

April 27, 2024

The attached 1968 letters were addressed to Mark Rudd, a leader of Columbia's Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and spokesperson during the Columbia University Student Strike of 1968. The letters were forwarded by Columbia University to John Young, an architecture graduate student and Avery Hall Occupation delegate to the Strike Committee -- after the group had been evicted from campus. Young had been given the task of locating an office for the Committee, but no one was willing to rent it space. The Committee met briefly in Young's apartment then dispersed. Various related items forwarded to Young have been archived.

The spring 2024 Columbia student protest, "Gaza Solidarity Encampment," is the occasion to share a small sample of its predecessor action.

Young's participation in the 1968 strike inspired his sustained effort to abide its intention with unpaid community service through Urban Deadline (1968-1996) and thereafter Cryptome.org (1996-Present).

DEAR COMRADE RUDD,

I HEAR YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO GRADUATE FROM COLUMBIA  
WELL SCUM RED YOU WONT  
IF I KNOW IT, I AM SEEING  
TO IT PERSONALLY BY  
PUTTING YOU WHERE YOU  
BELONG SIX FEET UNDER  
YOU COMMIE B — YOU  
MUST HAVE A MOTHER<sup>L</sup>  
LIKE YOURSELF, SHE IS NO  
BETTER AND WOULD BE  
BETTER OFF OUT OF HER  
MISSERY — SEE I NEVER  
EVEN HAD PAST 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
GRAMMER SCHOOL SEE  
MY US GOVERNMENT NEVER  
PAID MY WAY ~~TO~~ COLLEGE

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YOU BELIEVE IN BITEING  
THE HAND THAT FEEDS  
YOU COMMIE BEGGAR, WHAT  
IS THE WORD YOUR MOTHER  
CALLS YOU TERRIFIC KID  
SHE BEING WHAT SHE IS  
DOES NOT KNOW DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN A COMMIE BUM  
WHOM LEECHES OFF HIS  
GOVERNMENT AND HAS A  
YELLOW STREAK AS LONG  
AS HIS HORSE FACE - MAYBE  
I CAN CHANGE IT SO HIS  
CREEP OF A MADAM MOTHER  
WONT EVEN KNOW HIM. YOU  
COME FROM SCUM YOU  
END WITH SCUM. I NEAR

HAD YOU THE OTHER DAY  
BUT I CAN WAIT MY CHANCE  
LONG PUSS CREEP- I WAS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR SENATE  
GOING OUT PASSING BILL TO  
OUTLAW COMMUNISTS IN  
OUR COLLEGES- TO TAKE  
A WAY FREE TUITION ON  
THESE YELLOW BELLIED  
RATS WHOM ARE OUT TO  
OVERTHROW OUR GOVERNMENT  
LIKE YOU- I AM ONLY  
ONE OF OUR ORGANIZATION  
OF AMERICANS FOR  
AMERICA WHOM HATE  
PIMPS LIKE YOU. WHERE  
DOES YOUR MOTHER LIVE

JUST IN CASE YOU GET  
OUT OF LINE GREEP. AND  
KEEP THAT UGLY FLAT  
NOSE CLEAN OR I WILL  
FLATTEN IT ALL OVER YOUR  
LONG HORSE PUSS

AMERICANS FOR  
AMERICA

May 3, 1968

(Rebel) M. Rudd:

Your appearance on TV this evening is enough to make any viewer real sick. Phooey on you!

Somebody ought to give you a dozen well-placed kicks and tell you that you look like a second rate soda jerk, janitor or ditch digger, who cannot afford a clean shirt or hair cut. Phooey on you!

Do not call yourself a representative of all students, you irresponsible stupe, and stop complaining about police "brutality". There are many of us who would give you a thorough going over, you irrational juvenile. Phooey on you!

You deserve amnesty - yes, on both jaws, so you would shut up for a while and clear that stupid look off your miserable face. Phooey on you!

If you do not like conditions at Columbia University, GET OUT and go elsewhere; you will never be missed. And take the other sick trash with you!

All the colossal damages you have caused are going to live with you the rest of your miserable life.

What kind of parents do you have?!?!?!? Phooey.

Both you and your parents should be compelled to pay reparations for the senseless losses you have inflicted. Phooey!

Somebody ought to ambush you and give you "what for" because of your insolent interference with the lives of other decent students who want to graduate on schedule. Phooey on you!

Pack your belongings and go elsewhere - like Siberia, - and G O O D R I D D A N C E.

Ad Nauseum

CC to President G. Kirk

That contemptible character, Rudd, belongs in jail or at some funny farm. Most probably, he will be a trouble-maker the rest of his wretched life.

May 7, 1968

Mr. Mark Rudd  
President S D S  
Columbia University  
116th and Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10027

Dear Mr. Rudd:

You are ruining Columbia with your demands. Columbia is not just your university. It is mine too. Also it belongs to all persons who have studied there and have loved it. It is a great university. But you and your S D S have left a scar on it that will take sometime to heal. Perhaps it is your purpose to destroy the university.

Your S D S used force and tyranny instead of reason. In fact you became the very thing you were fighting. Your demands concerning the building of a gymnasium in Morningside Park are unreasonable. The Park belongs to the City of New York. It does not belong to Harlem. Columbia is to give \$75,000 worth equipment and services including use of a pool to neighborhood children. That is certainly better than a steep hill, which will not fit for a play area.

Since you think Cuba is "so extremely humanistic" (Daily News, May 4th, 1968) I should think you would want to live there permanently.

It would be interesting to compare your life 20 years from now with the other Columbia men who had respect for law and order in this tragic situation.

Yours truly



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PETITION OF ALUMNI  
OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY,

TO THE COLUMBIA TRUSTEES AND TO MAYOR JOHN LINDSAY

We as Columbia University alumni, deplore the action taken against the striking students. We support the demands for the resignations of Pres. Kirk and Vice Pres. Truman, and for the amnesty of the involved students. We demand that the alliances with the IFA and the work on the gym be discontinued immediately.

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