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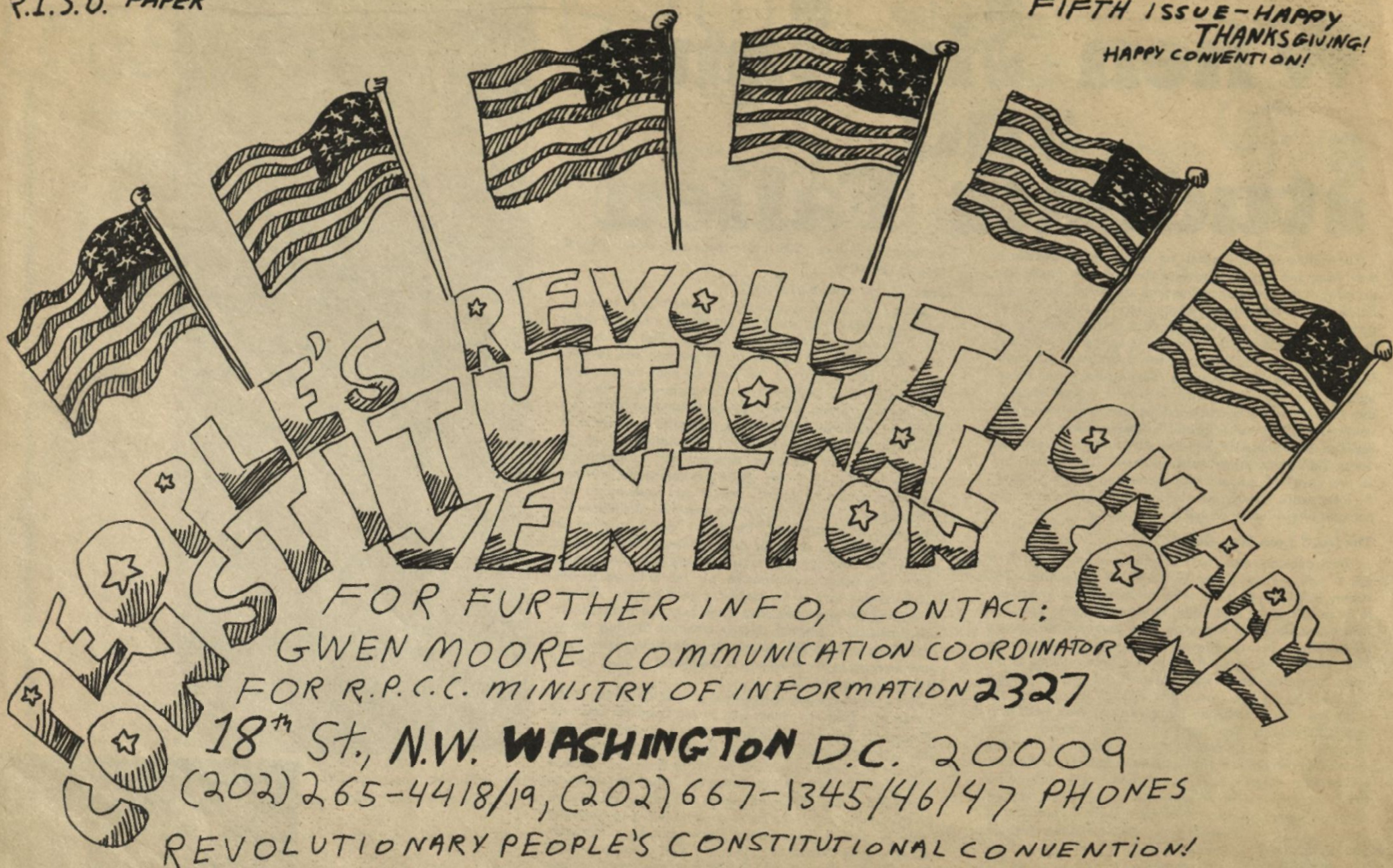
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Where is Freedom when a peoples right to "Freedom of Speech" is denied to the point of murder?  
 When attempts at "Freedom of the Press" brings bombings and lynchings?

