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The Northeastern Regional Organization of LRY is sponsoring a Leadership Development conference at First Parish Church, Lexington, MA, December 15-17. The conference is for federation and local group LRYers who are interested in gaining skills in local group planning, conference planning, picking an advisor, publicizing & newsletters, worship planning, and more. The conference is limited to 40 LRYers. The conference is limited to 40 LRYers so for publicity, write soon to: Abbe Bjorklund, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

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Attention Boston Area LRYers!

The LRY office is looking for volunteers in the Boston area to work on the Filing Squad. This is a very important job that involves filing and organizing correspondence and putting together a mailing list of LRY supporters. We'll supply you with lots of LRY community and munchies. And Filing Squad members even have their own distinctive tee-shirts! Call Abbe at 617-742-2105 or 782-4877. Thanks!

NERO-LDC

Please make checks or money orders payable to Liberal Religious Youth and send to LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston MA, 02108. We thank you for writing us and we hope to continue communications with you in the future. We would appreciate hearing from you about your reactions to these packages.

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ONGOING PROGRAMS OF LRY--request for further information
Youth Caucus is a caucus at the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual meeting. The caucus meets daily to discuss and participate in the business and activities of the GA. Youth Caucus is open to all UU youth ages 12-20.
UW-United Nations Youth Seminar: Conducted by the UU-WF office, the seminar is an annual event for UU youth. It provides a unique opportunity for youth to learn about the world's political, social, and economic issues. The seminar is held in the World, the Politics of Sharing the World's Resources, the Balance of Power, the World Energy Crisis, and Disarmament.
LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation: The Coalition was formed in 1978 to oppose nuclear proliferation. It is a coalition of UU youth and adults who are concerned about the dangers of nuclear war. The purpose of the Coalition is to spread information and encourage action on nuclear proliferation to UU youth groups, societies, and their communities.

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The "Business Resolution on Youth" was submitted to the delegates of the 1978 Unitarian Universalist General Assembly by the Youth Caucus. General Assembly, an annual gathering of delegates and interested observers from nearly all UU societies, responded on Saturday, June 24 with overwhelming support of the Resolution.

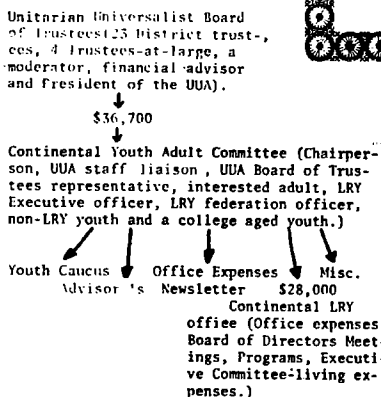
This expression of concern on the part of the representative body of the denomination will remain just a sheet of paper unless every individual takes action!

At the local and district level there are many things you can do:

- 1) Read and discuss the Resolution
- 2) Vote upon the Resolution at a congregational/district meeting
- 3) Set up a Youth Adult committee in your society and/or district, and charge them with, among other things, the monitoring of implementation of the Resolution.
- 4) Organize for Youth Day, April 29, 1979.

*Youth Caucus is an integral part of the GA providing an opportunity for all youth, ages 12-20, to participate, discuss and make stands on various issues.

You can have an effect on the continental level as well. The continental structure has, for the past 8 years, been as follows:



At the January 1979 UUA Board meeting, the Trustees will be taking up the issue of whether this structure should continue or whether it should be changed (and how!)

The Continental YAC has several ideas in the making for youth programming that would change their role from passive to active. They include:

- 1) Executive Director to YAC- to serve on the UUA staff and work with the LRY Executive Committee to produce youth and intergenerational programs.
- 2) District Incentive Grants- to those districts which provide money for Youth Program Field Work Teams.

A suggestion developed by the Special Committee on Youth Programming (SCCYP) would create an Office of Youth Programs, staffed by an adult with secretarial help and a travel budget.

The UUA Board of Trustees will also be grappling with a \$199,000 budget cut (no joke) for 1979-80. If you want any funding for youth whatsoever, you are going to have to make your voice heard.

The best way for you to make an impact upon this situation is for you to write your district Trustee; and in addition attempt to meet personally with your Trustee to discuss this issue. The following is a sample of what you could write to your Trustee:

Business Resolution on Youth

WHEREAS: young people not only constitute a significant portion of the Unitarian Universalist Association at the present time, but also hold the promise of providing the mature men and women needed to maintain the Unitarian Universalist faith in the years ahead; and

WHEREAS: these young people are at a stage of their lives crucial to the development of their religious values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS: meaningful youth programs run with the help of adult resource people can be beneficial to all involved; and

WHEREAS: there is considerable uncertainty at the present time concerning the future of denominational programs designed to involve and benefit youth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the 1978 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association recognizes the crucial importance of youth programs and the need for developing leadership skills and self-reliance through youth administration of these programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the General Assembly

1. urges all Unitarian Universalists to become more knowledgeable about the nature of existing youth programs and to re-examine the various stereotypes about youth;
2. calls on the members of individual churches and fellowships to promote greater involvement of young people in their societies and districts through Youth/Adult Committees and other forms of intergenerational activities and dialogue;
3. calls on the Administration of the Unitarian Universalist Association to work cooperatively with Liberal Religious Youth in developing energetic youth programs at the denominational level; and
4. urges that these programs be given a high priority in the formulation of UUA budgets in the immediate future so that they may receive funds sufficient to meet their legitimate needs and in fair proportion to the importance of young people to the denomination.

Passed by the 1978 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Dear (Trustee):

I am in agreement with the Business Resolution on Youth passed by the 1978 General Assembly. If the Unitarian Universalist denomination is going to grow, there will have to be strong programs for high school aged youth encouraging and allowing for development of questioning and responsible individuals to ensure the future of a dynamic Unitarian Universalist faith.

I believe that the current continental structure, the Youth Adult Committee and the LRY office can suit the needs of all Unitarian Universalist youth.

The Continental YAC has been expanding its role beyond simply distributing funds. It serves as a model for all YACs and has produced handouts and packets readily available to all. It is also developing Youth Program Fieldwork Teams which will benefit all districts.

The Continental LRY structure provides not only a resource office but also Board of Directors meetings and extension into the field. The implementation of staggered Executive Committee terms to improve continuity shows the willingness to change and flexibility of LRY. Priority has been placed upon extension into the field (hence the Social Actions Director in the field and the LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation).

