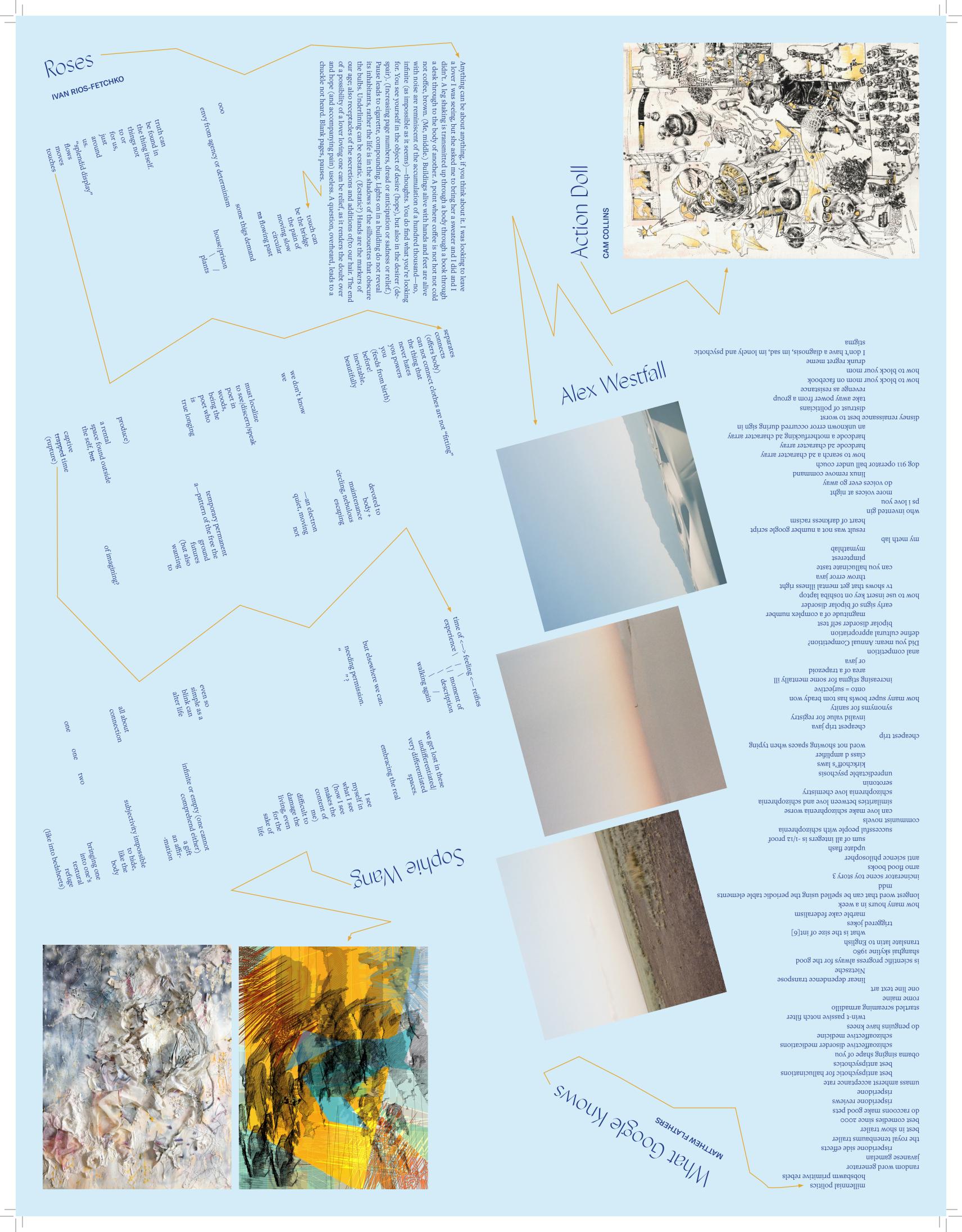
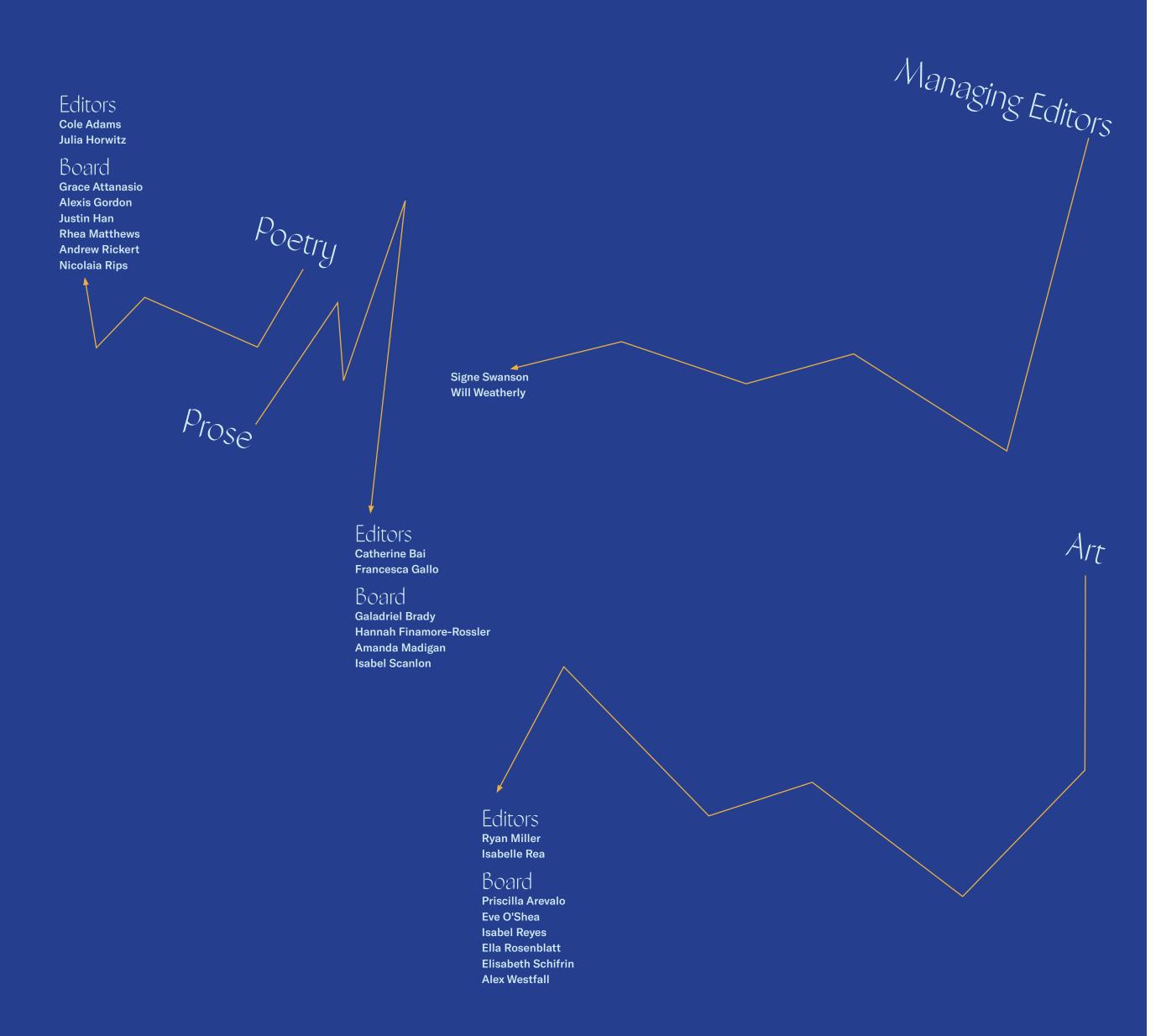


