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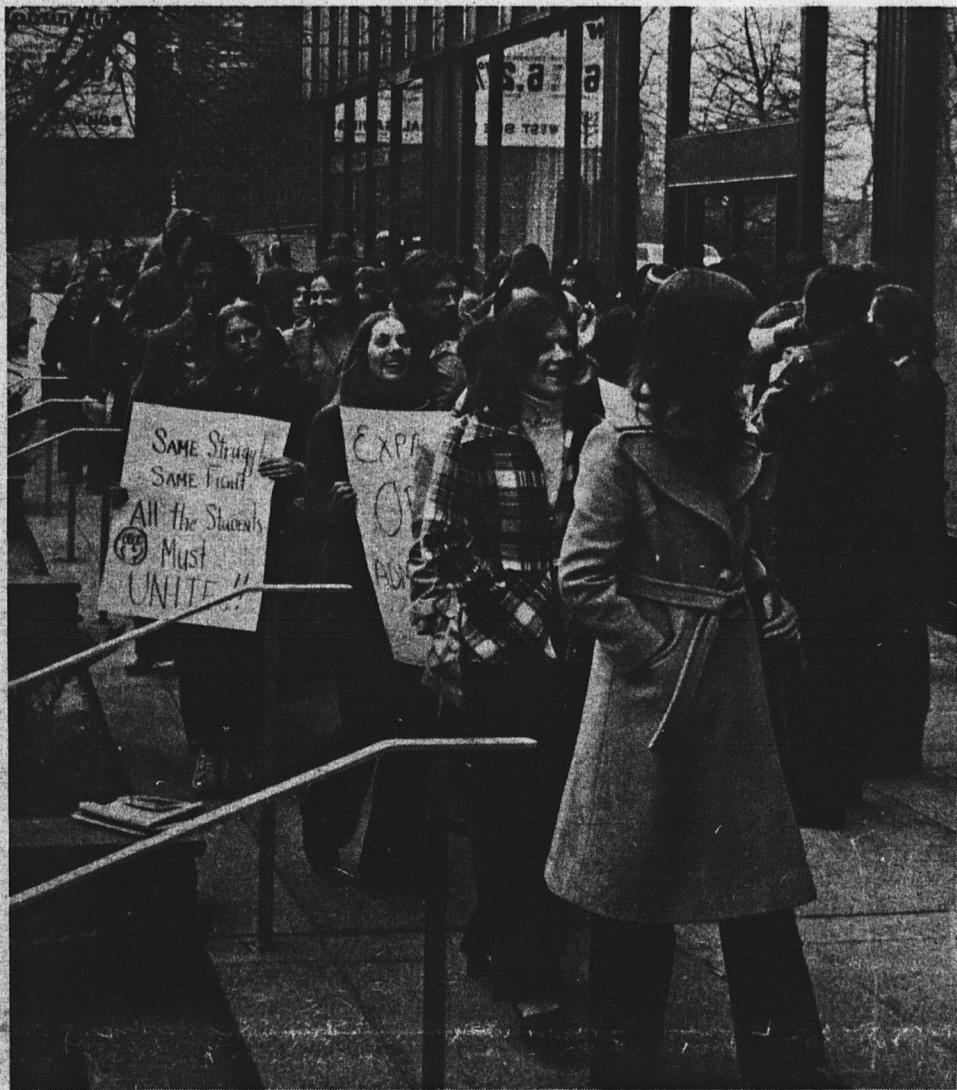


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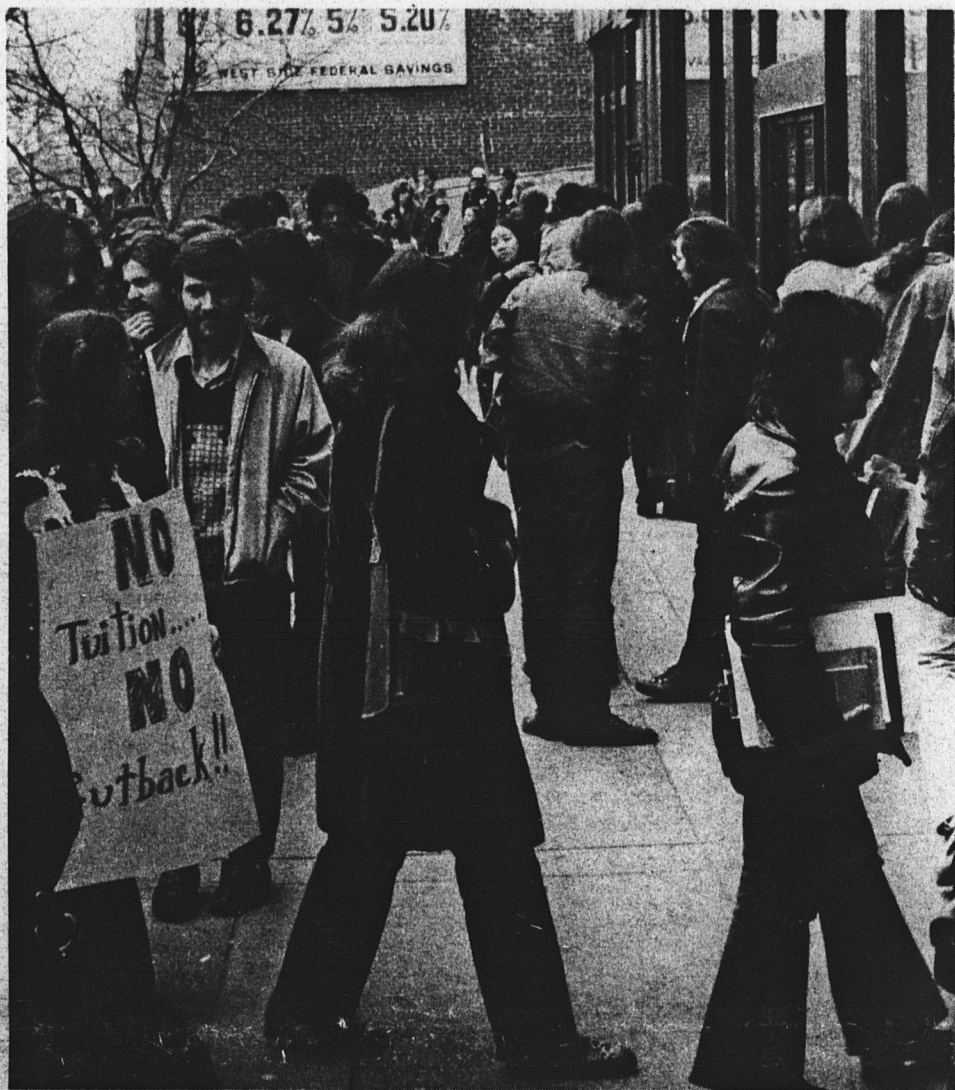


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## Students Hit The Streets

### Will Pass, Fail?

#### RALLY AT RICHMOND

A chanting and angry contingent of Richmond College students led by The Committee to Fight Tuition and Cutbacks blocked traffic in both directions at the three block long procession marched from the Stuyvesant Place campus, across Bay Street and back to Borough Hall.

The rally was in reaction to the annual threat imposed by Albany on the so-called "Free University" known as CUNY. What started with 18 committee members picketing in a circle grew to an impressive throng that blocked traffic on Bay Street and thoroughfare to the entrance of Borough Hall. "They say cutback, we say fight back" filled the air. For several hours, status quo was interrupted by chanting, speeches, marching and a sense of purpose that grabbed the crowd.

On the steps of Borough Hall, speakers representing P.R.S.U., Attica Brigade, Third World CUNY Coalition, SEEK Students, public high school students, and one Richmond College faculty member voiced the general opinions with bullhorns.

Ricky Veit of student government was the first speaker. He reported that the annual cut in the CUNY budget by the state legislature would necessitate a tuition of \$650 per student at CUNY. "This is a planned attack on us all, as black students, brown students, yellow students and white students. It is an attack on all students and community people, and can only be fought effectively if it is seen as such." Mr. Veit then pointed to the success of the 1969 fight for open admission and ended with "once again we must unite and fight." Clapping and chanting came from the crowd and Serge Rene took his turn on the bullhorn.

Serge Rene spoke for Amistad and the 3rd World Coalition. He opened by explaining that the Richmond College Committee to Fight Tuition and Cutbacks was born out of a need for the College Discovery and SEEK

students to form a more unified SEEK student body. "Education is the right of every man, woman and child in the United States" brought cheers from the audience. Mr. Rene nicely pointed out that, "Interestingly the Governor has consistently expressed alarm over the escalating welfare rolls in the City and State, referring to the costs as staggering. It

is also interesting to note that it costs the State \$10,000 per person per year in our so-called advance state prisons, whereas the cost per student per year in the universities is approximately \$2000." Mr. Rene's point was that while welfare and other types of government assistance are being cut back, the only standing escape from the poverty (Continued on Page 2)

The following was submitted by co-leader Betsy Goldsmith as a personal opinion. The Committee wants everyone who wants to save the Pass-Fail system to sign their petitions. It welcomes and embraces a diversity of individual viewpoints, within its overall perspective to save the present system.

They are also collecting statements of support from students and faculty. Interested persons contact Nateor Betsy, Monday through Thursday, Room 809, at 12:45.

The Committee expressed their solidarity with the April 12 demonstration for tuition-free CUNY and open enrollment.

The Committee to Save Pass-Fail met Wednesday, April 11, (12:45, in Room 809) to discuss the new grading proposal by members of the College Committee on Admission and Standing. They vowed to wage a bitter fight if needed to save the HPF marking system before it comes up for a vote in the Committee and the General Assembly.

Co-leaders Betsy Goldsmith and Nate Glattstein reported, "In the past few days since the appearance of the ABCD proposal, many persons have been talking to us privately expressing their support for pass-fail. We are now mobilizing our resources for what is shaping up to be a tough fight against the wind of educational conservatism sweeping Richmond. Many students and faculty have expressed their desire to help us. We're hoping that the voice of the majority and not a few faculty will be listened to. "For those who do not care to spend their time and energy in HPF Richmond, there are many other CUNY campuses with the ABCD system, and we invite interested faculty and students to send in

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New Summer Sessions Coordinator

Robin Carey, Assistant Professor of Economics at Richmond College, has been appointed Coordinator of Special Sessions and Continuing Education, it was announced by Dr. Herbert Schueler, president of the College. Dr. Carey, who lives in the Concord Heights section of Staten Island, has been on the faculty of Richmond since 1970. She received her B.A. degree from Wellesley College and her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, where she taught in the Department of Economics.

Dr. Carey succeeds Dr. Dorothy McCormack who served as Coordinator of

Summer Sessions and is now Dean of Students. In her new post, Dr. Carey will be responsible for summer sessions, minimesters, and special programs for adults in late afternoon and evening hours.

She announced that the summer session is scheduled for June 25 to August 9 for undergraduate courses, with graduate courses starting July 2. Registration for summer session for Richmond College students in May 1 and general registration is June 21. Information on the summer program is available from the Registrar's Office, 130 Stuyvesant Place.



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## Students / Streets

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cycle is education. To cut back education also is to enforce a Catch-22. Taking people off public assistance will not make them disappear. "It seems that this country has learned to build bombs to kill people, assemble buses to bus people, but they haven't yet learned to help people."

Diana Tazosh, a student from Port Richmond High School, spoke for high school students yet to enter CUNY, pointing out that lower and middle income families could not pay \$650 simoleans per year. Ergo the tuition would permit only those with money to go to school to make money.

Allan Wolfe delivered an excellent half hour ad lib concerning the political, economic and decadent reasons for the possible tuition charge. In a nutshell: the powers that be needed college trained people for their expanding economy. Now that the American economy is falling

short of the mark, and it seems that we're not expanding at the same imperialistic rate the Rockefellers and their lot need us to work in the factories again. "Free tuition—Jail Rockefeller."

A speaker from the Committee to Fight Tuition and Cutbacks gave a good summary speech that included all the just complaints that people were bitching about.

The rally at Borough Hall was followed by a spirited confrontation with the layabouts in the cafeteria. In general there was feeling, chanting, dancing, some honest sentiment and a touch of optimism present at this pretty jazzy rally. The tuition thing comes up every year and has to be handled. This type of action is what this school needs. If you don't think so, you can go sit on a track, because things are going to get worse if the mass of students don't get off their duff and take a stand on something.

Robert Millman

## Will Pass, Fail?

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their applications before the Fall deadline."

If the grading system is to be changed to something worse than exists, Richmond College will be losing the opportunity to be a pioneering institution. The faculty who now propose this change take the fact that present society requires grades and credits, and escalate it into the expectation that grades make education "worthwhile."

I'd like to discuss the statements made by the faculty as reported in the last edition of the Richmond Times, and the assumptions and reasoning which underline those statements.

I.

"Our grading and advisement system aren't working well, we aren't doing nearly enough to see to it that our students have a worthwhile experience at Richmond, and are not sent out thereafter simply to join the ranks of the unemployed."

A. Graduate Schools

The advisement system is lacking, the professed reason being that graduate schools look with disbelief and dismay at our grading system.

A word about graduate admissions by Paul Goodman:

"In the collection of essays, 'Examining in Harvard College,' the consensus is that grading hinders teaching and creates a bad spirit, going as far as cheating and plagiarism. It is uniformly asserted, however, that the grading is inevitable: for how else will the graduate schools...know whom to accept?"

By testing the applicants, by the inducting institutions, such as exams for the Civil Service, or the licenses in medicine, law and architecture. Why should Harvard professors do the testing for corporations and graduate schools?

The objection is ludicrous. Dean Whittle, of the Harvard Office of Tests points out that the scholastic aptitude and achievement tests used for admission to Harvard are a super-excellent index for all-round Harvard performance, better than high school grades or particular Harvard course-grades."

We should be challenging the practices of entry requirements for graduate schools and attendance in them as a criterion for employment. Most students attend them as a teeth-gritting necessity for a higher income or a preferred job. Any admission system that is not working well ought to be examined and improved. To blame the Pass-Fail system for the failure of the advisement system is misleading.

B. Worthwhile Experience

The outcome of the issue of grading depends on the definition of "worthwhile." It must not be assumed or implied, as it does here.

We must not be persuaded that the Pass-Fail system is to blame for the indifference of the students or "laziness" of the faculty.

The roots of these attitudes go to a much deeper level of understanding. They go to the reasons for the alienation we feel regarding learning and teaching.

The difficulty at Richmond College is one symptom of 20th century alienated society. The recent publicity of "blue-collar blues" and "white-collar woes" illustrate the recognition of intense alienation people experience in their jobs. Solutions in that area of life are not in the direction of stricter regulations.

The only discipline that works to achieve a deeper commitment to asking questions and searching out answers that are important to people and the way they live, is self-discipline. Externally imposed force cannot lead an uninterested person to undertake this search.

Either most students have never felt the joy of learning, or have had it destroyed due largely to the rigid, compulsory schooling system. In our society it is difficult, but not impossible, to still feel enthusiasm and freshness for learning.

The "onus" of the lack of worthwhile experience should be shared by teachers and students; it is certainly felt by both. How much faculty look forward to teaching at Richmond, and not primarily their paychecks, or as a haven from fitting into the demands of industry?

To institute ABCD is to admit to a large degree that the faculty has not done qualitatively enough. It promotes the feeling that teaching cannot be done except through increasing competition, tension, anxiety. It is unquestionably an easier solution to the faculty's frustrations. But it is an old, familiar authoritarian solution of imposing stricter regulations.

It is wrong to blame the "relaxed atmosphere" at Richmond for student indifference, and the Pass-Fail system for disinterestedness.

C. Unemployment

Let's not have students, or anyone, unemployed: poor blacks, chicanos, women, Indians. Let's extend our sympathies to all the peons of society. Most of us in colleges are looking for personal solutions to get us out of the unhappy mess of boring, routine jobs.

What happens when the last minority member has a degree and there is still dirty work to be done? On what basis, other than a college degree, will the decision be made as to who will spend hours at routine, mechanical jobs? How many Ph.D.'s will be required to administer this work, rather than do it?

Will we then be hobbling on all fours, finger-knuckles wracked with neuritis as we type the final thesis and become, at last, participants in the "good" life? There is no personal solution to meaningful work; there is only a social solution that will change the hours spent at work into satisfying ones; and the requirement for employment, the ability to do a specific job. Many will have to give up their privileges that a college degree now permits them, but many would welcome a change and loss of privilege if it means the humanization of the society.

Unemployment is a serious problem in this country today, and we at Richmond can do more to create better opportunities if we try to change the reasons why our degrees create barriers for society in general.

II.

"The admission and standing committee has now heard "shocking testimony" that some graduate schools are confused about the meaning of a P.

Why be shocked? Everyone at CUNY regards this system as experimental. No one appears to have made a survey or asked permission of the country's graduate schools before it was instituted.

To withdraw support because the wagging fingers of graduate schools say no-no shows cowardliness or lack of principle or both.

Has this system failed because an almost predictable reaction has been realized?

III.

The "losers," they claim, are those students who don't arrange to have letter equivalents made for P's. For years in this country, the dissatisfaction about the ABC-DF method has been pushing its way to consciousness in academia. Richmond is

responding to that awareness.

If we are to have even a half-way measure of making P's equivalent to something else, those students who choose to be graded with P's, simply and purely, are indeed the losers; but mainly because the institution fails to stand behind them.

Those students who choose P's will be separated from the rest, as dim-witted loafers. Two classes of students will arise: the efforts of the "P" students will not be recognized as opponents to a system that makes a grade the incentive to learn. Do we really want to create one more class struggle? Folly.

Since the college does not stand firmly behind its professed belief, it is no wonder graduate schools and employers can make "losers" out of students. Letters of recommendation from the faculty for students are more thorough ways of expressing the quality of a student's undergraduate work. Along with entrance exams, they should be sufficient for graduate schools and employers.

IV.

The present grading system is not "meaningless." It was developed in response to the failure of the traditional system.

How condescending can the attitude get towards students? "Genial permissiveness" is not what we want. We are looked upon as if we are incompetents who need a pat on the head, and a nod from authority to tell us what to do, lest we endanger ourselves. Is the student born in original sin, one whose nature must be carefully curbed? Is the student house nigger? Is he still the "child" in need of "in loco parentis"?

Who, meanwhile, is looking after the faculty? Who is giving them "genial permissiveness" or "uncongenial impermissiveness"?

V.

The notion of a "pleasant fiction" of students being left alone to take care of themselves is indeed a pleasant fiction. We do not come to Richmond to be left alone. We come to be in contact with others. We can be left alone in the Reading Room of the 42nd Street Library.

Let's not promulgate this "pleasant fiction" any further, because most students do not believe it and I hope most faculty do not either.

VI.

The only point of possible agreement with the ABCD system is that it eliminates the grade F. A serious discussion could be held as to its merits. As it stands, it is like the carrot, dangling to seduce us.

There are times when a failure on a test is necessary, and I point this out only to begin the discussion. Are we to give all P's and H's to drivers who take their road tests and do not know the "rules of the Road," etc.

The immediate task for Richmond is to preserve the present system, because it is threatened with extinction and the alternative proposal would destroy any hope that our experiences as students and faculty is a good one.

Present society might not change tomorrow, but why be led to believe that education can be made "worthwhile" by dehumanizing it? Richmond represents an attempt to humanize education within the limits of the system. These faculty would have us leave the desert of reform and return to the fleshpots of conformity.



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## George Gets a "P"

George Targownik, assistant to the coordinator of campus planning at Richmond College, has recently passed the New York State Education Department's examination for license to practice architecture.

Targownik, who lives on Ward Hill, has

been in the office of campus planning at the college since 1969. Prior to this he worked in the firm of Gueron, Lepp and Associates and for Edgar Tafel. He received his baccalaureate degree in architecture from Pratt Institute and studied also at Cooper Union School of Architecture.

STAPLETON VILLAGES



by Robert Millman

ANYONE FAMILIAR WITH STATEN ISLAND KNOWS THAT THE CONSUMER FACTS OF LIFE ARE 1) YOU MUST HAVE A CAR 2) DON'T EXPECT TO GET WHAT YOU WANT. IN FANTASYLAND SHOPPING MALLS YOU CAN BE CONNED INTO BUYING PNEUMATIC FACE CLOTHES, GARBAGE CANS THAT RESEMBLE PIGS AND OTHER NECESSITIES OF LIFE. AT ANY DRIVE IN BANK A MECHANIZED PSEUDOPED WILL GLIDE OUT OF THE WALL HAPPY TO DO BUSINESS WITH YOU. YES, WE'VE SOLVED RISING CRIME WITH HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING AND TOOTH DECAY WITH SUGARLESS GUM. "YOU DESERVE A BREAK TODAY AT MCDONALDS' " AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE STINKS.