I realize that the UUA is facing a severe budget cut for the 1979-80 year. I urge you to make the future of this denomination a priority by providing financial support for a unique youth run organization: Liberal Religious Youth. Furthermore, I urge you to take an active concern for youth and provide the moral support and advice that young people need to produce their own dynamic, exciting, and worthwhile programs. Only with mutual respect and trust can youth and adults bridge the gap of ageism.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
(concerned person)

This is just a sample. Be sure to include all of your opinions in such a letter. Do it today! The following is a list of the UUA Board of Trustees:

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doug-just want to (quack) say (quack) hello in a (quack) different way. I hope that (quack) you know what i'm (quack) getting at. well, you've gone and done it. i've gone (quack) berserk. i can't stop (quack) sounding like a duck. i'm beginning to feel like (quack) kurt vonnegut. with many (quack) warm fuzzies. jennifer

John Beese-Center 111 7. Miss receiving your neat letters. What happened??? I'm always ready for a visit or a letter from you. And don't forget...there's a curse involved!! Love Always, Paige Quigley
 2563 E. 90th Place
 Thornton, CO 80229

Krrol Cum-I love you. -Stephanie

Duane Parsons or anyone who might know his whereabouts should contact the LRY office. His sister would like to hear from him or at least know that he's alive.

All College Bound People:
 I wish you wouldn't leave. What do you need to learn for anyway? I loves you all. Send me a card, if only to say you're alive and well and drowning in term papers.
 Becca Dover
 6933 Sherman Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19119

Kathy: Thanks for not hating me when i deserved the most; may all the nyads bless your golden head.
 Luv, Becca

To all of LRY: Much thanks from a nut. If it wasn't for y'all i'd be an overweight beatnik with a very low self opinion. U.R. Fantastic

Laurie Prager: Where are you? I want to hear from you. Becca

Leah: Whatever happens, wherever I go, I will always love you and our love will prevail. Athe'ias

Starr-The frosting is off the wall. Leo. Where do we go from here? One day we'll take over the world.
 Luv, Leo II

K.C. Local: May the future hold all the melons your heart will ever desire. No you haven't gotten rid of me; i'll be back to plague you sooner than you think.....Love, P.L.

to whom it may concern
 (the patch)-Beantown is great, but 4 long for the Southland. should be home by Thanksgiving.
 love to all.
 the man from Nance

Jack! Can't add to your "Good Energy"-I don't know where you are. Your turn. -Rita
 Still in Oneont --

to anyone concerned: I have a new address: Lane Bett
 Simon's Rock
 Great Barrington, MA 01230

Henry David T. and R. N. Emerson:
 Please write-I've lost your address. Things haven't been the same since you left. D.L.

YES Folks, I, Eric Mofford, have regained the use of my hands and am willing to write letters. The real reason is because I'm lonely at my new address: Eric Mofford
 c/o Emerson College
 96 Beacon St.
 Boston, MA 02115

I'd love to write to you, so please write.

PERSONALS

Please note: I've changed my abode. I'd love to hear from y'all.
 Love, Taylor
 RFD 3 Snow Road
 Goffstown, NH 03045
 (613)774-6242

Dear Peter, Carol, Renee, Turnip, Loveless, and Star Brights (both of you), We'll never forget this summer-let's keep in touch! -Wendy, Chris and Ronald too. NE love you all!

IRF-ly,
 Aol and Fric

Oh People of the "Kingdom"-and all others-save my soul from the Maine snows. Keep me company in the north. Write me! I miss you all, my distant, almost lost friends. Muchly Moos, Phoebe, Jon, Turk, Dwarf, Thorau, Nicky D., Peck-a-Pecks and sundry in the P-town local and all the wonderfuls I've lost contact with over the years. Re-establish! Love, Ellie

Colby Box 1149
 Waterville, ME
 04901

Do I remember a person named John Brat? It's been years. Do you still exist? (Does anybody know where he is?) Write me! As in my other personal. Ellie

Hey Ho Klondike Kate! Got ya on my mind. How're ya doin'? What ya up to? Write me-i'll write back.
 ted, 2668 Albany Ave., W. Hartford, CT 06117 p.s. How's your tee-pee?

(In a heavy Mexican accent...) Eh! sinarita touristo Kim y Kim. Como es Florida? Que pasa? I am presently working as an apple picker in Vermont. Mucho excitement. Write... What are your addresses? ted

Sr. John's Unitarian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio...Godarful thanks you muchly for allowing OPIK to move in; with love.....Godarful.

Hi to everyone! This is to announce my school address for the next year. I will be way out in the boonies, & would really appreciate hearing from everyone I know, even people I don't know! Love to all of you, especially one special person who knows who he is.
 Ellen Gould
 c/o Maine Reach
 Chewonki Foundation
 Niscasset, ME 04578

Liisa, I dream about you every night and I wish you were here so I could watch the sun come up with a smile--
 Eric

Tod, Wayne, Fred, Ted, Agnes, Ann, Ellen, Cornelia, Pete, Lisa, Willy, Phyllis, Dave,
 THANKS. Eric

Diane Dunnington; Darbi Wilkinson & Charlie (Carlos) Huff (with soon-to-be-child) are strong and well, living and working together at 9900 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854. To our family over miles, through years of change and growth, we love you & think of you often.

Dear Everybody-It's cold here in Wall City-they don't even crunch their granola! I would love to hear from anyone at: Burgunder Str. 4, 1000 Berlin 38, Federal Republic of Germany. Many thanks, Crunchy (Chris Granda)

dAVID aRNsOn-heY, mISs YA. -stEPh

Katie F.-We love your number 10! We are a trio made in space, heh, heh-We missed you!
 Love, Moon Buddy and Body



INTERNS

Do you want to dedicate one month of your life to your favorite organization? Each month an intern lives in Boston with the LRY Executive Committee to live and breathe LRY. Interns help the Executive Committee with whatever needs to be done: programs, People Soup, denominational communications, extension and general work! Sounds good? Write for an application to: Internships
 c/o LRY
 25 Beacon St.
 Boston, MA 02108

ATTENTION

If you were put on the LRY mailing list before 1977, and you didn't respond to the insert in the "Bombs Away" issue last spring, then WATCH OUT! You'll be pulled from the mailing list unless you fill-out the form below and send it in today!

NAME: _____
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 25 Beacon Street
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New Continental LRY Executive Committee: Mada Velimirovic; Director of Denominational and Program Development, Katrina; Director of Publications

Communications, Denise Lewis; Director of Finance and Extension, Shelley Cantrell; Director of Leadership

FED'S UPS AND DOWNS

Greater Washington Area Federation- Several LRY and UU high school aged youth groups exist in the Washington, D.C. area but as of this point have yet to form any federation structure.

The Arlington, VA local is the center of the hurricane of activity for reviving the fed. Plans are brewing for an overnight gathering at the Arlington church for all area youth in mid-December.

