

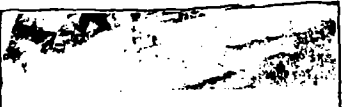
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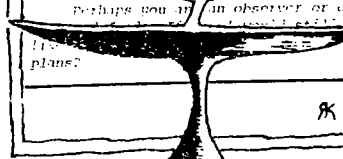
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Ntan Meyer, Midwest life is  
great! I'm now closer to your  
Indiana headquarters. Need your  
address and a letter from you.  
Bob Locke, 1237 Dartmouth Rd.  
Flossmore, Ill 60422

Dear Everyone,  
I am going to be thumbing around  
this summer out west. If anyone  
would like a visit from a LRY'er  
who is really into people, life,  
esp- to use a cliche, etc...OR  
if anyone just wants to write  
me a letter, I would appreciate  
a letter. Cosmic, weather, you  
write'em, I'll read'em & when  
inspired I'll answer 'em. Places  
to stay this summer, heavy  
thoughts, particularly honest  
letters, etc. coupled with some  
writing energy on my part will  
inspire me to write back. I love  
you all. J-ME, BX 1839 N. Campus  
Lowell Univ, Lowell, Ma 01853

Huggies and Kisses to the  
Kangaroo in Phx: I love you.  
O.B.

Stephen A. Loeb,  
Are you still out there  
somewhere? Please write.  
I miss you. Fran from OPIK

To all my children: JonPerg  
Greg Davis Diane Ohman (and  
grandchild to be) Greg Johnston  
yourdad says he'll start sending  
alimony checks but not to me; to  
the baby of the family Greg J.  
So maybe at madison we can have  
a family reunion and he can  
throw us a party. Love mom.

T. BEAR TOILETSTONE, KAREN C.K.,  
CRAIGEN, WILLIAM F. THERESE,  
MR. MARCUS SHELLUS, BETHIEL, &  
the CME OMBUSPERSON: Power  
freaking is the way to elitism;  
elitism is the way to nirvana.  
See you there. yo mama

Dear BH I'll try to eat better  
in the future so I can stay  
healthy for you. Love and Kiss-  
ses Bill

Lawrence, K.C. Lincoln etc.  
I love you, write me. My  
address is in the other person-  
al. love, Penny

FLASH: I'm looking for some  
male fellow LRY'er with whom I  
can discuss Wordsworth, Coler-  
idge, Tennyson, etc. and who  
likes the Lord of the Rings  
and/or The Chronicles of Narnia.  
It would also be lovely if this  
person appreciated folks like  
Mark Twain, Charles Dickens,  
Arthur C. Doyle, Bram Stoker,  
Hugh Lofting, Richard Bach,  
Kenneth Grahame, Hans Christian  
Anderson and Baroness Orczy. I  
am probably barking up the  
wrong subculture, but I hope  
you're out there somewhere.  
Write me, or contact me by ESP  
at: 3407 Claremont Ave., Indep-  
endence, Mo 64052. I'm a member  
of the K.C. Mo. LRY, so if you  
want to find me, I'll be hangin'  
around--I'm the girl with the  
long blond hair and long green  
trench coat. Nelvin.

Brian Howard: Claudia was sent  
your message. She is a busy-  
womaa. Emily Nalven

The Tickler,  
Your line of work is not so  
favorable, thought of becoming  
the lover, the kisser?

Lauren McBeth: I'm alive and  
well(are you?) Heard you moved  
and need your address. (always  
remember that night CMT) Love,  
Bob Locke

Where is Cecil?  
Chomp, Chomp, Chomp



tym, cathy, phil+ and how are  
you? yea, now you too can have  
your own personal in People  
Soup, in just three easy lessons  
stacey

hey, denizens of the dark and  
nemotodes of the night...do you  
trip on paper clips? do you take  
an occasional pot shot? Well,  
if you do... we want to know  
you!! where you're at, and wots  
happenin'... if you want to  
know about us: write to:  
Aragorn M. thirander  
146 E. Stadium 227 Schilling  
W. Lafayette, In 47906

Jeff B. Where the fuck are you?  
Emily

Cathy & Kyle- What a surprise!  
well, everyone should have a  
personal in their first People  
Soup. (Clam Chowder, perhaps)  
stay free and never forget the  
Polar Bear Express or the  
Rascals in Paradise-stacey

To all who were at Cont. Conf.  
in North Carolina: I feel pretty  
shitty right now because it has  
taken me so long to take care  
of this situation. I borrowed a  
braided leather belt from a girl  
in cabin 1 for a get-together  
on the last night of the con-  
ference, and I would like to  
return it (finally). I was the  
one with the green pickup truck.  
Anyways, please forgive me and  
don't be too mad (it's a fine  
belt). So if you lost a braided  
leather belt: please send me  
your name and address to me.

Whew. now that that is taken  
care of, I'd like to tell you  
that I've been out of touch for  
quite awhile and would like to  
get back in touch. So, please  
send me all kinds of cards,  
letters, or what have you so  
that I can get to know you again  
(if I knew you before- even if  
I didn't I'd like to

# PERSONALS



Ben, Distance is a physical  
thing- unavoidable right now.  
Please close the gap by getting  
in touch. Everyone misses you-  
especially me. love, rachel

To all concerned: I am living in  
a different home. My address is:  
1140 Martine Ave. Plainfield,  
N.J. 07060 I hope to hear from  
someone. Emily

Colorado, Utah, New Mexico & the  
Spot: Fulfillment is the state  
of being bel(l)ied in the base-  
ment during full moons. So to  
you Love and lizards, Arizona

Weasel- this is just to let you  
know I haven't forgotten you  
exist. May your fingers always  
have a guitar to fondle. Love  
Horizon

Hey Therese 2 you foxy lady  
wanna go swimming with me in  
our own ice skates? (Just kid-  
ding) Glad you were there, love  
Cathy (future board member)

Hi Me!! How are ya?- Horizon

Dear Jeff from Del. Boy do I  
feel like a klutz! When ten-  
nifer & I picked you up at the  
Dayton airport on your way to  
Antioch a few weeks ago, we  
thought you looked kind of fam-  
iliar. But I feel real dumb say-  
ing stuff like "Gee, don't I  
know you from somewhere?" so  
I didn't. S, how have you been  
since we both met you at Conti-  
nental two summers ago? Bill

Eeyore,  
I hope he's not wearing them!  
I'm both, want some candy?  
with a little help from my  
friends.

Happy Jack Taylor, Eben Holden,  
photography service St.  
Lawrence. Harald, ode, laurie,  
pep. Garcia is god  
If Garcia is god, Billy's is  
heaven.

"I did not, forget to say,  
I love you" Jerry Rubin  
love Embee

Betsy (last name?)  
Are you keeping  
the faith? Well  
don't: share it.  
Give some to Karen  
Eric



Linda Bendt, I lost touch with  
you and miss you dearly. Please  
write, or anybody knowing where  
I can reach Linda please write.  
Penny (Waters) Gilbert  
1342 Milwaukee St. #6  
Denver, CO 80206

KKK- i'm trying a new set of  
wings and can't quite get them  
adjusted exactly the way I want.  
Wish you were here-it's your  
feather missing. i love you-  
rachel

Smiles Chestnut, Lets get to-  
gether sometime soon and talk,  
will you be at Easter D.B.C.?  
I need you.

