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With the beginning of 1973, Rampart College is on the threshold of applying the results of seventeen years of research and development.

The experimental program created and launched by Robert LeFevre back in 1956 has been supported by friends, lauded by students, attacked by critics, and scoffed at by cynics. It even survived a landslide in 1965 when the top of a mountain came slithering through buildings and classrooms. (The students dug their way out and continued in class session with only a day's loss of time.)

It has been that sort of dedication and spirit - the determination of Bob LeFevre, his students, friends, co-workers, and contributors - that has enabled Rampart to survive and accomplish what it has done thus far.

Bob's original goal was to create a place of learning where people could study the principles and benefits of self-control leading to a maximization of human well-being and individual freedom. He hoped to reach 1,000 to 1,500 persons with his ideas, and if 100 of that number became effective teachers and communicators of the philosophy of freedom and individual sovereignty, his "experiment" would be successful.

Let's look at the record. To date, nearly 5,000 persons have studied at Rampart. The hoped for "100 effective teachers and communicators" has been exceeded several times over.

Two home-study courses have been created: "The Fundamentals of Liberty" and "Raising Children for Fun and Profit."

An audio cassette service has been developed offering 54 lectures and six 15-minute entertaining narratives by LeFevre.

A book service provides a selection of standard libertarian writings in philosophy, economics, revisionist history, and psychology, as well as new books of current interest.

A film lending-library makes available two 16mm. sound color films by LeFevre: "Property: A Basis for Morality" and "The Meanings of Responsibility and Obligation."

A live seminar program offers sessions of one to eight days' duration on the nature of man, the nature of the market, and the nature of government.

This entire array of programs has been developed because private contributors believed in the importance of the Rampart programs.

In two notable ways Rampart has emerged as a most unique non-profit organization. It neither seeks nor accepts government funds, and its earned income in 1972 was 85.7% of total income.

It is quite common to find among the many very worthwhile non-profit organizations a prevailing contribution ratio of 8 or 9 to 1. That is, approximately 80-90% of operating expenses is obtained through contributions, while only 10-20% of operating expenses comes from actual earnings - from the sale of goods and services. Indeed, the organizations that can show earnings of 20-30% are very much in the minority. The low earnings ratio does not reflect on the worthiness of their efforts; it merely indicates an inability to return dollar profits, and a great ability to return psychological profits to their contributor/investors.

In a field where 20-30% is considered exceptional, and 0-10% is considered reasonable, Rampart can show a ratio of earnings to expenses of over 80%.

For every dollar of gross income to Rampart College in 1972, 85.7% of it came from earnings from publications, home-study programs, lectures, and seminars - while only 14.3% of expenses came from private contributions. (In 1970 the ratio was 69%.)

The funds received by Rampart College from private contributions are applied toward constructive programs designed to stand the test of marketplace acceptance.

It is our desire at Rampart to continue the upward trend of earned income and hopefully, in the future, much more of our research will be financed through earnings.

We mentioned at the outset that Rampart is on the threshold of applying the results of our past research. We are now intent on expanding the concepts of free choice and individual integrity into the basic areas of psychological freedom, recognizing and focusing on the importance of self-esteem in maintaining responsible self-determination.

While Bob LeFevre talks about the nature of man, the nature of government, and the nature of the market, those participating in his courses experience a whole new way of looking at themselves, their environment, and their fellow men. In isolating and identifying this personal unfoldment almost universally experienced by those who have enrolled in a LeFevre course, we are now preparing to move forward with these insights into additional courses of study.

One such program is announced elsewhere in this newsletter.

Funds are required now for the successful development and presentation of these programs. Once under way, the programs should be self-supporting.

We believe that the present moment offers exceptional opportunities to communicate the sense of exhilaration that comes with an understanding of freedom. We know what it is like to experience that sense of exhilaration...of understanding. With your help, we can make that experience possible for others.

We ask that you consider sending a contribution today - whether it be \$10 or \$1,000. We believe we are on the threshold - with your continued confidence and generous support there are exciting things we can accomplish.