For further information and relaying of messages contact: Brad Berlage
 1035 Gelston Circle
 McLean, VA 22101
 (703)821-3444

Starr King- We are putting on a winter conference; Dec. 27-31 in Santa Rosa. The Fed. Board is really putting energy into working with locals and getting new or dead ones going. Our newsletter; Kairos, came out. It was a "hot" issue. At our last Board meeting because of the potential danger of Proposition 6 passing (lack of human rights for homosexuals- Briggs initiative) the Board has passed a resolution urging LRYers to aid in the fight against Prop. 6.

Southern Appalachian Mountains Federation- had a successful conference; Sept. 29-31, at which it was decided to organize another conference early in '79 for all locals in the fed.

interested in developing the federation structure and organization.

Missouri Valley: Yes MVF is still here. We are doing well. Our Board of Directors Conference was well organized and a terrific success; especially the Peanut Butter and Jelly Banquet which was only one of the many wonderful activities.

Godarful-A bi-monthly newsletter has been started recently (we're proud of it!). Great conferences are being planned. OPIK Camp was moved to the UU Church in Cincinnati, Ohio and then proceeded down to open land in northern Kentucky. OPIK TOUR! We're getting it together. Yeah! Alas, our poor friend the long lived and loved WOMBAT has died a terrible death. While travelling with LRY adventurers this past summer, he (she?) fell to "its" death from the top of the Grand C Canyon. I guess it's unfair for us to expect anything but love to last forever. WOMBAT: R.I.P. Love, Godarful.

Jersey Area Federation- had a leadership work weekend; Nov. 3-5 in Glen Rock, N.J. The purposes were to write a tentative constitution and work on reorganization and leadership toward a stronger federation.

Know Your Y.A.C.

by Nada I. Velimirovic

What is a Youth Adult Committee? To find out, don't delay! Feast your eyes on the rest of this sumptuous, tantalizing article.

Can youth adult committees transcend a passive role of just discussing the similarities and differences between young people and adults? Youth Adult Committees in churches, fellowships, and districts can serve as integrators and coordinators of youth/adult activities. Together young people and adults can create strong programs for youth, adults, and all generations. The purpose of a YAC is to facilitate the growth of this programming.

Suggested membership for a YAC: Four to ten in total with equal representation of youth and adults.

Suggested activities: Within a YAC these topics should be addressed before it moves on to any large scale programming. Evaluate in your church or fellowship:

Expectations and Attitudes:

- 1) the current relationship between youth and adults regarding trust and leadership.

Religious Life:

- 1) the involvement of youth in the ongoing religious life.
- 2) the common religious needs of the youth and adults.

Images of LRY-past, present, future
 1) the feelings of both the youth and adults regarding past LRY experiences.

- 2) the current LRY situation.

- 3) what the wants and needs are of young people from the viewpoints of youth and adults.

Once these things have been dealt with, the YAC has a strong base to build from- activities can be planned to meet the needs expressed during the evaluation sessions.

An "Inner Circle, Outer Circle" listening exercise on the subject of high school programs for all young people and adults could be useful as an initiative for a large scale discussion.

"Leadership Development Workshops" for youth and "Advisors Training Workshops" for adults could be sponsored by the YAC. These would be most successful if held at a district level.

A weekend conference on Intergenerational Communications could be developed by the YAC. (There's an outline for such an activity available from: LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.)

The YAC could aid the foundation and formation of Extended Families within your church or fellowship.

We would appreciate it if any evaluations, feedback, and/or questions were sent to: Nada Velimirovic, LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

Suggestions for individual LRYers:

Attend business meetings of your church/fellowship and District. Speak up about your concerns!

Participate in your Society's activities. Learn more about Unitarian Universalism. Discuss the Business Resolution on Youth at your District meetings. Modify it for the District level and have those present at the annual meeting vote on it.

Distribute all local and federation information to District contacts.

Have a "Youth Column" in your District newsletter.

Have a representative from each LRY local listed in the District Directory.

Have local LRY group member's names and addresses included in society's Directory.

Attend local and district Religious Education meetings.

Have youth member on the local RE Council and church/fellowship board.

Coordinate a Youth Sunday (see Youth Day article).

Discuss all of these possibilities with your Religious Education Director, Minister, and President.

LET US KNOW WHAT HAPPENS!!!

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Each year a Continental liaison from each LRY federation attends two board meetings (winter meetings last five days, summer meetings last ten days) to compile information, create solutions, and to unite Liberal Religious Youth as a continental self-managing community. See the article on Summer Boards for the latest information.

All LRYers should know who the Continental liaison for their area is. Continental Liaisons are representatives, and as such, they should be used to bring the concerns and opinions of their areas to the attention of the entire Board. It is important that our representatives be utilized to their fullest capacities, for they make the policies governing LRY, with our support. So, please be active, help create our own policies. Attend

or start BODY (Board of Directing Youth) meetings among local group contacts and federation executive committees at conferences.

This winter the LRY Board of Directors shall be meeting at the All Souls UU Church in Kansas City, Missouri from December 26-31. Keep in touch with the representative from your area and make sure your concerns are represented at these meetings. Continental Liaisons shall be receiving their Board packets very soon. If there is not an active federation in your area or you are just plain interested, consider attending Winter Boards. The cost of attendance for visitors shall be \$15 pre-registered, \$17 at the door. To pre-register write to: LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.



At the Ridgewood, NJ JAF conference, Spring, 1978

Continental YOUTH DAY! April 29, 1979

Youth day is a day of celebration for all young people. It is aimed to be coordinated by high school aged UU's with the encouragement and support of their congregation. It will encompass a full day of events centering on the young people themselves.

A packet is being developed to combine all the resources mentioned below.

Suggestions for a church service:

- 1) Themes-Rites of Passage
 - Change
 - Age (ism)
 - Growth
 - Flower Communion*
- 2) Presentation-Slits
 - Poetry
 - Readings
 - Music
 - Slides
 - Dance
 - Quaker Meeting/Discussion
- 3) Participation-all ages, especially "rising junior highers", could be encouraged.
- 4) Publicity-Newsletters
 - Announcements in preceding Sunday Order of Service
 - Posters
- 5) Collection to go to the church
- 6) Order of service- A design is being created that will be applicable for all youth and will be printed up as an order of service cover. This would add to a sense of continental unification.