To Stephen Linhart. I have some-  
thing to tell you so here it is:  
Happy Birthday to you, Happy  
Birthday to you, Happy Birthday  
dear Stephen, Happy Birthday to  
you! Please Call me, I have  
alot to tell you. Love & Kisses  
ME

Sigrid: Where are you? I love  
you. Rick Knowlton

Lia McCoo, Milo M. & Johnny,  
I remember it all so well.  
Please write!! Bobbi Hall  
6495 S. Clarkson St. Little-  
ton, Co. 8012'



Hi Holly Smith of the Phoenix  
AZ. Local! Cathy from Urbana

Chesh, well folks look what I  
forgot,  
Our local isn't really all that  
bad, we proved that. You saved  
me more than once, Much thanx  
and hugs and kisses,  
(tweet tweet)

Love,  
Kevin Redding  
300-Fairlane Apartment # 28  
Dearborn, Mich. 48128

After June 1st  
Box 5399-D Route # 3  
Grayling, Mich. 49738



Many times an issue of *People Soup* will have a plea for articles, information, and graphics. The reason for these pleas is that LRY's newspaper needs input from its readership. The Executive Committee could be only a newspaper staff and spend all of its time on *People Soup* - but that isn't its purpose. *People Soup* isn't the Executive Committee's, it belongs to all LRYers. Because we wonder how many people truly feel that their input is valuable, because we wonder how many people just aren't sure what sort of input we want, because people ought to know the reasons why LRY has a newspaper -- we thought that we would let you know.

1) COMMUNICATION- A channel for relating experience with workshops, programs, problems and the solutions used that will be useful to others rather than just reading material.

2) ARTICLES BASED ON THE THEME OF THE PARTICULAR ISSUE- such as the next issue's theme of sexuality.

3) ARTICLES TO INFORM- such as social issues like Senate Bill 1. These are more objective, hopefully, than what is classified in the Biofeedback pages.

4) ENTERTAINMENT- poetry, personals, and the artwork.

5) BIOFEEDBACK- interchange of opinions on certain issues that pertain to the world at large or more specifically, LRYers.

6) FED'S UPS AND DOWNS- announcements about federation or local activity, including conference information.

We hope that this helps to clarify a few minds and encourages some of you not so brave souls to try out your writing ability. (It is shocking to realize that from a readership numbering more than 5000 that so little trickles in to us to print. Interesting fact- we print almost everything we receive and yet there is never enough.) If you can do it for your classes then I'm sure you can do it for the Soup. Try us, we'll like it. If you have any questions or you'd like to try out some ideas on us before beginning-- just write to LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108.

just us typewriters,  
Jennifer, Gary, Carlotta, Richard



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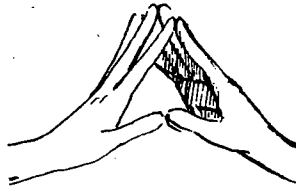
-- Jennifer

Remember the insert in your last Soup? If you didn't get this issue of *People Soup* and you want to be sure that you receive a copy of the next issue -- SEND YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, AND BIRTHYEAR TO LRY 25 BEACON ST. BOSTON, MA 02108

Also, if your household receives more copies than are of use -- let us know. If you have moved or are planning to do so -- send us your old and new address. The post office will not forward *People Soup*. We spend money on a Soup that is destroyed and you don't get it.

We want you, the people who are interested, to have *People Soup*, but that depends on you to let us know who you are and where.

The next issue of *People Soup* will have the theme of sexuality. We would like ideas and contributions from you folks. What is relevant to you? Do you know of some good resources- books, organizations, collectives that people would find useful? Have you been exposed to the UUA's About Your Sexuality curriculum kit? What are constructive ways of learning and accepting your sexuality? You know all the questions, let's work on some of the answers. (By the way, this will not be true confessions but rather a series of articles that deal constructively with the issues of sexuality.) Please send material for the next issue by the 21st of MAY.



## YOUTH CAUCUS

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

is a fast moving and exciting gathering. People from across the U.S. and Canada come together as representatives of their churches/fellowships to form the decision making body of the UUA. Elections, resolutions, by-law amendments are all part of the business considered. Carefully balanced into the week are workshops and seminars by various groups and individuals. Swimming, dancing and worships are amongst the more active events. There is always a high-energy skipping through all whether it be at a plenary session or the final night's celebration.

Why youth caucus at GA?

- for youth to experience and learn about the Association and its Assembly, as representatives of their societies.
- to allow youth to have input into decisions that affect them as well as the rest of the denomination
- to make this decision-making body more representative of its denomination
- to increase positive interaction between people of all ages at the annual gathering of the denomination
- to provide an example/model for all people to draw energy/ideas from to carry back to their local societies and districts.

Daily youth caucus meetings will allow individuals to be supportive of each other during a new and intensive experience. A time to share ideas and experiences as well as information. A day of orientation, the 21st, will provide an introduction to the Assembly and a time to begin developing a strong cooperative relationship between individuals of the caucus. This will be an all-day happening with meals provided. All who can are encouraged to take part, so we will have built a center to work from when the Assembly begins.

WRITERS IN THE FIELD ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR -- INTERESTED?? The purpose of having writers is to guarantee input for the Soup from sources other than the Executive Committee. A contract is developed between the writer and the Executive Committee. It includes how much and what type of work shall be expected each month. In return for their contribution is a token salary of \$10 per month. An ideal experience for individuals wanting to explore their writing potential.

Note: These writers' work does not replace contributions from readers, it is a supplement.

Volume III Issue 4 announced that all contributions until June 7th will be eligible to win a half scholarship to Continental Conference in Olympia, WA (there are two of these prizes, each of \$27.50 credit towards pre-registration). The method of choosing the "winners" will be random and not on the basis of judging for quality. We encourage all to consider this exciting bribery that we are offering in exchange for some of your wonderful creative works. If you are wanting to write but are unsure about what, write us of a few of your ideas -- and we will give you our thoughts in return. Photographs should be black and white and any artwork should be black ink on white paper.

What have you got to lose, the worst that could happen is you would get published for all the world to admire.

### Are We Ever the Right Age?

If all people are born equal, then why are some treated less equal according to their age? Why do people feel that someone of a particular age is worth more? Why do we allow people of one age to exercise their dominance over others? Why should anyone be denied their rights as a person? Am I less of a person if I am 3 years old, 15, 36 or 78?

Discrimination based on age is a very oppressive attitude towards all people. As a youth you are stifled and told to "wait until you are older." And suddenly you are too old to do anything, to be listened to, or to be allowed to live. The years in between are spent wishing you were once again of your youth or old enough to have time for this or that.

The ageist attitudes are perpetrated by all and affect us all--yet we persist to believe them. Why has this culture refused to recognize that we are all people with feelings, needs, and talents?

