for women who have been molested or mistreated by doctors is notoriously inadequate.

The Women's Self-Help Collective will provide information to any women wanting to know exactly what a gynecological exam entails, so that women will be more able to demand proper medical attention and will no longer be victimized by incompetency and perversion.



*Rape is the ugliest  
four-letter word  
in the  
English language*

Perhaps it sounds strange to talk of rape prevention. Call it what you will- self-defense, paranoia, or survival — it has become a necessary part of our lives. Primarily, rape prevention involves a new awareness, common sense, and preparedness for attack.

All women are potential victims. The probability of being attacked, though, can be reduced by always being aware of your vulnerability, and applying basic precautionary measures.

First, let's talk about common sense. New York is without doubt one of the most exciting places in the world. Certainly, no woman wants to be intimidated into becoming a recluse. But to walk around thinking everyone is your friend is dangerously naive. Don't walk down dark streets alone, and if you have no alternative, walk in the middle of the street. Don't ride the subways alone late at night, but again, if you have no alternative, try to sit near or next to another woman. If there are no other women on the train, stay in the same car as the conductor or transit policeman. Don't hitchhike, or at least not alone. Also, when hitchhiking, make sure the car has handles on the inside of the door, so that you can get out. Learn to recognize make, model number, and license plates on the cars you enter. In fact, jot this info down at some time before you forget. When you enter your car at night, glance in the back seat to be sure no one is hiding on the floor. Many women have been attacked after they were inside their cars. One woman on Staten Island, attacked in this manner, escaped by driving her car into a police car.

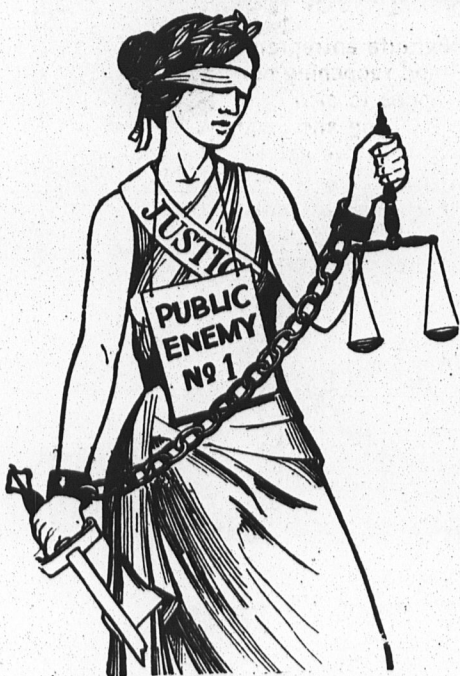
Alright, let's assume you know all the common sense things, but you work the midnight shift at the coffee shop, or had to put in some overtime at work. You have no choice about being out alone. A new awareness and preparedness for attack are your weapons. Weapons because now you're going to fight. Your mind and your ability to react are your best weapons. First, run. Run as if your life depended on it... it may. Run to a lighted area. Run to a populated area. Run to a lighted house. Break a window if necessary. BUT DON'T RUN BLINDLY. DON'T RUN TO A DESERTED AREA. DON'T RUN INTO AN ALLEY. Remember - your objective is to run to help, not to run to a place which will make it easier for you to be attacked!

When you have no place to run to, here are some hints for fighting back.

1. Carry a whistle around your neck or wrist. The whistle may call more attention to you than a call for help.
2. Don't try to kick the man in his groin. Most men instinctively protect this area, and if he realizes your intentions, in his anger, he may harm you even more.
3. A lit cigarette in the face may give you enough time to get away.
4. A comb, brush or key or pencil can be an effective weapon. Dig them into his face.
5. Use an umbrella like a bayonet instead of a club, and aim for his throat or stomach.
6. A small can of hairspray or a plastic lemon squeezer is very effective when squirted in the eyes.

Rape prevention does not mean becoming imitations of men in their most disgusting form. But it does mean not being afraid to hurt someone who wants to hurt you.

