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No Staff — No Paper:

TIMES MAY FOLD

Editor's Job Vacant; Student Support Asked

The Richmond Times may be forced to cease publication unless a new editor is found and a staff formed. The college newspaper, founded in Richmond's second year, has been in continuous publication since June, 1968.

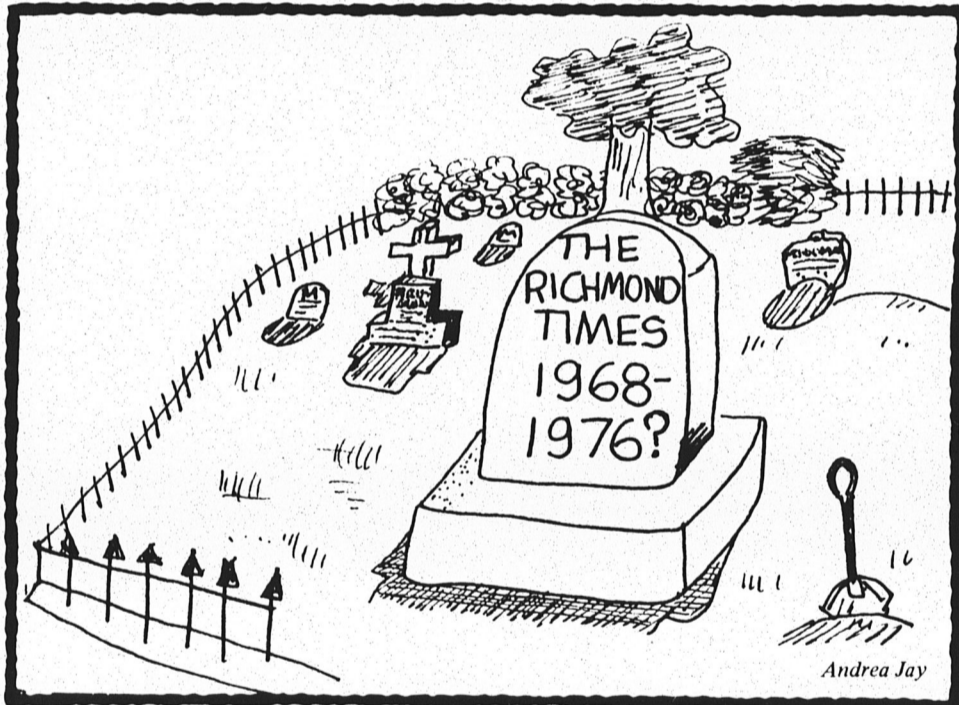
Student support for the paper has been dwindling in recent years, and for the past year it has been a one or two person operation. The paper's troubles are symptomatic of the lack of interest in student activities, which some attribute to the nature of Richmond: a two-year commuter college with many students working part time. In addition, we have no journalism program which would provide a nucleus of people seeking practical experience.

The outgoing editor, Gordon Matheson, has announced a meeting for noon on Thursday, February 19th, in room 407 to consider the future of the paper. Anyone, faculty member or administrator—as well as student, who has an interest in seeing that this important link of communication is not lost, is urged to attend. Your support and your ideas are vitally needed at this time. While student financed and student edited, the Times has always welcomed faculty contributions.

If the Times ceases publication, it would probably be permanently. The paper is funded by the Student Council and they would reclaim the remaining funds. In addition, the Times office and equipment would probably be appropriated. The start-up costs of resuming publication in these days of crisis budgets would be prohibitive.

Two Vacancies On Student Council

There are two positions open on the Student Council. Anyone interested in becoming a Student Council member should come to room 424, the Student Government Office and leave their name, address, telephone and class schedule. The last Student Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10, at 11:30 A.M. in room 407. New candidates should plan to attend the next meeting.



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Thursday, June 6, 1968

162 Undergrads Vote; Approve New Constitution

Direct representation to faculty-student committees, a student-faculty grievance committee and parliamentary organization of the Student Council were part of the student constitution approved in a vote held May 20 and 21. A total of 162 students, 35 per cent of the undergraduate student body, voted in the referendum.

The constitution, written by the Student Government Organizing Committee, provides for a Student Council consisting of elected representatives of the student-faculty committees. The members of the Inter-Club Activities Council will be drawn from the different clubs and organizations on campus, each having an equal vote in the council.

The Student-Faculty Grievance Committee, which will have three students and three faculty members, will investigate academic matters referred to it, and then send a written report of its findings to the Student Life Committee and the Student Council.

The SGO, selected three of its members—Jean-Louis de Heilly, Michael Jussek and Earl Vessup to represent it at a meeting of the Admissions and Standing Committee, which establishes admission and graduation requirements.

The SGO members attended the meeting at the invitation of Professor William Crossman, who is assuming a professional position in the Division of Professional Studies.

School rings are under consideration by the SGO. Emblems have been selected and sent to the Scholastic Distribution Company for design make-up. After submission of several design layouts, the SGO will select the final design to be made up for the ring.

The ring design will be composed of the Verrazzano Narrows Bridge with a ferry superimposed upon it, with the school year on the bridge pillars. The ring will display the City University seal and a blue-green center stone. An optional silver ring will be available. Richmond College seal will not be displayed because a design has not been chosen at this time.

Louis Baden and Harvey Rubin, members of the SGO, were appointed to assist Dr. Tidwell, college grant officer, and Mr. Ullmann, public relations officer, to a sub-committee of the Cultural and Public Affairs Committee in planning a forthcoming jazz concert.

Faculty Grows By Ten Profs

Henry Wasser, Dean of Faculty, announced ten new additions to the Richmond faculty: six in the Division of Humanities, one



DEAN ROBERT CHILES has been appointed Acting Dean of Students to replace Dean Ned Schrom who is assuming a professional position in the Division of Professional Studies.



COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION CHANGES DEAN'S STAFF

Schrom Goes
Back To Class

Robert Chiles Appointed
New Dean of Students

THE FIRST ISSUE of the Richmond Times appeared in June 1968.

The Budget Crisis:

Spring Cuts Less Than Anticipated

The previously announced cut of \$610,000 in Richmond College's Spring semester budget ordered by the Board of Higher Education has been reduced to \$504,000. The cuts will mean drastically reduced services and a possible shortage of supplies and equipment, but no personnel will be laid off.

Among the areas hardest hit are maintenance with a \$60,000 cut in funds spent for cleaning. Dean of Administration Paul Schmidt said the effect would be, "a tenement-level of cleanliness." Other cuts were made in the purchase of supplies and equipment and library books, security, Xeroxing, faculty travel allowances, and electricity. SEEK funds were cut \$20,000 and Work-Study \$5,000.

Richmond will be in for further belt tightening in the next few years as New York City brings its budget into balance. A decision may be made by the college Personnel and Budget Committee early in the Spring to eliminate nine full-time faculty lines for the fall. President Volpe said that full-time lines are "educationally desirable but financially disastrous."

State Assembly Interns Sought

Prof. Kramer has applications for the summer component of the New York State Assembly Internship Program. Students accepted for this 10 week session will get academic credit and \$1500. Forms may be picked up from him in 1-831.

SAVE
THE
RICHMOND TIMES
MEETING

To decide the future
of The Richmond Times

Thursday, February 19

Noon

4th Floor Conference Room — 407

Council President Pleads:

Please Read Me

by Evelyn Quiles

During the past two weeks I have attended several meetings concerning Richmond College. Out of these meetings, committees have been formed to organize and initiate fight back action against cut backs. On Wednesday, January 7, the Steering Committee for Political Action, composed of students, faculty and administration, organized its first rally effort to save the B.H.E. and Richmond. President Volpe had rearranged the day's schedule to allow a student, faculty, staff and administrative Rally. From this rally petitions were signed and delivered to Boro Hall. Students and College Personnell have signed pledge cards, pledging their time.

Letters were written to the Legislature urging them to support Public Higher Education. (Can it be that Richmond Community is becoming involved?) Also students were urged to attend a rally at the Emergency Financial control Board.

The Citizens Committee for Richmond College, organized by President Volpe last year, expressed that the general attitude of the Staten Island Community doesn't care whether Richmond College gets axed out of the CUNY, and what's Richmond anyway—a Community College?—It was suggested, by persons on this committee, that maybe representatives of Richmond (students) should go out into the Staten Island Community and establish themselves so that the Community can become better acquainted with a "Richmond College". President Volpe himself has expressed out loud his concerns about students' interest, wants and needs.

So I close by saying "Express yourselves!" What do you think of this matter, or even this article, let me know. Drop the bottom half of this form into the Student Government Mailbox outside of room 424. Too long has Richmond been silent—too long.

