

# Letters to the Editor

## True Activists

to: The Liberated Press  
 In the midst of the May 5th confusion a large group of Red Cross volunteers, nurses, specialists, and a doctor were at the Physical Education Building collecting blood for free use in Connecticut Hospitals. In spite of the excitement around the campus center 80 people were enough "with" the immediate problem to walk over and offer to donate and from them 69 pints were collected. Most impressive in cooperation were the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; John Crandell, Richard Desormier, Peter Danahy, John Flanagan, Milton Harris, Alan Kaplan, Victor Ribaudo, Jeffrey Swanson, and Steven Teen accounted for 9 pints, better than 13 per cent, and thus put us into the success bracket. William Silvinski of Sigma Alpha Mu and Jim Brien of Phi Sigma Kappa also signed up with frat membership and there may have been others who did not give their affiliation. Thanks for your help brothers; and thanks to the sisters too (though most of the rejects were girls who could not make the minimum weight of 110 pounds and left close to tears at the rejection).

Two weeks ago, before the protests only 15 pints from 17 people were collected at Trinity which has been known in the past to give 170 pints in a day. The Red Cross volunteers with whom I talked were both discouraged and fearful to come onto our campus but ended with high praise for all of you whom they met and pleased by your cooperation.

Doubly warm thanks to all from the UoH who came over to give; for coming so willingly and again for being true activists.

Elisabeth R. Swain, Ph.D.  
 Campus Bloodmobile Chairman

## "Graduate students are too responsible to strike"

To the Editor:  
 The above quote was made by an instructor in a graduate course in Education, (undergrads, please note the implication), who was uninformed about the current strike at the University of Hartford to believe that it was up to the individual faculty member to decide on what's to take place during the student strike.

It all started with a phone call to this instructor with the hope of working out an acceptable agreement. The conversation started and ended with, "Class will be held Monday night, the final will be given as scheduled, and I can expect everyone to take it." Her only comment.

The next day we called and tried explaining our position. It was at this time she made the statement: "Graduate students are too responsible to strike." During this conversation she was uninterested in what we had to say and what we felt. She indicated that the final exam was essential. She was still un- or mis-informed on University policy.

That night a letter was written to her home which included the University policy, indicated our personal commitments, gave evidence and support to our continued high achievement in course work and ended with a polite but reinstatement that we must follow the dictates and judgments of our minds in what we feel is right, and requested a letter grade for completed work up to May 4.

Next day there was a phone call from the instructor telling us that it was her option to give us a Pass-Fail (as "anyone who doesn't take a final should get an F or a D.") and we would get a pass grade only — not the lettered grade as requested.

Another phone call to the Dean.

He said that it was our option for either a pass-fail or lettered-grade. The instructor's option was only to give a pass-fail if there is not enough work completed. This is not the case here, as there was a midterm, two detailed papers, and all other work was completed before May 4th.

Another phone call to the instructor who still didn't know University policy. She handled the conversation by telling us that she is steamed, she does not want to be hassled any more and said that we are "obnoxious and unreasonable." She then hung-up the phone on us.

A call to another Dean again, who first received an explanation on what has happened, then he called the instructor, and called us back. He seemed to have sympathized with her position, but begrudgingly said that we were within our rights — yet we still don't know if we have a lettered-grade or a pass-fail. This Dean, besides cross-examining us, wanted to know what the nature of our involvement was...Well, Dean, it would have been more than a boycott of classes, if we ever got off the phone.

All this seems to give more evidence on why there is a strike at UoH.

P.S. Names given on request.  
 Joel Zamkoff, Leslie Krupnikoff

## Personal Views

Dear Editor:

We, of the speech and drama dept., and others in different schools of this university, would like to make our position known on a letter in last weeks issue of The Liberated Press.

The article in the editorial section concerning Mr. Klotten, was crude, nasty, and childish in nature. Any person or persons who find it necessary to use such tactics have no business in this affair. Our personal views are personal.

Jackie Games, Patti Post, Neil Moss, John Quinn, Rus Rehfeld, Mona Madnick, Elin Benson, Tim Michaels, Wendy Cohen, Kelly Gray, Judy DeAngelis, Pamela Reid.

## No Remarks, Please

Dear Jack,

I am writing you once again, this time to discuss the response of my first letter concerning Prof. S. Weinstein. This response was titled "In Weinstein's Defense".

First of all I have spent more time on my accounting homework than I took to write my first letter. That was a very childish inference by Joe Debit, because how the hell does he know how much time I spend on my work? He doesn't even know who I am.

Another point is that I am not an accounting major, and I expressed this in my first letter. This person just transferred from A & S, and what does he know about the Business School; I am only a freshman I admit, but hell, I have had a big gulp of it already. He hasn't even had a taste!

But let's get back on the track, the business at hand is the Professor. I have spoken with him concerning the pass-fail option now employed in this school, and to quote him "it's a cop-out". He intends to give anyone a hard time that requests his mark on a pass-fail basis.

I, among others intend to request that our marks be pass or fail. I can not see why it is a cop-out, this is the way we prefer to receive our marks. I am not asking for any remarks, I do appreciate an opinion, I also would like my opinion respected. I am willing to listen to views but I do not want anyone telling me that I am a "cop-out" because I am following my strong beliefs. In this sense, my

beliefs on the strike in this university.

I would hope that the Professor would accept the policy that is in existence at this moment. At this moment, he does not have to condone it, but at the same time he does not have to shrug it off. After all, this is the policy that was brought about by many of us, not a select few.

And to Joe Debit, I find more A&S students than Business Students "gliding" through. But in that last statement, I was just as rational as you are and I don't wish to be that way.

Signed,  
 Eric Spiegel

## As Requested

Dear Mr. Farkas:

I am writing in reply to your lovely letter which appeared in the 29 APR. issue of the LP. You certainly impressed me when you referred to the student body as "the countless other idiots that infest the UHa Campus". You may be right if you have only one finger on both hands.

Many others, too are interested in better food; when we have complaints, we attend the regular meeting of the food committee.

If you cannot attend the meeting, why not write a nice, polite, rational, letter to:

Peter Blum,  
 Chairman, Food Committee  
 or  
 Mr. Sam Broughton,  
 Director of  
 Dining Services.

You can drop it in the intercampus mail from anywhere on campus.

The food committee meets at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays so that Mr. Broughton or a member of his staff (usually your buddy Arnold) can attend. Perhaps they will change the day and time if someone comes forward and makes a BETTER SUGGESTION.

Your accusation that Pete Blum is incompetent is outright nonsense. He has held down a difficult job all year. You see, Mr. Farkas, Peter Blum works with PEOPLE in a constructive manner. He wouldn't think of sitting around blubbering about where he ate dinner last weekend.

I found your letter exactly as you had hoped, TASTELESS. EVERYBODY should take a day off and come to a food committee meeting — except for Mr. Farkas, who should go out and jog!

Hopefully, for better food,  
 Kenneth Lewis

P.S.: Dear Jack: Even though I haven't always agreed with you on many matters; THANKS for stimulating the campus through your grand 'ol rag—the Liberated Press.

## El Finko Speaks

Dear Friends and Enemies,

While somewhat of a fink, the News Bureau is still alive, ambulatory and only passively manic-depressive. In any event, we would not want the current student "strike," or cop-out, to occur without a few catatonic commentaries from this corner.

This is our 41st consecutive day on duty, during which we have labored a minimum of two hours and a maximum of 13. Our spare time, and not much of it, has been devoted to press material for your next Congressman, Prof. Eugene T. Sweeney. Our official time has centered on regulation poop, such as the commencement speaker June 7.

Life, you see, does go on, despite the Nixons, the Agnews and the troglodytes in the Executive Office in the Republican White House.

You, mein lieber kinder, were mostly not of voting age when Der Nixmeister snuck in in 1968. And when I say "you", I mean the whole college generation. So you couldn't vote, but many of your parents copped out on you.

Now I'll admit the Hon. Hubert

Horatio Humphrey was no prize — but compared to a John Mitchell, or a Roman Hruska (do you read the papers?) or a Gerald Ford, he was quite acceptable as a substitute tin Jesus.

Of course, Gene McCarthy copped on out you, too. Not until the last minute did he "endorse" the Hon. Hubert — and then left-handedly and, as is typical with him, ungraciously.

You see, pueri et puellae, what we have lost in America is character. "Characters" we have too many of — Abbie Hoffman, Jerry Rubin, the Rev. Carl McIntire, Gen. Westmoreland, Tom Hayden, Henry A. Kissinger — but the men of character have disappeared.

There are, as my untutored mind recalls, two current theories of history — the "great man" version, and the Marxian counter-claim known as historical determinism: up with people, down with the establishment.

So what happens, then, when you get a Soviet state where the hierarchy lives like rich pigs and their critics get shunted off to Siberian asylums as psychiatric misfits?

History yet, mein lieber kinder, you should read. Outside of Mexican tequila, now peddled in the U.S.A. under the brand-name of "Mariachi," there isn't too much new under the sun. There is a rhythm to history even as to nation-states — the cycle, like man's cycle, of gestation, birth, maturity (Americans will never be mature, but that's a side issue), decline and fall.

Anyway, my old and tired

generation ardently desires that you febrile youngsters endeavor, somehow, to smooth out the cycle — so that we alte cockers can be permitted, somehow, to expire not only in comfort but in peace.

Right on, circumambiently,

Sad Sam

## WUWH vs. WTIC

Friday morning  
 May 8

Last night at midnight, instead of turning on WTIC for news, I tried WUWH. I wanted to learn about activity on campuses across the country. Commercial stations are failing to give enough time to these extremely significant events.

For 40 minutes I listened to WUWH news. Instead of announcing the news with seriousness and dignity, the announcer clown around foolishly (even answering a long telephone call, during which both fell into irrelevant nonsense).

This irrelevant for news I reluctantly turned to WTIC. No one there uses the microphone like a private plaything.

May I remind personnel at WUWH of their power, responsibility, and potential usefulness in this crisis. May I beg them not to feed the public's suspicion that students on this campus are a bunch of nuts.

Gently,  
 Paul H. Stacy  
 Department of English

## THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SENATE FOR THE 1970-71 YEAR:

Arts and Sciences Junior:	Peter Blum, Michael Dunnel
Arts and Sciences Senior:	James Diamond, Sue Silver
Business Sophomore:	Steve Robinson
Business Junior:	Robert Stern
Business Senior:	Paul Tieger
Education Sophomore:	Mark Bauman, Linda Adler
Education At large:	Barbara Ailly
Art School Sophomore:	Lee Dadalt
Hartt Junior:	James Theobald
Hartt Senior:	Mark Kagan

## THE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS ARE STILL IN PROGRESS (I.E. NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE HAVE YET VOTED):

ARTS AND SCIENCES SOPHOMORE  
 ARTS AND SCIENCES AT LARGE  
 HARTT SOPHOMORE  
 ART SCHOOL JUNIOR  
 ENGINEERING ALL CLASSES  
 EDUCATION JUNIOR

## ELECTION OF THE NEW S.A. CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN WILL TAKE PLACE FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1970 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE LOUNGE ALL NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS MUST ATTEND.



Toby Bedell, former U of H student, presently a junior at Kent State returned this week to tell U of H students of the tragedy at Kent.