### CHOOSE ONE FROM COLUMN A



**Justice in Drag**





## Some Positive News

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day will be celebrated on March 8th. It was first celebrated in 1911 by over 1 million women around the world. It was in answer to a call in 1910 by Clara Zetkin, a German socialist, who proposed that there be a day of solidarity with all working women throughout the world. In particular, it was in response to the March 8, 1908 demonstration by U.S. working women on the lower east side of New York City. That was an historic moment because in one day's notice, over 20,000 women went out on strike to protest their poor working conditions, low wages and lack of health and child care facilities.

It is a day we must continue to celebrate in our schools, where we work, and in our communities. It's a day to learn the history of the struggles of women in this country and around the world—about Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth who fought to free the slaves; about Mother Jones and Ida Brayman and the other working women who fought against exploitation in the factories and mines; about Madame Binh and the fighters in Vietnam; and about the women liberation fighters in the liberation armies struggling against colonialism in Africa.

And about the thousands of women workers at FARAH on strike for the past 20 months for the right to a union, International Women's Day must also be a call to action to all women to join in the struggle against oppression. Left: Women in garment factory during the 1930's. Right: Women soldiers in the Angolan liberation army—1970's.

### Notice from the Third World

#### Women's Alliance.

(Fran Beal).

1. February 28th, 6:30-8:30 P.M., 26 W. 20th St., 3rd floor, forum and slide show on "the status of Puerto Rico and the Superport," free.
2. Celebrate International Women's Day with us. For info call 243-2310.

### Eileen

**Hello ... PROUD WOMAN**  
strong and defiant  
showing yourself in flashes of color



**you ... STARE WOMAN**  
eyewitness to games  
a rebel playing with rebels

Smile women  
invite a pair of eyes  
then dance away tall with rhythm



Speak women  
sharer of dreams  
pollute the air with drug talk

Love women  
borrowing profiles  
to soothe the screaming heart

joe kelly

(help yourself)

### WOMEN'S SELF-HELP COLLECTIVE

Room 538 Telephone 273-0287  
We're open:  
M, T, TH 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.  
Wed, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.  
Fri. 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

### "FREE OUR BODIES HELP OURSELVES"

A NON-CREDIT COURSE OFFERED BY THE  
WOMEN'S SELF-HELP COLLECTIVE

To begin on Wed., March 6 and every week  
thereafter — 11:00 A.M. — 12:30 P.M.

#### TOPICS INCLUDE:

- the gyn exam
- self-help; learning to take control of our bodies
- Venereal Disease
- abortion and birth control
- forced sterilization
- rape
- sexual identity
- the A.M.A., why and how it oppresses us

FOR, BY, and ABOUT WOMEN!

### Pregnancy Tests

**FREE**

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### Single Mothers Group

Wednesday  
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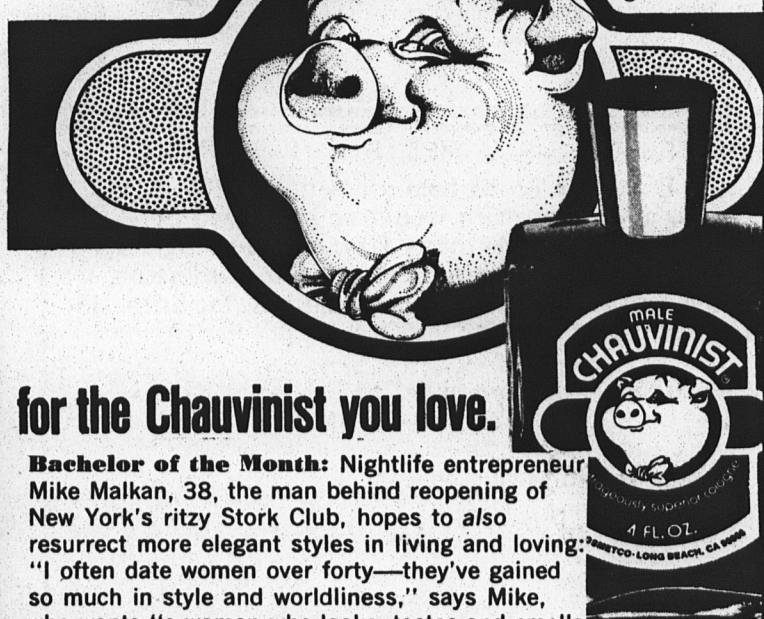
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## NONSENSE

MALE  
CHAUVINIST



for the Chauvinist you love.

