Margaret Mead: Uneasy Rider

Airline Youth Fares

by Stephen Lhampton

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by Diane Cup

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The committee is striving for long-term goals. "It’s not a reasonable number to expect," comments Dave, "and the pass-fail system isn’t an unrealistic or outrageous request. We’re just trying to keep up with the times and also allow students a choice," he adds. "For example, if I am an examinee Arthur S. Present, ruled that discount fares limited to persons 17 to 21 years old are "unjustified discrimination" because age alone is not a valid distinction between passengers. The court resolved the question of discrimination was so overwhelming that the CAB ruled airline youth soft discounts don’t unjustly discriminate against adults. The board put off any de-

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