- 1) One agenda item at this year's assembly is an amendment to the UUA By-laws concerning discrimination against individuals because of their age.
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## scholarships

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Perhaps you are an observer or do not need funds. If so, I would still like to hear from you. What are your plans?

R

# BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

Dear Friends? --an open letter to the editors of People Soup

#1. I'm pissed off; I feel you put down me and everyone else who works hard for social change, hours that are often difficult and thankless. Let me quote your editorial in the last People Soup: "Obviously there is an inconsistency in some people's energy and motivation. There are people who will rant and rave about an issue, participate in consciousness raising, then say that they are too busy with surviving the world as it is." The editorial then mentions (I think condescendingly) what "these people" should do.

I have no objection to you criticizing people for saying one thing and doing another ("liberalism"), in fact, it's a good idea (though what was it doing in the middle of an editorial about the official non-political purpose of LRY?). I think those inconsistencies should be pointed out in a context that 1) directly communicates that there are people (like myself) who really are committed to social change, as well as these "summer soldiers", 2) deals with the reasons people have little energy for social action (such as sexism/racism in the left, or real needs to survive that energy drain)--rather than putting them down as mixed-up people who need to get their heads together, 3) encourages people to become more committed to social action rather than dismisses the energy they do have as "ranting and raving".

The problem of "liberalism" is a serious one, but is not constructively dealt with by publishing paragraphs such as the one in that editorial.



#2. I'm also pissed that you published without comment the letter that dismisses Senate Bill #1's chance of passing in the Legislature. The letter contains mis-information that could be damaging to attempts to organize LRYers against the Bill. First of all, SB-1 is will certainly not pass. But the issue is whether or not it can be amended. Most liberals in Congress feel that if you take out a few sections that blatantly revoke the Bill of Rights, it's a workable and passable bill.

The people against SB-1 are saying it's impossible to satisfactorily amend it, that it's too huge a document to amend. The National Lawyers' Guild estimates that it would take over 1,000 amendments to take out all the repressive features in the bill; that, the problem is partly the philosophy (written by John Mitchell among others) behind it that's found on every single page in the subtlest of forms, that even if it were amended, the amendments currently before the Senate (as of March 1976) are recognized by its supporters as cosmetic and do not include changing many important sections. For example, the section remains that prohibits protest near a government building, or obstruction of national defense--such as striking at a munitions factory; I could go on with examples for a very long letter.

And "even if the Bill managed to pass" (very possible) once the bill became law it would be impossible to reverse--it would have to be done piece by piece, case by case--since it would no longer exist as a separate entity, we would be dealing with the entire legal

code of the United States. That means that by the time even major implications were discovered by the public and courts, and by the time they were declared unconstitutional, many many people would have suffered, many social actions thwarted, repression would be in force that would make the McCarthy era look like a rightist's toy gun.

Clearly if you are going to publish as formed a letter as the one on SB-1, you have a responsibility to your readers to also provide a more accurate account of the situation. This is our civil liberties, our fight against repression, not some journalism game; there is no such thing as neutrality. Publishing that letter without comment only serves the interest of Nixon, Ford, and the reactionary forces in this country.

liv

Dear liv,  
Upon my first reading of your letter, I became very defensive and decided that dealing with its subjects through the Soup was not appropriate. But I changed my mind:

1) I do not understand why you feel my statement "These people need to set their priorities and spend their time and energy accordingly," is condescending. To clarify: That statement was made in reference to the observation that those people who act contradictory to their talk must be unclear about their priorities.

2) I do agree with you that it would have been wise to directly recognize that there are people who do work hard at social change. I feel that to have also added a positive paragraph, that encouraged people, would have been more constructive.

3) I must state that I fail to see how you felt put down by my not having constructively dealt with the problem of "liberalism".

Secondly: The "biofeedback" pages are for dialog between LRYers. This office already writes a tremendous percentage of the Soup and does not feel that it is our responsibility to answer letters from and to LRYers. No matter what our reactions to the opinions expressed in that letter were, we felt that the response had to come from our readers. We have published articles in the Soup giving correct information about SB-1, including the extensive backpage coverage in the December issue (which is what provoked Geoff Gavett's letter in issue 3).

The Soup has informed its readers, and will continue to do so--but personal opinions such as Geoff Gavett's must be responded to by folks like you.

Jennifer



Dear Folks,

About 30 miles east of Key West, and just north of Big Pine Key, there is an island called No Name Key. It is almost entirely uninhabited. The reason it is uninhabited is that 10 years ago the government discovered Key deer on the island and declared it a wildlife refuge. This meant people couldn't build or develop the land. So, most people didn't really want to live there. They stopped paying taxes and gradually the land is reverting back to the government. These facts aren't too interesting until you find out they create a peculiar legal situation where-in it is quasi-legal to camp.

Between 8 and 12 people from the Northeast region are planning to move to No Name Key on June 1. We will stay 4 weeks and possibly longer. It will be camping out and living pretty near off the land and sea. One of the people going is trained in Wilderness and Island survival.

Anyhow, this is an invitation to join us. Keep in mind the living conditions and the quasi-legal state. Anyone interested write.

MDA Southbound  
21 Calvin Street  
Somerville, MA  
617/628-3312

Dear People Soup,

Holly Near and Jeff Langley came to Boston for two shows last week. Their performance concentrated on material from her most recent albums. Her new material includes fewer "social consciousness" songs and more songs focusing on a slice-of-life. "Broken Promises" is one of only two protest songs on her new album. Her other songs speak more of her perceptions of various facets of interpersonal relations, often with a feminist view.

Holly had good rapport with her audience throughout the show. She and Jeff have been playing together for three years and communicate very well with each other and their audience, creating a joyous rapport of sheer enjoyment. Holly has good stage sense and uses her body, face, and vocal inflections as well as the words and music to send her message to the crowd.

I enjoyed her live versions of songs from her new album more than the orchestrated studio versions--perhaps due to the familiarity and added intensity of her live sound. Holly encouraged audience participation, even going so far as to create a three part round during "Nikolai". Her second number, "Water Come Down", which she obviously enjoyed alot, set the tone of the concert. Two and a half hours later as Holly's encore "It could Have Been Me" began, the whole audience rose to its feet to sing and clap along. The house lights went up to reveal a sea of shining, singing smiling faces. The concert generated a lot of positive energy.

for her albums  
write to:

Holly Near information,  
c/o Redwood Records  
505 Doolin Canyon  
Ukiah, Calif. 95482

Glenn Cooper

...Idea...  
to get, follow a few of my thoughts which have been... in my head... and are now sufficiently well thought out... thoughts and experiences and do not typify LRY as a whole (as if anything does).

Sexuality in LRY doesn't seem to get much attention in this paper, but I think it's a pretty important subject (everyone I know is interested in it). Obviously, 'sexuality' is something most teenage people are trying to deal with, and personally, I would have had an infinitely harder and more painful time with it if I hadn't been involved with LRY.