Suggestions for events during the day:

- 1) Meal-A meal could be served before or after the service prepared by and for the financial benefit of the youth group. This would aid the group in a future endeavor.
- 2) Intergenerational Workshop** In the afternoon, a variety of activities and discussions could focus on any or all of the suggested themes. An intergenerational committee to lead this workshop could be formed a couple of months in advance.
- 3) Youth Adult Committee-If your local society does not have one, this Youth Day could be the formation and election of it. Expectations and needs concerning such a committee could be thoroughly discussed at this time.
- 4) Open Forum- A candid discussion between youth and adults about any or all of the suggested themes. An inner circle-outer circle listening exercise could be beneficial to instigating this event.

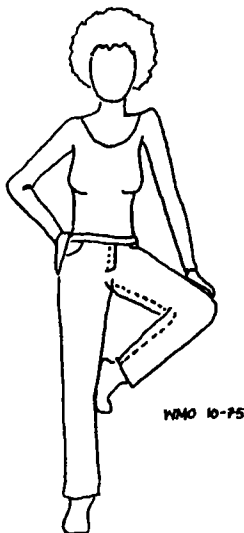
QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SEND THEM TO:

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 (617) 742-2105 ext 370

*A pamphlet on this process is available from the UUA

**A packet on this was developed by the UUNF (Women's Federation) and can be mailed to you upon request.

*** A handout from the Continental Youth Adult Committee is available through our office.



WMA 10-75



THE PENTAGON CAPERS

On September 1, 1978, John Marsh, a student at Harvard Divinity School, LRY advisor, and coordinator of the Religious Education program at Arlington Street Church in Boston, chained himself to the Pentagon doors as a protest against Nuclear Proliferation.

His trial was held on September 15. John was sentenced to a five dollar fine which was suspended. J. Dugden, who also participated in the demonstration, was on probation at the time of the action. He was sentenced to thirty days in jail which he is serving at the time of this writing.

People Soup: How did the idea of chaining yourself to the Pentagon originate?

John Marsh: The idea came out of a ten day workshop sponsored by Jonah House, a Christian community in Baltimore. The workshop was to build community amongst people interested in resistance.

America worships the bomb. Every year the lives of children all over the world are sacrificed in order that more bombs may be built. The Pentagon is the temple of this religion.

We took a tour of the Pentagon during the session. After the tour, many of us decided to take an action which would result in our arrest. The idea of placing our bodies between the staff at the Pentagon and the work they were doing appealed to many of us. The workers cannot walk by and snub their noses, but are forced to pay attention.

P.S.: How many other people were involved?

J.M.: Nine people chained themselves to the Pentagon doors. Fifty people were involved in a support demonstration.

Fifteen other people from the same workshop put themselves in a different arrest situation that afternoon. They participated in a die-in. They demonstrated what would happen if a bomb was dropped; all fifteen lay down on the mall inside the Pentagon and refused to get up when ordered to.

P.S.: Have you had any previous experience with civil disobedience?

J.M.: This was the first time I had put myself in an arrest situation. I have been involved as a supporter of acts of civil disobedience.

P.S.: Why did you choose to take action this particular time?

J.M.: I had considered it for over four years but never felt the time was appropriate. This time I was with people I felt a great deal of warmth for and trust in.

More people need to be making stronger statements for nuclear disarmament and they need to be making those statements by means of action. Otherwise, we are simply telling politicians and military people what we want them to do. When people tell others what to do, they are usually ignored.

In some ways my actions grew out of my involvement as Religious Educator at Arlington Street Church. According to predictions, the children I work with will not have the chance to live out normal lives unless there is a change in our nuclear policies.

P.S.: Do you feel the action was effective?

J.M.: That depends on how you measure effect. Certainly no policies have been changed as a direct result. It has made me more aware that many people feel the same way I do. It has strengthened my convictions concerning nuclear weapons. I think my presence among the anti-nuclear community has strengthened that community. It served to remind people at the Pentagon that everything isn't hunky dory, and there are people who think what they're doing is wrong.

P.S.: What do you see as your future in this movement?

J.M.: I won't put myself in another arrest situation for at least six months because of other obligations. I will continue to support the movement in any way I can. Beyond that, I don't know. One never knows what the government is planning and when actions might be required. On the other hand, if they were to stop building bombs and started in on human services, there would be no need for continued civil disobedience action.

P.S.: How will your involvement effect your career as a minister?

J.M.: I don't believe my one arrest will bar me from any pulpits. It has given me a lot of sermon material. As far as future involvement goes, it would be difficult to be a minister and spend one month in jail every year.

More Unitarian Universalist ministers and lay people need to put themselves in arrest situations if we are to put flesh on our ideals.



John Marsh

The Spirit of Community

In LRY, we are encouraged to find that which is true to us. We are free to choose the content and direction of our lives through reason rather than by blind faith.

In LRY we are encouraged to create lives that best meet our individual and common beliefs. In our community we work together through careful consideration rather than by expectations or rules.

As young people, we are in the process of developing our lives. We must make decisions and commitments but are rarely encouraged to trust our judgement. LRY entrusts us with the freedom and responsibility for developing our lives.

It is not simple to liberate ourselves; it is even more difficult to find a place which supports this growth. LRY exists to serve this purpose; we must display genuine concern for our lives.

A community is a gathering of individuals sharing their thoughts, values, and talents in an atmosphere of mutual respect. A community such as ours can be very helpful in our liberation and development.

A structure which will serve our community most likely entails facilitators and the whole group taking responsibility for the life of the community. The facilitators should be people who assist the community in achieving its goals of freedom, equality and responsibility for concerns, process and the delegation of responsibilities.

Intergenerational community with mutual respect provides a better understanding among people, continuity in our work and additional enrichment in our relationships.

Between LRY and the denomination we have facilitators of intergenerational activity. The facilitators are persons who ensure a relationship of freedom, equality and the responsibility of concern between youth and adults in the community. The facilitator does this by initiating group discussion of concerns, process and the delegation of responsibility.

Our community needs to co-operate with other groups to encourage the development of world-wide community.

By Shelley Cantril

Bio-Feedback Monitor System

To Whom It May Concern,

I am going through many changes at this point of my life. I'm having a hard time keeping up with myself. It scares me, mostly because I'm watching myself change without knowing what I'm changing to. I know it has to be better than what I was, but the not knowing is really getting to me.

So here I am trying to figure out who I am. That's where you can help. I think it would be a big help to me if I had some pen pals (the more the better). I will give one of my names and my only address at the end of this letter.

I have been in LRY for about 2 or 2½ years now. In all that time, until Mi-Con '78, I was always doing anything and everything to get people to feel sorry for me. But I couldn't get anyone to feel as sorry for me as I felt for myself. I never admitted it to myself or anyone else. I hurt a lot of people while doing that. To those people, I am very sorry. I don't know what else I can say. I can't undo what I've already done, but I can try starting over again if you'll let me. I can't blame you if you don't want to let me, but I wish you would. Please-I'm on my hands and knees.