**Bachelor of the Month:** Nightlife entrepreneur Mike Malkan, 38, the man behind reopening of New York's ritzy Stork Club, hopes to also resurrect more elegant styles in living and loving: "I often date women over forty—they've gained so much in style and worldliness," says Mike, who wants "a woman who looks, tastes and smells female—not somebody who from the back could be a boy." Mike lives in the style he admires—Cannes in summer, Acapulco for winter, a Manhattan apartment and a country house in Watermill, New York. He also cherishes a pampered '41 Cadillac convertible. Where to find this partisan of style? The Stork, of course!

Army National Guard  
P.O. Box 7218  
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Please send me more information on career opportunities in the Army National Guard; including the brochure "A Woman's Place is in the Guard".

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Age

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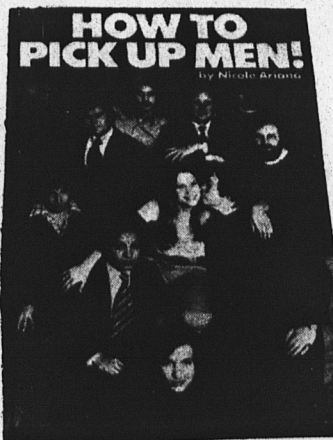
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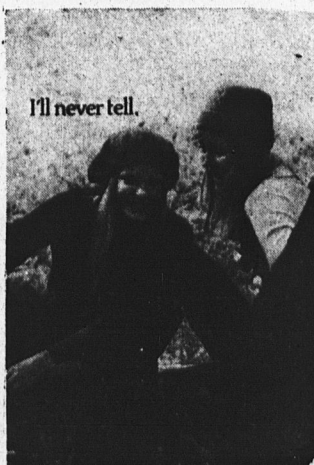


STEP  
INTO  
MY  
PARLOR

### QUESTION



### ANSWER









poetry  
readings

April 1 — Ishmael Reed, Author  
of **Conjure** and **Chattanooga**

April 29 — Colette Inez, Author  
of **The Woman Who Loved  
Worms**

May 20 — Richmond College  
Faculty and Students

presented by Richmond  
College and **Parnassus:  
Poetry in Review**

Theatre at 350 St. Marks Place  
8:15 p.m. Free Admission

## RCA Meeting

Monday, March 1

Library Conference Room

2:00 p.m.

any student may attend- share the responsibility  
of appropriating your student activity fee.

## The Vet Rip-Off

Jerry Foley

A Vietnam Veterans' "ad-  
justment bill" is being readied  
for passage by the Congress.  
Action by the House is  
scheduled for the latter part of  
this month; the Senate will  
follow suit in the next few  
months.

If you've been complacent  
and naive enough to believe  
that the Congress is going to  
give you equal treatment with  
the Vet of other wars, you're in  
for a shock! The House bill, HR  
12-268, has omitted increased  
entitlement (36 to 48 months),  
GI Loan Program; cost of living  
increase and tuition refund!

Your Representatives have  
decided to give you just enough  
to continue to starve. You'll  
probably receive a percentage  
increase (13.6 percent)  
however, President Nixon has  
stated anything above 8  
percent is inflationary and may  
veto the bill. The final bill may  
also include a time extension,

from 8 to 10 years to use your  
benefits.

Continue to remain silent;  
continue to rely on the people  
you elected and you will  
continue to be treated as  
second class because you  
stayed in the country and  
ended up in Nam! I don't  
remember inflation preventing  
our being sent to Nam; I didn't  
notice Congress being short of  
money when we were sent to  
Bien Hoa, Quang Tri, Chu Lai,  
An Loc, Duc Pho or Da Nang.  
Now that we are at home, it's a  
different story! I think it's time  
to let people know that we are  
back.

Do you want to write to your  
Congressmen and Senators?

Do you want to go to  
Washington, D. C.?

Do you want to march?

Whatever we do, we have to do  
it together! Stop by Room 527  
NOW!