I started sorting out my feelings about sex in a course through my church using a UUA Human Sexuality kit. Most of us weren't into LRY yet. We developed into an open trusting group which turned into a local. We got into subjects that I was sure could never be discussed without the greatest embarrassment. During one discussion of masturbation, I was amazed to find I could be sitting there with a group of people I didn't even know, calmly talking about "it". At different points we saw slides on homosexuality and a really beautiful film of a couple making love in a field, all of which utterly fascinated me, being completely innocent in this realm. I noticed that it satiated my desire to sneak into porno films to see what all the excitement was all about. Every time I discovered that previously sensitive subjects actually could be discussed openly in a group, something clicked in my head. I began to experience sexuality as a common human phenomenon instead of some mysterious force to be ignored whenever possible.

I feel that the general attitude I've seen in LRY is indisputably healthier than the average of our society. I take it so much for granted now that I forget how different it is. At my first conference, I noticed people subtly (or not so subtly) pairing off, some of it sexual and some of it just to sleep together. Some people slept alone, some curled up in a huge lump of sleeping bags and bodies. Everything seemed to be accepted and I was impressed by the way no one pushed me into anything. Suddenly, the public high school morality of women as conquests/"whores"/ego reinforcements and men as conquerors/"wolves"/status symbols was inapplicable. The attitudes toward contraceptives was good. Everyone seemed to be aware and not doing anything stupid.

With no one whispering behind my back and no parental eyes/trips on me, there was a lot of frightening freedom and decisions. Nothing covert was pros-uring re. I saw suddenly that this was my body, these are my actions, my responsibilities. My response was to reevaluate my programmed attitudes, and to learn to handle the freedom.

I see now that I would have had to assume this power over my life at some time, and I'm really glad that I was able to start then. Problems only multiply when someone is forced to deny their feelings, follow the dictates of society and wait till the arbitrary age of 18 to explore themselves as sexual/sensual beings.

New subject.

I really like LRY customs of touching, despite the fact that they can be games. It was great to discover that I could touch my friends, hug them, tickle them, pile on them with 20 others and dance around in circular amoebas.

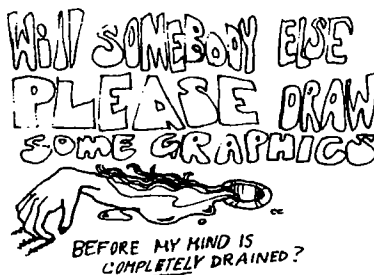
What a change from appologizing every time I brushed someone! It was easier to comfort people, to reach out. The atmosphere made me feel generally better about my body and its functions.

-I spent a long time feeling that LRYers were intrinsically superior to the general population. Aren't we more intelligent, sensitive, free, loving, creative and accepting? LRYers didn't play games, didn't push for conformity to social norms. I got disturbed when the organization started going down hill and angry that it wasn't involved in social actions. But I've been steadily losing my "holier than thou" attitude (a process called cynicism). Amazingly enough, we aren't all that liberated. There is lots of veiled sexism, roles and games. But I feel we are generally open to new ideas and breaking down old patterns. I see more and more LRY men caring and being supportive of each other for an example.

I feel that personal growth/awareness/exploration is the central factor in LRY that makes it valuable and ties together the great variety of experiences. Nothing that is designed to make the LRY organization function better or more efficiently is as important as the growth of the individuals. If you leave a position of leadership, you're just leaving it open for someone else to learn from it. This applies to all levels and is the reason that we don't eject our leaders for 5 year terms. Also for this reason, I'm no longer concerned about the lack of social activism in LRY as a group, because it is only relevant to the experiences of individuals (aside from the obvious benefit to society). We have such a high turnover rate it would be hard to get anything accomplished as an organization anyway.

I find a beneficial way of looking at LRY is as a tool, a safe environment in which you can grow and nurture yourself. It's some thing to help you and then let go of for someone else. You work for it and it works for you. You use it, it uses you, but you are always more important.

Much, much love,  
Cathy C.



Dear Y'all,

In reading letters in People Soup I discover many people with communications problems; some despair, others are hopeful some do not acknowledge that the problems exist. I sympathize with you all, I have the same problem; many conversations appear superficial, silly, or extraneous. Even my own words are dull and permit only a cursory view of real feelings. I often attempt to write poetry, the interesting thing is that some things will not be squeezed from my shangri-la into the boxes of reality. I have never been able to write about the sea although whenever I am at the beach my mind joins my body and I would run, brushing the sand with my palms and heart, but I cannot, alas, thwarted-unrequited creativity.

Endavoring to communicate with LRYers I felt abandoned, I heard sentences learned by rote, actions simulating the world's view of LRY. Later I was "kic'ed-out" (virtually literally - I had no options although I could have stayed) by several "bigs" of the church for causing trouble. This letter is not suppose to be a vengeful letter at all, I guess I don't have a real reason to write it except to let y'all know there's another one of us non-communicators out here.

Trying hard,  
Valerie Merkel



Dear NSFers, Dear Hpl.local, Dear Steve Stryk - whom I had my heaviest encounter with; When I first came into LRY I was amazed at the fact that everyone was not afraid to (love) communicate with each other through touc... I was blown away thinking that touch even as evolved as sex was free in LRY. In other words if you wanted to express your love towards a person there were no barriers. I thought what a beautiful concept, how free. These people were strong enough to not be afraid to express their love and friendship through all means, even sex.

Sadly I found a different story, maybe it was because I, myself, wasn't able to express my love and friendship so ultimately. I found that when I expressed my love through sex that love vanished-only sex was left - a physical action that wouldn't make any difference if a person did it with a cow. My idea that you can do it with anyone and get off scott free wasn't true. I lost alot of potential friendships that way, but now that I think about it, these friendships are always difficult to develop. Free sex is here but expressing love through sex freely will be a mind blower for the future.

Love  
Mary Broderson  
2509 Silver Lane  
St. Anthony, Mn. 55421

Dear friends,

Many people who are disillusioned about LRY think of conferences as "pick-up scenes"... Part of the magic I find in LRY is the attention people give each other and the ways it is given. When I get to a conference I look to see a few people I'd really like to meet or get to know better. I'll go up to a person and sort of "present" myself -- maybe say who I am, often starting out with a small riff like, "I was in LRY last year but got a job and left, etc etc." How I act is more important than what I say. A little electric energy blended with an innocent respect can go a long way: little things like a reserved smile, walking quietly across a room to sit next to a new-found friend, softly touching an arm or hand instead of holding on. Gentle ways of saying I really care, on a one to one level. Using a sort of smooth deliberateness in the way I offer my time and attention. Everyone has their own little ways of showing themselves and how they care about others: it's different for each individual. Dancing is using your body and its energy in a smooth, natural way. You could call the "magic" a way of dancing into life: everyone has their own unique dance, and you learn a new step for everyone you know. Sometimes you can tell someone's dance when you see it at a conference, and it's pretty easy to notice when someone is paying a lot of attention to you. There's a kind of "magic" in seeing one person really care about you, watching them "dance" over to you. This isn't about the cigarette-match-backrub-sleeping bag syndrome (which I have yet to see), but sometimes the difference between a "dance" and a "pickup scene" is in the eyes of the beholder.

