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Youth: Legal Nonentities by Paul Pigman

"It is curious that while the law entertains the notion that a child may be of suitable age and discretion to knowingly surrender a constitutional right, it renders children totally incapable of giving legal consent to sexual intercourse, denies them the privilege of marrying without judicial or parental approval, and does not allow them the right to take part in most contractual relationships."

Children's Rights Report
ACLU-Vol. I, No. 1

Laws concerning young people in the United States have been based mainly on the assumption that "juveniles" need to be taken care of and protected by various socio-economic institutions (i.e., parents, schools, the courts, et cetera). Perhaps at one time many of these laws were useful and protected the "minor" from being sent to a prison with hardened criminals for a relatively minor infraction of the law. But recently, it has become more and more apparent to me that many of these laws are not protecting rights or helping youth, but rather, are holding and stifling them.

Young people are, in theory, supposed to be protected by the law, but in practice they receive much longer sentences than adults. Some of the crimes that young people commit are not even criminal if adults commit them. Some of these "crimes" are: disobedience, being late for school, running away from home, associating with "bad" companions, and so forth. When arrested for these "crimes", minors do not even have any constitutionally guaranteed rights.

The injustice of the legal system towards youth is now coming into focus, both in the courts and in the consciousness of young people. In a recent Supreme Court ruling (Planned Parenthood of Central Missouri v. Danforth, June 29, 1976) the Court stated "Constitutional rights do not mature and come into being magically only when one attains the state-defined age of majority. Minors, as well as adults, are protected by

the Constitution and possess constitutional rights". This case also clarified a minor's right to have an abortion by her own decision. The Court ruled: "Any independent interest the parent may have in the termination of the minor daughter's pregnancy is no more weighty than the right of privacy of the competent minor mature enough to become pregnant."

One way of dealing with children who do not obey their parents is to commit them to a mental institution. This is known as "voluntary" commitment. "About thirty-eight states currently have laws which permit the commitment of children to mental institutions simply upon the application of parents or guardians. Pursuant to most state statutes, an adult patient may be admitted voluntarily if he and an admitting physician agree that hospitalization would be beneficial. Involuntary adult patients, on the other hand, usually face the more exacting standard that they be dangerous to themselves or others. In any event, the voluntary patient may (in most states) be released a short while after merely giving notice. If hospital officials disagree with the patient's desire to be discharged, they must petition and convince a court that the patient meets the standard for involuntary commitment. An involuntary patient may seek release via periodic reviews of commitment, as provided in some states, or through Seeking a writ of habeas corpus. The child patient, however, who is placed "voluntarily, cannot give notice of his intention to leave without approval of the parents or authorities who committed him in the first place, and, lacking status of an involuntary patient, he cannot invoke the procedural guarantees granted those committed against their will."

I personally know several people who have been committed in this manner, and it scares me to think that any parent who cannot control their child can put the child into an institution where the child

will learn how to "obey". I am not denying that commitment is necessary in some cases, but I also feel that this course of action has been much abused by some parents. This may be changed in the near future though, since a test case is being put before the Supreme Court during this session.

"Minors" are becoming more cognizant of the discrepancy between what the constitution says are individual rights and what the courts say are "juvenile" rights. Organizations are forming to gain more rights for "minors", and to give young people more of a chance to determine their own mode of living and learning.

Youth Liberation, 2007 Washtenaw Ave. Ann Arbor, MI., is a group of young people who are organizing around the public schools, families, and other institutions that oppress children and youth. They publish an excellent Student and Youth Organizing Manual (92 pages, 50¢) as well as other pamphlets about subjects of interest to youth. They also publish FPS, the Youth Liberation News Service. It contains articles about issues facing young people in the schools and in society.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation has a special section, the Juvenile Rights Project, which publishes the Children's Rights Report. This report deals with various aspects of the legal rights of young people and is put out eleven times a year. More information about this report can be had by writing to Juvenile Rights Project, 22 E. 40th St. New York, N.Y. 10016. The first two issues of the report have been of invaluable assistance to me in understanding where young people's rights stand today. "Children and the Fourth Amendment" and "Curfews: The Liberty of Children After Dark" are among the articles which were in the last two issues.

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PERSONALS

To the terrific people I met at
the Sunny & Share Conf. in E.
Greenwich, RI. Thank for makin'
my first conf. so great. Much love
Love.



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To all my friends in Sunny Phoenix- Hello! I'm alive and semi-well in Frigid Penns. I love you all! See you all on my way back West! Love & hugs & lifesavers-Val Stapel

NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC:
We have now moved to a beautiful apartment in downtown Kitchner, and have lots of time and energy. We also have a new kitten named Duhauser who's lots of fun to play with, if you don't like us. Anyone passing through Southern Ontario is most welcome, please call us first if it is not too inconvenient. Lynn & David Knight, 286 Weber St., Kitchner, Ont., Canada N2A-4A6 (519)745-1618

To my Guardian Angel---
Lovin' ya and missin' ya
traveling on, just the same...
The Starry-eyed Traveler

Dear Margaret of Oakland:
HELP!! They are holding me captive in the basement of Eliot House! Send money and a plane ticket (or my winter jacket) SOON! your loving (but scared) daughter-Emilie

ROOMMATE WANTED
2 bedroom apt. sunny, safe, spacious, quiet, Cleveland Circle Boston. I'm a vegetarian, art student. Rent \$274.00, incl. heat. (\$137 each). Call (617)566-3094 or write: Andrea Zax c/o Mass. Art 364 Brookline Ave. Boston, MA

Hi there, gang! We're pleased to announce that Bill Kates, Warren Senders, and Scott Rasmussen living together in relative surrealism at: 98 Allston Street Cambridge, MA 02139 (617)661-8505

We call ourselves *Mozie*, after the soft drink. If you're in the area, do drop in (be sure to call, though). We're hospitable folk, even if we don't have much space and our landlord doesn't speak any english.

Richard-See if I care! Who needs 2 turkeys for thanksgiving anyway? I love you all the same(sic), Write to me sometime-Emilie

To Terry Ann Herron: I love you, but you know that. Nancy

Hey OPIC '77 Board: I love you all! Cheryl

If anyone would be interested in putting together an LRY "music group" to play at LRY camps, please notify me---Cheryl Markoff 417 Vineland, Bay Village, OH 44140

To Luke in Park Forest: I miss you why do you have to live so far away? Love, Cheryl

Glen Cooper -where do I send your Christmas card? Rita (your part-time wife)

Gregory Ellman 314 E. 6th St. #13 NYC 10003 (212)254-6892

HELPI! LRY'er stranded in little college in mid-eastern NY. I would appreciate hearing about any confs. in NY or New Eng. Dania' Dole c/o Bard College Annan-dale-on-Hudson, NY 12504

Dear Hank Bob Boy Turkey Moose Slug... It's an easy hitch And there's always good cookin' so pack up your cornflakes, And wave bye-bye... Frumph Frumph Wink Sluung. Much love, The New York Jew Girls

Richard Tseuber: If you are going to UMW, as planned, we should get together sometime. I think I'm the only Tennessean in the whole state. Beth Walsh 957 Perkins Sellery A Madison, 53706 (608)262-8223

Dear Rabbit-How's life in N.A.? I'd love to get a novel from you. Everyone who was at E. Gren. -HIGH!! (esp. Eric M. and Denis P.)! Why won't you write to me? Love-J.D. (the Pissant in Stamford).

Cyndi Joseph of Niagra Falls, N.Y.: you don't know me, but I wanted to tell you that I really liked your poetry in the July issue. A.J. of Fla.

To Tim at Summit, NJ (Someone gotta live there) right now you must be short 26 dollars, bare-foot, and have nothing to do Sundays. Bunny found your Bible shoe repair ticket, and 26 dollars. Write me... c/o Lower Bucks LRY, 31 Homestead Dr., Yadley, PA. 19067. (Karen now you have it write!) P.S. Beth I think I love you, thanks a bunch for writing.

Manchester & Goffstown people arise! Dusty, June, Cathy, Jen, Mary Jo, Lisa, Kim, Marc, Danny, and Gwen! Love you all! Gail

Did anyone find a pair of Levis pre-faded jeans (size 31 or 32 long) at LARC? If so, please let me know: Brian Bendlin, 3280 N. 129th Street, Brookfield, WI 53005

All persons who were participants or know the whereabouts of the participants in the Street Theater workshop which terrorized downtown Dayton during the OVF Mid-Winter conference in February 1973, we are planning a summer campaign in Dayton. Please contact the Arts Festival c/o Richard Terrass at 522 Morely Ave., Akron, O. 44320 (216) 836-8008

To Anyone, I need someone to relate to. Please reply to Donna Landry 10 Wolfenden St. Attleboro, MA 02703 Thanks - I love ya

Peter, I love you a lot. And I miss you a lot. I've been looking for you. Please reply to People Soup. Love, Donna

Karen, I'm glad I met you & that we write. I wish we could see each other and find the time to talk. I love you, DI

Annie, I'm glad we finally talked, even if it was just for a little while! When I get the energy I'll write. Love you, DI

Shakti, I'm glad I met you. I'd like to write but I don't have your address, but I don't blame you if you don't send it after how I acted- like to explain that sometime. Write me, please? Di Kegeks 114 N Main St W. Hartford, CT. 06107

Jennifer Shaw: Prince Charming misses you, and so do I. Why don't you write to me? Love-EJB

To the shorter of the NYJG's: I love you madly. Joni Mitchell forever-The taller of the NYJG's

Julia Rouse- I love you bushels. Come visit me at X'mas-EB

Horizon-Where are you now that I am free to travel the world round? Iceland, the Soviet Union, even the North Pole. Or shall we go South? Chris

Claire-Please don't let Liz beat on Cheswick. Love you, Moose, Chris

Jaime & Danny-I've never been to Europe, either. I can afford boat or plane, but if you can't, then we'll swim. Brush up on your backstroke! Chris

For those interested: Chris Gould Essex Road, Westbrook, CT 06498

Hi Mom! EJS.

Carlotta-I miss you! This office is getting a little weird... Don't we have a date to romp the streets of Somerville? Please get in touch. I love you-Em.

To all those living under the North Star in the land of sanity: Frumph, Frumph, Wink, Nudge.....

To Holly E.-I love you like I love no one else. Stay strong. Your sister-woman-sister-Emilie

Loved ones at 2611 & 1570, I think of you lots. My name is Andy. Remember? Stay healthy, & adidas, y'all!!

Wendy B. from K.C.: Where are you? Write to me, wontcha? Kyle

Forrest and Ronda K. Greetings from the East Coast-love, Kyle

Celeste-Remember me? I will join you in the land of sunshine soon---You Know Who.

Hello, Sophie-daphnie!



MVF, apple of my eye, I miss you. See y'all at x-mas. A.H.

David H.-How's babble? I'm wired? So are You?-The Graduate

Cambridge School People- Only 4 more mods to go... you can do it -One who did it

Zack--Don't make a stranger of yourself, eh? I'm available. --the laughing light

Cathy-Best of wishes to you... I give you love & energy. Feel it. --Paul

To the universe--Thanks for being there when I needed you. yrs., Paul

Maggie, Retta, Wendy, Miriam, Beverly (a big fat rose to you, too!), wonderful Prairie Women, I will long remember you. All my love, Andy

Wendy O'D.- A YALE MAN!!! ooh, ah... May the two of you row to Paradise. Love, J.T.

David and Lynn: I love you both dearly, but your personal is abit too long. See you soon? Emilie

MOVING?

be sure to give us your old address as well as the new - and please include both ZIP Codes.

ILL. ANVIL

BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

To Everybody, or Nobody,

LUCI HAGAN

Luci Hagan, our devoted and dependable Soup typist at the UUA, moved recently to St. Louis. We will miss her kindness and humor as well as her typing and graphics. We will remember her with fondness. Are you reading this, Luci? Here's to you! And thanks. - LRY Executive Committee

Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends,

On Monday October 18, 1976, fifty-four brothers and sisters were arrested at the river entrance to the Pentagon while exercising their constitutional rights to free speech and free assembly by police with the Federal Protective Service and the Special Operations, Selective Enforcement section of the General Services Administration. The fifty-four who were arrested were with the Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice and at the time of their arrest were involved in carrying four coffins and a papier mache model of an atomic bomb to the Pentagon steps and were also involved in an attempt to present a copy of the Declaration of Independence and a list of grievances to the Secretary of Defense.

Monday's activities had begun at the Lincoln Memorial with a march by six hundred people to the Pentagon in a "Procession of Death" where the fifty-four were arrested. At the conclusion of several speeches the fifty-four left the main body of the group and as they crossed the parking lot heading for the steps the police moved in. Despite hurried negotiations, they were arrested and were carried by police to waiting buses and taken to the U.S. Magistrates office in Alexandria, Va. At the magistrates office, charges of "Blocking entrances and driveways" and "Failure to comply with official directions" were filed against the fifty-four only to be dropped against two juveniles at the U.S. Attorney's request. Of the remaining fifty-two, forty-seven were released on their own recognizance and five brothers who refused to co-operate were incarcerated in the Alexandria City Jail until the preliminary hearing scheduled for November 5, 1976.

The five brothers who are non-co-operating are fasting in a demand that all charges be dropped against everyone involved in the case. They have been joined in that demand by several more of us who were arrested and it is our opinion that we should not have been arrested; rather, the Pentagon should be for its mass genocidal activities as a temple of death.

Peace,
Richard Terrass



Dear People Soup,

There were two sides of the story concerning the Republican Convention and the demonstrations in Kansas City. You had both, but only used one. The one you used was extremely misinformative and, almost in its entirety, a distortion of the truth (Vol. IV, issue 1, Michigan and Mediocrity). Let me set at least some of the record straight.

The reason for the toilets and water demands were because the water and everything else was turned off when Y.I.P. arrived. The numbers of people given in the article were wrong. There were at least 85 people from AIM (American Indian Movement) and the National Coalition Of Gay Activists alone. Y.I.P. gradually doubled that and got larger by the end of the week, not smaller. Interestingly enough, AIM and NCGA were never even mentioned in the article.

The generalization of the behavior of demonstrators was, for the most part, inaccurate. There were obscenities shouted and arrogant people present, as well as people who only got stoned. But the statement, "...this kind of mentality was running rampant at Yippie Headquarters" was highly exaggerated. Sure, there were problems of arrogance and people who only smoke pot and lie on their asses, but how often are there people like that at LRY conferences? Wouldn't it be wrong if the Yippies wrote that LRY was just a bunch of potheads with an inferior mentality, similar to the article in People Soup? Those people were a small minority of the people involved, and Y.I.P. was constantly putting up with the same kind of arrogance from the law, people sent by the law, and people similar to David Molton.

The article also never mentioned the meeting towards the end of the week in which discussions and decisions of changing the entire structure of Y.I.P. were held.

I am not a member of the Yippies, and I constructively criticize them, when I see fit. There are other movement organizations I respect and admire more than Y.I.P., but I don't think being a liberal critic helps anything. I also feel that more accurate and informative reporting is necessary than that which appeared in the article. I am not angry about it, nor do I intend to be, but if this is the kind of reporting that is going to continue in People Soup, please discontinue sending it to me.

An LRVer who participated

Looking back at "Michigan and Mediocrity" (Volume IV, Issue 1), we would like to extend our apologies to anyone who may have been offended by the nature of the article. It was indeed slanted against the Yippies, and our judgement was questionable in presenting it as received. We have received accounts from pro-Yippie persons, however, which were equally slanted. People Soup has nearly 5000 readers, readers with varying interests and tastes. For their sakes, items not falling into a category of strictly personal opinion should be kept as unbiased as possible, informative, and written in a generally responsible manner. We do not think anyone wishes People Soup to become a vehicle for namecalling or proselytizing; maybe future feelings can be spared by a little extra thought going into the material submitted. For now, we would be happy to print an article stating the Yippie position on the occurrences at the Republican Convention in Kansas City, hoping, of course, that the writer will keep the above ideas in mind. Again, our apologies. - The Editors

Do you want to know something really terrible? Here it is the middle of October and I finally read the July issue of People Soup. Some of my excuses are: I was on the road the entire month of August, so I didn't get it until September, School takes almost all of my time, and the little time I have left over is used to pursue different fancies. It is a Sunday night now, oh, excuse me, it's Monday morning. Anyway, I drank too much tea trying to stay awake to study, and now though it is WAY past my bedtime, I am bright-eyed and bushy-tailed (sorry for the lousy cliché). So, having plenty of time to kill before sun up, I decided to settle down and read that issue cover to cover. Man was I impressed. I couldn't believe how much there was to read, and seeing all the variety of the articles actually made me excited. Suddenly inspired I grabbed pen and paper and told myself, Allison, People Soup's asking for articles, here you are inspired to write, so let's get down and do something! So folks, here it is, ready or not.

I've been going to this big time college prep school, where all the rich snobs hang out. My family isn't rich, so, because I don't wear the latest fashion, don't have my own car that mommy and daddy gave me for my birthday, don't giggle when those cute boys come around, and don't throw wild parties, I'm labeled a wierdo and loner. Last spring I couldn't wait to get out of that school and go somewhere else, but the only somewhere else was public school. Now, I don't want to sound snobbish, but for what I want to do, I basically need the better background that I'll get in my school now than I'd ever get in one of Florida's public schools. So here I am again this year.



I really thought that I would be able to finish off my last 2 years here without going insane, especially after I went on that trip. I traveled with my grandmother by car for 34 days, oh yeah, anyone out there in Oregon, you'll be seeing me in 3 or 4 years cause I really fell in love with your coast. Essentially I was by myself and for the time being I was able to get my shit together and knew who I was and what I was going to do with myself in years to come. I thought that the faith that I had in myself would be enough to keep my wits together in school. I've been in school for 6 weeks and am wondering how much longer I can take all the shit that I'm having to go through because my lifestyle is different, because my views of life are different, and mainly because I am trying to understand this complex mind and body of mine, instead of worrying about the insignificant ornamentation in life. My faith is going to hold out as long as there is LRY for me to expand in, as long as there is my dance for me to use my body the way that I want to, and as long as my dearest friends are around. I'm not going to let those other people try to run my life the way they want it to be run. I'm not going to turn into a wallflower. I have the right to fly as I wish, and fly I will, as Jonathan Livingston Seagull would say.

4 I guess that the entire reason for the Ann Lander's tale of woe is that no one can be suppressed or victimized by society, rolling us out by the hundreds, ready to operate as commanded. Though someone thinks he is being suppressed, which he may be for the time being, eventually he will emerge with a much stronger faith in himself, understanding his personal purpose for living and knowing he can outwit everyone. Now I'm not saying that this is a reason to go out and begin a revolution. Unfortunately, all our lives we'll be submitting to some sort of rules or another, but it's a reason to give hope to any others who have been feeling as I have. I've found a reason to love, and in doing so I feel like an entirely new person. I feel ever so much older, and am really very proud of who I am. I've found a solution to my schooling problem with the help of my good and close friend, my mother. And I feel like a big ray of sunshine. I hope that there is someone who can understand that little place in my chest that is ready to burst into an overflow of sunshine, hugs, smiles, kisses and laughs (when I disregard the present blues). When I do do that, I can love almost anything and everyone, especially those who appreciate me for who I am, the LRYers in Tampa and St. Pete, and my family.