## History of CAR

By Tobias Schwartz National Co-Chairman

The formation of our national  
Committee Against Racism at  
an historic conference of 1200  
people on racism and the  
university, marks a major step  
forward. Our purpose is to rip  
away the pseudo-scientific  
figleaf with which the new  
racist theoreticians have at-  
tempted to cover themselves;  
to fight for an end to all racist  
university practices; and to  
unite with others toward the  
total elimination of racism from  
our society.

The National Committee  
Against Racism and its con-  
stituent chapters are founded  
on three principles: 1) We are  
a multiracial organization; we  
stand united, Black and White,  
Latin and Native American,  
because racism is a deadly  
enemy to all of us. 2) We are a  
mass rank-and-file  
organization, drawing our  
strength from ordinary people  
and not from super-stars; we  
are convinced that our  
colleagues will join us and  
stand with us.

3) We are action-oriented; we  
will oppose racist ideas and  
practices by deeds as well as  
words.

The first CAR was built by  
faculty and staff at the  
University of Connecticut two  
years ago. Its original concerns  
centered on local racist in-  
cidents that involved both  
classroom teaching and em-  
ployment. It published "A  
Position Paper on Racism at  
the University of Connecticut"  
(copies are available from  
Storrs, CAR) and successfully  
began to organize faculty and  
staff around this issue. But we  
rapidly became aware that  
academic racism was a much  
wider and more profound

problem than we had originally  
sensed.

In July of 1972, a statement  
signed by fifty influential  
scientists—including Jensen,  
Herrnstein, and Eysenck—was  
published in the American  
Psychologist. The statement  
claimed that explanations of  
the social behavior of people  
were to be sought not in the  
environment, but in the genes.  
This statement insisted that its  
view represented the wave of  
the future and compared its  
proponents to Galileo and  
Einstein. (They can, of course,  
be more easily compared to the  
inquisition and the Nazis).

We in Storrs saw this  
statement as a major attempt  
to move our colleagues in a  
racist and reactionary direc-  
tion. To counter it, we wrote  
and circulated "A Resolution  
Against Racism" which was  
eventually signed by over 1400  
academics from more than 200  
universities, and appeared as  
an ad in the **New York Times**.  
The circulation of our  
statement at universities  
across the country sparked the  
formation of New Committees  
Against Racism. Representa-  
tives of these emerging  
committees called for and  
planned the conference that  
we just held. The conference  
was a phenomenal success.  
Over 1200 people at-  
tended, from 26 states and 2  
Canadian provinces,  
representing many colleges  
and universities which have  
since begun C.A.R. Chapters.

Richmond C.A.R. Meeting,  
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539.

## The Tea House: Collective Entertainment

by Gary Tanner

The Tea House at 114 Vic-  
tory Blvd. featured Debbie  
McClatchy last weekend. She  
played two long sets of  
American and Irish folk tunes  
and even threw in an Irish Jig  
on flute. Debbie plays weekly at  
the Focus in Manhattan.

She came out east to  
Manhattan two years ago from  
San Francisco and she appears  
to have a fondness for the city.  
So she sang a song, "I  
Remember San Francisco",  
which seemed to be an im-  
portant song for her. It was a  
sad one, actually, about a city  
which has "tried to imitate  
New York City by building high  
rise office buildings and  
subways." But she said: "San  
Francisco is still the most  
beautiful city in the world."  
Then she got started on a sing-  
a-long called **Garbage** which

the audience got off on  
because they got to yell their  
heads off.

Coming up March second will  
be a return performance of jazz  
pianist Jeff Labes, formerly  
with Van Morrison and on  
March 16th, rock musician  
David Peel,

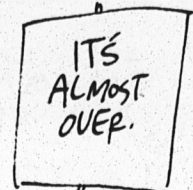
The Teahouse has been  
operating now for over a year.  
It is managed by a collective,  
"The Teahouse Collective",  
which is comprised of some  
students and some former  
students. Says Artie Ratner of  
The Collective, "Although we  
are not always successful in  
making people feel that way,  
we really want everyone to feel  
comfortable." Anyone who  
wants to participate in the Tea  
House Collective should call  
Artie at 442-8099 and get the  
date of the next meeting from  
him.