It's kind of strange; I can remember hurting people, but I can't remember how. I guess I just don't want to remember, so my mind blocks it out.

I need and would love any feedback you might have, good or bad. Send it to:
Kuxan I.
530 E. 2nd Ave.
Denver, CO 80203
(303) 722-8598

Love, Kuxan

P.S. Some of you may have known me as Chris Hull, but please don't call me by that name (I don't like it).

Well my friends I've been with many of you for a long time and I've come a long way. My name is Bob Dargel and I'm from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. LRY has been so much to me for over 5 years. I traveled, worked, met some ex-

cellent people and best of all, I felt love and support. I'll never lose what LRY has given me. I can no longer grow in LRY without interfering with the growth of LRY's future; namely young and active LRYers. If I could impress anything on LRY, I'd like people to realize the importance of respecting that others might express their feelings in an environment of mutual support and acceptance so each person truly grow and be free.

You all have a tough fight ahead of you, not only from outside, but from within. We are why LRY has been dying.

LRY has fallen victim to negative energy. If people take more from LRY than they return to it, the group is weakened. LRY is in sad shape relative to what it was. If each of us gives a bit more than we receive, LRY will grow. As LRY grows it will return even more to all involved. Please, please put some energy into this beautiful place. Take care and love, Bob

Advisor's Newsletter

A committee of advisors and young people are meeting to organize support for advisors and adults interested in youth by compiling an Advisor's Newsletter. This editorial committee will be collecting thoughts and concerns of advisors, informing them about programs available from the LRY office, and compiling ideas for advisors workshops. The newsletter will come out four times during the year.

We need the names and addresses of interested adults, as well as any other ideas and contributions. Fill out and mail the form below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

____ LRY Advisor ____ Interested adult

Send to: Jean Starr Williams, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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Two editorial opinions designed to generate debate

It has often been suggested that due to the connotations "Liberal Religious Youth" brings to many peoples' ears, that the simplest solution to our organization's misrepresented image will be to change our name. This will mean that while continuing to adhere to our existing philosophies and representing our current constituency, we will have the advantage of additional supporters and members who can not take an honest view of present LRY conduct because of reflections from the past. It is ironic that for those same reasons we cannot change the name that represents what we have been and what we are.

The name "LRY" brings a heritage to my mind that I am proud of. Under this name the youth of the Unitarian and the Universalist denominations merged; being the first official union of these two faiths. Through its development, LRY not only held ideals of world peace, human rights and the value of fellowship and community; our predecessors took the actions necessary to make them a reality. Our organization has successfully nurtured the growth of a sense of self-worth, self-responsibility and self-determination both in its individual members and as a group.



In reaching these valuable goals LRY has gone through many learning processes, some of which are referred to as "our mistakes". These "mistakes", whether they be our attitudes, actions or oversights which were viewed as unacceptable; and though seemingly destructive at the time; have all produced a knowledge gain of what repercussions they induce. Learning through these experiences has built the character of and been a large factor in the maturity of LRY as an organization.

By changing our name we will be patronizing a prejudice. This will be contradicting and counteracting the values of openness and honesty that LRY has learned to promote. We know that only after thoughts and feelings have been aired and discussed, and misconceptions cleared, can a successful relationship develop or continue; and so, this applies to LRYers and those who can not be open to the reality of LRY and its potential because of obsolete conceptions of it.

Denying any of the concepts that LRY is based on, or a history that has so greatly educated LRY and myself as a part of LRY, is a sacrifice that I am not willing to make.

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We have presented parts of both sides of this issue. A name change proposal will be voted on at the LRY Winter Board Meeting. Your opinion will be heard and is likely to be printed if you get it on paper and sent in.

Write to: Liberal Religious Youth  
25 Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108

In the past ten years LRY has developed a stigma that hinders communication with other generations and is detrimental to the development of active and strong programs for high school aged youth within the UU denomination. Changing the name would be a display that the constituency of LRY no longer adheres to the stigma of the past. A name change will provide a fresh start and a chance to clearly show that the youth involved with the denomination are not acting in the same manner as those who produced ill-favour with adults in the past.

All of our problems (such as ageism) will not be solved by a name change, but changing our name will overcome the stumbling block that LRY now creates in some peoples' minds.

For instance, if LRY is changed to "Unitarian Universalist Youth" it would symbolize a strengthening of the bonds between the UUA and the youth within our denomination. Using the name "UUY" will not be exclusive to youth of other religious heritage any more than the UUA discourages participation from all faiths and "UUY" would thus remain open to all.



## live and learn

by Chris Granda

The role of education in the formation of our future society has been overlooked. As the human race's level of technological sophistication, and therefore rate of general social, cultural and environmental change rise at an increasing pace, our schools will have to be able to train students not only in the traditional areas but also in the social skills they will need to insure their survival as individuals, as part of society and as a species. The contemporary public school system is sadly inadequate for this purpose in many ways. Traits that will become increasingly useful and necessary in a rapidly changing world such as creativity, individuality, group skills, and social conscience are at best, ignored and, at worst, actively suppressed. It becomes necessary then to start redefining education with an eye toward long term effects on the human condition.

Idea: A school as an institution has a direct responsibility to the community it serves, especially in the area of human relationships. The way students interact with and perceive those in their community will have a great influence on their views of the world. A school should try to break down barriers of prejudice by identifying with a racial and economic cross-section of the community. It should educate its students on the problems of the community and to the way in which constructive changes can be made.

Idea: It is as natural to learn as it is to live. There is no need to force students to absorb knowledge. If they think something is important, then they will learn it. A school should attempt to open doors to learning experiences for students and help them apply to themselves what they have learned. In this way students can make the most of what they've gained.

Idea: Integration with "real life" is necessary to achieve purpose in education. Students should have responsibility for making

important decisions about their educations. Students should be able to experience real life situations through involvement programs (apprenticeships, etc.).

Idea: Conveying knowledge is as basic to learning as receiving knowledge. Students should learn how to teach effectively. This will also help students learn to find information they desire outside of the classroom.

Idea: Schools should be a place where students enjoy spending their time. A school should be designed to meet the needs and styles of the students it serves and should offer them logical, flexible, and intriguing invitations to learning.

Idea: Learning is a personal experience. The evaluation of the learning of one student in relation to that of another is irrelevant. Students should be allowed to progress at their own pace and be evaluated on their individual progress.

Idea: The optimum learning situation occurs when students are permitted to be creative, and when they can use their school as a tool to build their own educations. This type of environment fosters self-reliance, responsibility and a better understanding of self.