A little ray of hot Florida sunshine,

Allison



POWER FOR THE POWERLESS

A familiar ring for many religious liberals. But who are the powerless? Minorities of race, religion, sex? For sure. However, there's another powerless group often overlooked, often underestimated. Who are they? High school aged folks: too old to mow lawns, too smart to accept being ripped off with \$1 per hour wages, yet too young to have their voices heard. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is doing something to help high school aged people. It's the Urban Action Experience. Next summer, the third year for the program will offer selected high school aged people the unique opportunity to spend six weeks living in either San Francisco or Boston. Those who enter the program will be working hard to learn about urban struggles, living together in a collective, exploring two of the United States' really fine cities and growing within their own personhood. Urban Action Experience is possibly the most meaningful six weeks you can spend in your entire life. Two years of experience have proven that. If you want more details, write to:

Douglas Strong
1900 Sacramento Street
Berkeley, CA. 94702

SEX!

The Cream of People Soup comes out twice a year. These issues are 24 pages long, twice the length of most soups. For such issues, we try to pick a special theme, one which cannot be dealt with fairly in a regular soup because of their broadness.

The theme of the next Cream is Sexuality. We expect to deal with the spectrum of human sexuality: virginity, celibacy, autosexuality, homosexuality, hetosexuality, bisexuality, Pansexuality and probably some shades in between.

But we need articles if this is to be a reflection of the soup's readership. We need you to write something for this issue.

So get some paper out and get the mind clicking about your theories, ideas and experiences and send them to: People Soup, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

The deadline for articles is January 8, 1977

Dear Friends,

We are presently in Legal Hold, Barracks 104, Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia, Penna. for unauthorized absence from the Navy. This facility mainly houses returned absentees awaiting Captains Mast or Court Martial for going AWOL.

A majority of the people here were driven to the point by the Navy where they could no longer cope with the military and left to improve their chances of getting a discharge for medical, administrative or other reasons.

Most of the people here do not get much mail while they are here which increases the loneliness, making it harder for them to cope with the Navy while waiting for discharge. It would be greatly appreciated if sometime when you have nothing else to do you could write a letter to:

Personnel on Legal Hold
Barracks 104
Naval Support Activity
Philadelphia, PA 19112

There is a group in Philadelphia which provides counselling to those of us who ask them for help in getting discharges from the Navy. Those of us receiving counselling

from this group wish that we could contribute financially to this group for their time and concern. It is mostly impossible, however, because a majority of us are not receiving any pay due to confusion or loss of our records. If any of you can contribute, they are a very worthy group doing very worthwhile work and are contributing a great deal of their time, energy and concern to helping us help ourselves. Both we and they would appreciate any help you can give. Their name and address is:
Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors
2016 Walnut St.
Philadelphia, PA

Thank you very much.
Yours Truly,
Richard Terrass (285-62-2491)
Kenneth Hall (280-58-5021)



BOOK REVIEW

The Maple Sugar Book
by Helen and Scott Nearing
Schocken Books 237 pp

"To those who carry through with their idea, this book will be scripture. Those who do not, if they have any slightest curiosity about how things get done, can enjoy it, whether they are in, near, or far from Vermont." Saturday Review

Comprehensive .. that's what I thought as I started to leaf through the table of contents. It covers many aspects of maple sugaring, from when the English discovered that the Indians were making it to the making of maple sugar today.

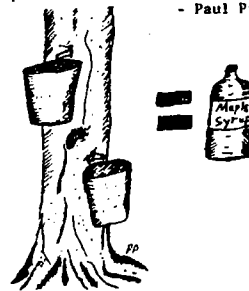
One thing which gives The Maple Sugar Book much of its life is that they quote directly from old accounts of sugaring. These anecdotes give one a glimpse of an entire culture, of a simple life in the woods of New England.

At the very end, there are remarks on "Pioneering as a way of living in the twentieth century". These remarks tell how the Nearings moved out of the city and started producing maple syrup in Vermont. They encourage people to do the same, with a claim that maple sugaring is one of the last things that "big business" cannot take over and control.

The Nearings wanted to "live simply, doing as much good as possible to our fellow beings, and at the same time doing them as little harm as possible". They succeeded in a way that was quiet and un-spectacular, but they succeeded nonetheless. They set realistic goals and met them, reset their goals and continued. After several years, they reached their ideal schedule: four hours of bread labor, four hours for their vocation and four hours for social intercourse.

The Maple Sugar Book is surprisingly modern in its outlook, considering that it was first published in 1950. It is full of phrases about "big business" and how the cities are unstable and unhealthy for people to live in. It is also quietly inspiring, making one want to abandon the cities for a stab at modern sugaring in a maple bush. I recommend it highly.

- Paul Pigman



clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is a product of both LRY and the "Movement" of the late sixties. In moving through the LRY experience we learn about being able to take control of our own lives. We learn that we are not powerless and immature, incapable of truly formulating our own beliefs and carrying them out in our lives.

But---"Individuals cannot take LRY with them in any direction as they solidify more and more their life goals, as that cheapens and weakens the search for the younger LRYers going through the process that brought the older LRYers to where they have arrived." Rob Fellows, from the '74 Clearinghouse report.

So the Clearinghouse was envisioned as a structure to help post-LRY types help each other to live in the ways they wanted to.

The late sixties saw an explosion of youthful energies, labeled "the Movement." Within this there were "the communes." This largely consisted of half a dozen people saying, "Let's all live together!", and getting a three room dump with mattresses all over the floor. These experiments by and large did not work.

The communes had an effect though. There is now a growing alternatives movement; a movement of people who are consciously and rationally seeking and inventing personally fulfilling alternatives to the normal way of living, working, loving, buying food, and treating each other.

Welllllll--- what's the Clearinghouse going to do with all of this grooviness?

The first order of business is to send out questionnaires to, and get them back from persons on an, as of yet, nonexistent mailing list. Once we've done this we will have a resource bank/constituency of people who are immediate in their interest, or already active in alternatives.

We can then use this resource bank as a supportive network to help us help each other (individually or in groups) to find, create, or invent alternatives that fulfill our wants, needs, and beliefs.

My fantasy for the not so near future is that the Clearinghouse will become a network of functioning alternatives. I believe that this society does very little that cannot be done better (more sanely, humanely, and more enjoyably) collectively. I'd like to see the Clearinghouse foster a parallel society. A society where we could get almost all of our needs met from each other. From the farm-collective to the coop to the community; we could get our food and services from people who were working not to make money from us, for themselves, but because they and everyone else needs to have certain things in order to live.

ANYWAY-----

What we need right now is:

1) Names and addresses of people who are immediately (like right now) interested in alternative living, working, etc., etc., styles. It would be real good if you could constantly keep us up to date on your address.