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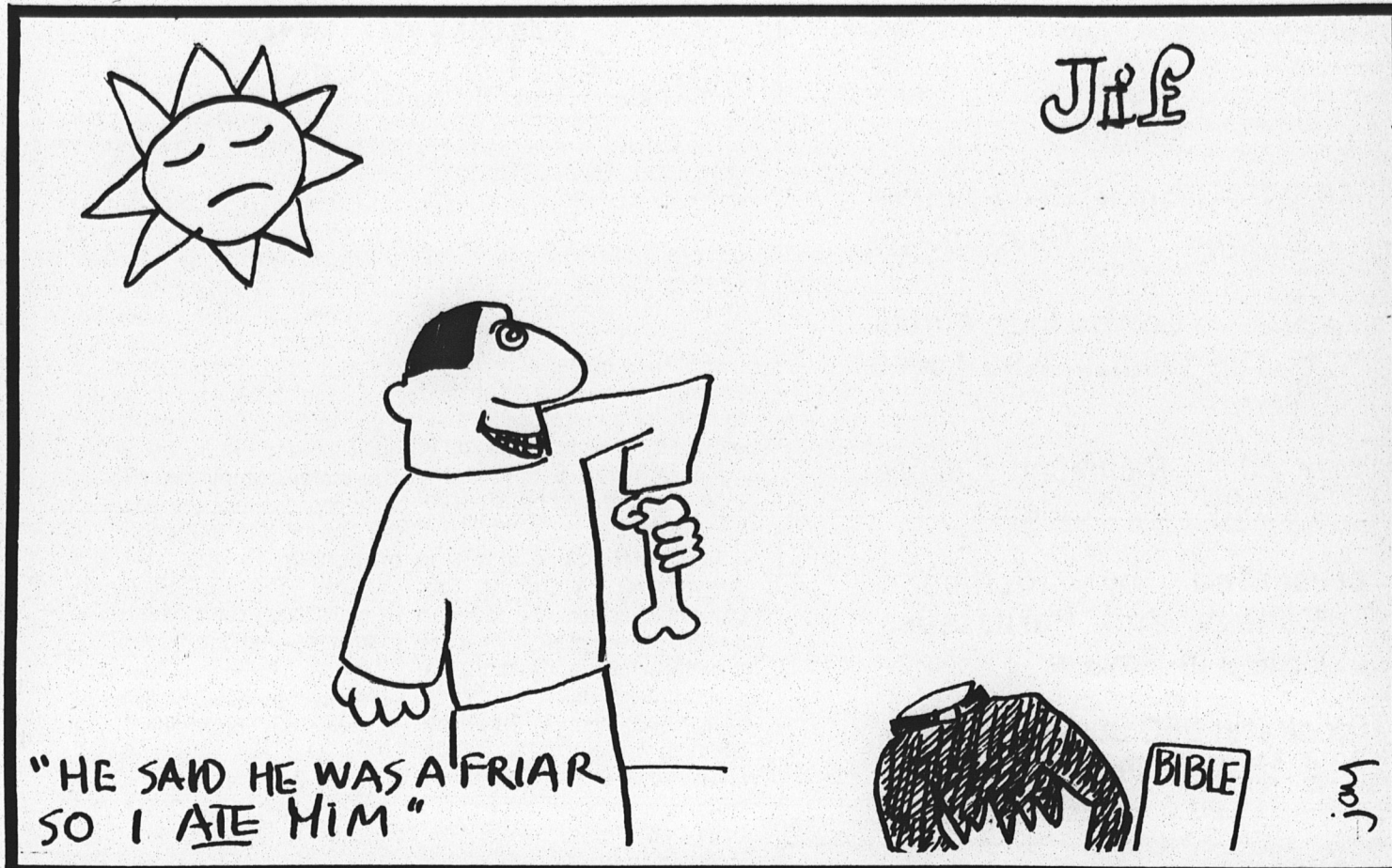
## Policymakers Attack Education at Richmond

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universities; and 2) to both cut back on, and more carefully train (ideologically) in the private schools of education, teachers for the public schools.

