



# Stepping to the Back of the Bus

**BY TOM MCGONIGLE**  
The saga of the American Melting Pot has been a saga of oppressed immigrants struggling to escape from the cellars of social strata. As each group has escaped, a new group has moved in to bear the brunt of the cruel bigotry which "haves" feel compelled to inflict upon the "have-nots".

The "have-nots" have taken various forms; "shanty Irish," Eastern Europeans, Italians, Jews, and "Okies" are classical examples of the past. Today, Blacks, Hispanics, and women have fulfilled the role. Time has mostly salved the wounds of the former, and contemporary discrimination is being gradually relieved by Civil Rights, Affirmative Action, ERA, and a host of other measures.

It has been said, however, that if we didn't have the downtrodden, we would invent them. There seems to be an inherent need for man's inhumanity to man within our culture. This inhumanity manifests itself in very dehumanizing terms: mick, monkey, dago, spic, nigger - the list is sickeningly long.

Aside from pure semantics, however, there exists an even more insidious result of prejudice: the stagnation of individual abilities because of race, creed, or sex. "Chinks" work in laundries, "dumb broads" do housework, and "niggers" shine shoes and sweep floors. These groups, you see, are "incapable" of anything more "taxing."

Today, as they escape from the stranglehold of stereotype, they are quickly being replaced by a new group - the student as nigger.

Across the nation more young people than ever before are pursuing higher learning. They are, according to Forth of July rhetoric, our "hope for the future," our "investment in America."

Unlike most portfolios, however, this investment is not handled with tender care.

To begin, there is the stream of abuse from your local "working

class hero" type who continually assails college kids for "escaping to fantasy land." When he was a boy, you are assured, life was tough. But, thanks to his Horatio Alger-like struggle, we now live in a virtual utopia. Remember to thank him for his utopia as you breath smog-infested air, pay \$1.00 per gallon for gasoline, and vacation on oil-spill marred beaches.

Accounting and "hard" sciences are probably okay to study, according to this condescending ignoramus. But, anyone in the liberal arts is just a work-shirking, pointy-headed pinko fag who just doesn't want to meet reality.

And, of course, you are faced with a dilemma. How do you explain the value and importance of liberal education to such a bigoted moron? Why are developing young minds scorned by the mainstream of society?

A perusal of summer employment will reveal an even more shocking form of prejudice. Here we have the flower of American youth, the pride of the future, the supposed "Best and the Brightest" cleaning bedpans and pumping gas for the princely sum of \$2.00 an hour. Of course, money isn't everything, but these jobs ain't exactly fulfilling careers either. Why is such an abundance of talent wasted on such menial labor? Are businesses, industry, and government really so in command of the problems confronting them that they can waste this young talent? Empirically such a proposition is denied. It is utter madness that in the wake of the current world situation we can dismiss the capabilities of college students.

Even here in the homefront, second class status is maintained. The fact that you are paying thousands of dollars to attend college is forgotten in almost all facets of the University community (save the Treasurer's office; they keep turning out them bills.)

Dropping a course is a little like being questioned by the Spanish Inquisition and about as easy as passing a camel through the eye

of a needle. And there seems to be some confusion as to the employer-employee relationship in teacher-student dealings. Having a maximum cut policy makes as much sense as if some HEW bureaucrat would call Jimmy Carter and demand that he be in the Oval Office at eight sharp. Who is footing the bill here? And shouldn't the teacher be required to provide classes which are a pleasure rather than an ordeal to sit through? Tenure is nice and everything, but it doesn't put bread on the table - you need us paying customers.

These complaints are no doubt as old as the proverbial hills. Plato probably complained that Socrates assigned too many term papers. But the problem is still present. In the words of Mr. Dangerfield, "we don't get no respect."

College students on the whole are most capable and are most deserving of a better lot. And it seems we would all benefit if students were allowed to fulfill meaningful roles rather than sitting in the back of the bus.

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accessible to the Aquinas from the VPBM office indicate an "overwhelming quantity of documented written charges and allegations" as Flanagan terms them, supporting the inefficiency and incompetency of the bookstore operation and managerial ineptitude.

"We were sorry we had to do it (fire Brown)," Harrington said. "But the explosiveness of his attitude and inability to change it, clearly led to his demise."

The final Nov. 29 bookstore committee meeting also took note of Jim Brown's attitude. "The current manager of the bookstore was criticized for permitting his negative personality and volatile temperament to adversely affect bookstore operation.

# Third World Babies Need Your Help

**BY SUSAN KARDOS**  
Infant formula sales in western countries have declined in recent years. This has sent formula manufacturers looking for new markets. They have found them mostly in the Third World. Major manufacturers of baby foods have heavily promoted their product in the Third World, utilizing billboards, magazines, newspapers, radio, and television to encourage women to abandon breast feeding in favor of bottle feeding. The result has been increased infant malnutrition

by making it last longer, not realizing the weakened formula won't provide the nourishment to sustain life. In Barbados, 82 percent of mothers surveyed were diluting the formula.