-- Seymour Leon

HOW TO START YOUR OWN SCHOOL

Just published (Macmillan): Kansas businessman Robert D. Love's report of how he and his wife, and other parents, established a private school which has succeeded despite non-accreditation and non-certification. Success criteria: (1) average score on college entrance exams of Wichita Collegiate grads is 90 points higher than national average; (2) demonstrated respect for students and teachers. Title: NOBODY BUT THE TEACHER, THE STUDENT, AND THE PARENT...A Guide for Everybody Who's Fed Up with Public Education, \$5.95. Love is a Rampart grad and ex-trustee.

ACADEMY OF THE ROCKIES

An Idaho boarding school offering high-school youth outdoor adventure programs and superior classroom academics is completing its first year. Director Kevin Cullinane (Rampart grad '67) emphasizes the nine-month course is for those who can develop leadership ability in the "twin arts of reflective thinking and intelligent daring." The academy offers mountaineering, wilderness survival, skiing, logic, science, plane geometry, history, creative writing, and classics. (Bonners Ferry, Idaho 83805)

FIRST ISSUE

First issue of Christian Laissez Faire (Box 61, El Segundo, CA 90245) is a four-page tabloid featuring articles by John Yench, Spencer Heath, F. A. Harper, and Spencer MacCallum. Journalist Yench and anthropologist MacCallum are Rampart grads.

LEFEVRE SEMINAR IN WICHITA

The Koch Foundation is sponsoring a seminar to be presented by Bob LeFevre in Wichita May 27 - June 1. For registration or information, write to Mrs. Wanda Lee Zuercher, Box 546, Wichita, Kansas 67201.

LIBERTARIAN ALLIANCE CONFERENCE - New York City

Hunter Libertarian Alliance announces a "Self-Liberation Festival" at Hunter College Playhouse May 19-20. For information, write Frank Werth or Bruce Davidow, HLA, Roosevelt House, 49 E. 65th St., New York, NY 10021.

SELF LIBERATION - Leon Seminar

An 8-hour "introduction to Self Liberation" seminar offering "a new perspective into the here and now concerns of individuals ... creating a personal and social environment where individuals can express themselves and expand their enjoyment of life," will be conducted by Riqui and Seymour Leon of Rampart College, Saturday, April 28, at the Quality Inn, Anaheim. Fee: \$30 (\$50 per couple), lunch included. Mail deposit (\$10) to Rampart College, 104 W. Fourth St., Santa Ana, CA 92701.

PERSON-TO-PERSON DIRECTORY

Harvey N. Crumhorn, 3510 Glendale Lane, NW, Huntsville, Alabama, 35810, wants to hear from libertarians thinking of leaving the U.S. "...I feel it's safer for a group to ease themselves into a spot, secure a foothold, and grow from there."

John Muller and Sharon Presley, proprietors, Laissez Faire Books, 208-A Mercer St., New York 10012: "We'd appreciate it very much if the newsletter could mention that we have free catalogs available on request."

Mrs. Susan E. Roberts, 46 Badgers Island, Kittery, Maine 03904 (phone 207: 439-4153): "My husband Kirk and I are interested in finding libertarians in southern Maine or southeast New Hampshire areas."

STAND STILL, LITTLE LAMB, TO BE SHORN

The quiet virtuous debt-paying 40 million Americans who have been saving their money as they go, during the past 30 years have lost over three-quarters of a trillion dollars by the political embezzlement of men in government inflating the nation's purchasing media or money supply.

-- Economic Education Bulletin (Feb., 1972), American Institute for Economic Research, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

RAMPART BOOK SERVICE - New Paperback

A Guide to Rational Living by Drs. A. Ellis and R. Harper, offers practical suggestions for self-improvement and more effective living, based on the theory that reason and emotion are interconnected functions...common sense and intelligence applied in the area of individual satisfactions. \$2.00 (add 25¢ postage/handling; California residents add 5% sales tax).



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