Likewise, events at Staten Island Community College, our main feeder school, are especially relevant to Richmond. SICC Pres. Birenbaum, most recently renowned for inviting the Staten Island community to "honor" Nazi race-theoretician William Shockley, used Spring registration to play mainly white evening students against "Open Admissions" students by: a) advertising SICC's evening course throughout January in the local papers (SI is one of the fifty richest counties in the US); b) cancelling said evening courses (about 140) after students (over 1000) had registered for them; although c) he had decided to do so at the beginning of January; then d) implying that he had no choice, that because of the expenses of Open Admissions "somebody" had to be cut out; and then e) "saving the day" by restoring a number of classes he had himself cancelled. This politicking of racism is especially relevant for the future of SICC and Richmond, as their "Master Plans" are crystallized. Whereas most community colleges are slated to specialize in "post-secondary" technical education (see CED report for the worm's eye over-view), for an increasingly white, middle-class student body—the semi-secret new nursing program at Richmond already intends to take only SICC nursing graduates. And Richmond, expensive new commuter-oriented campus and all, stands to become the super-elite branch of CUNY, if racism can pave the way.

All this projected disaster, of course, is not inevitable, including the cuts that have already occurred; they are only inevitable if we—faculty and students—don't fight them. At Richmond the first steps in such a fight have already been



taken, and if we continue to put one foot after the other, and use our wits from time to time, we may go a long way. Hundreds of students and faculty have already signed petitions, originally sponsored by the Graduate History Club and the Committee Against Racism, aimed at class size, elimination of graduate students, and the horror show at McKee. On the latter point there is much

support from students — and even endorsement by the faculty union—for simply occupying the fourth floor and setting up classes if the administration won't act.

The Committee Against Racism at Richmond — including faculty, graduate and undergraduate students — in addition to its petition campaign, plans to call public meetings to discuss the cuts in

education, and how to fight them now. Plans include holding forums on the CED's "Master Race-Master Plan" for education (see next Times) and the growing wave of racism in the university; building for a national march on Washington in April against cuts in health and education (as opposed to growing grants for genocidal "research and development"); fighting at

Richmond against the cuts, from taking over the fourth floor for classroom space (not pool table and administrative offices), to fighting any attempts to get rid of faculty and programs, quotas and Master Plans notwithstanding; and building for a CUNY-wide strike, not just against the cutbacks, but for real progress in education. JOIN US!!!

—Paul Nelson

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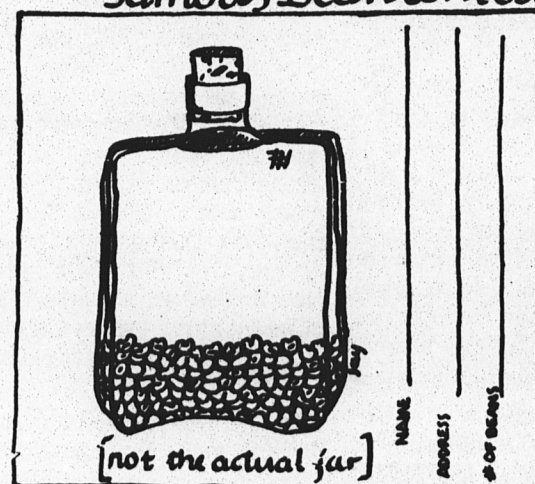
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## Review

### "Freedom of the City"

by Richard Kornberg

Brian Friel's "Freedom of The City" also deals with low income families. Now we are in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in the midst of a Protestant offensive aimed against protesting Catholics.

Unknowningly three marchers stumble into the temporarily unguarded Mayor's office at Guild Hall. These people are simply seeking a temporary sanctuary from the gas and rubber bullets but the

establishment views their actions as a sublime affront against authority.

The play unfolds in a kind of flashback form — through cross cutting, as a judge is investigating the propriety of their deaths, we are experiencing the problems of their lives. We sit as mute observers, gradually learning the truth, only to be confronted by the hypocrisy of the tribunal's evidence.

Lily is a domestic. She is the only breadwinner for her eleven children and invalid husband. Skinner, the second member of the unlucky trio, lives by his wits and has little regard for the establishment, while Michael, who is also unemployed, believes the justification of the cause will win out over the stupidity of religious intolerance — though everything should be accomplished in the proper manner.