Bob Davis

# Fed's Ups & Downs

**Bay Shore Fed:** Get ready, get set, for our May 1st activity day at Watson State Park in Taunton, Ma. The cost will be \$3.00 pre-reg. and \$3.50 if you don't. We'll be holding elections at this activity day. It'll be great!! The federation is climbing out of it's hole finally. Come and join us!

**Central Mass.:** Held a conference in Franklin, Ma. on creativity. About 45 people.

**Central Midwest:** is alive, kicking and has a newsletter; "The Jangleresse". Spring Conf. will be in Madison, Wi.

**Connecticut Valley:** March conference in Hartford.

**Delaware Valley:** Early summer conference in Wilmington, De. Theme: "Why can't we get it straight the first time?" May 14-16, \$5.

**Eastern Canadian:** Toronto Easter conference. April 16-19. "Revolution". \$11 pre. reg. 12 if not. Contact: David Montagnes, 412 Brunswick Ave. Toronto, Ont. m5r-2z4

**Godarful:** Spring conference in Columbus, Ohio, April 9-11.

**GWAF:** Triangle conference held April 15-18 in Leesburg, Va.

**Hosea Ballou:** had a conference in March. Small but effective. Elected new officers. For more information: Rachel Becker, 62 S. Union, Burlington, Vt. 05401

**Jersey Area:** nothing was sent in.

**Long Island Area:** See article

**Lower Southern District:** had a conference in Huntsville, Al. in February.

**Metropolitan Area:** a new newsletter, "The MAF Manifestation". Hopefully a spring conference where a new constitution and elections will happen.

**Missouri Valley:** had an intergen in Lincoln, Nebraska in March.

**Narragansett:** Had a conference on "Energy" in Attleboro. Elections were held, and they voted to affiliate.

**Norfolk-Suffolk:** will be holding an early summer conference for all of Eastern Mass. Contact: Bob Davis, 21 Calvin St. Somerville Mass. for more information.

**North Star:** Leadership Training Conference was held March 26-28.

**Ohio Valley:** No one sent anything in.

**Phoenix:** Just put out a mailing list. A new local in Muskegon, and hopefully there will be a conference sometime this spring.

**Pacific Southwest:** Easter camp coming up at deBonneville Pines, "Communication: sharing and understanding". April 12-17.

**Rocky Mountain:** A very active local group in Denver.

**Southern Appalachian Mountains:** is trying to get itself together and enlarged. Planning a conference for late April or early May. We need more members & interested people.

**Seafam:** nothing was sent in.

**South Hildesex:** Planning a conference for sometime in the spring. Contact Kimlin McDaniel, 58 South Rd. Bedford, Ma 01750 for more information.

**Sunco:** Sunco's Easter Conference is five days, April 8-13 in a lake camp. We anticipate it will be a very good conference, as the energy in Sunco has definitely risen a great deal. People are starting to re-ignite interest, after a bad slump around Christmas. Our next conference will be Jacksonville Spring Conference on Memorial Day Weekend.

**TOAK:** June Conference. Theme: Creativity. It will be at Beaver's Bend State Park, Okla. June 6-12. \$33. Contact Amy Hoffman, 901 Wisteria way, Richardson, Tx. 75080

**Starr King:** Easter Conference. April 12-16. Elections were held. They changed the time back 6 hours to heighten the feeling of community.

**Sahili:** No federation structure yet, but a local in Anchorage, Alaska. If anyone else knows anything about the area that encompasses Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska, please write LRY at 25 Beacon.

## SUMMER BORED MEETINGS

What? How many? Where? What goes on at these meetings? Who goes to them? What do they do there? And why? Well, Slow Down! One question at a time!

The Summer Board of Trustee Meetings are being held to conduct all the relevant, redundant, important, superfluous, nonsensical and worthwhile business necessary to the running of LRY. It is the larger of two annual meetings (the other in December) that LRYers go to (for various reasons) and play business executives.

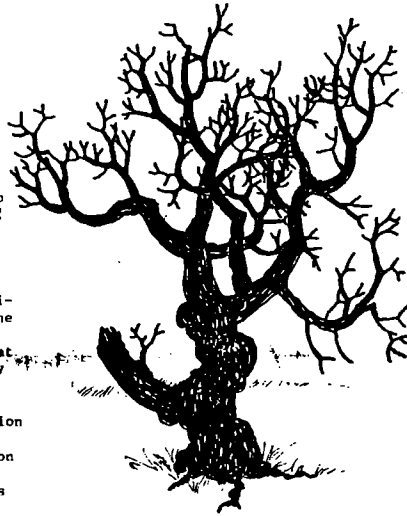
Who goes? Well, it might be you. Federation elections are coming up soon (usually the spring conference) and a Continental Liaison is chosen. This person goes to boards to represent this federation. What they do is participate in the making of and voting on proposals, making of policy and other relevant earthshaking decisions, and election of the Executive Committee. They also eat food, attend special workshops, complain, get spacey, go to a worship service and leave (among other things).

But of course everything must have a reason and Summer Boards is no exception, so you ask Why? Why do people travel from all over the continent to a town like Lincoln, Neb. to attend long meetings, talk business talk, and become one week older? Well, it's always been that way and...ignore that. LRY is, among many other things, a continental organization. All these things (locals, individual LRYers, federations, conferences, hugs, workshops, etc.) are inter-related and they can not exist alone. Large organizations need business meetings to keep them alive and growing. So certain LRYers take the responsibility to work at these meetings so that the other things which are also LRY can continue to grow.

Didn't think a long boring meeting in Nebraska could possibly affect a conference in Florida, huh? Well it can! (Consider yourself forewarned) Confused? Many people are, it's not abnormal.

Whatever all that meant, be advised, that the annual '76 LRY Summer Board of Trustee meetings will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska June 27-August 4 and you can participate. Just dust off that LRY spirit and run for Fed Liaison this spring. LRY has to have your input to remain (or attempt to be) relevant to your needs.

Write to: Gary Decker, c/o LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, for more information or just for something to do.



LAF

"Bye the way, Pat, where are you from?"  
 "Port Washington, Long Island."  
 "Long Island!?!? Hey, what's going on with L.A.F.? I heard there's going to be a conference, etc. etc."

At the past couple of conferences I've been to, this has happened to me and other L.A.F.ers about a million times. A lot of people want to know what is going on with L.A.F. So here it is.

Around September, we had gotten a local together with various people from Port Wash. Great Neck & Manhasset. We had gone to the Flanone Unitarian Church to ask them to sponsor us and were repeatedly turned down so we were meeting at people's houses. At first we were really enthusiastic, but thinking about it now, a little unrealistic. We had wanted to have either a conference in Port Wash. or use a camp, both of which would have been impossible. Around the beginning of Oct. though, we just fell apart. There were a lot of people in our local who had never been to LRY and couldn't really understand "The LRY spirit". The people in our local who had been to LRY were losing the spirit because no one had been to a conference since Croton Fuck Up. I guess we needed our spirits rejuvenated.