It seems to me that these "Ideas", in widely modified variations are the pillars of the philosophy of Open Education. One of the first and perhaps still the best example of Open Education in action is reported in Summerhill by A. S. Neill. This book outlines the philosophy behind and the operation of Summerhill, a school that was started by Neill in England in 1921. Summerhill operated on the idea that the students, from the youngest to the oldest, were capable of being responsible for their own education. Summerhill is a coed boarding school and therefore operated within a closed, very specialized environment, isolated from interference by parents, other children and society at large. This enabled the long term effects of an open education to be observed. The results were wonderful. In opposition to the predictions of the school's critics, the students graduated from Summerhill well disciplined and well educated. But the important thing was that it was self-discipline and self-motivated education gained

without punishment, fear, forced work or any other trappings of modern education.

An excellent example of the use of relevancy in education (Idea 5) appears in Teacher by Sylvia Ashton-Warner. Ms. Ashton-Warner taught in New Zealand, instructing both Maori and European children. She developed and practiced an educational philosophy which utilized her student's natural interests instead of attempting to imprint them with a prepared lesson plan. Shunning the English "Dick and Jane" readers she had the children bring their own words to her, words they had thought of themselves which held correct meaning to them. Because the children's vocabularies were based on these words reading and writing came very naturally and easily, instead of as a foreign discipline that was forced on them. This principle, if applied to all areas of education (particularly basic skills), would reduce much of the initial fear and hostility toward education and help re-integrate life and learning.

Whether change in our school systems comes as a result of careful planning or by the collapse of the existing system, change will come. It is not the effectiveness of our school systems was unquestioned because it was able to justify itself by its own terms (literacy statistics, SAT scores, etc.) However the school system has now become obsolete to the point that it is not even working by its own standards; it is improbable that things will get better. It is time for the formation of a school system that will not only be able to meet the requirements of the present but will also be relevant to the future. This system will be based on the social qualities which must be developed in order to avert destruction: Freedom, Responsibility, and Compassion.

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# summer boards

ABBE RJOERK LUND

This summer, as always, the LRY Board of Directors held its annual meeting. It was at the Unitarian Universalist Church in San Antonio, Texas, August 9-19th, 1978. The Board met in the comfortable air-conditioned sanctuary of the modern church and slept in the church school buildings. When it got too hot the Board took advantage of the improvised out-door shower (a garden hose over a tree branch). We had a lot of co-operation from the San Antonio minister, Rolphe Gerhardt.

The purposes of Boards are to get LRYers from all of the federations together to communicate about what's happening in their area, to elect the Continental LRY Executive Committee, to give directives to the E.C., and to make policy concerning LRY. There were representatives from many parts of the continent: Central Midwest Federation, Delaware Valley Federation, Greater Washington Area Federation, Hosea Ballou Federation, Massachusetts Bay Federation, Missouri Valley Federation, Pacific Southwest LRY, Synergy(Texas), Starr King Federation, Connecticut River Valley Federation, North Star Federation, and Jersey Area Federation. The Board's moderator was Jeanne Wilkinson, the Parliamentarian was John Beebe-Center, and the advisors were Wayne Arnason and Doug Strong.

The non-Board members were a large and dynamic force at Boards and gave alot of support and help to our chef, Kym Trippsmith. Most of them were from Kansas City. The cooks became famous for good food, and dealing with the stove (which gave a shock everytime it was touched).

The tone of the business was serious. The Board had to deal with many of LRY's major problems. A lot of time was given to discussion of LRY/UUA relations, SCOYP, continuity within LRY, alternative LRY structures, what federations can do to promote dialogue about LRY, federation and local problem solving, trust and sensitivity in LRY, youth/adult committees, reviving dead federations, and outreach and extension within LRY.

A fundraising plan for the coming year was a response to the need for LRY to become more financially self-sustaining. A number of fieldtripping and leadership development proposals were passed in response to the reality of many dead or struggling LRY federations. The structure of the Continental LRY Executive Committee was changed to promote better continuity. The Board voted in a new LRY symbol. The new position of Social Actions Director-in-the Field was created.



THE NEW LRY SYMBOL

## NEW, IMPROVED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

As of August 1978, two members of the Continental LRY Executive Committee will be elected at the summer Board of Directors meetings and take office on September 1st. Two will be elected at the winter Board meetings and take office on March 1. Executive Committee members will serve one year, causing their terms to overlap.

This change was instigated by the need for effective continuity and momentum within the Executive Committees and the Continental Office, i.e. a miracle cure for the midyear doldrums.

To institute this change, Katrinca-Director of Publications and Shelley Cantil-Director of Leadership and Program Development were elected for six month terms. Nada Velimirovic, Director of Denominational Communications, and Denise Lewis, Director of Finances and Extension, will remain on the Executive Committee until Summer Boards elections.

The following is a listing of some of the actions of the 1978 LRY Annual Board of Directors. For more specific information write to the Continental LRY office and they'll send you minutes of the meeting for free! Also, contact the LRY office if you are interested in attending LRY Winter Boards in Kansas City, Missouri, December 26-31st. Write: LRY Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

- \* The Board supports the formation of Youth Program Field Work Teams.
- \* The Board supports the UU General Assembly Business Resolution on Youth.
- \* The Board encourages LRY federations to alter their borders to correspond with UUA districts.
- \* Written continuity is required from all LRY Board members.
- \* Two LRY Directors will be elected in summer, two in winter.
- \* Continental Conference and Boards will only be in ERA ratified states, and federations with non-ERA ratified states are encouraged to plan meetings that will increase support for the ERA.
- \* The LRY Executive Committee will form a committee of local LRYers to help with People Soup.
- \* Proposal for Continental Youth Day, (April 29, 1979).
- \* The Continental LRY office will send a representative to at least one conference in every active federation in 1978-79.
- \* Active fieldtripping will be done by Continental LRY in the west coast area: Rocky Mountain Federation, Pacific Southwest LRY, Starr King Federation, Sahill, and Sam Newt.
- \* Recommendation that each federation have a leadership development conference
- \* The Board endorses the LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation.
- \* a directive to the Social Actions Director-in-the-field to emphasize the Coalition
- \* the 1978-79 Budget
- \* accepting the endowment from SRL to fund the Social Actions Director-in-the-field



The ten long days of business meetings were not exclusive of adventures. One night the Board went to see Rocky Horror Picture Show (in Texas?) and were the rowdiest group there. Another time the non-board members (you know who you are!) kidnapped John Beebe-Center and left him in a plastic join-cloth in the middle of a parking lot somewhere in San Antonio! The night before the elections of the new LRY Executive Committee people spent hours making up verses to "the A.E. Blues" (ask someone from K.C. about A.E.). Boards were a headache, a heartache, and a great time for everyone!