Where is Freedom when the right to "peacefully assemble" brings on massacres? Where is our right to "keep and bear arms" when Black People are attacked by the Racist Gestapo of America? Where is "religious freedom" when places of worship become the scene of shoot-ins and bomb-ins? Where is the right to vote "regardless of race or color" when murder takes place at the voting polls? Are we free when we are not even secure from being savagely murdered in our sleep by policemen who stand blatantly before the the world but yet go unpunished? Is that "...equal protection of the laws"? The empty promise of the Constitution to "establish Justice" lies exposed to the world by the reality of Black People's existence. For 400 years we have been treated as America's foot-stool. This fact is so clear that it requires no argumentation. STATEMENT FROM THE BLACK PANTHER NEWSPAPER ON CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. FOR LOCATION

INFORMATION, CONTACT ABOVE NUMBERS

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## RISD MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Museum committee meetings are incredibly long and boring. Most of the time is simply spent on the formalities of having to go over long lists of what works other museums want to borrow and making the appropriate "Ahhs" and "Oh, isn't that nice" as samples of the new acquisitions are shown.

The question of whether admission should be charged to the museum was brought up again. Nothing has been definitely decided but it seems highly likely that an admission charge will be reinstated for non-members, or non-RISD students sometime at the beginning of next year.

The dissatisfaction with having two openings was brought up quite early in the meeting. The discussion was really quite candid and frank with some committee members stating plainly that they felt the sustaining members (those who pay 100 dollars) deserve preferential treatment since they give more money than others do. The director stated that the over-crowding at the openings means a serious risk of damage to works being displayed, that there were complaints that un-

der-aged students were being served liquor and that in general things were getting out of hand.

The main reason for this new policy of dual openings, which was first discussed a year ago, is that the museum is in great need of money to continue operations. They always go over the allotted budget (which is small) by a great deal. The museum hopes to attract more sustaining members by giving them the privilege of a more private showing. The sustaining members number about 63 at the moment. It is disheartening that the Rhode Island School of Design Museum which claims to be community-minded will bend over backwards to please a privileged sector of the community at the expense of its other members.

The Faculty Show, Graduate Students Show, and Art for Your Collection would be combined openings. Other openings will probably remain dual openings with occasional exceptions being made.

Carl Gottschalk  
 Nancy Richardot



# When Sin, Smut and Students Failed

The swiftest if most cynical way to sum up the election is that Nixon and Agnew misjudged the American people. Far too many of them may sometimes look and sound like morons. But they're not imbeciles. At a time when the country faces its gravest problems since the Civil War, Nixon and Agnew thought they could win by campaigning against sin, smut and students. They pitched their sales talk at the bright but mindless level of the TV commercials. They assumed—and no assumption could be more elitist, a favorite Agnew charge—that the un-poor, the un-black and the un-young were also the un-thinking. They had at least five times as much money to spend as the Democrats\*, and they still couldn't stampede the voters. The country proved better balanced, more humane, and far less susceptible to panic than Nixon and Agnew assumed. By their tactics, though inadvertently, they for the first time did something to create confidence in America.

## The No. 1 Loss Was Gore

The Republicans could have saved a lot of money and done just as well, perhaps better, by a low key performance. The country is still where it has been for more than a generation, in the middle of the road, just a little left of center. In a time of immense and often frightening new problems, the country remains steady, perhaps downright stodgy, but not about to be swept away by demagoguery. The Southern strategy failed in the South. Except for border state Tennessee, where Gore's defeat was the biggest single loss to liberalism in this election, the swing was toward moderate Democrats and away from race-baiting Republicans like Thurmond's fellow Dixiecrat Watson in South Carolina. In Nixon's California Reagan was reelected despite four years of non-accomplishment. But a black educator, Wilson Riles, defeated that prize reactionary Max Rafferty for state superintendent of education by nearly a half million votes, outpolling Reagan and Tunney, and the Democrats took both houses of the legislature. The Conservatives elected a Senator in New York State but only because the majority was split between Goodell and Ottinger, while upstate a former Democratic Congressman, John G. Dow, one of the first to advocate recognition of Communist China, defeated a conservative Republican. Father Drinan's election to the House as a peace candidate from Massachusetts and Bella Abzug's from New York counterbalance Allard Lowenstein's loss. This was hardly a vintage year for the Nixon-Agnew version of Know Nothingism.