As of right now, we are planning a new local meeting sometime after the Rockville, Maryland conference of March 5, 1977. The reason we decided to wait so long to restart our local is that; for the past couple of conferences, we've been bringing a lot of new LRYers with us and now the word, spirit & feeling of LRY is spreading thru our town. Friends who

swore they'd never go to "one of those orgies" are now asking me if they can go to the next JAF conference. People who have just begun to get into LRY are anxious & excited about starting a new local. But best of all, I can see LRY showing up in our day to day life. I see my friend Kathy (who said she'd never be caught dead at a conference until I brought her to Summit) give Jeanette a loving hug. I hear Sara say "Pat, I really love you." And I can feel the spirit of LRY growing in this town.

As for the future, ---well, time will only tell. We are planning on getting together and doing some fund raising and/or community activities. We then would like to go to the Huntington Unitarian Church and ask them if they would sponsor us and let us hold a conference there. We have the people, resources, enthusiasm and the spirit to hold an excellent conference with good workshops (where people can learn and have a good time) but no church.

Friends, we need some help. If anyone could write to us (c/o me!) with any suggestions or just write about anything, please do just that. We would all appreciate it so much. But until our conference (which we will have eventually) you'll all be seeing a lot of Long Islanders at conferences around this area because LAF still lives!! Thank you all so much.

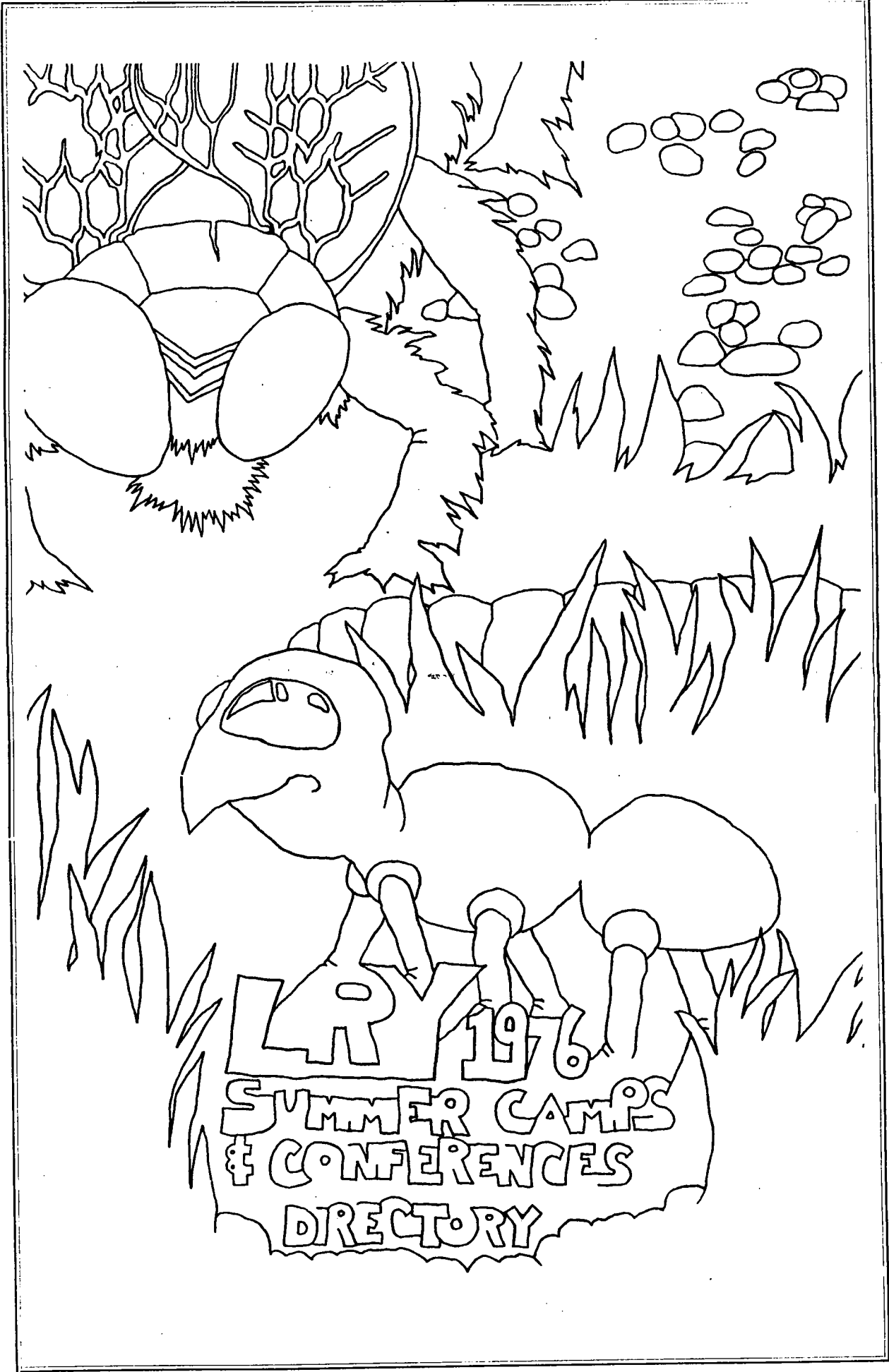
Yours in LRY---  
 Pat Azoto  
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 Port Washington, N.Y.  
 11050

apathy? frustration? boredom?

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- You can also affiliate as a local group or as an individual if your federation doesn't. For more information, see People Soup Vol. 1:11 Issue 4-page 10; or write to:  
 Gary Decker c/o LRY 25 Beacon Street  
 Boston, Mass. 02108



Handwritten numbers  
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to the numbers below

mon	tues	wednes	thurs	fri	satur	sun	notes
31	1	2	3	4	5	6	1-The Brooklea Farm Project is a UU Camp and farm school located on a working dairy farm in the town of Hartford, New York. Organized for the purpose of offering alternative lifestyles and education. June 5-19 Work Camp \$50/week. June 19-August 28 Regular Sessions - one week, each \$7.5/week.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2-General Assembly is the annual convention of the UUA. Representatives from churches/fellowships across the United States and Canada come together to form the decision-making body of the UUA. Youth Caucus is organized for the youth present at the Assembly in Claremont, CA June 21-27.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	3-Homestead is a UU Youth Camp in Palisades Interstate Park, NY. Session 1: June 27-July 22 Session 2: July 23-August 19 Contact Person: Roxanne Kennedy P.O. box 313 Homestead Camp Bowling Green Station NY, NY 10804
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	4-International Religious Fellowship's conference is in Germany July 24-31 People At Play see volume III Issue 3 pg. 18 Contact Person: Fayne Armason c/o 1st Unitarian Church 118 Franklin St. San Francisco, CA 94109
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5-July 4-11. Cost: \$30 pre-reg, \$35 if not pre-reg. Shalamak State Park, Jasonville, Ind. Contact Person: Martha Gipson Box 3 Montmorencie, Ind. 47962
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	6-Annual Business Meeting, July 21-August 1 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Contact: LRY 25 Beacon St. Boston, MA 02108 617-432-1105 ext 370 7-Lyergreen State College, Olympia, WA August 8-14 \$35 (see pg. 12) Contact Person: Doug Webb Route #0, 2 St. Cloud, WA 96301 8-July 14-10, \$50, of which \$20 is due June 1st. Mendocino, CA; see next pg.) Contact Person: James Finley 3823 Windgate Dr Carmichael, CA 95608
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Park Chillicothe, OH. \$45-\$50  
 Contact Person: Laura Shapiro  
 6408 Kentucky Ave.  
 Pitts. PA 15206