## SOCIAL ACTIONS DIRECTOR-IN-THE-FIELD

At the annual LRY summer Board of Directors meeting the LRY Board voted to alter the directorships of the Continental office. The Board recognized extension (or fieldwork) as a high priority at this time. To better serve this priority position the Directorship of Finances and Social Actions was changed to Director of Finances and Extension. In hopes of continuing Social Actions as an integral part of LRY the Board voted to add a Social Actions Director-in-the-field.

The Social Actions Director-in-the-field will be a member of the executive committee but will not live and work in Boston with the rest of the committee. This volunteer position holds great promise of merit, as SRL has given their endowment funds to LRY this summer with the contingency that the interest be used for Social Actions.

The Social Actions Director shall not only file the latest information and correspond with Unitarian Universalist Social Action groups, but shall also write regular articles for People Soup concerning boycotts, rallies, and demonstrations which may be of interest to the LRY constituency. The Social Actions Director will keep up communications with the LRY Coalition Against Nuclear Proliferation, the LRY office, and the LRY Board.

The position of Social Actions Director-in-the-field has not been filled at the time of this writing. The LRY executive committee has been granted the power to nominate a person for this position, to be approved at the next meeting of the LRY Board.

**NEWS FLASH!** Elections for Director of Publications and Director of Leadership & Program Development will be held at the 1978 winter Board meetings in Kansas City, MO. Those elected will serve terms from March 1, 1979 to March 1, 1980.

Any inquiries about these positions or this structure can be sent to: LRY, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

\* Shelley served as Director of Publications on the 1977/78 Executive Committee. She's the first Taco to be re-elected in all of LRY's history!



# PASS THE BUCK

BY DENISE LEWIS

The Unitarian Universalist Association has been, for the last seventeen years, the major source of funding for the Continental LRY Office. Therefore, they have made financially possible the production of programming, *People Soup* and the many other resources and skills that come from this office. At this time, the UUA, like many other non-profit organizations and because they have not met their Annual Program Fund, is feeling the heavy crunch of inflation. Therefore Continental LRY (this means you) should take the initiative to tap all possible financial resources. This type of responsibility is inherent in LRY philosophy. Self-determination and self-responsibility are ideals that should not be excluded from money matters.

Continental LRY, being for the most part people between the ages of 13 and 19, is made up of individuals who have or are beginning to take their own financial support as their own responsibility. Realizing that this begins at an age when people begin to define their own needs and values, and that LRY has taken as one of its main goals to foster the growth of values clarification, both in the individual and as a group; it is our obligation to be, as much as possible, responsible for the financial support of our (yours and mine) organization.

As Director of Finances and Extension I have been directed by the LRY Board of Directors (your representatives) to implement fundraising programs, which are a high priority of the Executive Committee this year. To do this I must have not only a solid and profitable idea, but one that is supported by the LRY constituency. Therefore I am asking for ideas from each of you or your local, for a plan that I can facilitate and that you will be anxious to participate in. These ideas can range from the most outrageous to the most logically thought out.

Along with our brainstorming on actions that we can take, I am looking into possible foundation grants and politically sound investments for our endowment fund. Again I am asking you to share any insights you might have on foundations or investments.

You are also welcome to contact me if you have any information as to the whereabouts of those trees that money grows on.....

## FORWARD TOGETHER

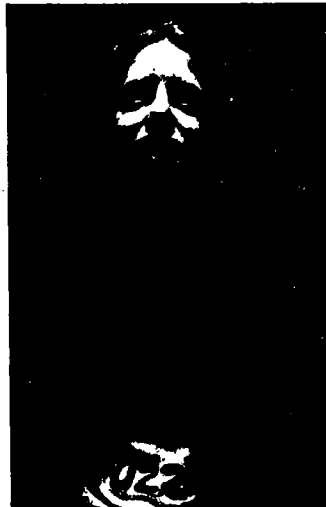


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# INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP



Part of the American Delegation - (Left to right) TOP: Lynne Loveless, Chris Granda, Janet Kent, Roger Smart, Nan Warshaw. MIDDLE: Linda Turpinseed, Renee Baird, Peter Sasowsky, Aoi Duncanson, Wendy Lucas, Elizabeth Ferry. BOTTOM: Debbie Bright, Alicia Bright, Linda Sachs. RG Oxford 78



Nan Warshaw IRF RG Oxford 78

Where can high school and college aged youth from around the world join in international joke telling sessions, group discussion and worship in a liberal religious context? International Religious Fellowship (IRF), the youth group of the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF), is that kind of place.

The Continental Y.A.C. provided scholarships for several U.S. youth to attend the 1978 IRF Conference, held in conjunction with the IARF Congress in Oxford, England. Following the conference was a tour of several mainland European countries for IRFers.

LRY is a member organization of IRF as the UUA is a member organization of IARF. This means that each and every one of you is eligible to attend the annual IRF Conference and tour. To receive *Forward Together*, the IRF magazine, you only have to send in your name and address to LRY, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. In addition, your name will be added to our IRF mailing list so that you will receive any future mailings about IRF.



## A MEMORY OF HOLLAND

Barefoot and wonderous,  
I wandered down the sandy coast.

As I slowly made my way across the prainy surface,  
I listened to the vagabond waves

as they whispered to me  
tales of past journeys they had made

across the sea's velvet floor.  
Though I was walking

alone,  
I didn't feel lonely.

Though the air was  
cold,

I didn't notice.  
I was among friends and was content.

Renee Baird  
Summer, 1978



Semicircular multi-backrub while waiting for the bus to drive from the ferry in Holland. RG Oxford 78



# P O E T R Y S E C T I O N

It was, is and will be (?)

Sparkling cleanliness rising high in the sky,  
a halo sroding around it in the slow, growing dawn.  
Perfection.

The ultimate creation.

None would ever surpass it.

Soon: it brings tears to the eyes to look at it.  
The sheen has suddenly become piercing,  
the height menacing.

Few dare to take a good look, for fear of seeing,  
believing inspection more harmful  
than the unknowing trust of its being.  
Infrequently, one will study it.

Those that do ban together.

They are angered by its power  
over their lives.

Constantly overshadowing.

In the afternoon, large numbers are gathered  
to regard it  
and take away its dominance.

Too late.

Dusk falls.

It moves into action;

in a flash it contests the sun  
for omnipotence over life.

At that moment: night come to stay.

There is one sound:

a few cockroaches scurry,  
eating the plentiful, overcooked food.