Detach this form and drop in student Government mailbox room 424.

All replies will be kept personal and confidential — you do not have to sign your name if you feel the need to remain anonymous. Please let me know what your concerns are and any changes that you see as essential to your well being as a student.

Evelyn,

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There will also be a suggestion box in the lobby of 130 Stuyvesant Place.

Alumni Meets

— Two Views

PRESIDENT REVIVES BODY —BEGINS WITH FETE

by Andrea Jay

A meeting of the new and improved (reconstituted) Alumni Association hosted by President Volpe and Ray Hulsey, took place January 12 at 7 p.m. in the Richmond College Hall. Out of 6000 alumni invited, about 40 attended. Of these, only about 25 would admit to being alumni. Wine and cheese flowed like wine as many former students milled about trying to look successful.

After an initial introduction by Ray Hulsey, Edmund Volpe gave a speech about his aims for the Alumni Association. In it, he stated that 1.) he wants to make the curriculum more expansive (that's expansive) 2.) he wants to make Richmond College known nationally and locally as a fine academic institution and to "sell" the college to Staten Island (not a bad idea if he can get a good price) and 3.) to establish the college in Staten Island both academically and socially and engender respect for the Richmond College Degree. He alleged that the Alumni Association would serve as a means of communication between graduates and administration. He also said he would meet with a group of alumni to discuss some of the advances he has made in the last few years.

Following this, Mr. Joe Wells of the City University gave a talk on lobbying and filling out pledge cards. He asked that alumni sign petitions asking Albany for money for Richmond. He said other things.

Following this, Diane Cunningham, an alumna, asked for volunteers for two committees—one to locate other former students and the other to figure out why. Another committee—this to draft a sample letter to Albany and visit local representatives was met with no takers.

In a last exercise at self-serving Boosterism, former students lauded the new grading system at the expense of the old (it was good enough for them then, though) and enthusiastically applauded Richmond's alleged new All-American image.

In response to questions posed, the President was vague on where funding would come from for the Alumni Organization. He did, however, promise to look into library privileges for alumni.

Alumni cards were distributed to those who would have them.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

by Maureen McIsaac

In response to President Edmond Volpe's and Raymon Hulsey's letters of November, 1975, graduates of Richmond College attended an Alumni meeting on January 12th, in the Richmond College Hall.

The group was addressed by Mr. Hulsey, President Volpe, Mike Dempsey, Joe Wells, and Diane Cunningham, who was instrumental in the inception of the original Alumni group in 1970, which produced the Association's constitution. Those first tentative steps faltered a bit, however, when an election of Officers was neglected. In an effort to correct this oversight, volunteers were solicited from those attending on January 12th to form an Organizational Committee, which convened on January 19th.

A quorum of 9 hammered out an agenda which included the following: the Constitution was approved as it stands as it was found to be workable and flexible and a good basis on which to found the new Association; an Executive Committee consisting of President — Steven Cucchia, Vice President — Dennis Sarlo, Secretary — Susan Porter, and Treasurer — Bill Magrino, was elected with the Organizational Committee kept on as an advisory panel; a newsletter will be sent to those who expressed an interest in keeping in touch with Alumni affairs; suggestions will be solicited as to what the Alumni want their association to be; Diane Cunningham was selected as the first Alumni member to meet with the Richmond College Citizen's Council for an exchange of ideas with community leaders.

In addition, the Alumni expressed a desire for a channel of communication to be kept open to the student body. The President of the Student Government or President Volpe may submit ideas to be put on the agenda for Alumni consideration.

The next meeting will be February 17th. The nucleus of Alumni which met on January 19th is especially determined to see the Association get off the ground. It is significant that the Charter Class, 1969, had an active representation. The feeling that beginning was a hopeful, creative and unique opportunity was naturally of paramount importance when the College opened its doors in 1967 with an eager faculty and student body. The Class of '69 was the first to carry ideas absorbed at Richmond into various fields. It will be seven years this June, when the class of '76 emerges, since the original graduates took a really active part at the College. More alumni are needed in the organization. If you think Richmond has done something for you—do something for Richmond. But don't regard the Alumni Association as a nebulous, flyer-sending mechanism. It is people—your friends. It can be not only useful but enjoyable if you—past and potential alumni—Help!

To join the Alumni Association: contact Mike Dempsey, room 907, extension 3090.

