Snugged under a barber shop and next to a book store is a small display window filled with paintings and drawings—this is the face that the Petite Gallery turns to the world. Then if you open the door and lean on the stairs to your left, you'll confront a sampling of what is hung and stacked, leaned and piled behind the door with the little sign that says: "Welcome to the Petite Gallery, Ring bell and walk in. If door does not ring, please ring second time, may be in showroom." So, the door opens and Mr. Dennis ushers you in. He'll answer any questions that may occur to you about his hundred or more canvasses, and he'll tell you a bit of local art history at the same time.

For instance, he'll explain that that large, dark painting over there is by D. C. Lithgow, the artist who did the murals in the State Education Building. We are all so familiar with from our field trip days. If you ask, he'll tell you that the portrait by the same fellow is of another artist and mutual friend, William Schoonmaker. The photograph of just that, he'll tell you that the idea of putting a ballerina in a bottle. Now, you may or may not like his paintings, but he paints for his own pleasure, and to please others is not their primary purpose. It is the learning from experimenting, and to attempt to express an idea or a feeling that is important.

So, perhaps one day when you're strolling downtown, looking at the boutiques, you'll turn down Lark Street and take a look at the gallery's window, and maybe you'll want to go inside and find out where that is that paintings go after they leave the art class.

Does Pass-Fail Fail?

With all the controversy in schools today concerning the pass-fail grading system, it is of interest to the problem that many college students are experiencing when they apply to graduate school. Most graduate schools will not accept applicants with pass-fail grade records. These colleges are looking for academic equivalency, and with so many applicants under consideration, they don't have the time to test the pass-fail students to determine this equivalency. As a result, many students are discovering that they must repeat their four previous years of college on a grade level basis.

In addition, those who have graduated college on a pass-fail basis are having trouble finding jobs. Many employers feel that pass-fail is not an equivalent grade and that credentials of a prospective employee's potential and will, therefore, not hire him.

Perhaps a pass-fail grading system is the answer to the grading dilemma. However, the fact remains that until it becomes an accepted mode of evaluation, working under the pass-fail system can be a very risky undertaking.

—N.F. and M.R.

A Light War

by Frank Perlmutter

Science has given us many discoveries and inventions that have changed the way we live and work. Television and ditto sheets are two of technology's benign children that have since conquered the home and conquered his house, for example, and a moment's reflection will turn up many others.

Electricity is another force that has gradually infiltrated society and caused drastic change. The Great American Light War is a play describing man's struggles to use electricity for his own dubious purposes. Reputed as a "comic horror show", The Great American Light War shows the clash between Con Ed and Western Electric from the 1880s to their final climactic battle in the future.

The SUNYA production effectively combines projections, special effects, and multiple scenes to present the play's message. The cast will be accompanied by the Star Spangled Washboard Band playing everyone's favorites, such as "I Get a Charge Out of You" and "Mr. Photographeur."

The play will run from March 1-5, and tickets are now on sale in the Performing Arts Center box office for $2.00, but anyone with a SUNYA student tax card can buy a ticket for $1.00. Reservations, which I strongly advise, can be made by calling 457-8606 or 457-7535 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Any reserved tickets not picked up by 8:15 on the evening of the performance are sold to the trusting people who have put themselves on the_WAITING LIST, but this is a precarious way of getting in.

In other words, the meek and passive will get jostled aside, since an early arrival and an aggressive attitude are the only ways to handle the crowds that will be clamoring for tickets—because The Great American Light War promises to be one of SUNYA's best productions of the year, as well as one of its most elaborate.

No News is Good News
Letters to the Editor

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A perfect example of this is once when I asked my parents for the car. They said "No," for the simple reason but said nothing and went back to my room. A half hour later, I came back and calmly discussed the situation. This approach worked.

All I did during that half hour to so radically alter the outcome of the dispute was to give my parents position and try to anticipate how they would react to different things that I might say. Keep in mind, there are a lot of things I was talking to my parents about as well, but I will stick to the main point on hand. We talked I appeared mature and logical to them.

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My answer to this sad situation is WRPI, an FM station located at 91.3 on your dial. The music that is played is new and good. Student Council officers are working on life's seven basic freedoms: order, balance, harmony, growth, respect, freedom of worship, love, and compassion. No newspaper can adequately tell what's going on. It's LOVE, and that's just a word on paper, but in a human being that's purity, beauty, truth, infinity, God! And, the members say that there is infinite love in everyone. What they are doing is getting it out.

If you can find the Brotherhood of the Spirit, it is a great place to visit. But the important thing is...YOU NOW ---this very instant. RELAX. Look into someone's eyes, and tell them you love them. If you can't do it now, keep trying until you can. And you'll have changed their life forever.

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