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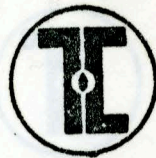
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RAP - NOTES

OFFICE OF COLLEGE RELATIONS

AUGUST 1977

GENERAL INFORMATION

This newsletter is being mailed to old and new students. In each center, particular dates are being scheduled for those who never registered, completed financial aid forms or took the Qualifying Evaluation test. We especially wish to encourage students who withdrew in earlier periods for whatever reasons to return for this Fall semester. RAP is an experience which should be highly valued.

FALL SEMESTER FOR 16 SESSIONS

The 1977 Fall semester will be composed of sixteen sessions, instead of the eighteen held in the Spring semester. This will permit inter-term vacations. Several new courses are being offered for the first time; some are "Introduction to Greek and Roman Civilization," "Arts and Society," "The Age of Renaissance and Reformation," "Medieval Civilization," and "Meaning of the Holocaust." The Fall semester will begin on Thursday, October 6. We hope that recruitment will more than make up for those who have withdrawn from the program.

LIFE EXPERIENCE CREDITS

We intend to distribute to all RAP students guidelines about how to apply for life experience credits. It is assumed that many RAP students have, in past years, participated in various activities which have considerable educational value. The academic value of these experiences will be evaluated by a Touro College Life Experience Committee which will consider each case individually.

THIRTEEN RAP STUDENTS GRADUATE

Thursday evening, June 9th, was a glorious occasion. Thirteen Retired Adults, adorned with cap and gown, marched down the aisle at the Hilton Hotel in New York, to receive their Associate in Arts degree. Children and grandchildren were there to celebrate the occasion when "grandma" and "grandpa" received their well-earned academic recognition.

Professor Abraham R. Besdin, RAP Director, called their names to ascend the platform where Dr. Bernard Lander, President of Touro College, conferred the degrees and extended his personal congratulations. Several of the students had earned their entire required 60 credits within RAP but most had brought transfer credits from previous college experiences. The Commencement Address was delivered by Dr. Edward Teller, world-renown physicist.

It is heartwarming when we consider that all of our RAP graduates had not been in school for 30 to 40 years and that they were able to adjust so magnificently to the college learning experience. The following students received their A.A. degrees at our June 9th graduation: Helen Cantor, Ethel Cravats, Evelyn Fried, Dorothy Ferdman, George Gallub, Nettie Gershowitz, Henry Haar, Harry Peltzer, Henrietta Polakoff, Solomon Reiman, Elsie Schulman, Laura Schwartz, Rachel Thorn.

AFTER THE A.A. DEGREE COMES THE B.A. DEGREE

Twelve former RAP students have registered in our Adult Program for Excellence (APEX) baccalaureate division. They refuse to stop their education. They have discovered the exhilaration of learning. At this time, APEX meets only at our mid-Manhattan campus. However, it is possible to take two courses in your community RAP centers and only one course at the Touro campus. Why don't you phone APEX and ask for Mr. Mulholland or Miss Towne for more information.

We are seriously planning to open APEX divisions in various Boroughs in the Fall of 1978 to accomodate our graduating RAP students.

ARE YOU CLOSE TO GRADUATION?

Have you been attending RAP since September 1975 or January 1976? If so, you may be eligible to receive your A.A. degree at our 1978 graduation. This, of course, depends on your proper completion of all academic requirements. We know that the work-load is heavy but the satisfactions are without measure. Our recent graduates thank us repeatedly for what RAP has done for them. It makes sense for students who have persevered to this point to continue into the Fall semester. The prize is so close. It would be a crime to let it slip away.

CLASSROOM LOCATIONS

Our courses will be offered in the following locations:

- Queens - Self-Help Austin (69-02 Austin St.); Self-Help Forest Hills (62nd Drive); Howard Beach (84th St.); Young Israel of Wavecrest and Bayswater (Far Rockaway); Beth El (Rockaway Park, 135th St.)
- Brooklyn - Senior League of Flatbush (Albemarle Road); Hebrew Alliance (Brighton 6th St.); H.E.S. (Canarsie); J.C.H. (Bensonhurst); Council Center (Kings Highway area); Borough Park "Y" (14th Avenue); Swinging Sixties (Greenpoint area)
- Bronx - Bronx "Y" (1130 Grand Concourse); Bronx House (Pelham Parkway); Riverdale "Y" (250th St.)
- Staten Island - Jewish Center (Victory Blvd)

CHANGES - Ochel students will henceforth meet at the Borough Park "Y" on 14th Avenue. Bayswater Jewish Center students are being relocated to the Young Israel of Wavecrest and Bayswater. Clearview and Jackson Heights students are being relocated to Self-Help Austin and Forest Hills and Young Israel of New Hyde Park.

NEW CENTERS - Arrangements are being made to hold classes at a center in Starrett City and at several other new locations.