-the desperado

(Written on August 8, 1978, in contemplation  
of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings)

patterns  
geometry  
somehow tied into the system of  
my mind.

reflected in unconscious actions  
that make even patterns  
giving one way  
and the other  
the balance  
of living  
of life.

-Abbe

A green day

It was a green day-  
that first day  
of spring.  
All the fluttering leaves...  
the grass  
just mowed  
smelled deceptively sweet;  
like your cologne.  
the inconsequential  
but bothersome  
bugs  
flew free  
and noisily  
wherever they wished;  
like you.

While I remained  
in the house;  
within the walls  
I built  
and cared for,  
making sure no crack would develop  
to weaken  
my defenses.  
You had no walls-  
just doors  
to open and shut  
as you pleased,  
but I...  
was green  
like the day.

-the desperado  
9/28/78

Time moves forward  
from left/future  
to right/past  
where it's at is  
here, now  
this is the  
place/time  
to act  
for only  
here/now  
can we  
really  
make a difference



Eyes so bright  
Full of wisdom, of age  
Tears dim the light  
As time turns the page.

Reads like a book  
Tales lie within  
Quick, take a look  
To see what has been.

A glance filled with words  
Shouts through silence  
Beacons until cinders  
leaving only essence.

Gazes become novels  
A look-a page  
No telling what's revealed  
Within the eyes of age.

-Love

Blue Jay, Blue Jay  
Fly me away  
Into the trees  
Where the light breeze  
Stirs the whispering leaves  
here, a web a spider weaves  
For to catch a meal

Oh, for the woods  
Where the cuckoos  
Wear their hoods  
And their call  
Echoes forth from  
The shadowy green world  
I am a part of it all

Can you not feel  
The life that  
Surrounds you?  
It is going on  
Everywhere  
All the time



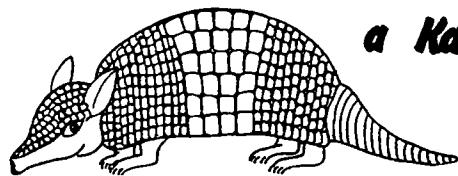
I thought the white flowers of the devil  
weed were alive, pulsing, glowing with Blue  
fire.



Sometimes  
if I sit very still  
I can see my shadow  
playing in the corner  
floating in a world  
of dreams and desires

# Continental Conference 1978 —

## a Kaleidoscope of Growth and Change



Daniel Hessler

The 1978 Continental Conference 1978 was held near Wimberly, Texas, at the Rim Rock Ranch, otherwise known as the "3R". It is in the rocky, arid hill country of southern Texas. It's pretty country, with limestone rocks and boulders among the grasses, cacti and the few trees that grow there. The days were clear, hot and the nights were breezy and filled with the sound of crickets, katydids and other nocturnal animals. I love the night insects and their noises, but distant cousins of theirs; the scorpions and tiny ticks, were not so popular.

The 3R has perhaps a dozen buildings on its acreage, including a dining hall, a pavillion (recreation hall), a bathhouse, a number of bunk houses, and one covered wagon fixed up as a bunkhouse. There is also a swimming pool, horses and riding trails, a volley ball net/court and a basketball/tennis court.

To this place came people from nearly every state in the union and Canada as well. They came in cars, vans, buses, trains, and planes. Though there was a warning against hitching, a few daring individuals did anyway.



The conference committee planned a system by which the cooking and clean-up of meals were taken care of by "care groups". These groups consisted of anywhere from six to fourteen people, and were to meet daily to discuss that days events, to make plans for the next day, and to generally get to know one another and to interact as a group. Various suggestions were made each day for group activities by the Continental Conference committee members. Some groups were very inspired, and came up with group names, new ideas, and a spirit of community. Others, by group consensus (perhaps apathy), met only to cook and clean for meals. The groups served their purposes well--they brought together people who might not have met otherwise.



The daily schedule went basically like this: 7:30 to 10 for breakfast (cook and clean up) then morning workshops began and continued until lunch. Following that there were either more workshops or a couple of hours in which to do whatever. If there was a free period, many people flocked to the pool, where diving contests, group sunbakes and the like were held. The first day or so there were a lot of severely sunburned faces and bods, but then the people with more sensitive skin became cautious and began wearing screening lotion; so, by the time the week was out nearly everyone was, to use an old phrase, "brown as a berry", or as near as they'd get. In the evenings came dinner, a conference gathering, and a worship service.

There were several workshops held late at night in the Pavillion, or Family Room. Attendance, though desired, was not required. Thus, everybody who was there wanted to be there. ~~and the workshops were good.~~ The last night we had a group dance and baptism that was a great deal of fun!

Some of the subjects on which workshops were conducted during the week were: Tai chi, meditation, the apathetic generation, field-tripping, youth Caucus, youth/adult relations youth leadership, nuclear proliferation, and face painting. All were conducted by IRVets excepting nuke proliferation, which were done by Bob Alpern. Bob is the director of the Unitarian Universalist Office for Social Concern in Washington, D.C.

Some of the highlights of the week were the daily (sometimes several times a day) picking sessions of the musicians (playing guitars, fiddles, mandolins, harmonicas, a banjo, lapsteel and various other instruments); the Mr./Ms. Ugly Contest; and the Care Group Skit Night. Steve Hendricks, currently of Manhattan, Kansas, won the Ugly contest for his rendition of "I am Woman" and

ravishing looks. Richard Marnhaut, as reigning "Queen", awarded the prize--a bucket of water over the head! There was some fierce competition from Shelley Cantril, Steve Glasgow, Norm Randall, Rick from N.J. and of course, Howie Maxwell and Eric Joselyn as scorpions. Some mention must be awarded Tom Smith, who served as the entertaining, if unorganized M.C. of the event.



The Skit Night was very good as well. The skits which drew the most applause were a mime, acted out by a care group; a skit intended to "step on toes" ad libbed by some of the Huntsville, AL people; and Howie, Eric, and Twilly Cannon's song and dance routine about ticks.

A new Continental Conference Committee was elected. They are rather spaced out (geographically). They are: "Elordike" (Kate) Patera, Karen White, Lucy Stauffer, Nellie Veeder, and George Nichols; from Anchorage, Phoenix, Palo Alto, Minneapolis, and Ottawa, respectively. Katrina, on this year's Executive Committee, will serve as Ex Officio to the new Continental Conference committee.

Most everyone, myself included, came away with good feelings, after having had a good time with good people.



### CON CON LOST AND FOUND

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# Prison Conversion is Olympic Subversion

BY SUSAN BUIS

On October 16, several LRYers from the Boston area participated in a picket organized by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to help stop the Olympic Prison. The picket, held in front of a club where the U.S. Olympic Committee was holding a fundraiser, was designed to educate people about the proposed prison. