

## Lopez Case Mocks Justice

On Staten Island the "Lopez Case" began July 10, 1974. Jesus (Jesse) Lopez, a 20-year-old, Colombian citizen, a dishonorably discharged Army medic, a passer of bad checks and car thief, was hired to practice medicine as a gynecologist at the Human Resources Agency, Staten Island Community Corporation Family Planning Clinic on Castleton Avenue in West Brighton.

You see, it was summer, and many of the regular doctors were on vacation. Besides, the clinic was located close to a public housing project and served mainly third world women — so people weren't terribly concerned with its quality. Poor people, especially poor women, learn not to demand too much from the system. The object of the clinic was to provide "birth control," for free, to anyone who would take it. The obvious assumption was that the proximity of such a clinic to public housing would reduce the birth rate among the poor people — fewer welfare babies.

The problem came when students found out about the service. Really, who can afford \$20.00 for that yearly pap smear? Who wants to pay out

\$20.00 or more a year for birth control pills? So temporarily poor, white, middle class women — students referred by Island college health services, came too. One was Glenda Ernst.

Glenda, now a student at Richmond College, was sexually molested by Lopez, the non-doctor. She was given a prescription for birth control pills by Lopez, the non-doctor. There was nothing subtle about the sexual molesting, and she complained. The clinic assured her that she was receiving good care, but that they would keep an eye on the new "doctor," just in case. But while she was waiting for her birth control pills, Glenda began questioning another patient, also now a Richmond student, about her care. The other student had also been molested. Together they complained again.

Time passed. The clinic director called and said that Dr. Lopez had been discharged. She asked that the incident be "Kept under your hat..." That's when the trouble started. Both students clearly understood that a Watergate style whitewash was coming. Instead of keeping the matter under wraps they began

shouting into telephones to people at HRA. Eventually the City Department of Investigations got hold of it. By now there were three complainants on Staten Island and a fourth in Manhattan — where Lopez may have "practiced" for as many as five days.

Lopez was arraigned on charges in four of New York City's five counties. Besides the sexual abuse charges there was car theft, filing a false instrument, impersonating a doctor, forgery and assault. It was learned that in his spare time Lopez visited the homes of women on welfare to "examine" them. He would threaten to have their welfare payments cut off if they did not submit.

Time passed again. Lopez was arraigned and spent considerable time at Bellevue for psychiatric examination. Then the District Attorneys got into the act. Plea bargaining followed. The DA's in Manhattan and Staten Island followed the same course. Without conducting an investigation into the extent of the crimes (Lopez saw close to 100 women by conservative estimate) they indicted him on the basis of the isolated complaints of the few



courageous women who complained. Crimes which carried a combined total penalty of 12 years, 3 months, were bargained away for a plea of "guilty to attempted forgery."

Attempted forgery is a Class E Felony. Any Assistant District Attorney that you talk to will give you a long lecture on the virtues of obtaining a felony conviction without a trial. They will maintain, with some justification, that the system is overburdened with serious crimes like murder and rape, and that plea bargaining is

essentially "conviction in lieu of trial." It all sounds very nice when it comes out.

However, last week in Manhattan we learned what plea bargaining means. Jesus Lopez, recidivist, hazard, was sentenced to one year in prison for his crime. In months and days that means he could very well be walking the streets by this time next month. You see, he has been in jail since August, awaiting trial. That time counts against his sentence. With time off for good behavior, he could be loose

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by Debbie Ford

Professor Barry Bressler, Richmond College delegate to the Professional Staff Congress (union), offered in an interview criticisms of the tenure quota system and insights into the effects of this system on C.U.N.Y.

In respect to the granting of tenure in the past, Prof.

Bressler said that it was "never automatic, but always a question of merit..." based on the scholarly works, potential, teaching ability, and service to the college community of the candidate in question. He said that although tenure is reviewed by a divisional committee and a college-wide committee to prevent arbitrary

judgement, mistakes have probably occurred as "it is not easy to give a sharp definition..." in the areas of valuation.

However, the present quota system allows for the arbitrary judgements which the evaluation set-up was constructed to avoid. Although the quota system requires

## Tenure Battle Rages Onward

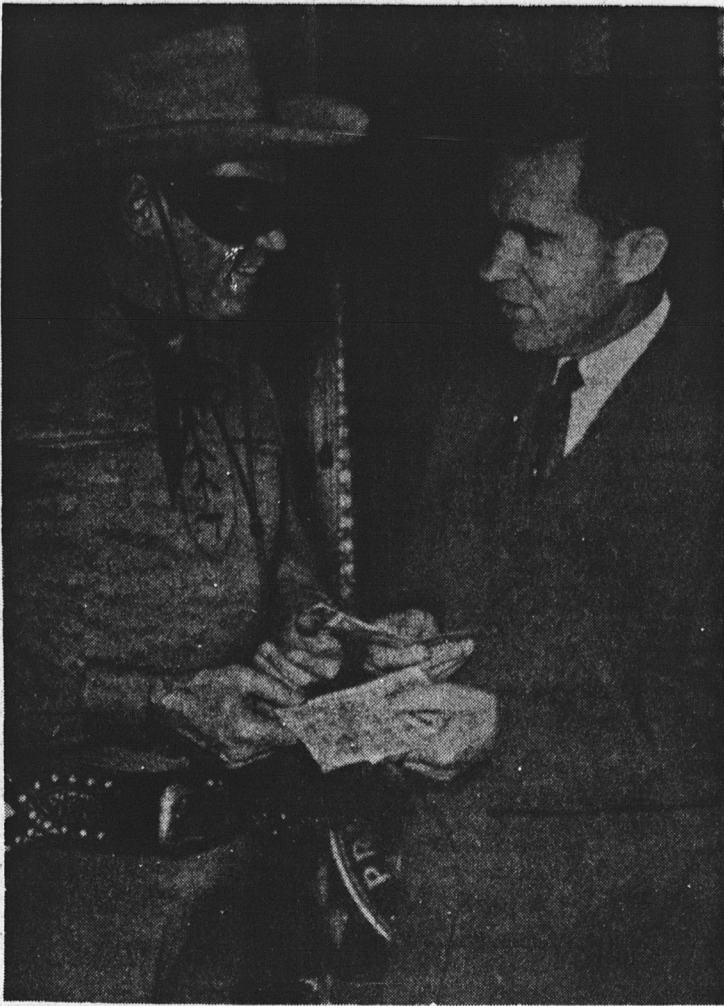
evaluation, such evaluation is subject to these quotas. It is an important concern, according to Bressler, that "merit is no longer the criteria of who will get tenure. Arbitrary numbers now play an important role."