Also, if you know any non LRY types who are into alternatives tell them about the Clearinghouse. We want to be as inclusive as possible.

2) We really want/need feedback from people on your thoughts/fantasies about the Clearinghouse, your life, this society, my writing ability and all that. Sooooo..... if you're interested, send your name and address to:

Recruitment Office - The Clearinghouse
c/o SRL - a Frf
25 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108

Thank you,
Rob del.

NO SOUP, EGGPLANT

Written by Emilie Blattman and Andy Hansen

Hello out there. Since you are reading this article in the first place, you are probably in the mood to learn something about cooking, or you are at home alone, without any cook-books except maybe *The Art of French Cooking* by Julia Child. Well, don't fret, Emilie and Andy are here with some words of wisdom for the novice chef. We hope to cover some basic rules in this article that you will be grateful for someday.

Some Basic Rules:

- 1) Try not to burn anything.
- 2) It never hurts to use a pan (ha ha). That isn't meant to sound as sarcastic as it does. What it means is that if you are cooking a chicken pot pie, just because it is in that cute little dish, does not mean that it won't spill all over the oven. Hansen's rule: "if it can spill, it will".
- 3) Baking powder makes things rise.
- 4) Baking soda makes things fizz. (Don't mix baking soda and vinegar. Makes a mess).
- 4) Salt brings out the flavor of things. If you are using a recipe for cookies, and it calls for salt, don't think that the book is totally off the wall. A little salt is in almost everything.
- 5) 350 is moderate heat according to most cookbooks. Don't EVER cook eggs on a high heat. It makes them hard and icky. It also burns the butter if you are frying them or making an omelett.

There are lots more "basic hints" for cooking. Unfortunately, I have neither the time nor the space to go into them in much detail. A good book to read or just to have around, is the *Joy of Cooking*. If you are setting up household, you should beg, borrow or steal (buy?) a copy of this wonderful book. It covers every possible "basic rule" you could think of. The best book for vegetarian cookery is the *Vegetarian Epicure* by Anna Thomas. This book covers the art of vegetarian cookery very well, and has lots of recipes for the beginner.

Vegetables should be cooked until just barely tender. The less you cook them, the less nutrition is lost. For stir-fried veggies, there are a few basic things you should know. They are:

The vegetables to be cooked should be uniform in size. They should be cooked at a high temperature for a short period of time. Hard veggies should go in first (i.e. onions, eggplant, carrots, etc.), medium veggies should go in second (peppers, zucchini, etc.), and soft ones should go in last (mushrooms, spinach, etc.). Sprouts only need to heat through, so throw them in last.

The best book for stir-fried vegetables is *Wok: a Chinese Cookbook*. It has a lot of good graphics and very exact instructions. It is written to be used with a wok, but it also goes into how to substitute what you have around the house.

Stir-fried veggies are good served over rice. Here is the best way I have found to cook rice:

- 1 cup brown rice
- 3 cups COLD water
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter

Rinse the rice (to do this, use a fine sieve) with cold water. Melt the butter or margarine in the bottom of a sauce pan. Put the rice in there and stir until coated. Add the water and salt, and keep on a high heat until water boils. When water is boiling, set heat at simmer, cover, and leave for about 35-45 minutes. DO NOT STIR!!! When rice is done, all of the water will be evaporated, and the rice will be pretty dry. For some unknown (to me at least) reason, if you stir rice while it's cooking, it will get all sticky and gross.



**HOT, STEAMY
CASSEROLE...**

White rice is cooked as follows:
1 cup white rice, 2 cups cold water, salt, and butter. Once the water boils, turn down the heat, cover, and simmer for 25-35 minutes. The same rules hold true for white rice, as for brown. The only real exception is that you have to wash white rice a lot more than brown. Wash it until the water is clear.

Most folks are scared to make sauces for their wonderful creations. There is no reason to feel this way, unless you try something totally outrageous. The first step in saucery is the white sauce. To make a white sauce, just follow da directions as follows:

- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon flour (white or whole wheat)

1 cup of milk
Melt the butter in a sauce pan. When butter is melted, add the flour, and stir well. If there are any lumps in it, get out the old whisk, and beat the hell out of it. Even if there's not any lumps, add the milk as soon as the flour is coated with the butter. Salt and pepper to taste.

For a thicker sauce, double the butter and the flour, and use the same amount of milk.

For a groovy mushroom sauce, sautee a few mushrooms, add a few herbs, some garlic powder or garlic salt, and stir into the white sauce. Good herbs for this sauce are: basil, thyme, parsley, and oregano. A dash of cayenne pepper is good, too.

For cheese sauce, just add a few handfuls of grated cheddar cheese, and melt.

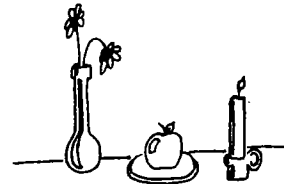
You should never let the sauce boil, and you should be careful about burning the milk.

When you have stir-fried all of your vegetables, gotten your rice cooked, and your mushrooms sauced, you have a complete meal (except for maybe a salad or some dessert, but I won't go into that here). To serve to your beloved friends. Have a good time...

But if you eat meat, stay tuned for Andy's section called "How to Cook Meat: or What to Do with Rover after he's kicked the bucket!"

BASIC HINTS:

BEef: Very versatile. It can be used in strips for stroganoff (brown well in oil over medium heat and add to noodles and sauce), or grilled as a steak (Stab the meat with a fork to let juices in and out, but don't go overboard. It's already dead, and looks better in one piece anyway. Then season with a fair amount of salt or tenderizer. Then stick it under the broiler for a few minutes until the edges get a little blackened. Just settle down! You aren't burning it. Just flip it over and do the same to the other side. Now eat it.) If you like meat but don't know tons about food preparation, the ground cow is your best friend. It is versatile, easy, can be used with fillers such as bread, oatmeal or soy protein if you are a little short, and it doesn't sass its betters. Brown it in its own juices and add it to any suitable entree. Mold it alone or with onions, mushrooms, green pepper, or whatever, for hamburgers or meatloaf. It also doesn't die when reheated for leftovers.

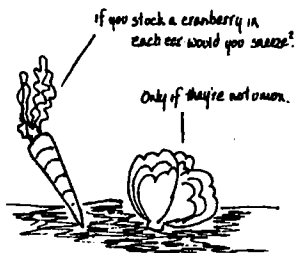


POrk: The main thing I know about pork is also the most important thing. Whatever you do with it, cook it well. It is poor practice not to, because a lot of pork carries a highly toxic (like deadly) organism called trichonosis, which will be eliminated by proper cooking methods. This also goes for bacon and many kinds of sausage, unless you buy it pre-cooked. Ham, also a product of our porcine friends, can be cooked as a roast, steak, or in cubes or strips. It is very good when cooked with pineapple, or glazed with melted jelly or a mix of brown sugar, orange juice and mustard (this last is especially good).

LAMB: What makes you think you can afford lamb anyway? What are you, made of money?

CHICKEN: Here is my favorite recipe for chicken: Get rid of the skins. They are only in the way in the recipe. Then grill the pieces (it is in pieces, isn't it? If no, just cut it apart at the joints) over charcoal, basting constantly with oil and dry vermouth. Don't mix these and don't use more than the meat will absorb. A pastry brush is good for this sort of thing. Grill and turn the chicken till it is well done and has formed a crunchy outer layer. You can also season it with salt, pepper, or whatever you want as it's cooking.

SO REMEMBER!!! Next time you are alone in your parents house, or anyplace else where the fridge looks like Fort Knox, you CAN survive without peanut butter. Just get out what looks good, add some People Soup, season with a dash of common sense, and you have a feast fit for Joe DiMaggio, Margot Fonteyn, or anyone else who might drop by.



VEGETABLE HUMOR

HOW TO COOK MEAT GOOD

Meat: n. The Flesh of Animals used as Food

Although it would be foolish of me to assume that this section will have any relevance for many of the persons who will read it, many of you no doubt being vegetarians, I know that there are those of you who are not averse, perhaps are even delighted at the thought of a good steak or roast. This, then, is for the omnivores among us.

I'll not pretend that I am the last authority on the preparation of our animal pals, or even the first authority. As a matter of fact, there is an awful lot I don't know, BUT...if you don't know anything, I still know more than you (ha ha), and that is why I have the audacity to write this article.

Dandelion Wine

- Brian Claus

Take one gallon dandy flowers which have been gathered on a dry day. Add one gallon of boiling water. Cover and allow to steep three days. Strain through a cloth and squeeze out all liquid. Place liquid in a kettle and add: 1 small ginger root, the juice and thinly pared peels of 3 oranges and 1 lemon, and 3 lbs. of sugar. Boil gently for 20 minutes and place in a crock. When lukewarm, float a piece of toasted rye bread spread with 1/4 cake of yeast. Cover crock with a cloth and keep in a warm place for 6 days. Strain into gallon jugs and cork loosely with cotton. Keep in a dark place for 3 weeks. Then decant into bottles and cap/cork tightly. Don't touch till Christmas or 6 months, whichever comes last.

if you want to keep getting People Soup...

AFFILIATE!

As you may remember from the Boards article in Volume IV, Issue 1, as of December 2, 1976, *People Soup* will no longer be sent to unaffiliated persons (What do you mean, you didn't read the article? Why should we waste our time sending it out if you don't read it?!?). In very basic terms, that means that **YOU WILL NOT GET THE NEXT ISSUE OF PEOPLE SOUP IF YOU ARE NOT AFFILIATED!!** How can you tell if you are affiliated? How can you affiliate? I shall answer these questions below, but first I will answer the question many of you have been asking.....

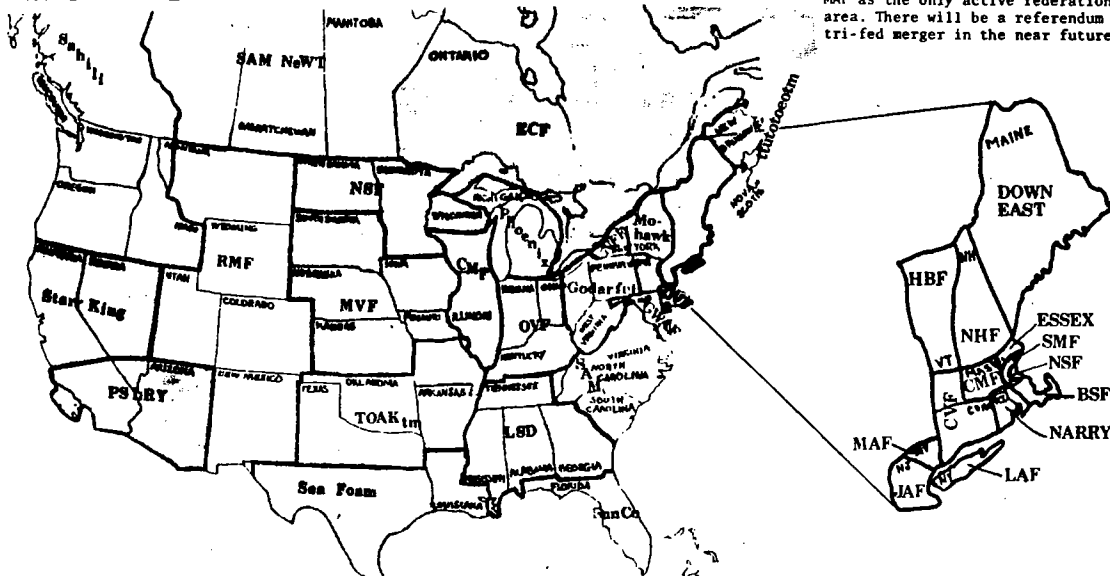
Why should I affiliate?

There are three types of affiliations: Federation, Local Group and Individual. Each has its own requirements and advantages, but all individual LRYers receive many common services, whether they are affiliated individually, or through a local group or federation. Some of these services are:

- You receive *People Soup*.
- You have the opportunity to publish personals, letters, articles, graphics, and photographs in *People Soup*.
- Packets are available to you such as: *Conference Planning, The Advisors Handbook, The Dyadic Encounter, A Packet of LRY Programs*, and many more.
- Resource information is available to you on social Actions organizations, alternative education, co-operative movements, etc.
- You can attend Continental LRY sponsored activities such as the regional Leadership Development Conferences and the annual Continental Conference.
- You are eligible for the continental office Internship Program and the *People Soup Writers in the Field Program*.
- You can have a say in the LRY decision making process by sending your ideas and proposals to the continental office, and by attending Board Meetings.

If you are a member of an affiliated federation you have the opportunity to vote for, and be directly represented on the LRY Board by, your Continental Liaison. Affiliated local groups receive notices on proposed By-Law changes, and both local groups and federations may get field trippers from Continental. LRY affiliates also have the advantage of a tax exempt status in the United States.

HANDY LITTLE FEDERATION MAP



I have listed various services that LRY offers, but perhaps the greatest advantage of membership in LRY is the empowerment and exchange that is facilitated through being a part of a larger organization. You not only have an opportunity to be heard by large numbers of people and receive greater input, you also have a stronger collective voice. I feel that you need LRY, and that LRY needs you to continue as a viable and supportive community.

How can I tell if I'm affiliated?

You just look on the handy little federation map and if your federation is shaded, and you're on your federations mailing list, then you are affiliated. If your federation is not affiliated, then look at the handy little list of affiliated local groups to see if your local is on it. If your federation or local group is affiliated, but your name is not on their mailing list or you're not sure if your name is on their mailing list, then send your name, address, zip or postal code, and birth date to the contact listed below for your federation or local group. If you are not a member of an affiliated federation or local group and have not affiliated individually, then you are not affiliated. Interested adults, advisors, Unitarian-Universalist Societies, and non-LRY organizations need not affiliate.

How can I affiliate?

First, you must be "generally of high school age", and in general sympathy with the purposes and objectives of LRY as expressed in the LRY By-Laws (see "Purposes" below). If you fill that bill, you have three choices: get your federation affiliated, get your local group affiliated, or affiliate individually.

If your federation is not affiliated but has a Continental Liaison listed above, you should contact them and make sure they are getting together the affiliation materials. They have received a nasty letter along with the necessary affiliation forms. If there is no Continental Liaison listed for your federation, that means that your federation has no established leadership (i.e. it's dead). If you live in a "dead" area and affiliate through a federation, you'll have to start one. Those of you who would like to start a federation can write the continental office and we will try to help you out. If "Merger" is written under your federations listing, it means that there is a merger proposal for your area (refer to article on "Proposed Mergers" for more information). If that is the case you may want to wait to see what happens with the merger before you affiliate.

In order to affiliate your local group, you must have at least four members who meet regularly. Local group affiliation forms have been received by the Directors of Religious Education (DRE) in all Unitarian-Universalist Societies in the "dead" federation areas (except federations proposed for mergers). If you live in a "dead" area and wish to affiliate your local, you should contact the DRE in your society and get the necessary forms from them.

If you wish to affiliate individually, you should send the "Individual Affiliation Form" (below) and one dollar (\$1.00) to the Continental LRY Office.

If you have questions, need information, or if you need additional affiliation forms, please write:

Liberal Religious Youth
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

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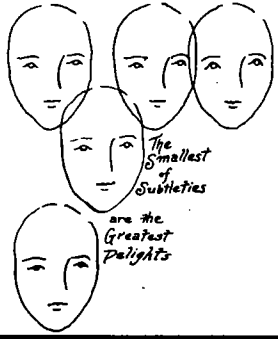
At the North East Regional Organizations' (NERO) 1976 Summers' End Conference, a resolution was passed to advise mergers for the following New England federations: -Hosea Ballou, New Hampshire and Down East would merge to form one federation.

- South Middlesex, Norfolk-Suffolk, Essex, and Central Massachusetts would merge to form one federation.
- Narragansett and Bay Shore would merge to form one federation.
- Connecticut Valley would remain unchanged.

It was also decided that the executive committees of merging federations would serve together until new By-Laws could be written and an election could be held.

Since this resolution was passed it has been decided that Central Mass. will also remain unchanged. A conference was held on the 3, 4, and 5 of December for Norfolk-Suffolk, Essex, and South Middlesex Federations to consider their merger. Narragansett Federation will be having a closed conference in the near future, at which time they will be discussing their proposed merger with Bay Shore. There should be a closed conference for the Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine area sometime in December or January.

There is also a proposed merger for the northern New Jersey, New York City area. The federations in this area are LAF (Long Island Area Federation), JAF (Jersey Area Federation), and MAF (Metropolitan Area Federation). Both LAF and JAF have been inactive for the last two years, leaving MAF as the only active federation in this area. There will be a referendum on this tri-fed merger in the near future.



LAST CHANCE...

...to become a writer in the field for **People Soup**!! If you want to become one, all you have to do is send us a sample article as if you were already a writer in the field as well as more information explaining the types and topics of articles you might write as a writer in the field. (Keep in mind the theme of the next issue, **Sexuality**)

This is your last chance to apply since we are almost a third of the way through the soups for the year. So send your article and application in soon to: **People Soup, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108**

INDIVIDUAL AFFILIATION FORM

I am in general sympathy with the purposes and objectives of Liberal Religious Youth as expressed in Article II of the Permanent By-Laws.

signed _____

Type or print **NEETLY!**

Name _____ Birth Date _____

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City _____ Zip or Postal Code _____

Phone Number (optional) _____

\$1.00 enclosed. Send to:

Affiliations
 Liberal Religious Youth
 25 Beacon Street
 Boston, MA 02108

PURPOSES

As stated in the Permanent By-Laws of LRY:

"The purposes of this corporation are: to unite liberal religious youth; to build understanding and cooperation between youth and adults in the liberal religious movement; to help individual young persons grow in: Dealing creatively and imaginatively with religion as the most exalted quality and spirit of living, Nurturing the distinctively liberal tradition in religion: freedom and responsibility of belief, the free and questing mind, the use of reason in religion and respect for the individual integrity and dignity of every person. Achieving a responsible and durable faith through personal and group experiences of learning, service, and worship. Becoming creative and realistic contributors to the achievement of a just, peaceful, and united world community; Understanding and practicing the privileges and responsibilities of a governing system that embodies these ideals.

"In addition, to provide for the effective implementation of these purposes through youth-run structures, programs, and activities.

HANDY LITTLE LIST OF AFFILIATED LOCAL GROUPS

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- Anchorage Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship
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Fed's Ups & Downs

Central Midwest Federation had a Leadership Training conf. on Oct. 1-3 in Brookfield, Wis. Also had a conference in Champaign-Urbana, Ill Nov 5-7

Conn. Valley Fed. -Had a leadership training conf. Nov. 5-7

LSD-is having their Thanksgiving conf. in Huntsville, Ala.

Missouri Valley Fed.-is planning a Conf. in Lincoln for January.

North Star Fed.-is having a Social Actions conf. Dec. 10-12

PSLRY-is having a conf. Dec. 18-23 at DeBennville Pines. For more information contact: Leslie Pfeifer, Johnston College, Redlands, CA 92373

South Middlesex Fed.-is sponsoring a trified conf. in Winchester, MA on Dec. 3-5 with Essex and Norfolk-Suffolk to discuss merging

Starr King-is having a conf. in Palo Alto Dec. 27-31. For more info, contact: James Finley, 3823 Wingate Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608

Okay folks, this is getting ridiculous. The above federations are the only ones that bothered to send anything in for this issue. We are getting really sick of making things up, and racking our brains, just to have something to print.

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Somerville

Somerville
 and the livin' is sleazy
 fleas are jumpin'
 and the hippies are high
 oh life's a bitch
 but your neighbor's good-looking
 so hush, eat your ice cream,
 and your soggy apple pie.

One of these mornings
 you're gonna rise up early
 then you're gonna spread your arms, toots
 and fall on the floor.
 But till that morning,
 nothing can wake you.
 So hush, little eggplant,
 don't you fry.

Somerville,
 and the livin' is cheasy
 cats are jumpin'
 and the treetops are high
 it's an easy hitch,
 and there's always good cooking.
 So pack up your cornflakes,
 and wave bye-bye.

---The New York Jew Girls (currently
 residing in Somerville)

ME AND MY BOSS
by liv (alias Randy)

"Good morning" I lied, as I cracked an egg into a pan, one eye on the boss. It's never a good morning when the boss is around. It means I have to look busy, smile until my teeth rot, and listen to a list of "also"s that make the inside of my angry head percolate.

"Also, Randy, would you fill the sugar jars when you have a chance. Also, Randy, would you count the money. Also, Randy, the chairs..."

If he had hired me as a cook, while he was supposed to be the counterperson, why did I end up having to be both?

"Also, Randy, can't you set up in an hour?"

"No." There was a silence, as if he was waiting for me to correct my obvious mistake.

"You mean you can't set up in an hour? The weekend cook can do it."

"Well, then get him to do it. First you add on more and more for me to do, then you don't give me all the equipment I need, you pay me minimum wage, and now you expect me to be a superman!" I was steaming. What did I have to lose? Such a crap job. It wouldn't be bad if he'd just bug off; the worst part is having to pretend everything is nice.

"You mean you're not good enough?"

"I'm a good cook, but I can't do both your job and mine."

"You say your a good cook?" He wanted badly for me to believe I wasn't even worth the \$2.20 per hour he's paying me, but I know how good I am and I know he can't replace me. If he could he would.

After that he backed off.

My boss uses all the liberal or traditional tricks he can think of to get the most labor out of me. He can be sweet or nasty, he can praise or put me down. He lets me know he's thinking of firing me, but says he wants to keep me and is giving me another chance. He says he wants me to "participate" by thinking of how "we" could improve the restaurant. He asks me to adjust my schedule for the sake of the alternate cook, as if it's my fault he's overworking the other cook so badly.

He talks as if he cares about his employees, but he cares about nothing more than that green stuff that goes in the cash register. He says he wants us to be honest with our feelings so we can work together better, but only wants my "honesty" to be able to better manipulate me to give him the most labor. At first I believed him, but I learn my bitter lessons well.

Why do I do it, you wonder? To live. It's my first job I'm surviving on. There are so many people like me, the employers can treat us as they wish, for there's always someone else who wants my job. For the time I'm safe, but sooner or later I'll get replaced by someone who will take low wages and lots of work with a smile. I've stopped smiling. My only hope is to get together with the other workers and make a union. I'm also looking for another job. Maybe, just maybe, I'll find a better one, or at least get paid better.

There are lots of ideas I've heard about what's good for my boss and the restaurant, is good for me; about having to accept it, "be a man" and take it; and about being glad I've got a job. But they are all lies, designed to get something inhuman out of me. What's good for the boss gets me almost nothing; all the energy I put in, he owns. I don't accept it, and I'm going to start preparing for the day we workers are going to say to the boss "you're fired you lazy, no good, son of a worm", and take over. I deserve a job, so I'm not going to kiss ass and thank my master-boss for beating me.

Yes, you detect some anger. I'm sometimes CRAZZED with anger! And sometimes I'm so hopeless I don't know whether to get up for work or not get up all day.

I thought I'd write this down in case there were others in situations like mine; it's worst when you think you're in it alone. (Did someone say "exploitation and oppression" was rhetoric?) I have to get back now....

"Also, Randy...."



We're Alive and Well and Going to Every High School

Gay students are coming out, and Growing Up Gay, a new pamphlet from Youth Liberation, is helping them do it. It is a collection of 16 articles by gay young women and men, telling of the experience of being twice oppressed — young and gay. Included are articles about accepting one's gayness, coming out, and talking with your parents. There is a extensive list of resources. Only \$1.25 from Youth Liberation, Dept. W, 2007 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.

thin soup & deadlines

As you may or may not have noticed, this issue is a little thinner than the soups you've received in the past year or two. This is because there was no material. Why, you may ask, was there no material? Ah, I can tell that you are perceptive for you have gone right to the crux of the matter. There was no material because very few people sent anything in. We nether can be, or want to be responsible for writing all the material in the Soup. If this paper is to be reflective of its readership, you must contribute material!

DEADLINES

Cream on Sexuality Jan. 8, 1977 (refer to "SE" article for description)

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YOUTH (cont'd)

Times are changing and society is beginning to recognize that just because a person is below a certain age doesn't mean that s/he is a subsidiary to his/her parent or guardian. Nor does it mean that s/he cannot handle his/her affairs in a responsible manner. Youth can be creative, perhaps more than "adults", since they have not been chameled into any set pattern and do not have a preconceived notion of what must be.

Young people are the seeds of a changing society. The laws should reflect that "minors" are young people who are, although sometimes not as experienced or learned as adults, nonetheless individuals with teh rights of individuals. If the courts do not recognize this in the near future, I suspect that young people will begin to demand it far more strongly han ever before. Then walls of an ageist society will crumble.

"You can't bury youth, my friend, youth grows the whole world round." "It could have been me" Holly Near Redwood Records 1974

Something calls me outside and I step
Into the rain with no umbrella
I tiptoe 'round my father's garden
Pink toenails on the shiny wet grass
I sit in a friendly puddle; drenched.
Even the cat has more sense than me
He watches from the window
Furry and fluffy dry, smiling.

In my solitude I count the raindrops
A million billion raindrops and each one is alone.
Each must make its own journey
From the idealistic sky
To solid real earth.

Some land on the slippery stones
Some land on the emerald leaves
Some merge into a mucky puddle
Or slide across an orange day lily
Or lace the needles of our Christmas tree
Or wet the wings of a Japanese beetle
that gnaws at the roses
Or hit the hard-baked pavement,
and rise into steam
Or dribble down my brow to rest on my eyelash.

I am a raindrop in a summer shower
Traveling down
From way above.
I'm alone yet
among many.
I watch the earth draw closer,
but I don't know where to fall.

--Patty

MIDWINTER
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WYALUSING ST. PARK
BAGLEY, WIS.
A CELEBRATION
OF OURSELVES & EACH OTHER
TO PRE-REG: SEND \$, PARENT
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