When Tappen park was a village green, sailing ships ruled the seas and Stapleton's waterfront shouldered the intercourse of nations, you could get what you wanted in a small shop and you could walk to it. Those days have long faded from Stapleton. The trade has left and so have the customers. Computerized shopping centers have more than taken up the slack.

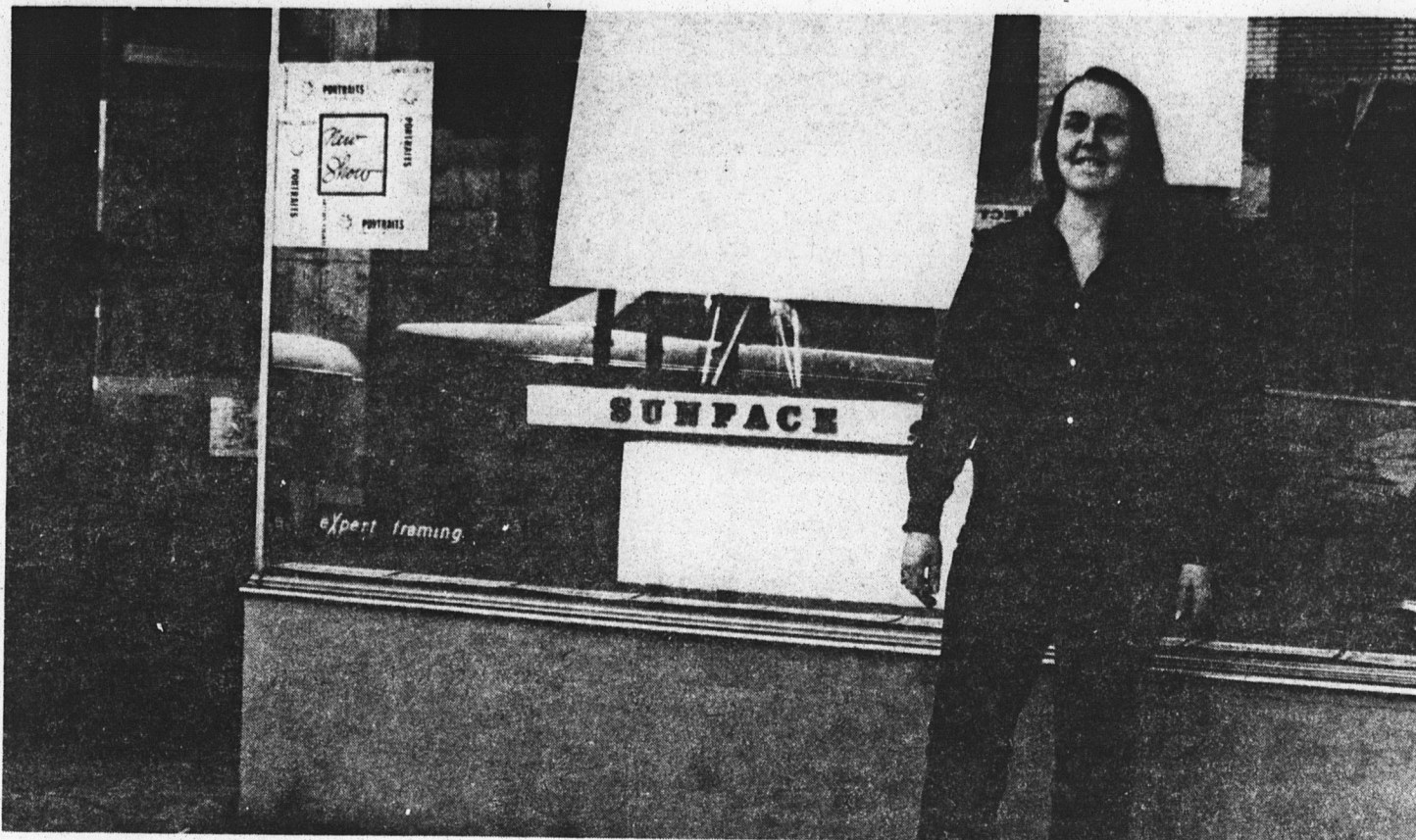
But perhaps a bit of Stapleton's style remained. At present the most amazing renaissance is happening in Stapleton. In the last few months 12 shops have opened in the waterfront area, for the most part centered on Staten Island arts and crafts.

In late 1972, the former McGovern headquarters on the corner of Bay and Broad was changed into the now successful Your Green Thumb, a pleasant store burgeoning with plants waiting for your care. Ed Lisk is the proprietor. He knows his business and is glad to answer any questions you have (about plants). Whether you are or not is your prerogative. Green Thumb's prices range from 69 cents to \$85, from philodendrum to Japanese dwarf pines and browsing costs you nothing but your time.

Adjacent to Your Green Thumb is the Sunface Gallery, Staten Island's first real art gallery. The proprietor is Dan Werner who exhibits local artists. His talent and store are professional in the successful sense of the word, as are his shows. Continuing up Broad Street you find the Richmond Art collective, Third World Antiques, and Harbor Handicrafts. Harbor Handicrafts is operated by Jim Shaw, a Richmond College student and Andy Brocada. Like the name implies they deal in locally produced handicrafts. Pottery and woodwork of the highest quality and lowest price can be gotten there. The clay used is taken from Staten Island earth, and if you walk in at the right time, you can watch someone create a piece of pottery from a lump of mud.

Heading back toward Tappen park, you'll pass The Volunteers of America an organization that has furnished many homes on Staten Island. The Garcia Boutique which sells real honest to God art supplies, Curley's Pancake House (open 24 hours, above average pancakes), the free school thrift store (by far the cheapest thrift store on Staten Island), two fabric stores and curio shops too numerous to mention.

If you want something the chances are you can find it in Stapleton. From health food (Taste of Nature 12 blocks up Broad St. from Bay) to wedding rings made to order (Sunface Gallery). You come off with what you set out to get and a pleasant afternoon is guaranteed. Don't throw your money away at shopping centers! The clerks don't care, the clothes don't fit, and the colors fade. Shopping centers aren't made for human beings. They're made for automobiles. They don't create in any sense. All the supposed artwork and crafts are copies: copies that cost the same as unique originals in Stapleton. Shopping malls tear apart nature to put down parking lots. Do yourself a favor, take a stroll through Stapleton. You'll enjoy yourself.



Ms. Schwerner is currently exhibiting at Sunface Gallery

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Kathy Wall, proprietress of Tinker's Dream

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Richmond Art Collective

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# EDITORIALS

## Danger - Upgrade Ahead

The article in the last issue of the Richmond Times concerning the proposed change in the Richmond College grading system has brought a large vocal response. Many students feel that what differentiates Richmond College from the other units of City University is the grading system. The Pass/Fail/Honors system is designed to encourage learning for the sake of knowledge rather than the status of grades. Many of the courses offered at Richmond (especially Interdisciplinary and American studies) go in innovative directions, in new fields. It is difficult enough to make any sort of honest evaluation in such a short term as the five years Richmond College has been functioning. To have to equate achievements in these new fields on a par with those in the settled, mapped out syllabus of other city universities is a great injustice to all the students and faculties concerned. A university which is founded upon and bills itself as a proponent of, experimental principles should not permit itself to be subject to the pressures of other, more conforming universities.

The fact that this proposal was made by members of the faculty speaks badly for it. The proponents claim that Richmond College graduates suffer difficulties trying to get into graduate schools with P/F/H on their records. There are several options open to such students. First of all, a student can request a letter grade from a teacher in the major of the student, since it is primarily the grades in a major which the graduate school is concerned with. Second, when applying to a graduate school, letters of recommendation or explanation of the grade may be sent. Such a letter can also be put into a student's file at grading time. Third, half of a student's record is comprised of a transcript from a community college or other college. Chances are these are letter-graded. They can be considered a fair indicator of the quality of a student's work.

The grading system used in a college should be the option of the students in that college. It should not be forced by the faculty or administration of that college or any external forces.

# LETTERS

## Jay Raises H

Dear Denis Hamill:

Re: your article on dogs. It's obvious you'll never make friends and influence people, kid. Whaddayamean: "Dog owners have got to be the worst violators of urban environment." Don't you know it's the MEAT MANUFACTURERS that are, 'cause they are the WURST offenders??? Where are your brains, huh? Would you have 50 million poor people eat dog food—which is mostly made up of goat's lips, sow's bellies and fish feet? Anyway, what you you doing for poor people, anyway?

If you consider excretory functions to be "steaming mounds of disease," it's fairly evident that you were toilet trained too early. Did the Air-Wick Company put you up to writing this article??? Although I can't say much for your writing style, you have a great future writing pornography, ie: "a dog in heat...screwing a protruding handle or the crack under the door." This might be explained by the theory that when you were a kid, your parents got you a rabbit and told you it was a dog.

As to wild mustangs being in dog and cat food, it isn't listed on the label. Anyway, I always thought they used left-over horses after they've extracted the glue.

As for dog-shit getting into kid's candy bars, didn't you know that the Food and Drug administration allows for spider parts, roach eggs and maggots in almost everything you eat?

The funniest part of your article is the part about dogs making the cafeteria unclean. You can forget that... it happened a long time ago. Didn't you ever eat their hamburgers? That's where all the mustang meat goes. And did you ever notice that the only drooling tongues in or near the cafeteria are animals? People know better.

As to your defamation of llamas, don't you know that in Peru they worship llamas—who are their holy men.

My advice to you is to let yourself go, seek psychiatric help and put on the dog.

Yours,

Andrea Jay

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offenders).

Eliminating corruption, (establishing a permanent independent city investigation commission).

More police (providing a \$50 million program of state aid to increase the New York City police force by 3,000).

Albert Blumenthal's plans to improve our housing, underline his belief that:

Action is needed from the initial stages of financing through construction, maintenance and security.

The Federal government must lift its freeze on housing monies.

The State must make a commitment to provide new housing; the Mitchell-Lama program must be revised to provide housing for the moderate and middle-income families for whom the program was designed.

City procedures must be made more flexible to facilitate tenant co-operative ownership of structurally sound abandoned buildings.

Localized inspectional activities must be directly tied to emergency repair programs and loan programs.

Maximum Base Rent increases must be systematically curtailed in buildings with violations.

Existing code regulations must be enforced to insure coordinated City action to correct violations.

I can best sum up my beliefs by saying that the man the N.Y. Times calls "The single most valuable member of the State Legislature" should be the next mayor of New York City.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the campaign, please leave your name and phone number in my mailbox located in room 543.

Philip Green

## Blood Needed

It is not often that one is offered the opportunity to render lifesaving assistance to another person. Such an opportunity now exists but is not generally known. Children and adults suffering from leukemia and other blood diseases desperately need blood platelets to replace their own which are depleted by the disease and the therapy utilized to combat it. Blood platelets often mean the difference between survival and death for patients in the crisis phases of their disease.

The demand always exceeds the supply because, unlike plasma and whole blood, platelets cannot be stored for any length of time. They must be used within twenty-four to forty-eight hours of donation. Current therapy at Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases in Manhattan and at other centers throughout the country now gives realistic hope for the cure of some forms of childhood leukemia. Just imagine what this knowledge can mean to a patient and his family!

A vital adjunct of the chemotherapeutic attack on leukemia is meticulous supportive therapy in which platelet transfusion as well as other modalities are employed. A single donor can provide the major portion of platelets required by a child with leukemia; a hundred or more donors would probably supply the current needs of the majority of these patients in the metropolitan area.

When you donate whole blood your donation is stored for the time when it becomes needed in a situation which may or may not be life-threatening. On the other hand, when you give platelets you know that they will be used virtually immediately—many times in a life or death situation. Won't you help? Your donation will truly give the gift of life to someone, and the knowledge that you donated will recompense you more than you would ever imagine.

Please call Memorial Hospital at TR 9-3000, ext. 2440 for an appointment. No more than a half hour there is needed.

## Sandra Speaks On Sexism

Richmond Reporter  
Sandra S. Tangri  
Activities in May  
April 11, 1973

I have been selected to serve on the special task force on Sexism in Graduate Education in Psychology, and have accepted. This is a committee of the Education and Training Board of the American Psychological Association. The first meeting of this committee is on May 2nd in Washington.

From May 10th through May 12th, I am an invited participant in the conference on Ethics of Social Intervention at the Battelle Center in Seattle, Washington. I will be discussant of the paper on Population Programs by Walter Lapham of the Population Council.

## C A.B. at R.C.

Albert Blumenthal, Candidate for Mayor, endorsed by the New Democratic Coalition, renowned legislator and spokesman for free tuition and open enrollment, women's rights and abortions, will appear at Richmond College, Thursday, April 26 at 1:00 in Room 703.

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## The Greening of Blumenthal

by Philip Green

In the ten years Al Blumenthal has been in the New York State Assembly, he has led the fight for forceful and progressive legislation affecting all facets of our everyday lives.

As Deputy Minority Leader, he has demonstrated the rare political gift of working with all factions to enact laws to improve our lives.

For example, Al has led the fight in 1971 and 1972 to save free tuition and open enrollment at CUNY. Also, Assemblyman Blumenthal has fought for the financial equality of N.Y. City schools with those outside the city. Al Blumenthal has pioneered the liberalization of the State abortion law and also drafted the 1966 Medicaid law. He led the fight for lead paint poisoning prevention regulations and neighborhood health centers.

In the area of housing, Assemblyman Blumenthal wrote the law for senior citizen rent exemption and laws requiring adequate heating and locked front doors in apartments. Most important to us, he led the fight against the vacancy decontrol law. As chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Consumer Protection in 1968, Al

Blumenthal initiated investigations on utilities, which laid the groundwork for changes in the Public Service Commission and facilitated action on the many specific demands by consumer groups for changes which have not been asked upon. Assemblyman Blumenthal's two greatest priorities lie in reforming our criminal justice system and improving our housing. Mr. Blumenthal states, "The worst corruption in our criminal justice system is its total inefficiency. It fails to protect the rights of either the accused to a speedy trial or the public to live in peace. Needed is total reform of the system, not just rhetoric!" Some of his ideas of reform are as follows:

Penal law revisions (eliminating victimless crimes and requiring rapid trials).  
Court restructuring (unification of the courts, creating a chief administrator to insure efficiency, impartial appointment of judges after legislative hearings and a court on the judiciary to remove incompetent judges).

Correctional improvements (assurance of basic due process rights for inmates, elimination of job disabilities for ex-

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Impresario Pepe Hernandez and his Coca Cola Cuties

By RICHARD KORNBERG

My notes on it have long since disappeared, my annoyance while viewing it has abated yet "Lemmings" still rolls on. During its previews the rumor was that its producer, National Lampoon, cared primarily about the L.P., envisioning millions of teenyboppers and self-proclaimed radicals wildly ripping off its cellophane wrapping and being turned on by the music and humor of its anti-establishment perspective.

A quicky recording was unnecessary because "Lemmings" is now prospering at the Village Gate. Soon touring versions will be spawned and as opposed to their namesake, they will progress from our eastern seaboard to the heartland of America. And I am sad.

It is indeed disheartening to note that a goodly number of patrons find amusement in a show whose humor falls far behind its editorial point of view. It is easy to agree with the politics of "Lemmings;" it is quite another matter to be able to laugh at its jokes.

The show's faults are most evident in the first act. Instead of providing a feast of countercultural barbs, we are served a hodge-podge of warmed over vaudeville routines which immediately bring to mind the skits of Wayne and Schuster—those two non-comedians who continually popped up on the Ed Sullivan Show in the mid-sixties. Of course the pies have been replaced by acid, but the net effect is the same.

The surprisingly backward nature of the material continues into the second stanza. This part is entirely devoted to a rock concert which pokes fun at Woodstock and proves nostalgic to the audience on hand. It's funny up to a point, but after that point is passed it begins to wear pretty thin.

"Lemmings" should have been better. Unfortunately for the undemanding and spaced-out it might seem best. But even they should be put off by the Village Gate's policy of first telling people to check their coats and then informing them of the ridiculous service charge.

For the people who still want to see a musical review, "El Grande de Coca Cola" might prove to be a better choice.

Upon entering the Mercer Arts Center you are met by a woman giving out autographed pictures of impresario Pepe Hernandez. A short while later she can be noted hawking Coca Cola for fifty cents, American dinero. This gimmick wonderfully performed by Anna Nygh sets the stage for an evening you won't soon forget.

The time is present day Trujillo, Honduras, the place is a third rate nightclub rented for a month by Pepe Hernandez with

the money he has conned out of his uncle, the manager of a local Coca Cola bottling plant. He has promised to present a group of interna-seo-nal cabaret stars but instead we are treated to the multi-untalented relatives of the impresario himself. Lickity split they change from one character to another, first a Germanic opera star then Blind Joe Jackson from Jackson, Mississippi. The acts come fast and furiously, one funnier than the next with the hilarious Pepe Hernandez (Ron House) firmly in control of this Parada de Estrellas.

Throughout the evening the cast speaks in a pigeon Spanish which adds to the flavor and humor of the enterprise. It is the sort of pseudo-foreign language non-speakers expect yet it is totally understandable to the average theatregoer.

The entire event is of course intentionally campy. You are laughing at the people, not with them. As with many shows of this ilk some of the parts are better than the whole since intentional put-ons tend to grow tiresome. Nevertheless it definitely should be seen.

"El Grande de Coca Cola," which was entirely written by its cast members, has been successfully presented at the Hampstead Theatre Club in London. It should be on this side of the Atlantic for a long time to come.

It certainly disproves the adage that nothing does it like 7 Up.

"L'ETE (Summer) now playing at the Cherry Lane Theatre has also been a hit with the Europeans. They can keep it.

The setting and lighting by William Strom and Susan Ain's more than incidental music beautifully evoke the look and feel of the French countryside. It is a lovely scene to view while falling asleep, a sensation which did not escape this critic.

Romain Weingarten's play concerns love. Under the watchful eyes of two cats, Half Cherry and Lord Garlic, an incestuous relationship develops between a brother and sister. While this is happening the more virulent feline becomes enamoured over a fly. There are some beautiful sunrises but no revelations.

It is all very stilted and tedious. The fact that much of the cats' narrative is in the third person only adds to this feeling. There is, however, a line of dialogue with which I beg to differ. Towards the end of the proceedings one character claims, "When you're in love you're afraid to be separate." Not from works like this and anyway we all know that "Love means never having to say you're sorry."

My apologies to all.

# Brother Sun, Sister Moon

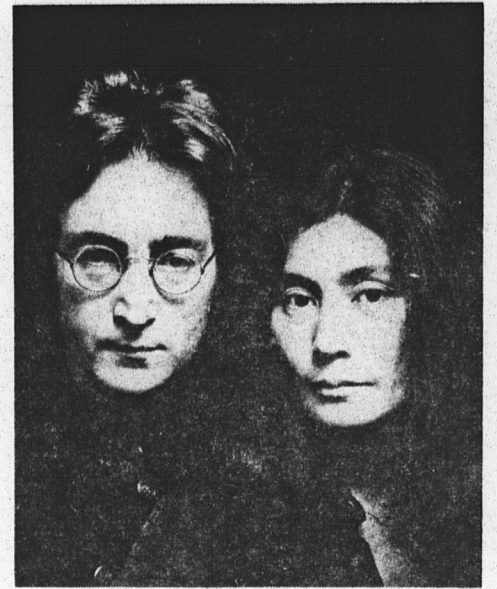
By RICHARD KORNBERG

Franco Zeffirelli has learned his lesson a little too well. Keeping in mind that young people found beauty and relevance in his filmization of "Romeo and Juliet," he has gone in the same direction with his new work "Brother Sun, Sister Moon." Unfortunately this effort was too conscious and it produces a situation which almost pulls apart the basic fabric of the tale.

While the work does not purport to be a perfectly factual account of the early life of St. Francis of Assisi, it should at least keep religion in its nature. However, most of the experience, religious and otherwise, is of the surface variety and only near the end, through the expertise of Alec Guinness, does a deeper characterization come to light.

Outwardly this is a stunning achievement. Richly costumed and expertly photographed it has a beauty matched by its good looking young participants. But this too at times works at cross purposes when one is extolling the virtues of simplicity as was our noble hero.

Another mixed blessing is the film's meticulous lighting. Director Zeffirelli has opted to express devotional faith through the reflection of light off of a character's body. There is a thin line that divides a religious experience from one of a baser nature. At times this St. Francis seems a bit of a sissy.



By BILL DI BIASI

A little over five years ago Yoko Ono came up with the concept of a new country-Nutopia. Nutopia has no land, no boundaries, no passports, only people. You become a citizen of this country by a declaration of your awareness of Nutopia. All people of Nutopia are ambassadors of the country.

Why a Nutopia? Why not? Nutopia is something different for everyone. The flag of Nutopia is the white flag of surrender.

If you believe in peace, love, freedom and surrender, then declare yourself a Nutopian. As Nutopians we ask for recognition in the United Nations. Those who care please write: Nutopian Embassy, One White Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10013. Imagine all the people.

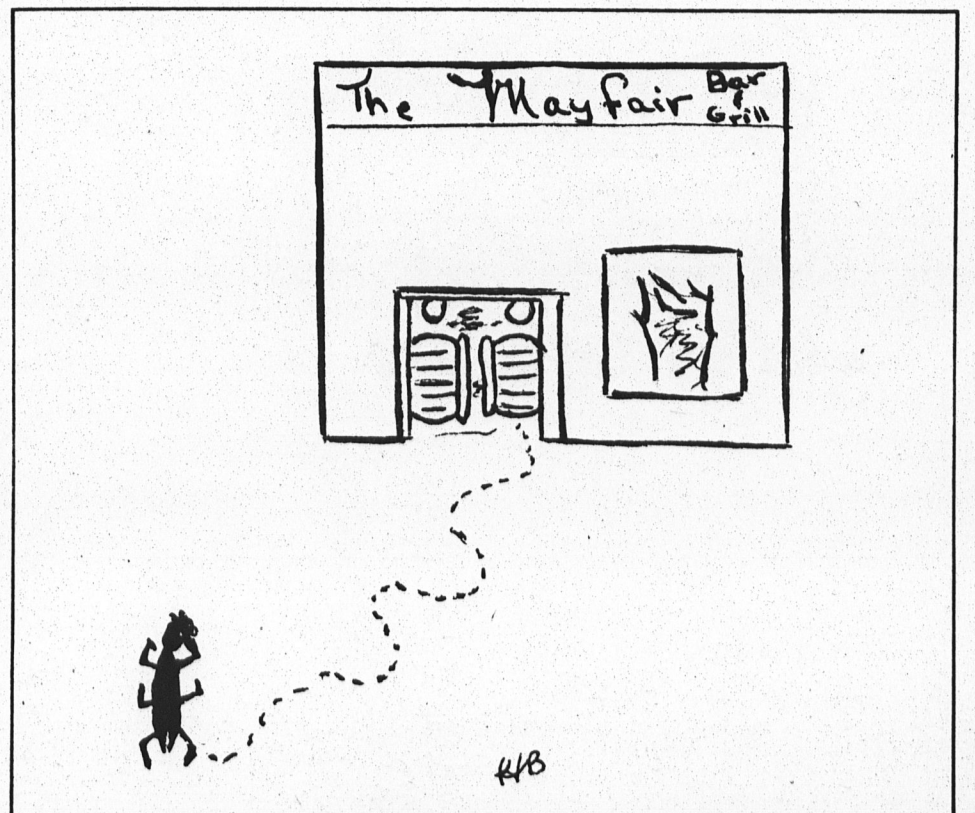
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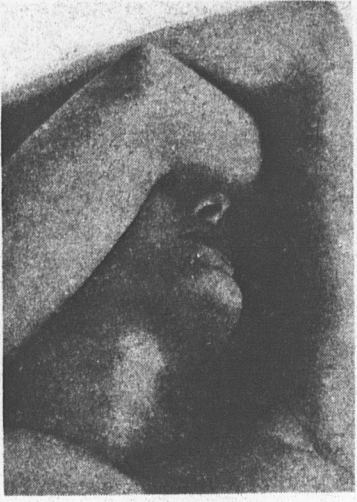
boss

i had a mystical experience the other day left a chunk of my unemployment check at the mayfair and blew out the door before i had to buy that sot of a spider a drink i think i entered the twilight zone god damn boss it was 1969 when i staggered out the door some kind of demonstration wuz goin on at borough hall bullhorns everywhere crazyass students demanding no tuition

free tuition jail rockefeller i got all worked up wuz on line to make a speech in the middle of rockefeller you liar were gonna set your ass on fire i hyperventilated to get ready but i passed out when i woke up it was all gone and murphy nearly stepped on me i got the hell home to sleep it off mystical it was boss mystical

archy





## How Could You

*How could you be sure I was who I said I was  
when, in fact,  
You weren't even sure of who you were.  
It took two months before I even realized  
You were gone.  
And when I did, I ran to the window looking  
for you.  
And then the pain was gone.  
P.S. What'ja say your name was?*

Andrea Jay  
April, '73

## First Thoughts

By IRA D. GRODIN

*This poem is for you.  
You're like the first snow,  
Fresh from above.  
Unspoiled by human greed.  
Care and love about you.  
You've opened my mind wide.  
Gave to me a warmth inside,  
I haven't known,  
For a long long time.*

## So Very

by Deia

*You are sensitive,  
oh yes.  
You cover it up,  
oh yes,*

*You cover it with leather and chains,  
and a very sharp knife.*

*But I know deep down in the very precious  
inside  
of you,  
Under the leather jacket, beaten and  
scarred  
Beneath the tough vest, stained with ex-  
perience  
under the cover of your sweated denim shirt  
Inside your heart.*

*I can feel your gentleness.  
I know you.  
I understand that you are lonely and so  
misunderstood  
and must use your very sharp knife.*

*To cut out my heart  
lest' yours be empty and aching.*

## Faceless Lady

By IRA D. GEODIN

*Dear Faceless Lady,  
With unknown smile.  
Look behind you,  
She'll be gone.  
Just an image fading,  
Is all that's left.  
Every flickering face,  
Brings her back to mind.  
But I know,  
I'll never see,  
My faceless lady.*



# What's For Lunch? Over Night Hit

By DENIS HAMILL

If the meat boycott did anything else beside coining jokes like ques., "What's the difference between meat and flounder?" Ans. "You can't beat your flounder," and slogans like "Beat the Meat" it certainly showed that consumers when unified can hurt sales. The meat boycott was held on a national level, and anything that this country can do together, must be positive. But here I want to talk about something smaller and as students perhaps as important. Richmond College has an enrollment of approximately 2500, and only one cafeteria. This small monopoly has taken full advantage of its consumers now for some time. Now it should be our turn. That is why I am asking for a full one week boycott of all items in the cafeteria, including the vending machines until prices are drastically slashed and quality of the food increases at least five million percent.