A specific example of the imposition of numbers on merit may be observed at the departmental level. If, as Bressler stated, a qualified faculty member is in a department with an already high percentage of tenured faculty, his chances for obtaining tenure are diminished by this fact. It is a matter of luck, not merit, whether a faculty member belongs to a department with a high or low percentage of already-tenured faculty.

Professor Bressler said that as a result of the quota systems, faculty members will tend to regard each other as potential competitors. He feels that this atmosphere of competition may influence the judgements, regarding tenure, of the divisional and college Personnel & Budget Committees, as untenured faculty involved in the process may be prejudiced by their own situation. As a result of these problems, "even people who do very good work will feel insecure".

Professor Bressler believes that the quotas will adversely affect the institution as a whole as "non-academic reasons" will become more and more im-

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WOULD YOU BUY A USED HORSE FROM THIS MAN FOR \$19 WORTH OF FOOD STAMPS?

## Congressman Murphy -

# On Impeachment

By LINDA GERHOLD

On Saturday afternoon, February 2, at the Staten Island Community College Auditorium, the New York Civil Liberties Union held a public confrontation with Congressman Murphy. It was the second meeting the group has held with Murphy, the first being mainly with the Manhattan constituents of the 17th Congressional District.

Four members of the Steering Committee for the Impeachment of President Nixon spoke prior to Congressman Murphy's address. Norman Siegel, an articulate young lawyer, explained the nature of the impeachment process and why the American Civil Liberties Union had come out for the impeachment of Nixon. Siegel's reasoning was that the Union had deemed Nixon guilty of abuses of political power, such as the illegal bombing in Cambodia, and other incidents

taken from the record. He stressed the importance of impeachment as the constitutionally provided mechanism for trial of abuses of political power. He declared that many people had misconceptions concerning the impeachment process and that all should understand that impeachment "is a trial, not a conviction", and that sufficient evidence exists to proceed with impeachment.

Congressman Murphy reiterated the processes of impeachment and presented the various opinions and definitions of "High Crimes and Misdemeanors". It was a careful explanation which he read word for word from an A.C.L.U. pamphlet, coincidentally enough.

When finally confronted and asked what his position was, Congressman Murphy declared definitively that he would vote for impeachment

on the basis of "the conspiracy and suppression of evidence" aspects, presumably of the Watergate situation. This position is notably different from the Union's. Murphy's reasoning is virtually apolitical and is based on his belief of the existence of evidence concerning Nixon's involvement in criminal activity as opposed to an abuse of political power.

The 150 or so persons attending stood and applauded Murphy's firm declaration for impeachment.

We must demand that in the process of impeachment, for which support is gathering daily, the nature of the contemporary Presidency is examined as carefully as the nature of the President. Only in this way can we hope for Vice President Ford to feel some restraints on his political power, which must be kept in check by a responsive Congress.

## "LOPEZ" "TENURE"

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after 8 months; ready to pick up his little black bag and play doctor again. That's how the system works.

There is some hope that justice will be more fully served on Staten Island. A great deal of public attention has been focused on the fact that Lopez 1) tends to violate probation (he was on probation from a similar charge in Brooklyn at the time of the current crimes) and 2) repeats offenses often. He also has a record of fleeing from parole jurisdictions, which makes him a very bad risk indeed.

In view of these facts, which are widely known, it is hoped that the authorities on Staten Island will take Mr. Lopez more seriously. Many groups have come forward to support efforts of law enforcement agencies which face the challenge of removing this menace — and hopefully rehabilitating the offender.

The sentencing is set for February 15 in Part 1 of the Criminal Term, Staten Island Supreme Court. Those interested in attending the session should plan to be in court at 9:30 AM.

CAUTION: It is absolutely not permitted by judicial ethics and due process — rights of the defendant and the people — to demonstrate with signs and printed material within 200 feet of a courthouse. People who attempt to do so are guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by 1 year in jail (sexual abuse is a Class B and only gets you 90 days — that should tell you something about our legislature's priorities).

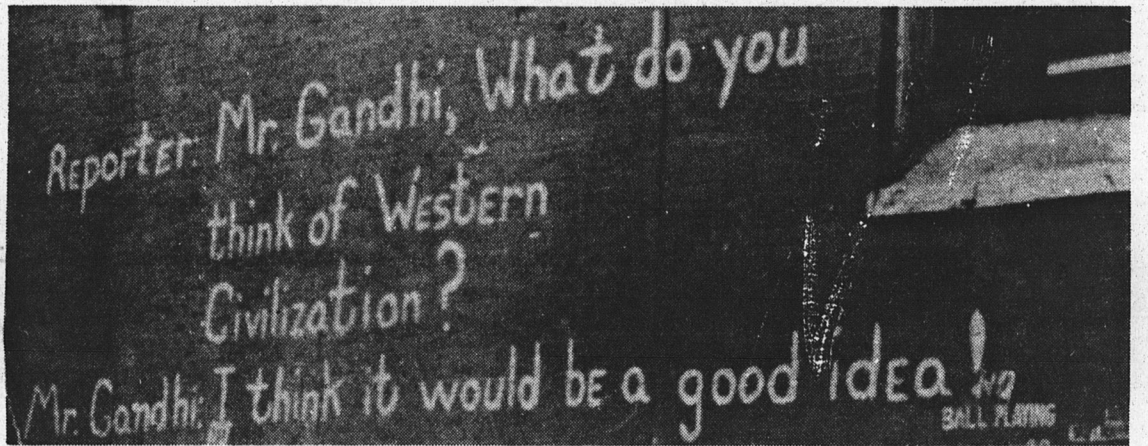


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important in denying tenure". He also feels that young professors who do not have an established "reputation" are likely to be denied tenure, and the institution will suffer from the loss of this potential. Also to be considered is the stress and tension the institution will undergo as a result of competitive feelings on the part of the faculty.

Professor Bressler does not believe quotas are necessary to insure the quality of the faculty. A clause in the collective bargaining agreement between the Union and C.U.N.Y. provides that a faculty member, regardless of tenure, may be released from his position on the grounds of "incompetent or insufficient service", or "neglect of duty". Under this broad (maybe too broad?) provision, almost any question of qualification can be raised and acted upon. But Bressler feels that "administrators have been timid in bringing up these charges" and because they will not do their job, they have resorted to tenure.

The Union is now proceeding in the courts to have the quota abolished, on the grounds that it is "a change in the working conditions". However, this will be both a long and unprecedented procedure, stated Prof. Bressler. The Unions is "also trying to influence people in power to revoke the tenure quotas." Bressler named the Board members and Boro Presidents as such powers. He said that "there is hope that the new Board will take a better attitude". Also, as a mayor-elect, Beame opposed the quota system before its institution. The Union is also depending, in its fight, on support from faculty and students.