In the two States where campus violence was freshest in the minds of the electorate, the results show that whipping up hatred for students is not the vote getter Nixon and Agnew thought it was. Wisconsin and Ohio were among the States in which the Democrats made their dramatic sweep of the Governorships. Patrick J. Lucey, a McCarthy lieutenant in 1968, organizer of the New Democratic Coalition in 1969, was elected Governor of Wisconsin despite the effort to brand him, in alliterative Agnewism, as a coddler of campus terrorists. In Ohio John J. Gilligan was elected Governor despite a campaign in which the Republicans tried to exploit anti-student feeling in the wake of the Kent State shootings and accuse him of "permissiveness." Nixon's favorite, Governor Rhodes, by an inflammatory speech at Kent State had hoped and failed to win the Republican Senate nomination from the more moderate Taft who has now won the Senate seat. Best of all is what happened to the Attorney Generalship of Ohio, an elective office. Paul W. Brown, the Rhodes lieutenant who set up the white-wash special Grand Jury in the Kent State killings, will be replaced by a Democrat, Paul W. Brown. This may make a crucial difference in the struggle for justice at Kent State.

The Democratic party, which remains the majority party, ran what was on the whole a defensive and uninspiring campaign. The Republicans failed in their effort to treat the electorate as a bunch of boobs. It is time the Democrats mustered the nerve to treat them as adults. We believe the country would respond to thoughtful discussion of inflation, and crime, and drugs, and campus unrest, and violence, and racism, and pollution. We believe it would welcome the admission that there are no easy answers. We believe it needs a clearer understanding of the Vietnam war, and the arms race, and where

\* A survey by Bernard Nossiter in the Washington Post Nov. 3 showed Republican national committee reporting \$18.6 million in campaign gifts as compared to \$3.6 million reported by the Democrats. Since the reporting procedures set up by the Corrupt Practices Act are notoriously lax and this tally does not cover State campaigns, it understates the amounts spent and the Republican advantage.



"NO SIR, THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY TO OBLITERATE THE BLACK PANTHERS. WE JUST CONSIDER IT A COINCIDENCE THAT EVERY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY WOKE UP TO THEIR THREAT AT THE SAME TIME."

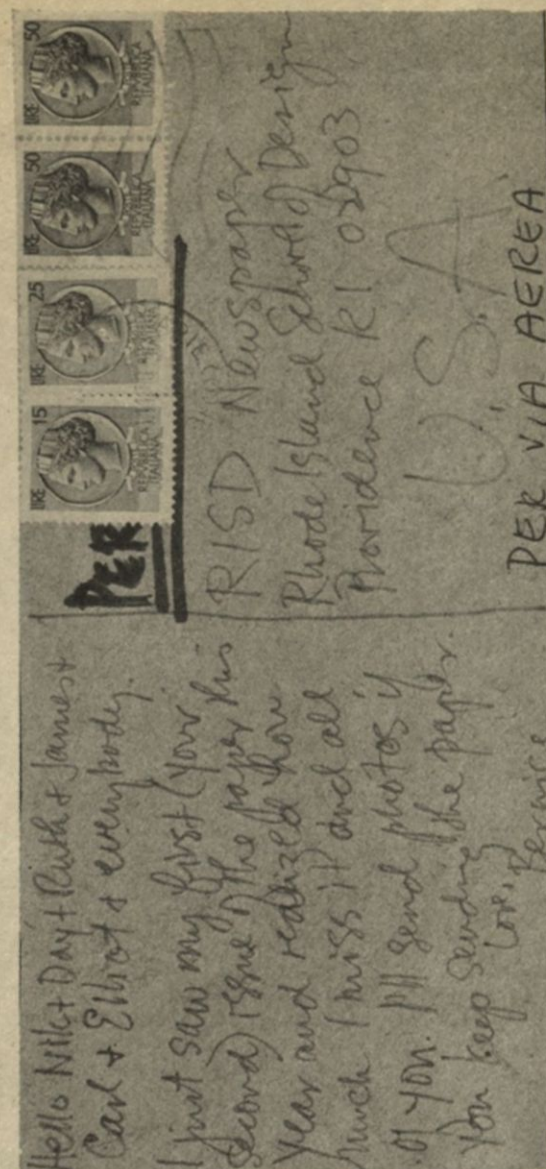
we are going in both. We believe that voters would respond to sober discussion.

## Just Thugs and Hoodlums?

There were disturbing indications in the Nixon campaign that the country is confronted not just by a case of poor tactics but of deficient understanding on his part. This can dangerously deepen the gap between the generations and between the races. Nixon attacked the kind of mob tactics which have grown up on campus and in the ghetto—the refusal to hear opposing points of view, the substitution of four letter words for arguments, the throwing of bottles and bricks. It is the duty of everyone who retains any constituency on the left to combat this loutishness, as it is a duty to combat the growing resort to the bomb. Bombings ruined the anarchist movement in the Nineteenth century and undermined the spiritual heritage even of those saintly anarchists like Kropotkin who were not advocates of "the deed." But it is a serious error for Nixon to say as he did at Phoenix in the closing days of the campaign that today's student and black rebels "are not romantic revolutionaries but the same thugs and hoodlums that have always plagued a good people." This is an echo of the days when every Latin American revolutionary was dismissed as a bandit. Not to recognize the deep moral convictions from which today's revolutionaries draw their inner strength to live as outlaws is completely to misjudge the task of dealing with them.

It is a positive menace to security to have in the White House a man who talks and thinks like an old-fashioned cop. At Phoenix he dismissed as fallacious the "approach that holds that violence will end as we end the war . . . that violence will end as we end hunger and poverty in America." He said "the answer to violence is the strong application of fair American justice." The phrases themselves will prove a provocation on the campus and in the ghetto, as will his urging parents to "exercise their responsibility for moral guidance." This adds a dash of Billy Graham to a jigger of J. Edgar Hoover. Nixon really lives in the past, when football was the main concern of students—and blacks and Chicanos were, if not non-existent, at least invisible on the other side of the tracks. It is up to the Democrats to provide a less simple-minded alternative leadership. Nixon in his campaign appeal at Phoenix urged voters to "bring about the new tough-minded approach to violence." It is pretty clear from the results that even in the deep South and in playgrounds of the rich and retired like Florida, voters have rejected the backward looking obuseness that Nixon calls "tough-minded," but which is only another variant of the old Bourbon delusion that the way to meet social unrest is with a whiff of gun-powder.

I. F. Stone's Bi-Weekly  
4420 29th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20008  
\$5.00 a Year.



Nov. 18, 1970

Dear Newspaper  
Re: euphemisms for menopause [sic]

There is a glaring error in the referred article. The Student Board did not pass any "LAW" about prohibiting groups from using RISD space or facilities. The attached letter was sent to the Student Board for action.  
NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

As stated in the letter the administration made rules of this sort years ago. The Student Board does not own or control any space at RISD nor does it own or control any facilities except some amplifier equipment (used for dances and speech making at 'daybreak plaza') and movie projection equipment in Mem. Hall and some athletic gear (sailboats, hockey, etc.).

The Administration may require their space assigning agents to see that groups using space are "student activities" and be approved by the Student Board. But I doubt this as I have not seen any such rule in writing. If such a rule or law of the sort suggested in the letter were to exist then it would be dealt with.

Please don't blame the Student Board for other peoples' real or imagined "LAWS".

At the Oct. 7 Board meeting when the subject of Mr. Allen's letter was discussed it was suggested that his letter would be given to the newspaper but this was not done because it might have been construed as an approval.

Please note that Mr. Allen's letter gives the administration credit for these rules.

If the newspaper feels that some action to accept, reject or revise the administration's rules on the use of space is desirable, I would like to see some ideas from them or any student.

I have heard of no problems in this area, but I can see that some could arise from such rules.

Peter F. Daniels  
Chairman, Student Board

# PREGNANT? NEED HELP?



**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**  
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PHILA., PA. 19131

Dear Sirs;

ARS primarily developed for the college community, is now offering its services to the community at large. ARS's only objective is to provide immediate aid to all women seeking safe, legal and inexpensive abortions. All such abortions are done in legal hospitals and hospital affiliated clinics in New York at most reasonable costs.

Since the abortion law has been passed in New York there has been a mammoth back log of patients awaiting abortions. However, we are able to refer hundreds of women to hospital and hospital affiliated clinics in New York city and New York state who are making abortions available without delay. These abortions are performed at minimal costs with highest standards of medical practice.

In actuality we are an effective clearing house for the available hospital facilities offering these services.

A contact to this agency is all that is needed to set up an appointment in New York on an out patient basis. All arrangements including travel can usually be completed within a few days.

The general procedure on an out patient basis is the vacuum aspiration method. This can be done up to the twelfth week of pregnancy. The cost is between \$200 and \$300 dollars.

The cost of abortion past the 12th week is determined upon the financial circumstance of the patient, the period of gestation, the nature of operation and institution in which it is performed.

Even though New York state has no residency requirements for an abortion they prefer to limit the abortion facilities to residents of the city. However we can place an out of state patient in any one of many fine private hospital affiliated clinics in New York city with no difficulty. We require only a small deposit to confirm an appointment, unlike other agencies who demand full payment before confirmation.

ARS constantly provides private and personalized attention to all interested.

If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like to help us in our work, please do not hesitate to call me at 215-878-5800.

Sincerely yours,  
*Alan Richards*  
Alan Richards; ARS

Abortion Study Group  
Women of Brown United  
November 18, 1970

Dear Friends,

As the whole United States re-evaluates the question of abortion, we Rhode Islanders must look into the status of the abortion laws in our state. Unless the life of the mother is in danger, Rhode Island law forbids abortion. Because of this law only 19 legal therapeutic abortions were performed in Rhode Island in 1969. "It is generally believed that for every legal or therapeutic abortion performed in a local hospital at least 10 are done illegally or out of state on Rhode Island women." (Providence Journal, May 21, 1970) This is probably a gross underestimation. In the United States as a whole "... the 8,000 legal abortions a year constitute a small percentage of all abortions performed or self-induced. The most modest estimate for illegal abortion is one million a year, but most studies agree that the two million figure is neither impossible nor improbable." (1 out of 4, an Abortion Primer, Lois Eggers)

A woman who chooses an illegal abortion risks injury or death at the hands of a butcher. Estimates of deaths resulting from abortion range from 2,000 to 10,000 a year. Illegal abortions are also very expensive, thus limiting them to those who can afford \$600 to \$1,000, the cost of an abortion.

John W. Leitz, chairman of the Rhode Island ACLU, states that: "The law violates 'the right of a woman to have an abortion and the right of a physician to perform an abortion without threat of criminal sanctions.'" (Providence Journal) The R.I. legislature should not have the right to rule on the morality or immorality of abortion. As mature human beings, women should have the right to decide for themselves whether or no. they should terminate a specific pregnancy.

We are asking all those concerned with the issue of abortion to help us build a conference on abortion repeal in February. Such a conference can educate us on abortion and be the first step in uniting Rhode Islanders to repeal the abortion laws. We need to know what efforts are being made in this area and we need everybody's help in planning and building this conference. We are hoping to form a broad coalition of groups to sponsor this conference. We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Regards,

*Peggy Bunn*

Peggy Bunn, R.I. Women's Liberation Union  
Toby Emmerich, Women of Brown United

(Contact Peggy Bunn at 102 Carrington Ave., Providence, R.I., tel. 272-6622)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this letter to any other organizations which may be interested and/or send us their names and addresses.

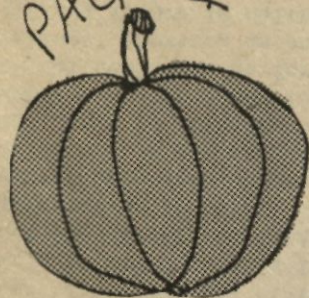


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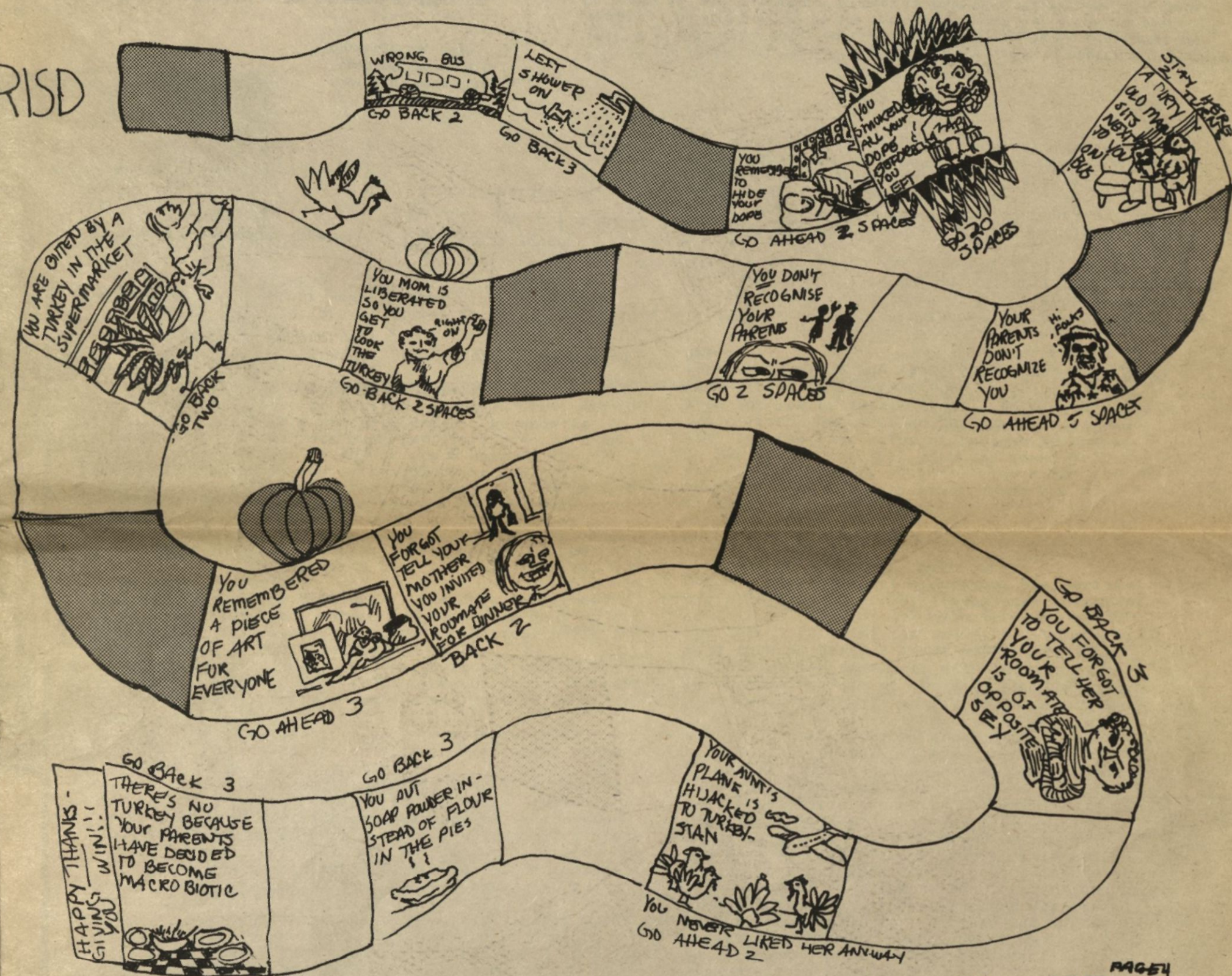
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