Infant malnutrition and mortality has increased. The evidence is overwhelming. 713 of 717 children admitted to hospitals in Sierra Leone for malnutrition had been bottle fed. There are many similar statistics.

Malnutrition causes irreversible brain damage and if prolonged, it brings death. By the

## NEW YORK CITY AREA

### Avery Fisher Hall

Chuck Mangione ..... Apr. 9, 10  
David Bromberg Band ..... Apr. 14  
Rod McKuen ..... Apr. 28  
Average White Band ..... May 4  
Ella Fitzgerald ..... June 4

### Beacon Theatre

Little Feat ..... Apr. 7  
Tower of Power ..... Apr. 14

### Carnegie Hall

Teresa Brewer ..... Apr. 5  
Richie Havens ..... Apr. 7  
Tehoram Gaon ..... Apr. 9  
Mary O'Hara ..... Apr. 14

### The Palladium

The Tubes ..... Apr. 15  
Stanley Clarke ..... Apr. 21  
Hot Tuna ..... Apr. 22  
Outlaws ..... Apr. 23  
Al Dimeola ..... May 5  
Elvis Costello ..... May 6  
Evening with Ram Dass ..... May 10

### Madison Square Garden

Salsa Fever ..... Apr. 15  
Rufus ..... Apr. 22  
Smokey Robinson ..... Apr. 28  
Mikis Theodorakis ..... May 7 & 10  
David Bowie ..... May 8 & 9  
Eddie Kendricks ..... May 13

## LONG ISLAND AREA

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Be Bop Deluxe ..... Apr. 7  
The Spinners ..... Apr. 20  
David Bromberg ..... Apr. 23  
Pure Prairie League ..... Apr. 30

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### Colonia Hall

Jimmy Roselli ..... Apr.

### Hofstra Coffee House

Sea Level ..... May

### My Father's Place

Shaun Philips ..... Apr.  
Stuff ..... Apr.  
Loudon Wainright III ..... Apr.  
Pat Travers ..... Apr.  
Richie Furay ..... Apr. 17  
Tower of Power ..... Apr.  
Roy Ayres ..... Apr.  
Jonathan Richmond ..... Apr. 21  
Buddy Rich ..... Apr.  
Roger McQuinn ..... Apr. 28, 29  
Lou Reed ..... May

### Nassau Coliseum

Waylon Jennings ..... Apr.  
Jefferson Starship ..... Jun

### Suffolk Forum

Hot Tuna ..... Apr.  
Charlie Daniels Band ..... Apr.

### Westbury Music Fair

Ben Vereen ..... Apr. 4 to  
Don Rickles ..... Apr. 10 to  
Tony Orlando ..... Apr. 18 to  
Diana Ross ..... May 8 to

### Stony Brook Gym

Aztec Two Step ..... Apr.

and mortality due to bottle feeding.

Bottle feeding is less healthy to the infant. Consumer Reports states, "When there is unclean water, inadequate refrigeration, poor home hygiene, or too little money to buy enough formula, bottle feeding can be dangerous and even fatal. The formula may become contaminated, exposing the infant to serious infection."

When a Third World woman sees a picture of a fat, healthy baby nursing from a bottle on the wall of her health clinic, she believes it to be an endorsement. One Nigerian mother fed her baby mostly water, but with a bottle and nipple she had seen on a billboard. Others have filled bottles with mixtures of water and cornstarch - a mixture which looks like the formula they see advertised.

Bottle feeding is an unnecessary expense to the poor family. For many, the cost of properly feeding one child on formula can cost 30 percent or more of a family's income. Many mothers dilute the formula to save money

time "baby bottle disease" is diagnosed, the mother's own milk has already dried up.

Nestle is the largest company pushing infant formula in the Third World. They have ignored moral arguments and continue to sell formula even though babies are dying. The only way to get at Nestle is to boycott their products. Targeted products are: Taster's Choice, Nescafe, Nestle's Quick, Nestle's Crunch, Nestea, and Libby, McNeille, and Libby Products.

Please write to Nestle and tell them you are boycotting their products. Then tell them why. The address is:

Nestle Company Inc.  
White Plains, New York 10605

If you want to learn more about "Baby Bottle Disease" come to see the film "Baby Bottles," which will be shown Tuesday April 4, 1978 at 8:00 PM on the third floor of the Student Center. There will also be a discussion of the different ways one can try to eliminate "Baby Bottle Disease." This program is being sponsored by Students for Life.

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