Brian Friel's previous successes in this country include "Philadelphia Here I Come" and "Lovers". In my mind these works were minor when com-

pared with the brilliance of this, his latest effort.

Set designer David Jenkins has cleverly intermingled the numerous facets of the play's action — the street, the Guild Hall, the judge's chamber and the pulpit into a cogent whole, on the stage of the Alvin Theatre.

Two other assets of this rewarding evening are William Woodman's direction and Kate Reid's memorable performance as the earth mother, Lily. Though she is never on stage alone, you are constantly aware of her presence. The sheer humanity of her characterization has the dual effect of bringing the viewer to laughter and tears.

"Freedom of The City" is not simply a political play. It is most assuredly a drama of people — caught in a world not of their own making, struggling to survive. It is indeed a powerful statement.

Earlier this season, two superstars appeared in Broadway theatres in their

respective one-woman shows. Both Liza Minnelli and Bette Midler were immediate sell-outs but now if you travel downtown to the Top of the Gate in Greenwich Village, you can see them and other stars, such as Barbra Streisand, Shirley Bassey, and Judy Garland performing their hearts out for appreciative audiences.

Well, not exactly. The people appearing in the second half of the new revue, "French Dressing", are all female impersonators but from my ringside seat it was hard to tell.

The evening begins with a real woman, Jocelyn Jocya, singing up a storm. Most of the songs are in French and her set has the audiences singing along and calling for more.

She's the French part of the evening and the rest of the show belongs to the Dressing. It's all good fun and the audiences are hip — which is not meant as an euphemism for gay. It's worth a visit.



by RICHARD KORBERG

**"Blazing Saddles"**

It is a proven fact that most westerns do not perform as well, box office-wise, in New York City that let's say, in Omaha, Nebraska. It is also true that comedy can have regional barriers, with Woody Allen's "Sleeper" being a film which might have audiences rolling in the aisles in Manhattan while less ethnic middle America remains curiously unmoved.

This little statistical introduction leads me to Mel Brooks's new film "Blazing Saddles" a curious melange combining a western body with an eastern mind.

Soon after its clever opening titles, which nicely capture the spirit and look (including the old Warner Bros. W.B. logo) of yesterday's cowboy yarns, it becomes evident that the creators are less adept at executing the results of their ideas. The blame, as well as the credit, should be put squarely on the shoulders of Mel Brooks, who had a hand in writing, directing and acting in this film.

It seems that the engineers have made a slight miscalculation and the railroad will have to run through the town of Rock Ridge. Dastardly Attorney General Hedley Lamarr (Harvey Korman) is determined to steal all of the town's land in order to make a quick profit and with this in mind he appoints Bart (Cleavon Little) as the new sheriff of Rock Ridge.

It is not that Bart would make a bad law enforcement agent, on the contrary, with his Gucci saddlebag he is the epitome of goodness, but Lamarr calculates that the upright citizens of this wholesome American town will rebel because the new appointee is Black.

Complication is built upon complication, gag upon gag as we meet the Waco Kid (Gene Wilder), Mongo (the surprisingly funny Alex Karras) and Lili Von Shtupp (Madeline Kahn) who

speaks like another old Warner Bros. star—Elmer Fudd.

Admittedly, much of the film is uproariously funny, especially in the second half which is helped by the presence of Miss Kahn but more restraint and a greater respect for the genre would have resulted in something that was more substantial.

What we have during much of the movie is humor based on put-downs, Yiddishisms, and the destroying of stereotypes and this cannot sustain the ninety odd minutes of running time. It is also unfortunate that the gags we are supplied are not as funny as the humor we expect.

"Blazing Saddles" is like a Jewish mother—it tries too hard and is overindulgent but it has a good heart.

When you are sitting in a movie house watching a film and you are constantly reminded of watching television, something is wrong. That was my reaction to Paramount Pictures new film, "Man On A Swing".

Frank Perry whose previous works include the remarkable "David and Lisa" and "Diary of a Mad Housewife" has opted for a police drama this time around. We are told that while the places and names have been changed, the story is based on fact. Possibly fact is not more interesting than fiction.

