

"Like all other educational institutions," Mr. Burden said, "the Museum is caught between rising costs on the one hand and our desire to improve services to the public on the other. As the public continues to indicate a growing interest in the Museum's activities, as measured by the number of people who attend the exhibitions, purchase books and participate in other special activities, we do not want to curtail our program in any way. Therefore, the only alternative is to ask the public to help share the job of meeting the rising costs."

Despite the dependence on admission charges, the Museum has always maintained a reduced price schedule for student and other groups in the community. Several thousand students from New York City public schools visit the Museum in groups free of charge each year. Teachers and students in the visual arts can purchase an annual unlimited admission pass for \$3.00. A new category established for the coming year is a Professional Artist \$5.00 pass for men and women professionally employed in the visual arts.

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