

# BIO-FEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

As I see it, I have two basic needs (or wants, as the case may be) that are fulfilled by LRY. First is the need of a peer group, the desire to accept and be accepted by a group of people who have things in common with me. In this, LRY has filled my needs rather well. As a peer group, LRY does not dictate what an individual does, but rather, that person may do what s/he so desires, at no risk of ostracization from the group as a whole. In short, LRY is an "in group" with an open end for new members. The second of my needs is the need for feedback on my actions. By using LRY as a sounding board, I have discovered many things which hold true in "my world" which may be universally true. By this method, I have learned innumerable things about dealing with people (not just LRYers); things which I believe will aid me on my road through life. As a sounding board, LRY doesn't determine my choices of action, but rather, I do, out of my judgement of what is best for myself, others, and for the world in general.

Its present state, LRY's energies are rather dissipated, or scattered. However I believe that LRY has an extremely high potential, and that upon minor readjustments and refinements, it may continue to serve those who need it, functioning indefinitely, growing and expanding through our love. I believe that that which sustains us as a group is the forces of attraction between the individuals, or cohesion. Together we may go a long way - apart, who knows?

The value of LRY having the Unitarian Universalist denomination as a sponsor has been heavily debated on both sides these past few months. As I see things, the UUA has long given LRY a safe "niche" in the organization of the world; a place in which we may do (within limits) basically what we want to do. This is good, I think, as long as no one allows their rights, as they view them, to be trampled on. Traditionally, the UUA was to help support LRY economically as well as morally, and vice-versa. The open lines of communication, however, between us have broken down, through neglect, mistrust, and new and varied interests. These lines of communication must be made anew, with renewed interest, trust, and dedication from both LRY and the rest of the denomination, for they are essential to the growth of all of us. Without open communication between the old and the young, adults and youth, we are condemning ourselves to isolated stagnation. It is through the free exchange of ideas that there is hope.

If a harmonious agreement is reached between youth and adults, we have yet another sounding board by which to judge our actions. This agreement must be an honest and whole-hearted effort on the part of both sides, else it will fail, bitterly and utterly.

As for my value to Unitarian Universalism, that remains to be seen. I offer ideas, perhaps not new or favorable to all, but they are mine; and young blood. Is this of any value to you?

If our differences are worked out, and the gap between us closed, or at least bridged, we may reach a place in space/time which will benefit us mutually: a reciprocal relationship.

Daniel Hessler  
Huntsville, Al.  
12/25/77

Dear People:

I believe there are many people in this world who have undiscovered religious beliefs and uncultivated spiritual feelings, so I am expressing some of my ideas about spirituality in the hope that some of you might identify with them, or gain some insight into your own spiritual feelings.

It is baffling to think about the ultimate source of creation. I believe there must be some kind of "world soul" responsible for our existence. This source of our being, which I call God, is given a variety of names and characteristics by different religious faiths throughout the world, but I believe that essentially, all religions share a human faith in a being with super-human creative powers. I think that each individual who believes in God must have their own personal idea of what God is. If there is an explanation of how this being relates to our existence, it is beyond our clear comprehension. God is intangible, and there is a lot that I cannot understand about him/her/it. I do believe in God, and my ideas about him/her/it are constantly changing and growing. I experience God through feelings, and I have always felt that God lives inside my soul and the soul of every human being. I can't really find the words to describe this relationship. I think that life is a learning experience, and that there is a definite purpose to it. Maybe if there is life after this human life (which I believe there is) we will be able to better understand the source and the reason for our being.

Love and inspiration,

Kathy



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

I am interested in getting pen-friends and asked a friend for addresses, he gave me yours.

Well, I want to get pen-friends from all over the world to correspond about each problem or just to talk by writing. I have a pen-friend circle with six members at the moment. I, myself, am a seventeen-year old German scholar of a technical college, my hobbies are to sleep, to read, youth groups, motorbikes, to listen to music, to write, to flirt, to ride a horse, etc...I will respect each letter or postcard.

Sincerely yours,

Matthias Pilger  
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Dear People:

I am sure that the last issue of People Soup tuned you in to the present threats to the right of legal abortion. Now we would like to turn you on to taking action to preserve those rights.

The right-to-lifers are everywhere. They hold rallies, march in picket lines, sit in at abortion clinics, have booths at fairs and pass out leaflets on the streets. This summer they had floats in the July 4th parades, and rented an airplane to fly over the Maryland beaches pulling a sign which read: "Abortion Kills People".

The letters to Congress and the state legislators are running at least 25 to 1 against the pro-choice position.

We need your help. Our supporters have been pretty apathetic about this issue, assuming that the Supreme Court decisions of 1973 had made abortion safe and legal for every woman. Unless we get up off our apathy, abortion will once again become illegal in this country.

The lead article on abortion talked about running away, but we can't run away from this issue. We must stay and fight.

Please write letters to all your churches. Ask your minister to give a sermon on abortion rights, or to bring in an outside speaker. Support pro-choice rallies and other events with your presence.

The Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights has affiliates in 14 states. If you live in one of those states, please volunteer to work with them, or with your state chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). Both of these groups have a real need for volunteer help to staff booths, work on newsletters, etc. Write to us and we will send you the name of the appropriate contact in your area.

The majority of the American people agree with us on this issue. If we lose, it will be because we have retreated from the battle. The victory will be theirs by default. If you care, please help.

With thanks,

Pat Gavett  
National Director  
Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights  
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My name is Permabuzz. I am an LRYer in CVF. I will be 17 when I plan to leave the country this summer, possibly with a friend. I was wondering if any of you LRYers out there could give me advice such as good places to hitch or avoid, good places to visit and stay, etc. I realize several of you out there have gone cross-country before and I would not like to have the same problems occur that you may have had. If any LRYers would like to meet some New England LRYers and chat with them awhile, we'll try to stop by. Before we leave we would like to find out about any conferences that are happening during the summer that we could go to. We plan to eventually go to Continental '78 wherever it's held. I am very interested in meeting some Southern LRYers and comparing how LRY differs there with NERO LRY. Thanks alot and please try to respond as I would greatly appreciate it. Here's the address:

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4 Spirituality through worship is one of the fundamental activities of Liberal Religious Youth. In LRY, we are continually searching and recognizing matters of importance to us as individuals, as a group, and as a part of the world we live in.

When this concern and purpose are conveyed through worship, our spirituality becomes more organized and more artistic. The purpose of worship is to direct our spirituality towards a particular concept or object with undivided concentration, instead of the random attention it may receive in our everyday lives.

LRY, and Unitarian Universalism, has what we call "creative worship". This means that we, as an organization, put our own human resources and souls into our worship, instead of following set dogma, as do many other religions. In this way, we have a living, growing religion within our group.

The basic components of an LRY worship service include honesty, trust, and true care and concern for the group as a whole, and as individuals. Worship services are a time of honesty, so that conflicts, traumas, and frustrations can be unleashed and dealt with in a constructive manner. In this way, worship services can be a sort of catharsis (cleansing of the spirit). This feeling can only occur when there is a bond of trust and concern between the participants.

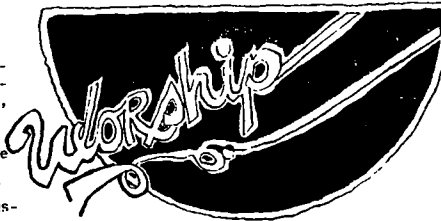
An LRY worship service, if it comes off well, gives each participant a feeling of personal experience and growth. This feeling comes from four basic qualities contained within the structure of a service: 1) quieting, 2) focusing, 3) searching, and 4) fellowship.