Police detective Lee Tucker (Cliff Robertson) is stumped. He has been investigating the murder of a semi-nude girl whose body was found in a shopping center parking lot. Into the picture comes Franklin Wills (Joel Grey), factory worker by day, clairvoyant in his spare time.

After much bother and fuss, which includes psychiatrists Elizabeth Wilson and Ron Weyland, red herring Gil Gerard, and George Voskovec who is the director of the important sounding Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man, the film comes to a conclusion of sorts.

Was it all worth it?

**"What The Wine Sellers Buy"**

"WHAT THE WINE SELLERS BUY" is the third play to be presented at the Vivian Beaumont since Joseph Papp took over control of that division of Lincoln Center. It is Papp's most satisfying evening of theatre this year.

This may come as a surprise to many people who initially subscribed to the New York Shakespeare Festival in order to experience Dave Rabe's new play, Julie Harris in "The Au Pair Man" and Joanne Woodward and Max Von Sydow in "Dance of Death" with a perfunctory "and a new black play" added as an afterthought.

At this writing both Mr. Von Sydow and Miss Woodward have dropped out of the Strindberg work (to be replaced by the talented Zoe Caldwell and Robert Shaw) while the first two offerings sunk by the weight of their subliminal pretenses. While Rabe's "Boom Boom Room", which recounted

able to see their own troubles in the works of such playwrights as Miller and Chayevsky are the same people who will be moved by "What The Wine-Sellers Buy". For Mr. Milner's play is HUMAN drama, using a group of poor Black families as an example, but telling a story of a universal problem — the quest for betterment and survival.

The time is the present and the place is a Detroit slum. For Steve (Glynn Turman) and Mae Harris (Loretta Greene) life revolves around their high school studies and the basketball team — Tom gets the baskets while his girlfriend cheers him on. Both are products of broken homes but their only direct contact with the hard street life is through Steve's neighbor, Rico, a flourishing, flamboyant pimp.

Things suddenly get worse for the Carlton family (the mother is taken ill and gets laid off at work) and the quick



Glynn Turman and Dick A. Williams in "What the Wine Sellers Buy"

the lurid experiences of a Philadelphia go-go dancer, might have succeeded with better direction, scenic design and judicious editing (it was like a diamond in the rough — unfortunately the gem was shattered by an extremely heavy hand), "The Au Pair Man's" only distinction was Miss Harris and Santo Loquasto's setting.

In comparison, Ron Milner's "What the Wine Sellers Buy" might seem dated since it wears its meanings and sentiments on its cuff and it is written in the style of the 1940's and 50's (the three act drama complete with rising action, a distinct beginning, middle and a satisfactory conclusion). While it might not offer the food for thought of its more modern contemporaries, on leaving the Beaumont the viewer has the feeling of fully experiencing a play and this is a satisfaction I cherish.

It will be a shame if the majority of today's Broadway audiences fail to flock to Mr. Milner's drama. It is no secret that playgoers are attracted to light comedies and musicals with big name stars; however, it wasn't so long ago that serious, realistic drama had its place.

Those middle class patrons who were

money and temptations of the street, as personified by Rico, begin to take on a greater importance for the overly impressionable young man.

Rico convinces Steve that after a short apprenticeship he can become the master pimp's partner but before this can take effect Steve has to prove his ability by selling his girlfriend, Mae.

Playwright Milner has succeeded in manipulating the audience's emotions, without resorting to easy racist epithets, in a way that has to be admired. He also beautifully captures the contrasting dialogues of the school, the home and the street, which adds that extra amount of realism the play requires.

The acting of the entire cast is exemplary but my favorites were the omnipotent Rico of Dick A. Williams and the magnetism of Loretta Greene's Mae. Much of the credit should be heaped upon Mochael Schultz for his explosively vital yet fluid direction which was helped by Santo Loquasto's expansive setting and Martin Aronstein's lighting.

"What The Wine-Sellers Buy" is a vibrantly moving play which has a moral for all.



Madeline Kahn and Cleavon Little in a scene from "Blazing Saddles"





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