

College Students' Diverse Culture & Political Action

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Abstract

College students have played a key role in political protests. Historically, the college environment has shifted and less political action is allowed or encouraged. Exploration is necessary to understand trends in both administration and student attitudes towards socio political change. Researcher examines the culture on campus and has changed students' relationship with political protest. Research will examine diversity of thought and community engagement by tracking student opinions, protests, activism, and response to the world. Research will identify trends in protests in the 1970s compared to today. Focusing on 1975-1980 to find rules that cause barriers for students. The tools used to research are the college archives, interviews, alumni and the current offices that uphold processes pertaining to the research. The hypothesis is that protests and change is still happening, although political action looks different from the past.

Jane Fonda on Campus | Joseph Corlett

Following the atrocities of the Vietnam War, the Indochina peace campaign, headed by Jane Fonda presented a program to Ramapo College. Fonda showed some slides from her recent trip to North Vietnam. She spoke about the history of the Vietnam people, expressed how strong they are (including that they still hold this same value today), and spoke about the weapons the United States was using against the Vietnamese people. Fonda ended her speech by saying she is not a pacifist, but in fact if someone harmed her she would fight.

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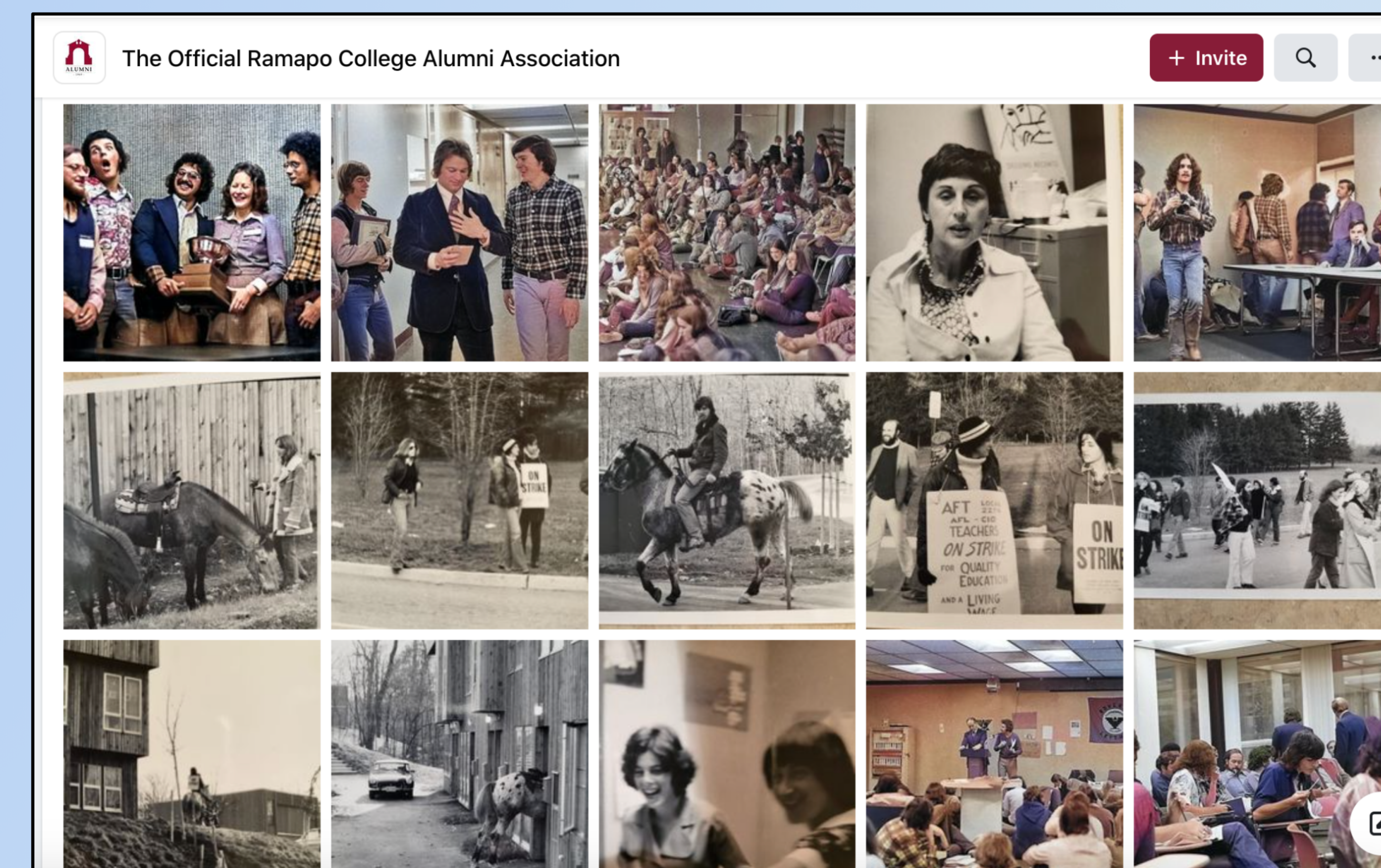