10-August 1-5. DeBenneville Pines.  
 Contact Person: Nancy Randall etc.  
 874 Center St. #3 Costa Mesa, CA  
 92627

11-Rove Camp and Conference Center  
 is located in the Berkshires.  
 June 18-21 work week (all ages)  
 June 22-27 Senior High I  
 July 11-July 24 Senior High II  
 July 25-August 14 Junior High  
 Contact Person: Elizabeth Shelley  
 14 1/2 Elm St. Milford, NH 03055  
 603-673-1230

12 August 22-28. Theme: Cooperatives,  
 Collectives etc. Jainesville, MI  
 \$30 must pre-register by June 5  
 (see pg. 11)  
 Contact Person: Rob Fellows  
 Bldg. B rm. 514 TESC  
 Olympia, WA 98505

13 June 26-July 2. Isles of Shoals  
 Portsmouth, NH. Theme: Learning.  
 \$92  
 Contact Person: Gordon O'Hara  
 Sandpoint Road  
 Goose Rocks Beach  
 Kennebunkport, ME 04046

14 June 6-12. Beaver's Bend State  
 Park in southern Oklahoma. \$35  
 Contact Person: Amy Hoffman  
 901 Wisteria Way  
 Richardson, TX 75080  
 214-231-3816

15 June 23-July 2. Camp Betty Hastings  
 Winston Salem, N. Carolina. \$45-\$50  
 (see next pg.)  
 Contact Person: Barbara Dykes  
 923 Park Forest Lane  
 Jacksonville, FL 32211  
 904-725-5298

16 August 28-September 3. \$70  
 Honeywood, Ontario Canada  
 Contact Person: T-Jay  
 268 Aberdeen Ave.  
 Hamilton, Ont. Canada  
 L8P 2R5

17 August 21-28. \$83 Theme: Inter-  
 personal relations. Lowville, NY  
 restricted to those entering  
 11th-12th grades (see next pg.)  
 Contact Person: Jim Garbarino  
 119 Terrace Place  
 Ithaca, NY 14850

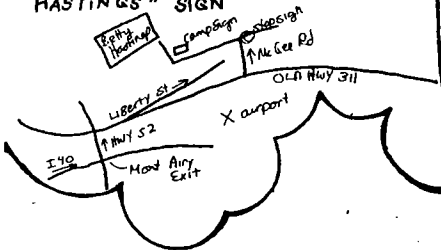
18 June 26-July 2. \$50, send \$10 to  
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 Contact Person: Melissa Barnes  
 2615 64th Ave. N. Mpls, MN 55430  
 612-561-5219

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IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CALENDAR FOR SUMMER 1976 -- HANG UP THIS ONE!!

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One of the lies perpetrated by the dominant American culture is that you have to choose between being realistic and idealistic. Either you accept as reality the basic social, economic and political structures and foundations of our society (as they are at this point in history) or you dream romantic visions of what this world should be like, and never the twain shall meet.

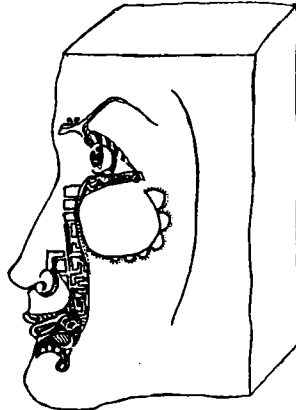
One side of this lie says that "you have to accept things" (which means not work to change things); it runs into cynicism, saying "they're all corrupt"; "you can't change it, so just get comfortable in your own life;" and "even if there were a revolution, it would just be some new people on top in the same old game."

Certainly this viewpoint has its bones to munch on...there is truth to the idea that politicians are almost all corrupt, that you as an individual can't change much, that it's important to take care of yourself and make sure you survive emotionally and physically in this world, and that having a revolution doesn't guarantee an elimination of classes (the split between the rich and the workers), of sexism, racism, ageism or any other oppressive institution, or even guarantee a fundamental change in the economic system (let alone a change for the better).

The other side of this lie says that if you don't like the so-called "realism" you have to act as though the world (or yourself) was already the way you'd like it to be; so you say "I shouldn't feel jealous" and try not to feel jealous, which doesn't deal with the reality that led to your jealous feelings (as if jealousy drops from the sky) and so can't really change things. Or you act as though a few demonstrations are going to change U.S. foreign policy or being nice to everybody you meet is going to foster good will in the world: This viewpoint, too, has its points to argue. When you feel bad about being jealous it's a good idea to not just assume things have to be that way and suffer. To stand up against U.S. involvement in Portugal, Senate Bill-1 (which would revoke most of the Bill of Rights), and other political actions that obviously or insidiously affect your life, is an important thing: it's taking

responsibility for the changes that need to be made in your life and your world. Action is the only way things change.

Both sides run into contradictions, though "Realism" is more than being realistic--it's not acting to make changes or it's working for changes with the short-sighted attitude that perpetuates the basic problems. And so nothing gets solved. "Idealism" doesn't deal with the real situation, and so can effect no changes, no matter how utopian the vision.



If we can steer a course between the two, keep our vision as we work realistically towards it, then we will see changes made towards a world of our creation, our lives under our own control. This applies to everything, from personal matters to creating a people-oriented society. Throughout this process we will err one way or the other, and what the outcome will be depends upon whether or not we correct our mistakes.

We should all make a commitment to these rules and work to follow them. It means putting our ultimate interest ahead of immediate selfishness; it means heading towards a unified committed group, and when that happens, and when other groups do the same, what was once fierce is now tame, what once seemed to be a tiger reveals itself to be made of paper. The world is before us to change.