## P.I.R.G. Coming To Richmond

by IRA GRODIN

Over the next three months there will be a campaign to organize a branch of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) at Richmond College. PIRG, as it is commonly called, is a non-profit, non-partisan association supported by students. PIRG's goals are to use the media, legislature (city and state), and the courts to pursue the goals of consumer justice, environmental preservation, corporate responsiveness and governmental accountability. PIRG will be working for constructive social change benefitting all New York citizens.

New York PIRG will be financed by a registration assessment at an additional two dollars per student per term. Any student who wishes a refund of his-her two dollars will be entitled to receive it during the third week of each term at a conveniently located office. The need for student-supported public interest research groups can be summarized briefly. No matter what activity students undertake, they are forced to undertake it on a part time basis. Classes, vacations, exams and the like divide and compartmentalize the school year. The PIRG would consist of lawyers, scientists and

engineers who would work full time on public interest issues.

Student support implies student control. The PIRG should be controlled by an elected board of student directors on each campus. This local board in turn will elect a number of their members, on a proportional basis, depending on school size, to a State board. This state board serves as the mechanism for student control and works directly with the professional staff.

What PIRG needs to begin its work is 50 percent of the students to sign petitions. There will be speakers in every class to answer any questions. We hope to get your support.

### DOOMSVERY





Shanti Food Conspiracy at 104 Westervelt Ave. (one block east of the corner of Richmond Terrace and Westervelt Ave.) The barrels contain bulk items bought in quantity to keep the price down. The stock is gradually being increased with greater cash flow.

## Food Coop Funds and Goals Reconsidered

Being in contact with members of the Shanti Food Conspiracy makes one aware of a rare amount of concern and energy. They are putting their energy into providing natural and organic food for the nearby community at reasonable prices, given the phenomenal rise in food costs. And a primary concern pointed out by John Odenthal was that people "should not get the feeling that it is too late for alternatives." Food cooperatives and other varieties of coops are the alternatives that they want to see communities pick up on.

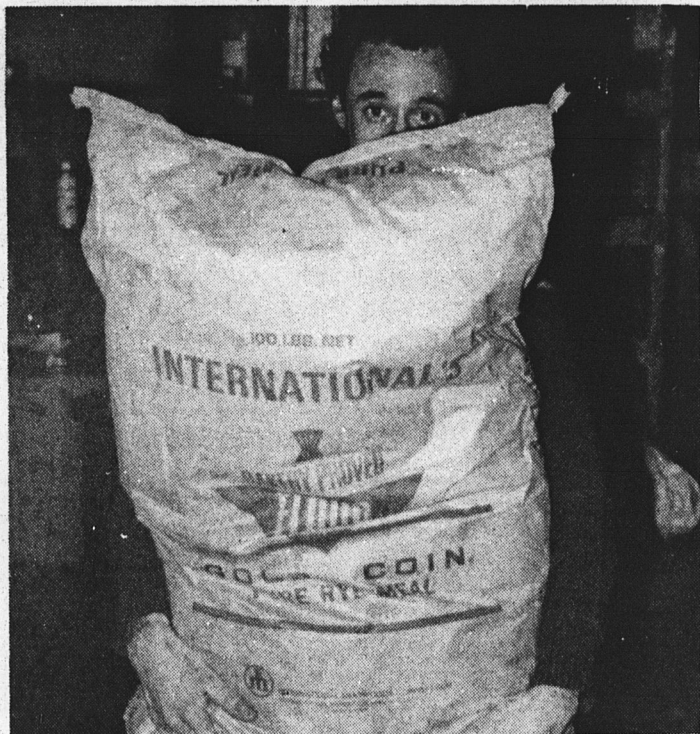
From two years of struggling to keep the Shanti Food Conspiracy operating within its goals of providing an absolute minimum mark-up has come the necessity for improved business and organizational practices. Along with this has come a clearer focus on the political goals of the cooperative movement.

The Shanti Food Conspiracy is one of the longest continuously funded projects of the Richmond College Association and Richmond College Student Government. Shanti was begun at 104 Westervelt Ave. two years ago by students from Richmond's Community Building Course. They began by charging a mark-up of approximately 10 per cent for members and 25 per cent for non-members which is what it is today. Many, if not most, of the original organizers practiced Macrobiotics which required that they eat natural foods exclusively. Although the composition of the members of Shanti has changed since that time the policy of carrying only natural foods has persisted.

For much of this time, up until relatively recently, Shanti hadn't a sound enough organizational and business foundation to gain its intended goals. Many members had expressed the opinion that they wanted it to remain informal and communal. The membership has generally acknowledged that with the co-op growing as it is now that such an attitude was unworkable.

fighting an uphill struggle and they will need continued support from institutions to survive."

The subject of continued financial support attracted some comment from Richmond College Association member Eileen Hamlet who said: "I feel that the co-op along with other projects that generate money should become independent so far as they are able so that we can shift the funds to new



Tony Litrell moves his weight in rye flour at Shanti. Tony, who is experienced with bookkeeping has reorganized Shanti's financial records.

What will work now is "a balance between cooperative, communal energy and good business and organizational practices as Tony Litrell put it. Tony and others in the co-op have put these practices into effect. The last general meeting of the co-op which holds meetings monthly at the storefront on Westervelt Ave. indicated that the members approved of this new approach.

While discussing Shanti with some of the members, John Odenthal, a former Richmond student and one of the organizers of Shanti while he was a student, was persistent in putting co-ops in a broader perspective. He pointed to "Big Business' control of the food industry. Projects like cooperatives are constantly

projects that need support. Incidentally, almost everything around here has been too loosely run and we intend to change that."

Shanti's hours are now: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Membership costs \$2.50 for each adult member and \$1.00 for children. Members are required to work a minimum of four hours each month. The next general meeting of Shanti at 104 Westervelt Ave. will be Sunday, February 17th at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to everyone in the community.



## Looking For Quality Bread at 30¢ Per Loaf

There is a new store on the Island. This one has a new twist. It sells organic health foods and Pepperidge Farm Bread at less than half price.

The story started about a year ago when the New York Urban League began the Account Number 59 Program. This program is also known as the Youth Economic Development Program. It is responsible for training youth for small business. The new Discount Foods & Health Store is the only store on the Island under the Y.E.D.P.

The businesses in the city under this plan are subsidized by the Urban League. So far this store has been given monies to the tune of \$35,000. This can go higher in the months ahead.

All of this money goes toward on the job training. All aspects of business are taught to the two people running the store.

This store is paid for by you and me. Our taxes go to the government. They are spent by the community development agency and the Staten Island

Community Corporation on this store. Both are city agencies.

Sold on the premises are health foods, such as goat's milk and cheese, health juices, seasalt and health ice cream. The feature of the store is day old Pepperidge Farm breads at thirty cents a loaf.

After deciding on opening the store, the Urban League accepted three youths to run it. This is only the third health food store on the Island. It is not making a profit yet. With over \$1,000 of sales in January the store could turn a profit in the near future.

The store is at 227 Richmond Avenue, Port Richmond. It is open 10 - 6 Monday through Friday, 9 - 5 on Saturday. If you can't drive there the R3 bus will take you there from St. George. Anyone into health foods should find almost everything organic there. For those whose heads can see a bargain the thirty cent bread is cheap and good. I bought two loaves when I was there.

## John O. Discusses Food Issues

-by John Odenthal

Most of the foods in the typical American diet, are low in nutritional value and often harmful to the body. In fact refined white sugar and white flour products actually rob the body of certain needed vitamins and minerals. In an experiment, farm animals fed only "enriched" white flour products died faster than those given only water. The vitamins and minerals in foods are what keep us alive and healthy. We are often misled by false advertisements (Wonder helps build strong bodies twelve ways) — by the way, Wonder Bread is owned by I.T.T.

Here is your basic information which can be beneficial to your health and to a higher consciousness:

White sugar is a foodless food, there is proof that it robs the body of B vitamins, disrupts calcium metabolism and has a harmful effect on the nervous system. Never use it straight and as much as possible try not to buy products which contain "sugar" in their list of ingredients (candy, cookies, cakes, soda). Use honey and as much as possible and try to buy products made with honey. Bleached white flour is made by refining (destroying) healthy whole wheat. Its nutritional emptiness harms the body like white sugar. Most American breakfast cereals are refined also, and many contain sugar. Buy products (like whole wheat bread) made from whole grains and learn how to

cook with them. Along with whole grains, the mainstay of your diet should be fresh vegetables and fruits, never canned, rarely frozen. Eat a good assortment always. Eat plenty of leafy greens — they're unique. Wash everything first. Don't boil vegetables, it destroys vitamins. Eat them raw (salads) or, if you must, steam them slightly or sautee them.

A frequent criticism is "Who can you believe?" in terms of what we eat. The "authorities" of food often contradict each other. Nevertheless, we can't become paralyzed by these dilemmas. We must take control of our lives, and what we eat undoubtedly helps shape who we are. Don't be mystified by health food terminology, it's not absolute. Terms like "organic" and "natural" have been ripped off and abused by the media and the health-food-medical Industries. Doctors usually know very little about nutrition and illness prevention. Strive to find out what exactly is on your diet. Get into reading the labels on everything you buy. Chew all food well and drink less liquids, particularly during meals. Eat only when hungry. Take the time to prepare your food—but don't overcook ("convenience" foods victimize, especially the hard-working and the poor). Invite friends for dinner. Involve them. Think well of yourself (your mind and body are the same thing).

The revolution is to help make whole women and men.



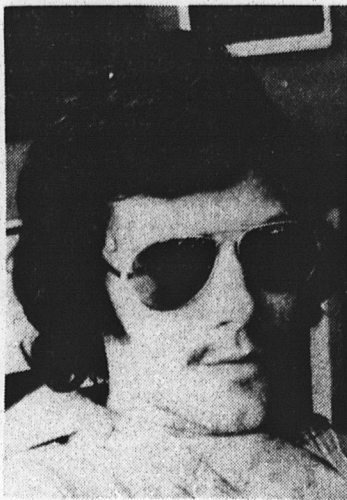
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Donna Dietrich

What do you think of the RICHMOND TIMES?

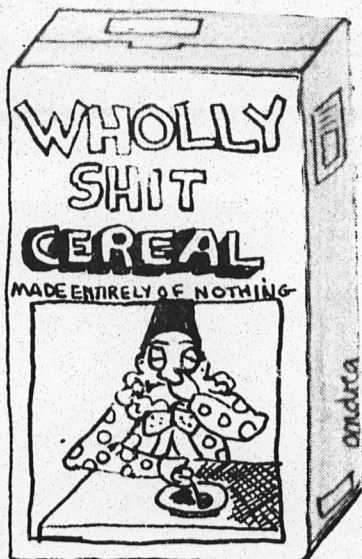


Rebecca Klinger, Women's Studies Major. "No column by Bill Buckley, no Ann Landers or Dear Abby, no horoscope, not suitable for framing, and it costs too much. It's okay. I like the way it covers questions of improprieties on the part of the administration. I sympathize with the way it tries to motivate Richmond College students, and I like its humor."

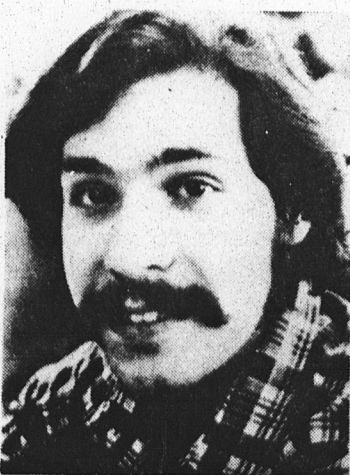


Peter Pinto, Psychology major. "I like the RICHMOND TIMES. It is wishy-washy on political issues. As far as regular college papers go, it's all over well written. It should take more responsibility on the real issues effecting students, such as: open admissions, cutbacks in financial aid, and federal cuts in education budgets."

## ADVERTISEMENT



Ruth Ekholm, school nurse. "I think it has improved. It could do a lot more. It could cover more school activities such as some of the things in the weekly newspaper from the Dean's office."



Michael Alvin Huchital, Bio-Chemistry major. "My dog loves it. This will never go into print, that's one of the reasons I don't like the paper. The editor edits too much. I thought a newspaper didn't make news, they just reported it. They print too many copies - loads of them lay in the lobby and remain unread."



Joseph Sullivan, student. "It has a very professional attitude. The staff seems to report the college news without bias and with efficiency. I personally would like to see more features and art. It serves an important function on this campus that should not be ignored."

## ETHNOGRAPHIC PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Anthropology and Media Clubs are sponsoring an exhibition of ethnographic photographs — photos taken with the intent of visually describing the culture of a particular people or area.

The photographers are Richmond College Anthropology majors. The countries are:

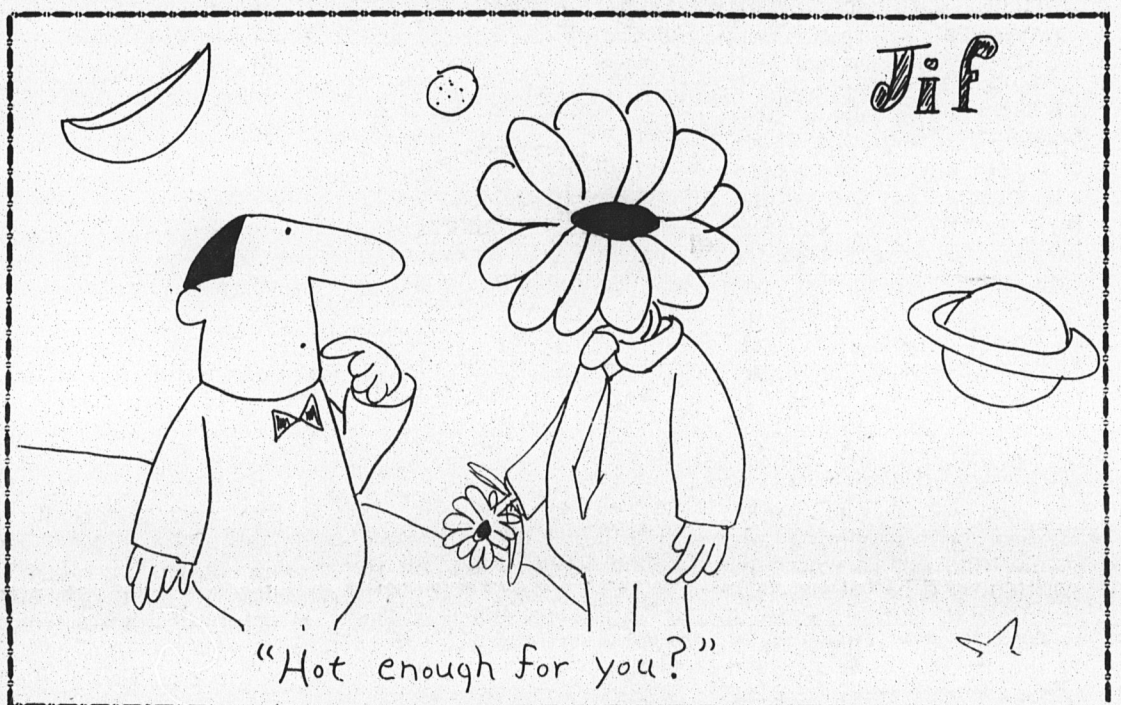
MEXICO by Madeline Paladino

MOROCCO by Daniel Sheehan

NEPAL by Greg Dorr

Please stop by the 3rd floor Lounge-gallery (130 Stuyvesant Place) for a look. The exhibit will be at the College till the end of February.

The photographers would appreciate any comments or reviews of their work. A box for this purpose is located at the exhibit.



## URGENT

WE HAVE A NEWLY FORMED COLLEGE COMMITTEE CALLED THE TEACHING EVALUATION COMMITTEE. (SEE VOL. 12, NO. F, P3). ITS PURPOSE IS TO ORGANIZE A FAIR SYSTEM WHEREBY STUDENTS CAN EVALUATE ALL THEIR INSTRUCTORS AND PUBLISH THE RESULTS.

We need 5 more students to serve on this committee. (You'll have full voting rights at the college Assembly Meetings!)

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# The Red, White, & Green Blues

# LETTERS

Editor - Richmond Times

I sent a copy of this to Assemblyman Olivieri. You may wish to print it in the Times.  
Happy New Year

Dan Kramer

January 16, 1974

State Assemblyman Antonio Olivieri  
The Assembly  
State of New York  
Albany, New York

Dear Assemblyman Olivieri:

Thank you very much for the newspaper articles about your criticizing the City University of New York for anti-Italian bias. As pre-law adviser at a College with many Italo-American students (and with the first Italo-American President in the CUNY system), I ought to make you aware that a practice with which both of us (as law school graduates) are familiar is working havoc upon young Italo-American and other "white ethnic" college graduates.

It is almost impossible to get into any accredited law school today without a high score on the Law School Admissions Tests. Even institutions such as Brooklyn Law School and New York Law School require a score of over 600 for admission. Unfortunately, this Test is geared for upper-middle class students who come from homes where the written word has always been considered important and who, in many cases, have gone to expensive schools that provided them with rigorous academic training. Consequently, the large majority of Richmond's Italo-American and other white working and lower-middle class students who take this examination do poorly and so are prevented

from entering law school. This means, in many cases, that they have to give up a cherished dream. (Black and Puerto Rican students also often do poorly on the LSAT; but the law schools have set up special quotas for them.)

Accordingly, if you wish to do something that will really help Italo-American, Irish-American, etc., young people, you should begin investigating the excessive reliance of New York State's law schools on the LSAT. The law schools will say, of course, that success on this exam is a good predictor of success in law school. However, my response to this is that it doesn't measure that combination of dedication, personality and common sense that is essential to success in the real world of legal practice.

Sincerely yours,

Daniel C. Kramer  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
LL'B Harvard, 1959



On December 24, our President-elect, Edmond L. Volpe, was interviewed by a New York Post reporter, Sandra Satterwhite. Mr. Volpe's comments suggest at first, that he is grossly misinformed as to the curriculum at Richmond College. But upon further thought, his statements show a profound bias as to class destiny and the role of an educational institution in perpetuating regimented class structure.

Mr. Volpe spoke of a mandate for Richmond, and change in the existing curriculum to enable the graduate to serve the community. As far as a special mandate, I find the role

of Richmond to be unique in one sense, that of being a catalyst in innovative education within the CUNY. It might be added that this innovative role was necessitated by the failure of an antiquated system serving the interests of a small segment of the society.

Also Mr. Volpe appears not to have read the catalogue of Richmond College, for the changes he wishes to institute have been in the curriculum for some time. (NOTE: Medical Technology and Psychology Counseling). But, in these proposals are the insight to Mr. Volpe's view of the role of education in the community. He speaks of the school serving the community, but to him it is the business section of the community which the school is to serve. It is his understanding that the graduate of the two year program must continue on the path of destiny — that of serving the business interests of the community as a graduate of four years of training rather than of learning.

Mr. Volpe is the ideal spokesman for the European middle class remnants in this country who have felt the loss of power due to a decade of social change. He appears to be representative of the individuals who dream that the 60's never happened and actually work to retreat to the 1950's. Is Richmond to have a resident that feels we should retreat to the cultural retardations of the 1950s? Can he really desire to return this College to the educational structure of this era, which so many colleges of CUNY have not yet discarded? We the students of Richmond deserve better and must demand that we receive administrative staff befitting Richmond. Mr. Volpe does not appear to be adequate and it seems a better choice could have been made.

Patrick T. Sheridar

## Ernst Remarks

Dear Sister-Fellow Students:

There are times when we all wonder if the money we spend each semester on "student activities" is well spent. There are also rare times when we know. The involvement of the Women's Self-Help Clinic in the Lopez Case is one of those times.

The battle against official indifference and cover-up in this matter has been difficult. Initially, it was a lonely struggle—one made for principle. I felt an obligation to all the poor women who were being constantly ripped off by the HRA and the medical system, and was determined to fight for some sort of redress.

Few people really understood the principles involved. Even fewer responded with anything beyond rhetoric and a pat on the back. When it counted most, the Richmond Women were there. They have

been there, time and again, at press conferences and in court, putting principle into action. Among all the "feminist" groups, they have understood the political and social implications of the case and acted.

Last week, when the case began to get broader attention, there was a press conference in Manhattan which was attended by a score of interested groups, mostly based in Manhattan. A lot of good things were said and done at that conference, but the final statement was one which told the story well, "Those women from Richmond College are really together." It's true. We are fortunate to have them.

For the record: Thanks. Thanks a whole lot, for a lot of women who don't even know what you did, even while you were helping them.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ernst

## Gotta Name?

Dear Editor,

I can't imagine why the person who wrote the Snuggling Story on the Women's Studies page for the Richmond Times several issues back, did not sign her name!!! I would have been proud to sign my name to such a lovely, touching story, especially since I can't write. I'd certainly enjoy reading more stories by this Ms. Anonymous.

Nancy Tiscott  
Student—SICC

## Yes Siam

hey, i sore in da richmond times issue december 19, 1973 dis pitcher which said free siameese cats. i don't know what dese cats done, but i say FREE ALL SIAMESE CATS — FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS. is dese the siameese cats what blowed up that department store last year? dey never had a fair trial!!! i say dat it was the work of imperialist infiltrators. all power to the siameese cats.

sign me,  
Elmo

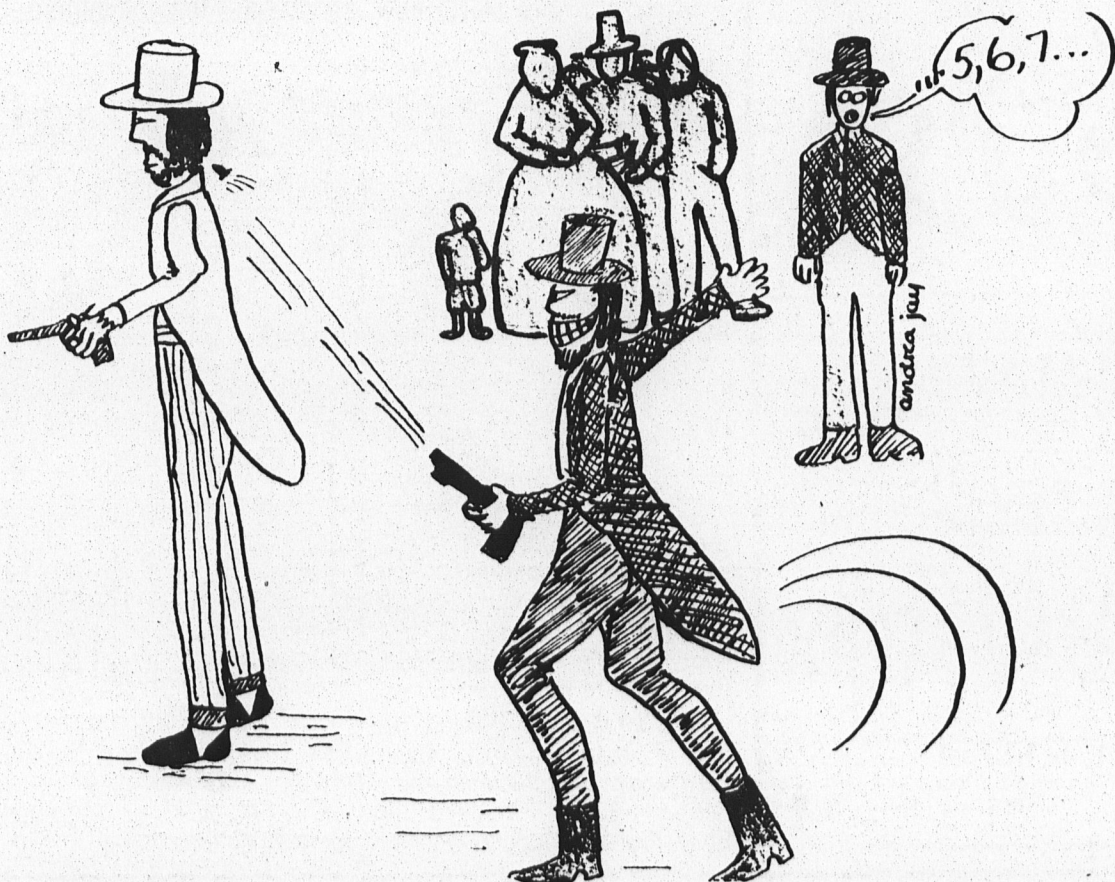


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## Engineers Watergated Turnabout is Fair Play?

The Engineering Society's office was broken into the night of December 20 reminiscent of the Playboy incident (RICHMOND TIMES, Vol. 12, No. 7), this time the damage was more extensive. All 5 file cabinets were opened and the contents heaped on the floor. Property of the IEEE and of many students was also destroyed. The person(s) involved were very careful to pour instant coffee and water on our IBM cards, on books, and our computer cards. The whole mess was deeper than 1 foot in some places.

The incident started on some films that were shown during our party. These were not sanctioned or even under the control of Engineering Society, the IEE or any other club. Somebody brought a projector & stag films, and proceeded to show them. Several persons (uninvited, and whom shall remain forever nameless) blocked the screen, saying this was "exploitation". One was heard to comment "something's gonna have to be done about you pigs". When I came in the next day the office was a shambles.

We could not get satisfaction from the bureaucracy — everyone said "Sorry", we can't help you.

So here we stand — our mail censored, our property subject to Gestapo tactics. If you want to have a voice in how we manage our affairs, why not stop by room 542 1/2.

# Women compile HANDBOOK ON RAPE

We live in an age where communication with, understanding of, and respect for all human beings is at an all time high... or so I've heard. Yet, every day, thousands of women are made subject to the atrocities of rape. The horror of the crime does not end when the victim releases his victim, but rather, it is perpetuated by legislative forces, blind justice and our not so fine police force.

The Women's Self-Help Collective, in an effort to render support and vital information to rape victims and potential rape victims is now compiling a rape handbook which will include rape prevention, what to do during a rape, immediately after a rape, and what to expect when a rape case is brought to trial. The handbook will appear in part, in each issue of the Richmond Times. In addition, a referral list of sympathetic lawyers, doctors and hospitals is also being compiled.

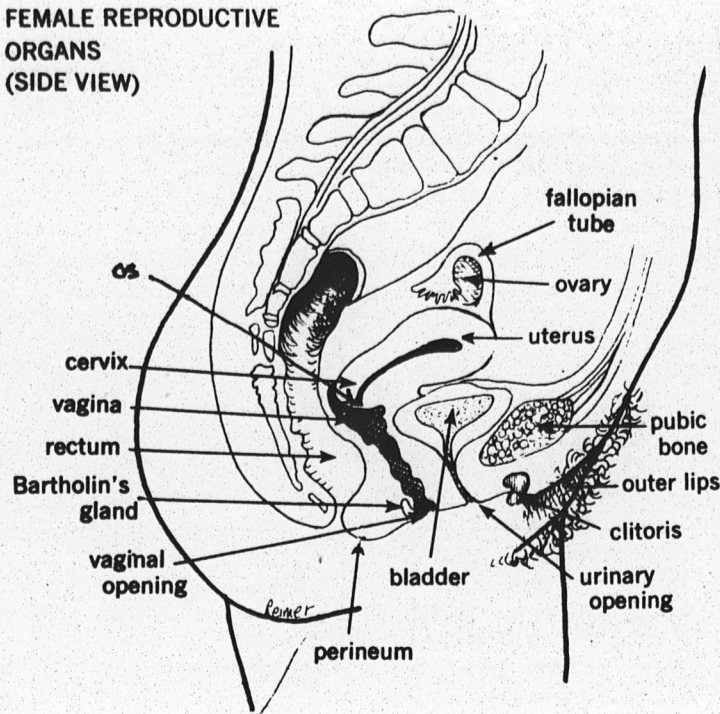
If you need someone to talk to, or have any information pertinent to the writing of the rape handbook, come to the Women's Self-Help Collective, room 538, or call 273-0287.

## WOMEN'S SELF-HELP COLLECTIVE

Room 538  
Telephone 273-0287  
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.

THE TEAHOUSE -  
114 VICTORY BLVD.

FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE  
ORGANS  
(SIDE VIEW)



# The Land

My body is beautiful. I never thought I'd see the day that I'd truly believe that statement.

My eyes, hair, breasts and cervix are all beautiful. Cervix? Yes, my cervix. It's round and pink and I can see it when I open my vaginal walls with a speculum. It took me a long time to reach this point, and it wasn't all easy.

As a child, I was taught (like most girls) that my body was a thing of mystery. Any references to it were made in hushed tones, using words that were deliberately vague and hard to comprehend. What I did understand, was that my body did not really belong to me. It was for me to save, to present to a man some day as a token of affection on my wedding night.

It's hard for me to piece together the story of just how I reclaimed this body of mine, but I'm going to try a little at a time with some help from my sisters. We'll be telling our story, through this column, so look for us in every issue as we wind our way through the Land of Os.

Laura Hobbs

## Welcome to the Land of Os!

Who are we, and what is an os, anyway? Well, first things first. We are the Women's Self-Help Collective. Our aim is to work for and help provide good health care for all women. We believe in self-awareness through education, and look forward to the day when every woman knows what and where her os is, and maybe even what her's looks like.

Anatomically speaking, the os is the opening in the center of the cervix, or mouth of the uterus, or womb. It is the os that is opened when a woman delivers a baby, has an abortion, or has an intrauterine device (I.U.D.) put in. The cervix, at the end of the vaginal canal, is shaped sort of like a fat little doughnut, the os being the hole. (We all emerged through the os at birth, and so we chose it to symbolize our new strength when we regain control of our bodies.)

# Of Os

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## It's "One more Time" for that ole college Tea House

The Richmond College Teahouse of 114 Victory Blvd. now in its second year of operation, has attracted to its storefront excellent talent from the community and other parts of the country on Friday and Saturday nights. The audiences have been mostly large and appreciative.

Saturday nights which draw

announced, another square dance with the 3-man Old Timey Band and a possible 60's dance. Ms. McClatchy has been described as "an excellent and versatile musician."

Each day during the week community children are cared for at the Teahouse by the New Generation Project. Monday evenings the Teahouse is occupied by a lesbian group



The Teahouse - 114 Victory Blvd.

the largest audiences have seen a poetry reading, a 50's dance with "Wolfman" Harold at the mike, Rabbit and Danny, two versatile musicians from the South, to name just a few.

Acts which are coming up are, February 16th, Irish Folk Singer Debbie McClatchy, February 23rd, a lute-Recorder Ensemble and on dates to be

and Gay People's night. Tuesdays as of February 19, the Teahouse will offer Bioenergetics, Wednesday, changed from Tuesday evening, will be Bill Russo and Hatka Yoga, Thursday has a food buying club and Sunday another Yoga class.

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# THE LIBERAL VIEW

by Eric Bahrt

If one was to tour Richmond College he would see various signs calling for the impeachment of Richard Nixon. I've also noticed various students sporting: "Throw the Bum out" buttons. And yet I, who despise Nixon as much as anyone could despise anyone, would be somewhat chagrined to see the President leave office at this point.

What the Nixon foes don't seem to realize is that the longer Nixon remains in office the better it'll be for them. Pollster George Gallup has already predicted that the Democrats are well on their way to sweeping the country in 1974. This would provide New York Democrats with an opportunity to remove Malcolm Wilson and Jacob Javits, (the so-called "liberal" who endorsed Nixon among other reactionaries.)

Manifestations of the Watergate backlash have already taken place. In the '73 elections a Democrat was elected County Executive of Westchester, a feat which may have been deemed politically impossible just a year ago; and a Democrat as banal and colorless as Abe Beame was elected Mayor of New York City by the most astronomical landslide in the city's history. It is unlikely that Sandman would have been beaten so mercilessly in New Jersey, just four years after a conservative Republican had been elected governor there, if it hadn't been for Nixon and Watergate. And as one Republican put it, if something isn't done about Nixon fast the Democrats could win in '76 with the Boston Strangler.

On the other hand these grandeur plans for victory could very easily be foiled by the man who recently became vice-president, Gerald Ford. If Nixon should be removed from office (and at this point I predict Nixon will be watching the next Super Bowl from his cell in Leavenworth) Ford would naturally become the next president.

From a moral point of view I strongly challenge the contention that a man who is head of the most corrupt and disgraceful administration in the history of our country, has the right to pick the next president of the United States. Especially in light of the fact that the polls indicate that most Americans believe Nixon was directly involved in criminal activity.

And from a pragmatic point of view, I as an opponent of Nixonian politics, would find a Ford presidency to be utterly repugnant. Ford is a complete carbon copy of Richard Nixon. Or as Johnny Carson put it, it is amazing that Ford can talk when Nixon doesn't even move his lips. And while Ford's colleagues claim that the vice-president is impeccably clean I feel Ford has shown no more interest to get to the bottom of Watergate than Nixon has. Why else would he have supported the firing of Archibald Cox, an act that a federal judge termed illegal? Why else would he ignore the reality of Watergate by calling the whole mess a conspiracy of the A.D.A.?

I recently wrote a letter to liberal columnist Harriet Van Horne asking her how she could on one hand condemn Nixon for his genocide in Vietnam, his insensitivity towards social programs at home, and his handling of the Watergate fiasco in general, and then on the other hand write a sympathetic article about Ford. Doesn't she realize that Ford has virtually supported Nixon to the hilt on all these issues? But it did not particularly confound me that Miss Van Horne chose not to answer my letter. Really, what could she have said?

But what makes Ford so much more ominous than Nixon, is that if he becomes president now he will be tough to beat in '76. Incumbent presidents seldom lose. Even a president as incompetent and corrupt as Nixon was reelected by a landslide. Put Ford in now and we may be stuck with him until 1980.

And so what does all this mean one would ask? What does it mean that while Nixon competes with Truman for being the most unpopular president in modern history, the polls show that his shadow Gerald Ford is the most popular presidential possibility for '76? What does it mean that while Nixon competes with Warren Harding for going down in history as the most inept president ever, the country turns to Ford as the man who can best unify us. What it means is that Americans are under the absurd illusion that to save America all we have to do is change the name and the face of the man who is running it. What it means is that Americans don't realize that in order to save America we need not only a new president, but we need a president with a new vision and a new set of ideals; a man with a compassion for the poor and the suffering and philosophy which tells him he's in office to serve the people and not himself. Needless to say, such a man is not Gerald Ford. And so long as Gerald Ford is the veep I'd just as soon let Nixon "twist slowly, slowly in the wind" until 1976.

## REVIEW

# THIS YEAR'S CHOICE

by Richard Kornberg

With the advent of the new year comes in every individual that click which, like a tape recorder, replays the highlights and the disorders of the previous twelve months. For a film critic the task takes on an added dimension—for rewind also signals record—and the inevitable list of ten best and worst movies is the result.

While agreeing with the convention of lists and awards, this writer has to protest the restriction inherent in the preconceived "Glorious Ten". This tradition lacks flexibility and in a bad year raises merely superior films to championship levels, misleading the readers and negating the worth of the more deserving choices.

Hence my top seven picks. I made these selections without having seen such highly regarded films as "American Graffiti", "The Exorcist", "Sleeper", and "The Paper Chase". Quite possibly if I had, you would be reading the ten choices, and I might have, for another year, been content to keep my complaints to myself.

**The New Land** — not just a continuation or sequel to "The Emigrants" but an artful tapestry in its own right. This examination of a Swedish

settlement in Minnesota can not help but move you to admiration and tears and it is graced by beautiful photography and a memorable performance by Liv Ullman.

**Day For Night**—Francois Trauffaut's latest film is also most certainly his best. While its storyline—the making of a movie—is deceptively simple, the richness in characterization and the cleverness of the direction makes "Day For Night" an exhilarating up of a film.

**A Touch of Class**—combining old fashioned Hollywood sparkle, authentic European locales, a clever witty script and top notch performances by George Segal, Paul Servino and especially Glenda Jackson, this sex comedy is quite possibly the funniest picture of the year.

**O Lucky Man**—combining the acting talents of the cream of the British stage and the directorial genius of Lindsay Anderson—whose previous film "If" was also a masterpiece—this essay on the nature of man is a must for discriminating filmgoers. Its almost circular screenplay and "Candide" like tone will have its admirers returning for repeated viewings.

**Paper Moon**—Peter Bogdanovich has done it again. The "What's Up Doc" director has created another smashing

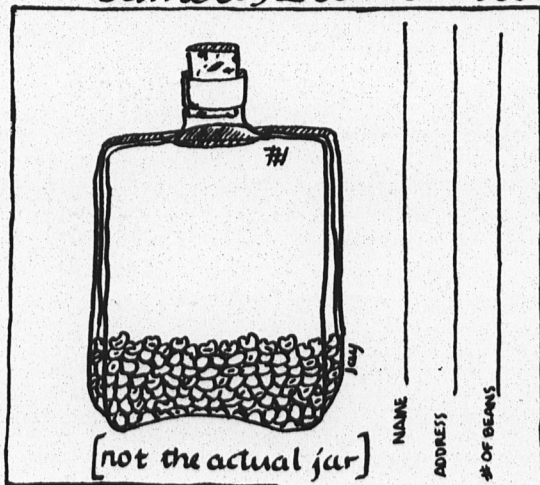
period comedy which should be paid the ultimate compliment—it improves upon the genre while fully capturing its charms. Done with pathos and taste, "Paper Moon" also features remarkable performances from everyone concerned including newcomer Tatum O'Neal.

**Jeremy**—in this nostalgia oriented age, this little film perfectly captures the adolescent problems of its two participants, without resorting to funky music and the like. We the audience can empathize, remember, shed a tear, and heave a sigh.

**Serpico**—saying this is the top action picture of the year, fails to take into account the many other virtues of this film. It is also a finely acted character study and an important document on corruption—of society and the police who supposedly control it. It is both a popular and artistic triumph.

About the year's worst, the less said the better. It will take a while, however, to forget the unintentionally comic results of the two long awaited musicals, "Lost Horizon" and Jesus Christ, Superstar." It's a shame that "Horizon" producer Ross Hunter decided to cut the male fertility dance. It left the screening room audience rolling in the aisles.

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**GAY MEN'S COLLECTIVE**

This semester we will renew our program of gay social events, as a way of putting gays in touch with each other. The first one will be on Wed. February 20 at 5 p.m. at The Teahouse (114 Victory Blvd.). Also we are going to put a lot of energy into obtaining space for all gay students in the main building.

We have also noticed the non-existence of any gay literature at all in the library.

This has to be remedied. Gays must be recognized and acknowledged in all departments of this school. It is just a clear case of prejudiced neglect when we are not.

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The Red Fairie

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