"Quieting" is a process that prepares the group for worship. People cannot be rushed into a meditative mood, because they won't be receptive to the ideas or concepts presented before them. The "quieting" period is, in other words, an introductory period for worship. Effective means of achieving this quiet is to have an introductory period of silence, one of music, or poetry readings. There are many ways, and these are just a few. "Quieting" will usually set the worship service out on the right track.

Focusing is a process in which we narrow our thoughts to a specific concept or idea. For example, if we were to have a worship service on loneliness, we might read poetry which

shows different aspects of loneliness. In other words, we are receiving different thoughts on the meanings of loneliness.

The next process of worship usually goes through is that of searching. We would relate (going back to our example of theme) the loneliness we have experienced in our own lives to the poetry readings: how loneliness has affected us, how we can cope with loneliness, and finally, what is the meaning of loneliness. We would be, in effect, searching within ourselves for our personal definition of loneliness.



Barbara Dykes

However, we aren't searching alone. On the contrary, each individual in the group is pondering the loneliness that they have experienced. Thus we search as individuals and yet together as a group through a mutual effort, thus (hopefully) creating fellowship.

These are the basic components characteristic of most LRY worship services. Above all, one should remember that the co-ordinating of a worship is an art. The following is a list of the more practical aspects that any worship co-ordinator should remember:

1. Theme—theme is a very important part of the worship. A lot of thought should be put into the choosing of a theme. This choice depends entirely upon your imagination and the needs and the character of the group to whom it is to be presented. A worship theme often involves a feeling.



For a new and inexperienced worship coordinator, the creation of the theme often proves to be the most difficult and challenging aspect of putting a worship together. The key to creating a good theme is having confidence in your own ability to assess the needs of the group you're working with, and confidence in your own imagination. Nobody expects you to create the perfect worship, that only happens through the participation of the group. What is expected of you is honesty and sincerity.

2. Setting—the theme and the tone of worship services should be relative to the location of the service itself (inside, outside, etc.) and the headspace of the participants. Is everyone really mellow, hyper, frustrated, or angry?
3. Medium—medium is the means through which the theme is conveyed. With a large choice of media available, it is fairly simple to adapt the theme to at least one type of media. Some examples of media are music, drama, modern dance, and choral reading. It is still important to remember that media is relative to the theme and the resources you have available.
4. Symbolism—symbolism is a very delicate part of the worship service. It needs to be subtle enough to still be symbolic, yet obvious enough to be noticeable. Symbolism can be a candle burning, or it can be a circle of new and old leaders in the middle of a larger circle symbolizing the change over of LRY officers. Symbolism is above all completely relative to the group.

One or more of these parts can be eliminated, as in a Quaker meeting service (has no theme). A lack of theme also alters the nature of symbolism. Every worship service must be developed with creativity and contain thematic continuity.

In the focusing part of a worship service, the coordinator should think through his/her personal experiences with the theme (like loneliness) to get a good idea of the aspects that should be brought out through the medium that is used. As I said before, it is absolutely necessary for the theme to be well thought out in advance.

Well, these are basic guidelines for creative worship. The whole of it is up to you and the group. What was said here does not, by any means, need to be followed to the letter. Happy worships and happy cosmos!

Here are some questions to ask yourself when preparing a worship...

1. What are the qualities of a worship that brings it so close to our hearts?
2. What gives worship services such meaning? How do we feel when we worship? What causes us to feel the way we do?
3. What are we searching for (is it in the theme of the conference, or the local meeting program ideas???)



## Ask Barbara?



Dear Barbara,

12/5/77

I am writing to you to ask for help with our church. Our local has recently experienced a turnover in membership; a lot of the older people graduated and left over the summer. When we started meeting again in Sept., we elected all new officers. Thinking of the things to do to keep people together hasn't always been easy, but after some trial and error, we seem to have found a formula for good meetings and we feel that our group is productive and fulfilling to its members.

Our problems come when we try to do anything with our church. We have a good advisor, who has volunteered to help us, but she is relatively new to the church also. The adults in the church don't seem to want to have anything to do with us. We volunteered to provide coffee and donuts after church on Sunday and were told that they didn't need us to, although there isn't anyone doing it now. We tried to have a carwash to raise money, and the president of the church denied us use of the parking lot without any real explanation. The things we have been able to participate in, LRYers were assigned to all the menial labor, which makes us feel like the adults consider us too young to take on any real responsibility.

The only real clues as to why we get a negative reaction from the adults so often are rumors of drug use in the group 2 and 3 years ago. We aren't even the same people who were in LRY then, and personally, if that's the reason, I don't understand why the adults won't give us a chance to prove ourselves more responsible than in previous years. What can we do to fight the close-minded attitude of the church members, so that we can participate with and feel a part of our church community?

Hanging in there,  
Tom

Dear Tom,

1/14/78

If it is any consolation, yours is not the only local that has these kinds of problems. It's obvious that the adults don't think that your LRY group is responsible.

First of all, does anyone from your local attend church/fellowship board meetings? You should send a representative from LRY and have her/him sit in on the meetings. Suggest that the Board give you voting status as a youth representative. If a Youth/Adult Committee doesn't exist at your society, start one. A YAC is exactly what it says: a committee composed of equal numbers of youth and adults. This committee provides for regular communication between the young people and the adults of the community. Your group must show the rest of the congregation that you are responsible. Sponsor intergenerational events such as picnics, social awareness programs or a Youth Sunday service. Invite knowledgeable and creative adults to do programs for your local. Let them know that you may be the youth of today but that you are the future of the Unitarian Universalist faith of tomorrow. They must invest some trust to nurture the growth of responsibility in your group.

Remind the adults that you all are not the same LRYers from two years ago. Your group cannot be held responsible for something that your members had no part in. If many adults are suspicious about what goes on in your youth group, have an open house and invite them to your meeting. Give a short talk about what LRY is, then open up the discussion to a question and answer session. If by chance, the adults start to get on your case about any mistakes you have made (which happened to me in my local once) point out that yours is a self-managing group and, nothing else, your mistakes are educational, a learning process. Emphasize the programmatic and spiritual aspects of the group. Do a worship service at the end.

Above all, remember that your LRY has a responsibility to the rest of the community. Unitarian Universalism is your denomination too, and that Liberal Religious Youth represent an important part of it.

Love and energy,  
Barb

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## from LRY

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We pray this action may be, as we intend it, a proclamation of the Gospel - that God has acted for us and expects us, in obedience, to respond with appropriate action.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel Corrigan  
The Rt. Rev. Robert DeWitt  
The Rt. Rev. Edward R. Welles III

On July 29, the Right Reverends Corrigan, DeWitt, and Welles did ordain 11 of their sisters into the priesthood. For the next 26 months, much controversy ensued. In August of 1974 an "emergency" meeting of the House of Bishops was called in Chicago. At this meeting the House "decided what the Philadelphia bishops did and which declares that unspecified conditions for valid ordination 'were not fulfilled' at the July 29th service"

In response to the Bishops' action, Carter Hayward, one of the 11 women, wrote:

"I write with a heavy heart in response to the action taken yesterday by the House of Bishops. Women in Chicago, and women everywhere, stand together appalled at the bishops' hardened, sexist resolution whereby our ordinations were deemed invalid. That the resolution was steeped in the language of love and concern suggests to me only the depth, pathos, and tragedy of our brothers' inability to relate to us as sisters. Lining the walls and halls, we were strangely invisible.

Had there been any question in my mind that the July 29th ordination was appropriate, witnessing the House of Bishops would have erased all doubt. We are now more persuaded than ever that the Episcopal legalism must be challenged if human beings are to be taken seriously by a church that speaks of love while it acts out of fear, and a deep-seated contempt for women..."

Two more years of struggle lay ahead of these women and the priests that ordained them. It didn't become any easier. But at the General Convention of the Episcopal church in September of 1976, women were accepted as priests into that denomination!!!

**II. The Dignity of Every Human Personality: The Unitarian Universalists**

At the 1977 General Assembly, the Unitarian Universalists dealt with a much more covert form of sexism in religion. The two most important sections of the "Women and Religion" resolution state:

"Whereas some models of human relationships arising from religious myths, historical materials, and other teachings still create and perpetuate attitudes that cause women everywhere to be overlooked and undervalued..."

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the 1977 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls upon all Unitarian Universalists to examine carefully their own religious beliefs and the extent to which these beliefs influence sex-role stereotypes within their own families..."



The fact that this resolution reached into the very core of the church; individuals, families, and local congregations, asking individuals to look at their own belief structure is, to my knowledge, a new step. The fact that that step was followed with encouragement to the leadership and administration of the denomination, on all levels, to set aside sexist assumptions, adds even more strength to the resolution.

This is only the beginning, though, of breaking through the role-model barrier that women face. Until the resolution is implemented by individuals in all stratum of the faith and its leadership, it is merely words. The fact that the president of the denomination is asked to report annually on the implementation of the resolution is heartening in that it indicates the commitment to this resolution did not die last June.

It is however, now up to every individual to look to the roots of her or his own faith, the words used by the community to express that faith, the religious education being taught the children of the community, and the language and leadership of the denomination as a whole. Each individual must examine and evaluate every aspect of her or his own faith, and determine the effects of the underlying assumptions of that faith.

In 1977 in the fellowshipped ministry of this denomination there were approximately 850 men and 65 women. If this resolution becomes truly implemented, perhaps these numbers will become equalized faster than anyone could expect. And perhaps women will find greater acceptance as they assume the role of ministers.

This is not meant to paint a rosy picture of women in the ministry or priesthood. Prohibitive aspects still exist in those denominations that have moved forward, and many denominations have yet to move at all. It is meant as encouragement. Frequently, institutionalized religion is written off as too rigid to achieve major changes in the foreseeable future. Yet with struggle, sweat, love, and solidarity, more barriers may be broken every day until women assume their place alongside their brothers in the leadership of religious communities.

For some years now I've been consciously trying to see as many other points of view as possible. I have listened to music from all over the world, from many musicians who heard different things in their minds: Folk music from Afghanistan; the unique sculptural instruments of Harry Partch, built on a 43 tone to the octave scale; the mantra-like constructions of Terry Riley; the incredible rhythmic complexity of African music; the deep drones of Robert Rutman and his U.S. Steel Cello Ensemble; the constant change of my own group, Laughing Moon. I have learned a lot about music and about different ways of perceiving it. I've discovered some things that mean a lot to me, and I want to try and share them with you.

What is music, anyway? I have seen many definitions, all of which tend to exclude somebody or something. Some people say that music is the systematic organization of tones; others that it is any combination of tones with or without rhythmic activity, and on and on. What, then, is the product of a person who uses such diverse elements as typewriters, garbage-cans, tape recordings of wild geese, or twelve radios all tuned to different stations? Is that music or is it something else? What about music that is determined entirely by chance? What about music that has no activity at all? Obviously our definition must be very broad, considering the incredible variety of "music" in the world. I would like to try my own pet definition on you. To me, music is nothing more than an orderly perception of sound. If you listen to sound activity, and perceive an order in that activity, it's music. That's about as broad as you can get, since by that definition virtually every sound or combination of sounds in the world is music, depending on the listener.

That's the point of the argument: The Listener. If a listener hears music, then what is being heard is music. If the listener refuses to hear the underlying order in sound, then what is heard is not music. It's up to you, and me, and all of us with ears and the power to hear, to hear music, or else there isn't any.

To me, listening is a process of self-exploration. As I listen, I learn to see different kinds of order; I learn different ways of perceiving myself and other humans. If I can appreciate the music of a people, then I appreciate some of their ways of ordering sound, and of themselves as well. Every different kind of music I listen to teaches me something about me. And that's why I'm a musician: to learn about myself. If I said "This kind of music (say disco, punk rock, etc.) is bad," then I lose what that music has to teach me. If I say, instead, that the music "makes me feel lousy," that doesn't put any judgment on the music--just on the listener.

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# LIFE IN TACO VILLA





# SPIRITUALITY... as a way of life

What is spirituality? Is it those fleeting moments of peace felt when you're out taking a walk in the forest alone? Is spirituality that contentment in the NOW just after a chant during a worship service? Is it awareness or sensitivity, or is it the satisfaction that comes after creating something beautiful - be it a poem, a song or a drawing? Is spirituality the absorption of doing your favorite thing and being wholehearted? What is it really? Is it love?

Is spirituality something tangible that you can experience? Is it only to be felt in fleeting moments, or could it become a living reality in our hearts?

Spirituality, whatever it may be, has always inspired a search within my heart. I have for years been trying to find it's true meaning and solidify that meaning within me to make it a substantial part of my life. One of my first experiences with spirituality was in late 1973 when I became an LRYer.

LRY was special to me with the freedom, the awareness, the sensitivity, the acceptance, and the fun. The people were more open, and together we experimented with honest sharing, allowing each other to be ourselves. We had worship services and other group awareness activities. I was an active member of the SUNCO federation. But then after a few years it seemed that something was missing for me. Some of my favorite people were going away to college while the rest of us were struggling to get new LRYers and then become swamped by them. The programs were becoming a monotonous experience for me and I began going only so that I could be with my friends. We had dreams of an LRY commune or school where we could all live and be together - like a conference that never ends. But the dream seemed too far fetched and unrealistic. I questioned: is there another step after LRY? What do I do when I graduate? How may I continue to grow, to learn about people, and to come to know and understand myself?

Now you are all familiar with gurus, aren't you? During that period of my life I had contact with many of them. There were the swami-shaved old ones from India that sat on a throne and bopped you on the head with peacock feathers. There were the young ones from America that talked alot. And there were all kinds of other gurus, some elaborate, some simple, that had a variety of approaches and teachings. None of them, however, made much of an impression upon me or my life; I felt, however, that they represented something good, something spiritual, and I continued to have contact with any that chanced to come through town.

The outcome was I packed my bags and followed him - based on the joy and love in my heart I had decided that he was my Guru. Ever since then I've wanted to share with all of you what it's like to live at an ashram. An ashram is a place where people live together under the guidance of a Master to practice a more spiritual way of life.

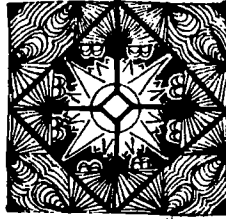
Are you familiar with the stories of Krishna? He is described as a young, dark skinned lad with long, wavy black hair. He plays a flute and they call him "The Lord of Love" because he was so enchanting, playful, loving and accepting of all whom he met. Well, to make a long story short, what happened was I met my Guru- Yogi Amrit Desai - whom we call Gurudev. He reminds me of Krishna.

## LRY Intern Program

LRY is now offering several attractive positions as interns in its continental office in Boston. These internships are primarily designed for LRYers who are thinking of running for a continental directorship at summer Board of Directors Meetings. Only one intern per month can be accommodated, and room and board are provided for that time, although you should bring enough money to pay for your transportation and any luxuries you want.

If you are interested, contact LRY for further information.

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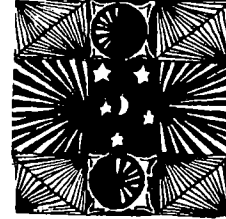
## Amber Ward

I live at Kripalu Yoga Retreat. It is the ashram of Yogi Amrit Desai, nestled in the blue mountains of Pennsylvania. On 260 acres with a lake, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, and seventeen separate buildings, about 100 men, women, and children live together. We are here because we know that there is something more to life than the superficial, selfish worldly approach. We strive for contentment, for happiness, for self-acceptance, and love. Together we work on ourselves, being honest with each other as to where we're at and where we're "coming from". We own our feelings and recognize our mistakes. We try to work in such a way that harmony and love prevail.