RULES FOR GROUPS WORKING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE (AND PEOPLE COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER) adapted from Mao Tse Tung's "Combat Liberalism"

1. Criticize each other. It's one of the surest signs of caring. But don't criticize or argue for it's own sake, or attack someone; do it so there will develop a common feeling/agreement of who you are, what you believe, and how you will accomplish your goals. Do it so that work gets done properly and progress is made. "I feel pissed and critical that you're late to this meeting..." or "I disagree with that idea..."
2. Go into differences and do it thoroughly. Letting things slide for the sake of friendship harms both the group and the individual. Unprincipled peace in the long run festers and explodes like an appendix.
3. Criticize publicly instead of privately. Bring your suggestions to the group; it's irresponsible to only say a criticism privately. Don't gossip behind people's backs. Don't wait until after the meeting to say your thoughts.
4. Speak up even when things don't affect you personally. It's a sign of your commitment to each other that you take risks and don't play safe when you see something happening, for example, between two other people in the group.
5. Actively participate in the group and persuade people (members of the group and everyone) of the truth. Do this because you care.
6. Reason with and stop someone who's harming the interest of people.
7. Work whole-heartedly with a definite plan. Muddling through is a sign that something is wrong. If something is wrong, deal with it.
8. Study the problems/issues and don't be arrogant. If you don't know, learn. Realize you could be wrong.
9. Correct your own mistakes. Care about yourself enough to change your behavior or beliefs when it's in your interest to do so. It's your responsibility to yourself as well as to the group to correct your mistakes.



This is not an LRY conference or an LRY reunion. The conference will explore what types of long-range commitments and structures we want between us as old LRYers, SRLers, and friends. This conference originated at an LRY livinghouse workshop at 1975 LRY Conf. Conference.

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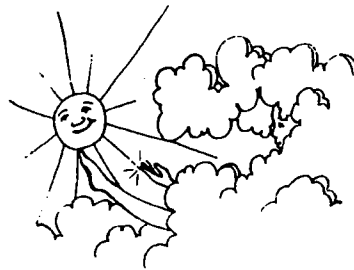
I go to school at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, site of this year's Continental Conference. Evergreen is a very unusual place, and especially since it's so far from any centers of LRV activity, I thought it would be a good idea to tell everybody a bit about it.

Evergreen is an alternative college with about 2500 students. Interestingly, it's a fully-accredited four-year state college, not a private one. Tuition, therefore, even for out-of-state students (of whom there are an awful lot), is a lot less than at other alternative schools like Antioch or Bennington.

Academically, it's very different from most schools. There is an emphasis on interdisciplinary studies, rather than specialization. Instead of taking a number of unrelated courses with different faculty members, new students normally start out in what is called a basic coordinated studies program. This is usually a program involving from 40 to 120 students, and one faculty member for each twenty students. A basic CS program attempts to explore some large subject through various disciplines. For example, a program for next year entitled "Political Ecology" examines the relationship between--yup, politics and ecology. This involves studying local, state and federal politics, economics, biology, geography, ecology, etc. Coordinated studies programs are based on the idea that all disciplines interact to make the world and the people in it go 'round, so it's better to teach people to have some understanding of a whole system than to have everybody specialists in co's own little departments.

The second important mode of learning, after coordinated studies, is contracted studies. These can be either individual or in a group. What happens is that a student or a group of students get together with a faculty member (either side can take the initiative) and sign a contract to study a particular subject

that interests them. Individual contracts offer the most breadth for doing what you want to do; you can study practically anything and get credit for it, if you can find a faculty sponsor. I don't mean 'study' in the hitting-the-books sense, necessarily, although that will probably be part of it-- you can contract to do something (e.g., to design and build something) so long as it's a valid learning experience that's advanced enough to be worth college credit.



There are also some problems with the governing structure of the school; in short, it's set up as a benevolent dictatorship. 'Input' (which has become a pretty dirty word around here) from students, faculty and staff is encouraged, but decision-making power rests absolutely with a few deans, administrators, and Board of Trustees members, who all too often don't respond to the input that they get.

Nevertheless, it's a neat place to be. The students, compared to those at any other college I've seen, are very open, friendly and real. (They got long hair, too!) Visiting Evergreen when school is going on might prove to be an eye opener to anybody who thinks that LRVers are the only really hip, together people. Although I must admit that there are quite a few old LRVers here--it's definitely the kind of place that appeals to many of us.

Sounds good? Well, it's pretty exciting, when it works, but everything has its problems. (In fact, it's possible that everything in the world is teetering on a brink between being a pile of shit and being God.) Since programs change completely from year to year, it's very difficult to try to plan your college career in advance. And for fairly simple reasons which I won't go into here, programs tend to be offered more because faculty want to teach them than as a result of student needs, which may or may not coincide.

Generally, people seem to have a better educational experience here if they have some idea of what they want before they get here. It can be awfully easy to fart around and take a little of this and a little of that and some more of something else because they look kind of interesting, though nothing is really close to what you wanted to study. The thing is, interdisciplinary philosophy or no, there's no clear four-year path to expertise in any field. You have to make it yourself and if you don't know where you're trying to get to, that makes it more difficult.

If you're about to graduate from high school, or, more advisable, if you've been out for a year or two and are trying to find a school worth your time and money, you might want to write to the Admissions Office, The Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington 98505, and ask for the college Bulletin, the current Catalog Supplement, and maybe even entrance application forms. And do plan to come here for Continental Conference.

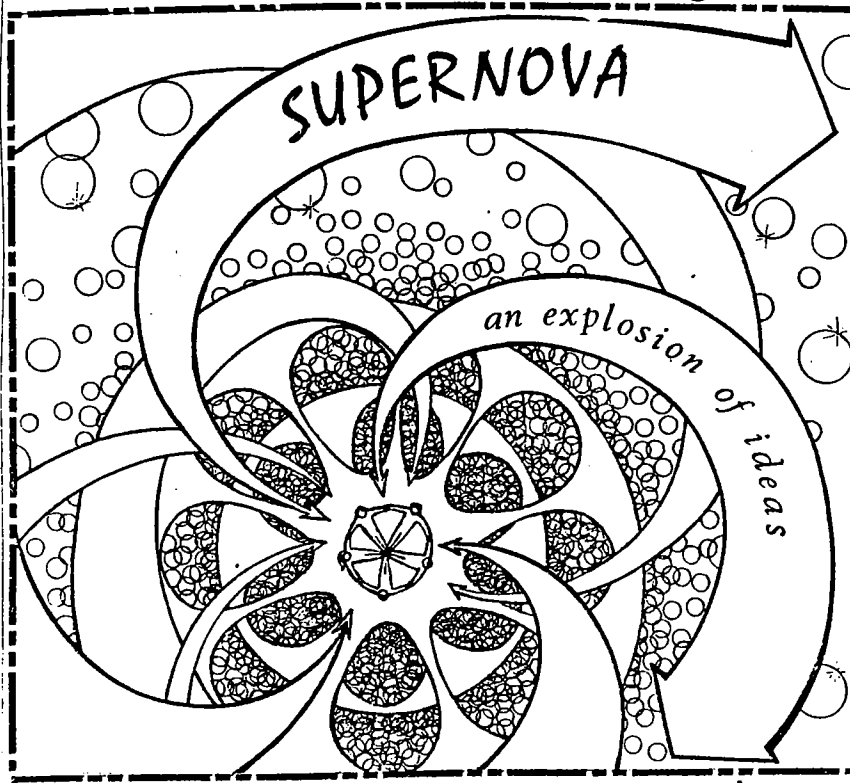
Evergreen is an imperfect school in an imperfect world, but it's a lot less imperfect than most institutions.

--Bill Cameron



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