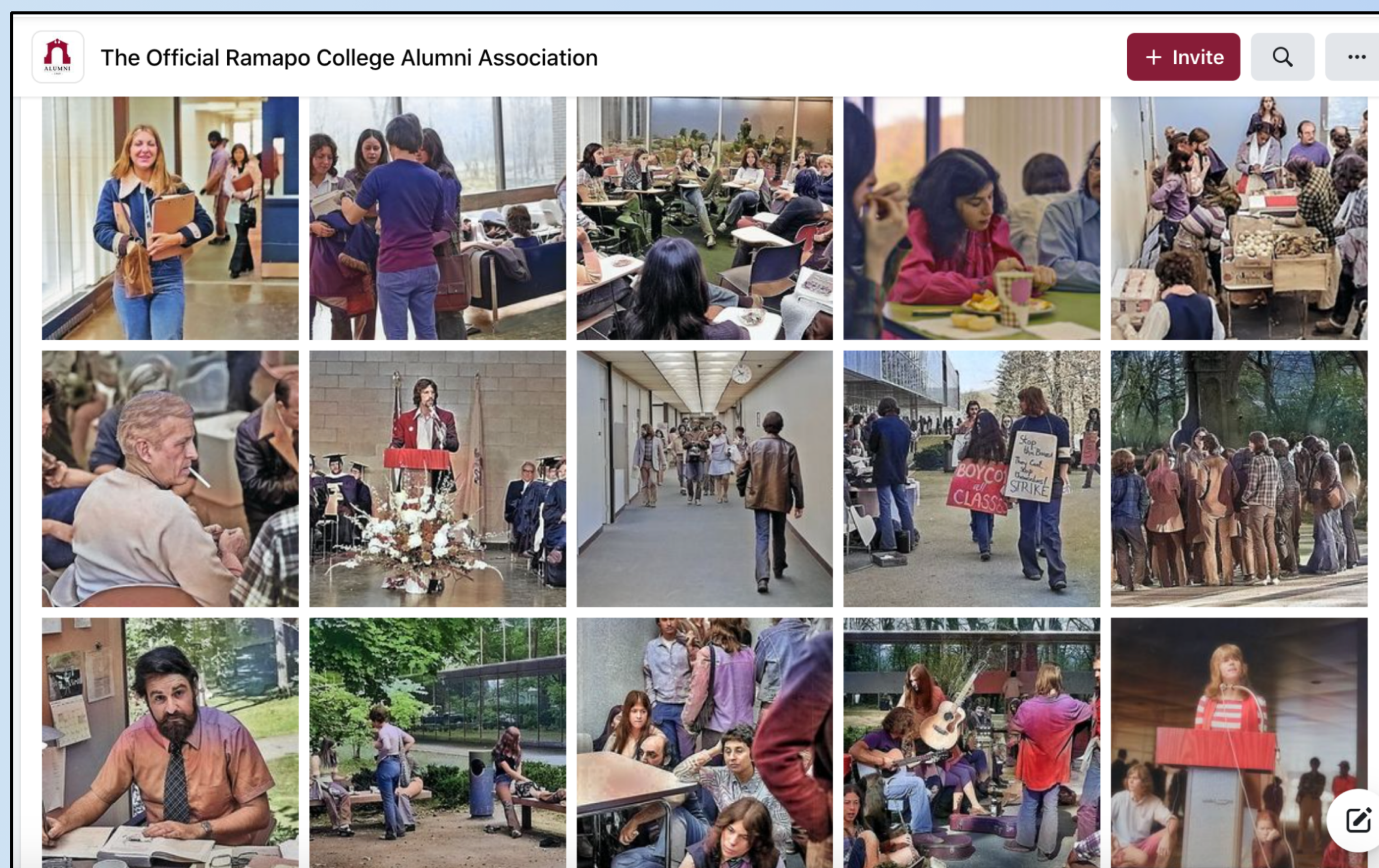
There was a new law passed that allows the Environmental Protection Agency to enforce a "no pollution" law. The editor states that after July 1st, it will be a federal crime to pollute. The editor calls Ramapo students to think about their consumption of resources, including pollution. According to them, there are 1,000 vehicles on campus. Then, not including the residents, there are 2,000 students commuting daily, with the majority of them traveling 20 miles per trip. That's a lot of pollution that can be created, especially when you think about possible traffic and idling. The editor asks Ramapo students, "What are you going to do about it?"

Jane Fonda Thoughts | Editor in Chief

One student praised Fonda saying, "Jane Fonda's presence on campus has brought forth the voice needed to make faculty and students more aware of what has to be done in November. Get rid of Mad dog Nixon." One of the men working construction on campus said, "I think it's a good thing that people hear what she has to say and make up their own minds. I believe that it's a hard sell. When you try to build a case like the one she's building, the way she's building it, I just don't buy it! And I don't think these kids will buy it either when they think about it."

Students vs Ramapo | Gary Brennan

One of the new rules is that students will have to pass a proficiency test on the English language, although no parameters, judges, what style of english, etc. were established, leaving minority students to suffer. There will be a Student Faculty meeting on October 18th (1972) to show the faculty what students want.



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