Each morning at 4:30 we join together for jogging, breathing (Pranayama), postures (Hatha Yoga), and chanting. During the day we each have our jobs to do. We call it "service". Some of us hold jobs out in the community, while others stay home; working perhaps in the kitchen, office, household, maintenance, construction, electricity and plumbing, program planning, family life coordination, childcare, accounting, purchasing, audio, transcribing, and many other departments. We keep quite busy. (I'm the only one that still goes out to high school) Then evening finds us gathered together for "Satsanga" where we chant, dance, sing, share and listen to the teachings of our Guru. Often, at Satsanga someone will share a song they wrote on the guitar, or sometimes a group (usually a particular department) will put on skits. Sometimes we will see a movie, and sometimes we will simply dance all night.

Life is also fun for us and not taken too seriously. As well as the service and group disciplines, there is the joy of playing as a family together. Yesterday I got a note in my mail box - The Sadhaks (disciples that have been here 2-4 years) were gathering together. "Do you ever feel that you don't get much 'pull' around here? Come to the dining room at 6:30 for a taffy pulling fun."

So at 6:30 I came to the main building. Joyous chanting came floating down the stairs to me. I was so drawn by the music that I went bounding up the stairs three at a time to get to the dining room. Two white plastic mats, 2 feet wide and 20 feet long were laid out in the room. About 50 people were there. Aniruddha, from Florida was playing his banjo and Harihar who used to be an actor and does fantastic pantomimes, was playing his guitar. Hira, who works in the garden was playing a harmonica and Gopinath was playing a recorder. Dipika, who works in our spiritual shop was playing a wash board. Two sisters were playing tamborines and everyone was singing and laughing. Many were dancing and two were waltzing across the room. Vitthal, who works in the woodshop was contemplatively playing with his toes. A few were sitting and sing-



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ing, but thinking more about the taffy being cooked in the kitchen. The taffy finally made it up and was placed in large trays on the mats. That was a sight to see. People all over the room (even more showed up at this point) pulling the sticky, gooey taffy. Here and there two people pulled it between them...

We are actively trying to improve ourselves, to find that "centered" place inside from which true fulfillment flows. To be moderate in all things is the basis of all our observances. The most touching aspect of the life here though, is the love. It is very often that someone stops doing their work to comfort someone that is feeling down, or that someone sets aside their own selfish desires to help out someone else. It is hard to describe the selfless love found here, it is very beautiful. Through the love here I've come to realize that all I really want is love and acceptance.

I realize the truth in Gurudev's words: "To receive divine bliss, you must remember one thing: accept yourself as you are. The greatest pain is to expect what you are not. With a balanced mind and objective awareness realize what you are and then be what you are. Do not try to be what someone else is. Be what you are, accept yourself, do not fight. That's where your spiritual growth will begin."

So, we play, work, meditate, dance, sing, love, learn and grow together in harmony. It is very fulfilling and has made spirituality a way of life for me.

# do you know? susan buis

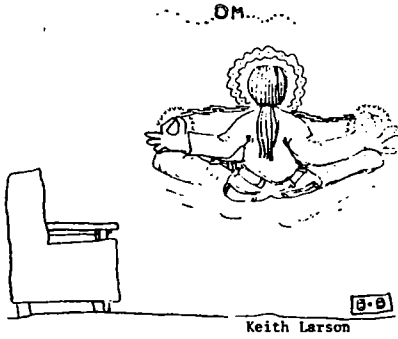
Infant formula manufacturers have found a new market for their products - the third world. These manufacturers have launched aggressive advertising campaigns to convince the mothers that breast-feeding is backward and ignorant; bottle-feeding is scientific and modern. But to use infant formulas safely, enough money to buy formula, pure water, and a way to sterilize bottles are necessary. Few third-world mothers have any of these. They must over-dilute the formula because of its cost; they must use contaminated water because it's all they have; they can't afford the fuel to boil water to sterilize the bottles. The result is diarrhea, which leads to malnutrition in babies. Malnutrition causes irreversible brain damage and death. Thousands of babies have died and many more are severely mentally retarded. Doctors speak of an epidemic of "baby bottle disease."

Nestlé, a Swiss company, is immune to the pressures that have been brought down on most U.S. companies. The only way to stop Nestlé is by boycott. Below is a partial list of Nestlé products. For more info, contact: Infant Formula Action Coalition, 1499 Potrero Ave. S.F. CA 94110, or 1701 University Av. SE Mpls. MN 55414. Boycott anything with the name Nestlé, Maggi, Libby's, Stouffer's, Taster's Choice, Nescafé, Nestea, or Crosse & Blackwell's. But most important, when you see a Nestlé's product, remember what it represents - babies who died for lack of their mother's milk.

J.P. Stevens is the second largest textile corporation in the U.S., with 85 plants and 44,000 employees. They have been found guilty of violating the National Labor Relations Act 15 times, the worst record of any company in N. America. Summing up 13 years of Board cases, the N.L.R.B.'s Regional Director said in 1975 that, "J.P. Stevens has engaged in a massive, multi-state campaign to deny its employees their rights under the Act to seek collective bargaining representatives of their own choosing...has committed unfair labor practices of unprecedented flagrancy and magnitude..."

Workers at the seven plants in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., voted in August, 1974 for union representation. J.P. Stevens refused to bargain in good faith with the union. The N.L.R.B. has once again charged the company with violating the law. The Roanoke workers have passed a resolution asking for widespread support in their campaign to stop the company's violations. The labor movement has answered this plea for help by launching a massive national consumer boycott against the company. The goal of the boycott is to stop the Stevens company from coercing and threatening its workers, to allow for fair elections and to bargain in good faith with its employees through a union of their own choice. These are some of the Stevens products being boycotted: Beauti-Blend, Utica, Yves St. Laurent, Fine Arts, Beauticalc, Big Mama, and Tastemaker. For more info, write to Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, 930 1/2 Roanoke Ave. Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870.

# HOW TO... YOUTH SUNDAY



## IRF

The International Religious Fellowship is an association of young people from liberal religious groups in Europe, North America, and Japan who come together at an annual summer conference. In general terms, from our experiences we seek to know more about ourselves, about each other and the world around us, and to develop our understanding of the values which direct our lives.

The next IRF conference will be an IRF-IARF congress in Oxford, England July 28-Aug. 4, 1978, followed by the IRF Tour of Europe. It will begin in Oxford and from there will ramble across Holland, Germany and Switzerland for a couple of weeks, staying at people's houses, hostels etc. and returning back to Holland where it will conclude. The tour and conference will cost about 125 pounds, not including meals on the tour. Bookings must be in by March. The theme of the conference is "Limits of Toleration."

If you are interested in receiving a copy of "Forward Together", the IRF magazine; minutes from the last IRF General Meeting; or information about the next conference, write Abbe at LRY Headquarters, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. I'd like to encourage everyone interested to attend. It is an opportunity to meet people from all over the world and to see Europe too! There is a possibility of scholarships if necessary. There has been very little LRY representation at IRF conferences lately (only one person in 1977). I'd like to see a large delegation in 1978!

-A.B.

## YOUTH CAUCUS

The Unitarian Universalist General Assembly is an annual event that lasts about a week and is made up of a collection of business meetings, exhibits, workshops, worship, lectures, dances, concerts, and parties. Every church and fellowship in Canada and the U.S. may send delegates to the GA, plus anyone may attend as a non-voting observer.

Starting at the 1974 GA in New York City, UU youth who were attending the GA decided to start their own caucus. Over the next three GA's the Youth Caucus has evolved into a fairly strong, well-organized group of people who are generally listened to and noticed by the constituency.

The Youth Caucus has regular meetings at the GA. In these, they discuss the business before the General Assembly and which of the business items are important for the Youth Caucus to take action on. The General Assembly votes on business and general resolutions which they feel are important to the UU movement as a whole.

At GA many interesting UUs are joined together, not by religious doctrines, but by a feeling of fellowship. This fellowship is formed through basic free religious ideals, a need to share and learn together, and the actualization of ideals such as peace and poli-

At least once a year, many LRY locals give a Youth Sunday service in their church or fellowship. A Youth Sunday is one way that you can actively participate in your congregation. It is a time when you can reach out to the U-U denomination and try to break down the barriers of misunderstanding between the generations. It is an opportunity to express your religious viewpoint as youth to the adults of your society. It is a chance to tell the adults about LRY, what it means to you, and what you have gained from being a part of LRY. Here is an outline of the basic steps that you need to take to plan a Youth Sunday:

1. Secure a date with your minister
2. Select a theme (brainstorming is a good way to get started) that genuinely represents the viewpoint of the group. Try to choose an original idea that will interest the members of your society. Be sure that you can handle the theme well enough to get the point across. Address these questions while choosing the theme: What do you want to say to the society? What reaction do you want? Are you being honest?
3. Plan in advance so that you'll be prepared in the planning, set-up, etc. Make sure each person knows what to do and when.
4. Choose a presentation. You can utilize a traditional order of service with hymns, readings, and a sermon, though an unusual presentation might be more interesting.

**Some ideas:**

- a mock meeting or discussion
- an open forum, including the congregation
- communion - food, drink, flowers, etc.
- music (singing, playing, rock, jazz, ballet, spirituals, classical) live or recorded

- place your participants in the audience
- get the audience to participate
- put on a play, skit, or pantomime
- portray a bible story in a modern scene
- dance - modern, jazz, sacred
- role-playing, a socio-drama
- artwork - decorate the sanctuary
- use the talents of your own group
- use the resources of your minister or DRE
- consider the sound and visual dynamics of the chapel/room
- have a coffee hour or discussion afterwards
- put out LRY materials, People Soups, program packets, etc.
- service should have continuity with theme
- 5. Design a program with your order of service, words to music, responsive readings, explanation of theme, names of participants, acknowledgements of help, notices of LRY activities, LRY's purposes. Be creative, if possible, with graphics and a cover design. Check with your church office about printing.
- 6. Assign specific responsibilities and roles to members of the group. Include everyone, if not in the actual service, then in the planning, set-up, etc.
- 7. Have dress rehearsals well in advance so that you can take care of forgotten details
- 8. Put publicity in your church newsletter, bulletin boards, etc.

GOOD LUCK - please take black and white pictures and send them to People Soup or the UU World with a short article about your service.

-Abbe Bjorklund



## LRY PURPOSES

(excerpt from Liberal Religious Youth, Inc. By-laws)

### ARTICLE II. Purposes

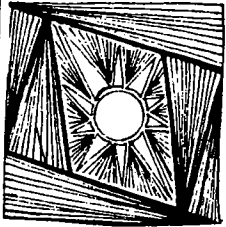
**Section 1.** The purposes of this corporation are:

- 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.

**Section 2.** In addition, to provide for the effective implementation of these purposes through youth-run structures, programs, and activities.

Abbe Bjorklund  
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# FEDS' UPS AND DOWNS

THE UNIVERSAL 9  
FORCE, cont.

**BAY SHORE-** A day rally scheduled for late February or early March is in planning, and a newsletter is being printed and should be out by the end of January.

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY/CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION (CVCNF)-** A new fed. is born. Conn. Valley and Central Mass. have merged to become CVCNF. We've planned two upcoming conferences and a renewed bit of strength. For further information contact: Karen Lee  
300 Howard St.  
Northboro, Ma. 01608

**GODARFUL/OVF-** We are planning two more conferences and another Leadership Training conference in early spring. The next conference will be in Columbus, Ohio sometime in February. The board has been having many controversies over the age limits. We are trying to improve communications between the churches and locals. Our biggest problem is apathy with the newer members.

**LSD-** LSD participated with SAM and SUNCO in the Winter Tri-fed conference "Nexus" that was held in South Carolina. The February free fed. conference will probably be in Birmingham.

**MVF-** MVF is thriving rich and full of life. Even the Kansas corn is smiling in the sun.

**NSF-** At our January conference NSF will melt snow. The next conference is undecided. Most people have the plague and we are spreading it too, through contact. The newspaper should be out very soon.

**RNF-** RNF is here, and in the process of planning two conferences, as well as Sun. morning workshops.

**SUNCO-** SUNCO is doing very well and on the upswing. We have new locals starting in Boca Raton, South Miami, and Clearwater. We are planning to have our Mid-winter conference in Gainesville, and our east conference in the Ocala Natural forest. For more info., write: Diana Filippi  
770 W. 72 Place  
Hialeah, FLA.  
33014

**MBF-** The Lexington local is planning a mid-winter conference for February at the Lexington church.

**MAF/DVF/JAF-** Summit and Orange locals spend some time together. Rock Tavern local is planning a spring conference where they will aim to affiliate with continental LRY. Come on people, there's so much potential for you all to be strong!

### REGIONAL COMMITTEES

(for addresses of these representatives, see the local group directory, federation executives sections)

**Betty Boop**  
North Star Fed-O' Taiwan Day  
Missouri Valley Fed-Gretchen Jones  
TOAK-Nina Martin  
Seafoam-Clay Vernon  
SAM NEWT-no contact

**Southern North America Regional Committee (SNARC)**  
Lower Southern District Federation-Betsy Jacobson  
Suncoast Federation-Diana Filippi  
Southern Appalachian Mountains Federation-no contact

**Lakes Area Regional Committee (LARC)**  
Central Fed-west Fed.-Nick Levine  
Godarful, Ohio Valley Fed.-Sue Colpetzer  
Mohawk-Rancy Lee Colvill  
Phoenix-no contact  
Niagra Frontier Fed.-no contact

**Saco Sew Region**  
Pacific Southwest LRY-Norm Randall  
Rocky Mountain Fed.-Jenny Bridges  
Starr King Fed.-Katrinca  
Sahili Fed.-Liz Blakemore

**North Eastern Regional Organization (NERO)**  
Ted Altenberg  
6 Orkney Rd. #41  
Brighton, Ma 02146

**North East Regional Committee (NERC)**  
Connecticut River Valley Federation-Moira Doyle  
Naragansett Fed-Ellen Titus  
Bay Shore Fed-Phyllis O'Donnell  
Massachusetts Bay Fed-Danny Gediman  
Hosea Ballou Fed-no contact  
New Hampshire Fed-no contact  
Down East Fed-no contact  
Tu'Tutotoetm Fed-no contact  
Eastern Canadian Fed-Jane King

**Mid-Atlantic Regional Committee (MARC)**  
Greater Washington Area Fed-no contact  
Delaware Valley Fed-no fed contact  
Jersey Area Fed-no fed contact  
Metro Area Fed-Tracey King  
Long Island Area Fed-non-existent

## MERGERS

— Barbara Dykes

In the past few months, many LRY federations have merged with each other. The ones we know of are:

GODARFUL and Ohio Valley Federation to form GODARFUL/OVF  
Central Massachusetts Federation and Connecticut Valley Federation to form Connecticut River Valley Federation (CRVF)  
Eastern Canadian Federation, Phoenix Federation, and Niagara Frontier Federation

Why do federations feel the urge to merge? (Sorry about that folks) Well, I can think up two reasons: 1) To have more members (because the feds involved may be losing members, also seeing old friends from other feds more often), and 2) For one federation to have the support of another stronger fed.

I feel like some mergers are a good idea such as the recent merger to form CRVF. But some mergers, like the other two mentioned are unpractical. For one thing, a lot of the reason feds may be losing members is because a strong effort is not being made to field trip to new and existing locals, recruiting new members and also reinforcing existing locals who may need an extra boost. That is the job of federation field trippers.

The function of Regional Committees is to provide reinforcement and support from other nearby federations. Regional committees are composed of the continental representatives from each federation. The idea behind regional committees is to share federation programming ideas, to aid each other in times of need, and to have conferences once or twice a year. Presently the LARC (Lakes Area Regional Committee) is the only active regional committee. Other federations are sharing bi-feds and tri-feds, but the structure of the regional committee is not being utilized. Also, the vast area covered by merged federations is not a small enough area to provide the kind of support group (through having nearby weekend conferences, and nearby locals) that is needed by the average high school aged LRYer.

Regional committees can be effective if utilized. This executive committee, in the very near future, plans to initiate a strong campaign towards the reviving of regional committees. We hope that feds will in turn also work in this direction. We also plan to include more information on this in upcoming issues of the Soup.

I get into good-hearted arguments with various friends about categories in music. They consistently follow the same form:

Me: Hey, listen to this record! This music is really incredible!

Friend: Sorry. I don't like "Jazz". (or any other category that's handy)

M: This isn't "Jazz"! It's music, produced by human beings on instruments designed for that purpose. "Jazz" is the record company's way of making it easier for the record store people to put this record in a bin.

F: But I like the Grateful Dead! Why can't you play something normal, something familiar?

M: I like the Dead too! How do you expect to enjoy music if you only want to hear what you've heard before?

F: I like what's on the radio. This station (usually some progressive FM station) plays the music I like.

M: You're letting the radio tell you what you like or don't like? Why not listen to as many types of music as you can, and keep the ones that make you feel good?

F: Sorry. I don't like "Jazz".

I have virtually given up arguments like that because they never seem to go anywhere. Categories are a very handy way of blocking out a bunch of experiences. If you feel that you don't like a certain category of musical experience, then you are denying yourself the things that particular music has to teach you. Most people listen to music because it reassures them that they are who they think they are. They can make definitions about what labels are "hip" to use, and which ones aren't; which parts of their personality are "hip" and which ones aren't; what kinds of music are "hip" and which ones aren't. What that means ultimately is that the energy they could use listening to music, they spend on defining which musics they want to listen to. What a waste!

A particular kind of sound activity that I work with is called "free music." What that means is that people get together and play, without talking it over beforehand, reading notes off a page, or any other way of determining what's going to happen. People who play a lot of free music usually wind up feeling very religious about the process. What it means is that you play what you feel like playing, and listen, to see what kind of music is in the air. If you hear a different rhythm, then play that! No mistakes! No experts! No virtuosi! Nobody telling you you played well or poorly! Just listeners with instruments. If you listen and accept, then any sound you make is fine. If you try and direct your fellow musicians to play something that you feel comfortable with, you'll fall flat on your face.

Any of you who were at Continental Conference might have gone into the Rec Hall on Tuesday to find an incredible array of instruments and people. Huge loud crashes, banging on drums, droning away at the Bow Chime, plonking on an acoustic bass, blowing trumpets—nobody telling anybody what to do—just listening. I remember it as a very exhilarating experience. Listening to the tapes I am struck by the incredible changes in texture over a very few moments, struck by the fact that it all sounds great! A little weird, a mite outer-spacey, but great nonetheless. I remember people coming in, a little uncertainly, and picking up a rattle. Other people smiled at them. They moved around, checking out the incredible variety of sounds to be heard. They were part of a leaderless music, a music that was all content and no form. No mistakes. Wow. That's a heavy thing to deal with if you've been raised to believe certain types of music are inherently better than other types, and that musicians who play one type of music are inherently better than musicians who play other types.

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A smooth flow of movement and thought  
 Feelings that course electrically thru my awareness.  
 I found myself dancing; pushing my body  
 To the limits of my control; so that  
 I could find the limits of my control;  
 So that I could reach beyond...the limits of control.

Push awareness to the limits of the paradigm;  
 So that I can find the limits of the paradigm;  
 So that I can go beyond the limits of the paradigm.

To create a new paradigm.

For I want a paradigm; freedom is too  
 Outre for my taste; that is to say, FREEDOM.

For I am a dancer, but I wish to stay within my body;  
 For I think and I wish to stay within my thoughts.  
 For I think towards mutual respect and love;  
 And I wish to stay within those boundaries...

I am part of the river...  
 And the river carries me to all of you...  
 And you are all part of the river.

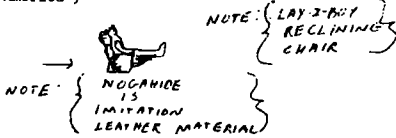
I would give you everything,  
 All that there is to give which is worth giving  
 For you are the paradigm,  
 And I am giving you yourself...  
 For you have made me as I am

For you're love.

paul h pigman-----paranaught

Suburbia (sung to the tune of "America")  
 by Steve Glasgow  
 Mitch Glasgow  
 Tom Smith

Suburbia, Suburbia  
 For well-kept lawns of green  
 For Cadillacs and LTDs  
 and burning gasoline!  
 Suburbia, Suburbia  
 God turns his back on thee  
 For LAZ-Y-BOYS  
 of Nogahide  
 and R.C.A. T.V. !



NOTE: T.V.'S ARE IDIOT BOXES

Run together  
 arms outstretched  
 auras mix  
 beautiful  
 physical communion  
 sacred time  
 sharing love  
 feelings  
 thoughts  
 bodies  
 expressing unknown beliefs  
 sharing  
 every moment  
 used  
 to capture  
 the holiness of  
 these few precious moments,  
 this time-  
 for there  
 may never be  
 another.

-Brenda Holmes

To Breaking Chains and Finding Love

I've searched  
 Without  
 To find my own space  
 Within  
 And here I  
 Be  
 Reaching with my hands  
 To send music  
 Soaring on wings of feeling  
 From soul to soul  
 Each new discovery  
 Adding a color  
 To my rainbow  
 Flooding  
 What once seemed  
 Like eternal emptiness  
 With a joy  
 That once lived  
 Only in my dreams  
 And my spirit smiles  
 As I strut my way  
 Into a long await  
 Sunny day

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Life After LRY

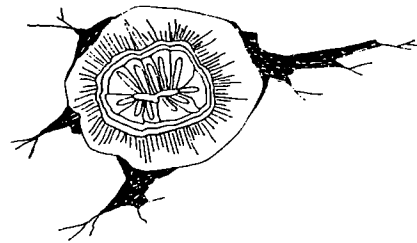
A quiet, late fall evening in Maine  
 A small town  
 A small college  
 No, I am not a student  
 But looking for companionship  
 I end up at the college  
 Looking at Bulletins and the like  
 I catch- from the corner of my eye  
 a familiar-looking magazine  
 on Newsprint  
 Lying in the "Junk Mail" Box.  
 It's People Soup- and a picture with me  
 in it on the Continental Centerfold.  
 "Wow"- a feeling of excitement wants  
 to show it to someone.  
 The address says Diane Scheinok- College  
 of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine.  
 Diane Scheinok- Who is Diane Scheinok?  
 No one knows

Walking home,  
 The dark windy isolated streets of Bar Harbor  
 Anxiously awaiting the opportunity to read  
 this People Soup  
 When I do:  
 Hey I know David Innes  
 And that guy and that girl  
 I was there, and...

I feel alone far north, up in Maine Country  
 away from Home friends and LRY friends  
 Remembering Conference  
 with my hair down  
 Swaying in a people euphoria  
 touching people  
 feeling warm  
 I wonder if, maybe, there is a conference

Yes  
 there was fun and highs with people  
 song and dance  
 finding someones head in my hands  
 Running around with shoes or other  
 items removed.  
 Though  
 I see, I am Here  
 This is Bar Harbor Maine  
 Isolated America in the Fall  
 All Those faces, places, lovers, and friends  
 are separated from me.  
 And as I've always known  
 I am alone  
 Working towards Love and God through the  
 Uniqueness of my physical Self existence  
 I know that there will always be people  
 when I do feel in touch  
 And there will always be good  
 memories of the times I've enjoyed so  
 much with All You Folks.

-Jeffrey Stuart Weis !!!



Starwonder: A view

6/19/77

a nameless perspective...a vision of unity...  
 a known perspective...of chaos...  
 a collage and consolidation...  
 a bright hope gleaming in the eye of the beginning atom...  
 all the people, places, things, noises, sights, minds, thoughts...  
 a mishmash in unification...  
 Starstruck...the sound of the universes existing...  
 swirling interrelationships the vortex, myself...  
 unity and chaos reaching...(for each other)  
 Singing bird of the sacred heart...(?)....(1)  
 a continent wide set of intersections...  
 wishing to become the centre part...

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# POETRY

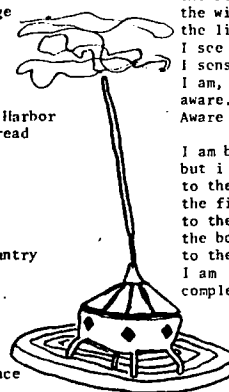
## Nirvana

I am one.  
 The world and universe flow  
 within me,  
 and I within them.  
 My consciousness stretches outward,  
 embraces everything;  
 it expands with the vastness of the universe,  
 it flows with the gentle winds,  
 it rides on the crests of waves.  
 Everything is united through me  
 as I am united through everything.

The mountains are my shadows,  
 the streams are my blood,  
 the winds are my breaths,  
 the light is my thoughts.  
 I see all, I feel all, I know all,  
 I sense all, I breathe all.  
 I am, for the first time in my life,  
 aware.  
 Aware of the beauty that surrounds me.

I am but one wave in the ocean of life,  
 but I am that wave which unites the ocean  
 to the sand,  
 the fish  
 to the shore,  
 the boat  
 to the harbor.  
 I am  
 complete.

-Brenda Holmes 2/10/76



## Time: here now

with a friend...taken my hand...and I take friends'...  
 energy exchanged through palms and fingers...  
 we together...synergize...and validate the spark...  
 we will see how far unity road reaches...  
 in the place that joy and happiness mark...  
 it needs no explaining...just feeling...  
 wordless, each gazes harmoniously at the other...  
 personality tendrils intertwine...and merge...  
 just for a moment, we descend/ascend/scatter into one...  
 Time/No Time...infinity crammed into minutes...  
 and silently, our mutual tides surge...  
 and we are dreamers dreaming a reality...  
 we are realities realizing a dream.

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# U-USM: a personal view

by John Atadan

I am losing much high value in my respect for Unitarian Universalists, both on the whole and individually. I've been a member of the Unitarian Universalist denomination for the last three-quarters of my twenty year life. This loss of value stems mainly from a lack of depth in philosophical thought on the part of many U-Us. It seems that the average U-U's way of life controls their religion, instead of their religion controlling their way of life. Lack of philosophical thought is an ever present problem which must be recognized.

As I recall my days of Sunday School, the most prominent memories are of filmstrips with records, telling me of other religions; how they started, the bloody spread or decline, the holidays, bizarre costumes, and peculiar lifestyles. They never seemed to tell us why. Why does any person have any reason to believe any differently than any other? Why is religion so ominous to homo-sapiens? Is it solely because of GOD? Why is the human race here? Now don't misunderstand me, I think the question "Why am I here?" did come up once or twice, but there was no real motivation for thought. I realized this to be true with most of my classmates. We looked on "Why?" as a chore, like math, and so we tossed about paper airplanes.

Philosophy, until recently, has always been a part of my herocabulary, rather than vocabulary. Herocabulary is a word I made up for words that I recognize the definition of, and use them on occasion, but I don't really understand them because I haven't experienced it. Words like existentialism and nirvana are herocabulary for most people. Dishonesty and hurt are two common vocabulary words. Philosophy, however, for myself, was herocabulary until I "woke up" (woke up implies being more aware of myself).

I believe that many Unitarian Universalists are taking too long to "wake up" if they ever do so. It may be easy to blame it on a lack of interest on the children's part (we all were children at one point, many of us still are too!), but I think it's easier to blame it on a lack of belief, conviction, understanding, and emphasis on the part of the elders. They, like children, treat Sunday School like public school; like math and history. Where's the philosophical thought and understanding? It seems to practically have been replaced by nothing, leaving a void of thought.

I see trends in the church that lead me to believe that the church flows with the political times in America. Lately it's been a more liberal attitude. Liberal in relation to women (the women's movement

which has lost alot of its spark), sex, and war. Shouldn't you form these attitudes before it reaches the time when you are forced to deal with a situation? If not, many times the attitudes are formed by society's pressures within and without the church, rather than deep personal thought.

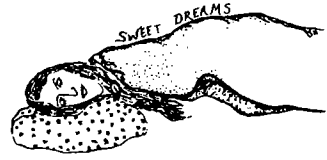
Unitarian Universalists are not forced to think deeply, as much as forced to make more momentary type decisions. The church does not instigate new thought in many areas, but where does the new thought plant its roots?

When I say I'm losing "high value" in my respect for Unitarian Universalists, I want you to realize that I respect everyone. "High value" respect for U-Us now appears to be an illusion I was giving myself, caused partially by misunderstandings, to make me feel better about myself. I was more close-minded than I realized or cared to admit. I have been trapped in the Accept-Reject Speed Thought (ARST) patten, which we learn at an early age. The idea behind ARST is that we can make a good, sound decision, quickly, without really thinking about it. Acceptation and rejection are definites, and when said in a definite tone of voice, you can even fool yourself into thinking that you know what you're talking about. Fooling other people is an easy thing, especially when you surround yourself with yourself. ARST is taught in a very subtle way. When we are young and innocent, we are taught what is good and bad, without having the reasons for why it is so asked or explained. Something is good. Something is bad. Yelling by a child (for no apparent reason to the parent) often brings on a response similar to "Stop that this instant!" from the parent. Yelling is bad. Watching too much T.V., bed-time, dinnertime, writing on walls, and raising hands in class are all examples of how ARST is taught. Because it is such a basic thing in most everyone's life, most everyone does it. Rejecting the establishment, long hair, marijuana, war, public education (i.e. History has no bearing on my life now), and rock and roll music are commonly rejected speed thoughts. Some commonly accepted speed thoughts are Van Gogh paintings, alcohol, and "Wow, I'm in love!". I believe that many people fall flat on their face, and make happiness a much more difficult goal to achieve because of ARST. It is rumored among many reliable sources that I have been compared to Charlie Manson by a respected member of my church. I believe that this is a result of ARST.

Progressive thinking, this is another phrase of mine. Unfortunately, it may very easily become part of many people's herocabulary. Progressive thinking is thought that stems from the very basics of thought and progresses to the thought at hand. The idea is to make very basic decisions about yourself, nature, humankind, and all of what is unknown. Sometimes decisions are difficult, but you must build logically around the undecided. When a decision is made to fill a gap, it is time to restructure the basics, appropriately, in your life. From these basic thought-beliefs stems the answers to many questions. Progressive questions, thoughts, and answers is like building an evergrowing, complex house of blocks. Progressive also means that you should be readily adaptable to

change. Adaptability causes a change in answers as new questions arise, due to an open mind and a desire to be progressive. I've lost a lot of "high value" in my respect for U-Us because I think that many of them, who do not know what their beliefs are and are not thinking about them, are hiding behind impressive sounding phrases. Phrases like "Unitarian Universalists believe in what they will. I don't think I believe in God, but I keep an open mind" or "I believe in the good of man... uh, I mean... humankind" or "I believe in myself."

Phrase users #1 - Everyone believes in what they will. How much have you really thought about God? Do you really have an open mind? Phrase users #2 - What is the good of humankind? Why is humankind? Phrase users #3 - Define self in deep thought, for yourself, not your neighbor. You don't have to prove anything to anyone, more than to yourself.



I don't like to think that Unitarian Universalism is geared towards the rich in money and the lazy in mind, but I sometimes do. Maybe I have too much of an overwhelming desire to meet people with deep thoughts. Hey, isn't humankind the lowest form of life with the ability to think? Isn't thought a human need? If it is, then start thinking out your own thoughts. Who knows, it might keep you from getting bored someday! Replies are welcome and desired.

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## "Yes, Virginia, There are Winter Boards" by Danny Gediman

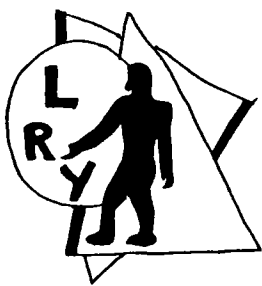
Yes-siree-bob folks, once again the Youth of Liberal Religion hath spake. On the 26th of December through the 1st of January, the LRY Board of Directors met in Evanston, Illinois to form, review, and/or change policies of this corporation.

Many important things were accomplished at these meetings. There were reports from federation liasons, the Executive Committee, Judiciary Committee, Continental Conference Committee, Executive Committee Continuity person, the continental YAC, and the SCOVP report among others. The Board voted to postpone any change in the decision on the ageism and Moderator proposals passed at Summer Boards '77 until this years' Summer Board meetings. The Board also voted to encourage fieldtripping within their federations.

It was voted that this years' Judiciary, Executive, and Continental Conference committees write formal continuity reports for their successors to assure better and smoother continuity.

Considerable time was spent during the course of the meetings discussing the report of the Special Committee on Youth Programs (this will be discussed at length in the next issue) and the Tom Greenspon proposal (discussed at length in the previous issue). All in all much was accomplished and a good time was had by all. Chow!

LOST at Continental Conference: One faded jean jacket with an upside down flag with a "Custer had it coming" patch in the center of the flag. We went through alot and I miss that jacket- it's good for a hug and a thanks (gladly pay postage). Send to: Mick Levine; 250 N. Forest Ave.; Oak Park, Ill. 60302



This here is the old LRY symbol, abandoned in 1974 because of it's sexist implications. At that point there were attempts to create a new symbol but no conclusion was ever met. Therefore, at the 1977 Summer Boards a directive was made to find a new symbol. This directive hopes to provide an expression of the spirit of LRY in one specific art form we can all relate to.

The symbol will be printed in our Creative Contributions issue. Contributions are welcome anytime up till our deadline June 1. At that point you will be free to vote on the symbol of your choice. Results will be presented at the Summer Board meetings 1978 where a final decision shall be made. Please send symbols to:

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The following is a list of all the LRY local group contacts (affiliated and unaffiliated with federations). Included is a list of federation executive committees. By this list it is apparent that a great number of LRY locals are not affiliated with federations. That's really too bad, because federations can act as very good support systems for LRY locals. It's simple for locals to get together, write a constitution, elect officers, and thus become a federation. Continental LRY would be glad to lend a hand in this process. Then, having a common bond, locals can share times together with each other as one group, as a federation.

The great number of unaffiliated locals shows that many field trippers for federations aren't doing their job, either on the fed or the regional level. Field trippers are responsible for starting new locals and existing locals. Continental liaisons are members of an executive committee, a regional committee, and the LRY continental board. One of the responsibilities of regional committees is to lend a helping hand to other feds in the region that are in trouble. Regions also form good support systems for federations.

The complete structure of LRY works very effectively, keeping feds and locals healthy, if LRYers would put a more genuine effort into keeping it together. Please, everyone,

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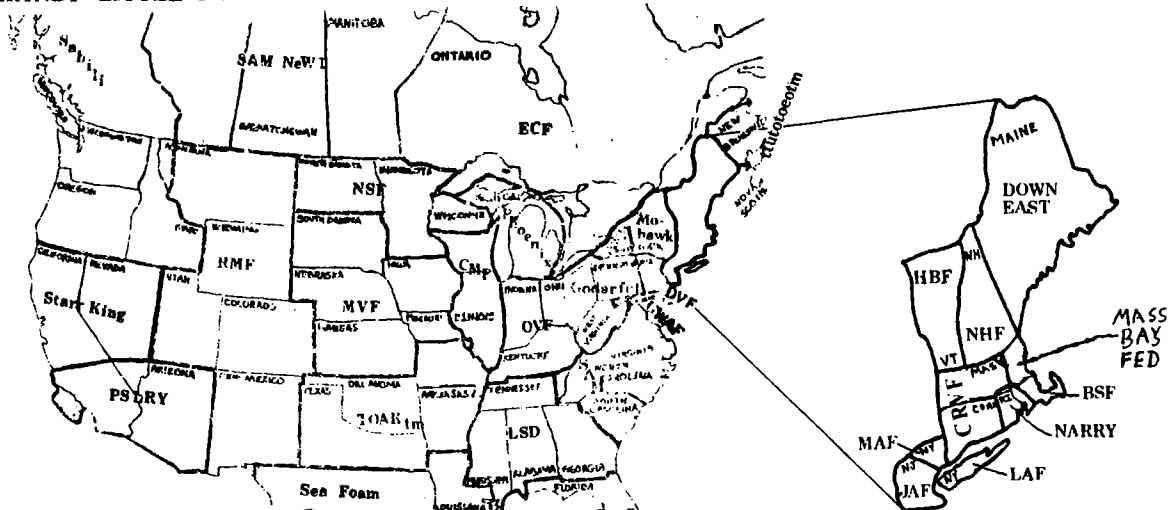
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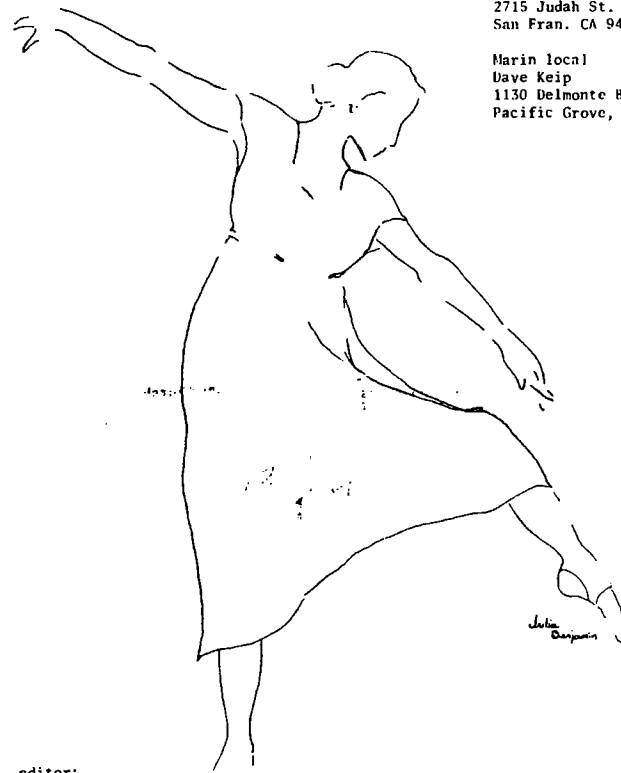
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