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Reconstructed Union Liberation Anifesto (2007)

Editor's note: As no complete copy of the manifesto of the Grant Liberation Union is extant, this document reflects the efforts of historians, psychologists, and legal professionals to create what is believed (by those involved and by other experts whose counsel was sought) to be an accurate depiction of the infamous lost document. Printed here is a synthesis of several core GLU texts: the sole extant portion of the manifesto discovered in Miriam Landhoffer's notebook; the minutes of the Union's April 8th, 2007 meeting as stenographed by James Torley; Dr. Theodora Frankel's psychiatric notes on Peter Morrison; eyewitness accounts of the tragic May 3rd, 2007 Rollins County School Board meeting; and, of course, the indispensible testimony of Linda Gadson. (This document and those primary sources from which it was created will be published in appendices A, B, and F of Gadson's upcoming book from Harcourt, as of yet untitled.) The experts responsible for the creation of this document warn students of the GLU affair not to view the text as an absolute truth, but rather a manufacture that, while superior to mere fabrications (the publication of which in tabloid newspapers the public has long tired), will be subject to revision as further research is undertaken and new discoveries are made.

The First Manifesto and Constitution¹ of the Grant Liberation Union In struggle, we shall find meaning, and discover if the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether

1. What do we believe and who are we against?

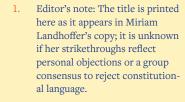
1.1. We are against the fascist exploitation of students perpetrated by the Rollins County School Board in general and in Grant High School in particular and by Principal Eugene Baker especially in particular. Students and teachers (and children and adults more generally) cannot cohabitate—we know this as it is never seen in nature—and to rectify this untenable situation, students must take control of the spaces that the oppressors have forced them to reside in. To succeed, it is imperative that we students mobilize as a Union.

2. What are our demands?

- 2.1. We demand that oppressors² be known by their first names, not by the bourgeois, hierarchical titles "Mr.," "Mrs.," "Ms.," and "Miss."3
- 2.2 We are fed up with the lack of student representation, and are insulted by the token, ceremonial seats we have been offered on the Board in return for our submissiveness. We will take no more half loaves.
- 2.3 We demand that the oppressors return all occupied territory to the students, to whom it rightfully belongs. This will begin with the surrender of the gymnasium to the student forces.⁴ At this time and at this time only may negotiations begin.
- 2.4 Negotiations will be held in the gymnasium at the behest of the Student Union. Oppressors will be allowed representation only if the Union deems their choice acceptable. Negotiations will end, one way or another, with students in total control of an oppressor-free Grant High School (hereby to be
- 2.5 When the oppressor-free Grant is created, the Liberation Union will lead the efforts to liberate our brethren at Douglas Junior High School and the tyrannized students of the other high schools in surrounding towns.6

3. How will we force the oppressors to meet our demands?

- 3.1 We will have to mobilize, organize, unite, disrupt, and be vigilant in order to topple the Baker regime, and eventually the entire Rollins school system.
- 3.2 Every student must become a Unionist. With uniform support, the oppressors will be powerless to stop our struggle for
- 3.3 We shall make ourselves known at the May 3rd meeting of the Rollins County School Board, where they will be expecting our patsy representatives to meekly accept powerless positions to disguise the bloodfuckers' ongoing subjugation of the students. We see through this colonialist bead offering. We will disrupt the meeting by any means necessary, and when this manifesto is read aloud, the struggle for liberation will begin its second phase, the phase of action.8

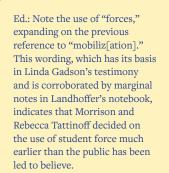


Ed.: Contradictory language left the compilers of this document unsure what official Union terminology would have been used to describe school administrators and faculty in the manifesto. Internally, they were referred to frequently as "pigs" and "brownshirts," and Peter Morrison's preferred moniker was "bloodfuckers." Though "oppressor" is not found in any GLU literature, the experts agreed that it best conveys the Unionists' revolutionary fervor.

ers' titles may seem piddling when compared to the GLU's more notorious aims, evidence across all sources confirmed that in every draft of the manifesto this remained the first demand. It is unknown whether Morrison, who was well versed in both the history of progressive education and critical theory, viewed the change in language as practical or praxical. (It should also be noted that Primrose Academy, a private school in neighboring Gaspee County, did not use these "bourgeois, hierarchical titles," and yet Primrose students experienced similar relationships with teachers and administrators as Grant High students. However, no liberation union formed at Primrose, nor did any groups similar to any of the other colorful groups at Grant—the Student Anarchists and the Grant Minutemen, to name only two-materialize

either.)

Ed.: Though the issue of teach-



Ed.: The lack of a chosen name

for the new student utopia (as seen in both Torley's notes and Landhoffer's copy of the manifesto) is suggestive of the limitations of Morrison's ideology. As his philosophy mattered to him more than all else, his ego, Dr. Frankel writes, led him to "overlook practical drawbacks and flaws in his plans in favor of maintaining ideological consistency. ... [A]nd by so soon taking the first steps, vague as they were, towards violent insurrection, he ensured that the ideological liberties he took would continue to add up and eat away at him until finally there was no turning back and no real going forward" (Frankel, Theodora, M.D., and Isaac Berman, His School: The Psychopolitical Imagination of Peter Morrison, New York: Hachette, 2010, 96-8).

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Ed.: Morrison's ultimate goal at this stage (as identified in the testimony of his co-conspirators and Dr. Frankel's notes) was to create a network of self-sufficient liberated student communities under Grant hegemony until such time as Grant control was no longer necessary. Tattinoff, who had increasingly grown frustrated with Morrison's theorizing, soon left the Union when Morrison explained to her and Landhoffer that in order to hue to GLU's founding ideology, Morrison himself would be the only suitable choice for leader, thus entirely rejecting Tattinoff's previously agreed upon non-hierarchical

Ed.: All sources agree that Morrison used this language when discussing the May 3rd meeting.

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from Morrison's drafts (entered

into evidence by Gadson), betray an uncertainty that would be stripped from Morrison's writing over the course of the months leading up to the May 3rd attack. Feeling that showing anything less than complete faith in Union plans would lead to failure, Morrison, Frankel writes, came to fully believe the mystical philosophy that had long been popular among ordinary Unionists (as suggested by the religious overtones of the group's motto, partially drawn from Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address) but was disdained by the leadership. With Tattinoff gone and Landhoffer fully invested in Morrison's growing cult of personality, no one remaining in the Union had the necessary influence over Morrison to dissuade him from the firebombing of the May 3rd meeting, which Morrison and the proletarian Unionists viewed as divine retribution. It should not be construed, however, that the eventual razing of Grant High School was a product of this mysticism; rather, as Gadson, Landhoffer, and Frankel's testimony clearly shows, the incineration of the school was merely an act of prideful suicide, spurred by Morrison's misguided hopes of martyrdom.







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