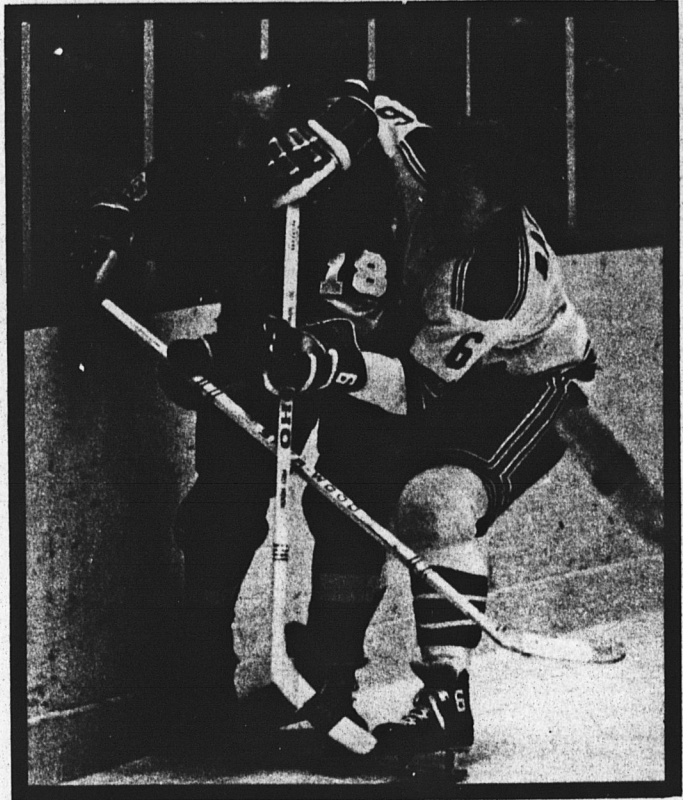
The other day during the meat boycott, being famished and almost broke, I went to the cafeteria to get a meatless lunch. Their selection was meagre to say the least so I opted for a salad that consisted of an ice cream scoop of cottage cheese, a few leaves of lettuce (of whose origin I am suspicious), two toothpick sticks of carrots, a bit of celery, and some slices of a boiled egg. I grabbed a coffee on the way out. The man at the machine started pressing buttons and ringing bells and the magic number read: \$1.12. I almost puked before I ate the lousy salad. I asked the prices of each item: 96c for the salad, 16c for the coffee. I paid the greedy man and sat down to a dry, tasteless salad and coffee I could have brewed with scabby bandages. I decided this was the end. Never again was I going to buy anything in that cafeteria. But the next day, lazy and in need of something sweet I purchased an ice cream bar. This cost an amazing 27c. The bar was three fluid ounces. Now, my math is rather bad but if you paid that price by the gallon it would come to an unbelievable \$11.52. That is roughly the annual wages of an Indonesian Paddy farmer. It could also cover the train fare to Boston, enable one to see LAST TANGO twice, buy lunch for any student for a full week or feed a child in India for a month. This is simply ridiculous.

Consider some of the other prices: sausage hero \$1.00, meatball hero 90c, veal

hero \$1.00, turkey hero 95c, tuna hero 90c, etc., etc. Their cheeseburgers, that double for mild laxatives, go for 65c and they are not even on par with Jack in the Box or McDonalds; they are so thin you could slip one under a classroom door, the grease courses up the forearm while eating it and they taste plain shitty. All salads (what they call large) are at least 85c, the sodas that are usually flat or too syrupy go for 16c or 30c, but to top it off the people who run the joint are snotty, uncourteous and downright nasty. This what is laughedly known as bullshit. But we can put an end to it and that ain't no bullshit.

When I was in John Jay High School the lunch specials were something like 50c. One year, after the Christmas break, they tried to raise it to 60c. The students boycotted everything for two full weeks. They didn't restore the original price, they made it 45c. There were indignant high school students who did not stand idly by and allow themselves to be shafted. We are college students and should be able to at least accomplish the same if not more. In high school we were not permitted out of the school during lunch and we cut the prices, we are allowed out, and should take advantage of the small stores in the neighborhood for lunch. The Mexican joint down the block isn't bad and gives you a pretty good meal at varying prices. Some of the prices are as much as the cafeteria but the service is good, the help polite, and the food tasty. But if Mexican food isn't your bag, there are two or three deli's in walking distance, a pizza joint, a luncheonette around the corner and a saloon down the block for those who enjoy liquid lunch. Better still, now that the warmer weather is coming, bring your lunch from home for a week and take a stroll down by the bay, or flop in the grass somewhere.

This boycott could work but it will take a lot of people to stop pushing the button for the third floor and go on down to the lobby and eat somewhere else. I would suggest the second week after the Easter recess to begin it. I admire the idea of students running their own food concession but it will take time. In the mean time we could start pushing these rejects from SICC out of RICHMOND as well. Shall we say "ICE THE PRICES" or "OFF THE RIP-OFFS." Hope to see ya outside. (And if one week doesn't do it, add another one on.)



by Ira D. Grodin

The Rangers moved past Boston into the semifinals with a brilliant performance that even the most optimistic rangers found hard to believe. The games produced an overnight star in Ron Harris.

Harris was acquired from Atlanta in late November to fill the defense gap when Park and DeMarco were hurt. When Rod Seiling was injured, he was called upon again. He is a bruising hockey player who relies on his tremendous strength. Harris is only 5'10", 185 pounds, but by lifting weights he has built up his strength. Opposing players say he reminds them of a tank.

During the Boston Series, he proved to be a key in beating the rough Bruins. Wayne Cashman, known around the league as the "toughest player" tried separating Harris' head from his body with his stick. Cashman put his stick right into Harris' face. Harris seemed to be dazed and reached to his forehead and saw blood. The play was still going on. Harris hit Cashman with such force that it lifted him off the ice and sent him flying.

The Rangers arrived in New York after beating Boston at 12 midnight. I was there, and it was disgusting to see how things were handled. Four thousand fans waited an hour for the Rangers to land. The Rangers or the airport should have made it possible for everyone to see them. Instead, they tried to put the Rangers into cabs and get them past the crowd. People began surrounding the cab that the goaltender, Ed Giacomin, was in. Pushing and shoving soon began, and it ended with Giacomin jumping on the car and cursing members of the crowd. In fact, he went after one fan physically. Giacomin wasn't completely wrong, because it could have been a dangerous situation. There should have been a barricade at the airfield when the Rangers got off the plane so everyone could see them.

Grodin's Gems...Boxing world again was shocked when Ali was beaten by unknown fighter Ken Norton. Ali fought almost entirely with a broken jaw. Ali seemed unprepared for the fight...The Knicks swept past the Bullets in five games and are now playing the Celtics in the semifinals...Playoff tickets for the Knicks and Rangers are going for five times their legal price. The scalpers seem to be having a field day even with tightened security. What puzzles me is how they get 30 tickets for the games.

Here is your chance to see your name in print in the Richmond Times. Just answer the following questions correctly and bring it to Room 539.

- 1) Two pro quarterbacks have thrown for seven touchdowns in one game. Name one of them.
- 2) What was the last AFL Championship team prior to the Super Bowl?
- 3) Don Maynard broke all time leading receiving record of what former player?
- 4) What American League manager has won the pennant with two different teams?
- 5) Last year what pitcher no hit the Mets? (He plays for the Expos.)
- 6) Who was the winning pitcher in the 1971 All-Star game?
- 7) What team was Ranger Captain Vic Hadfield drafted from?
- 8) What Ranger is nicknamed the Goat?
- 9) What Knick has the most career points?
- 10) Who is the Knick with the most career rebounds.

Deadline for answers—May 3.

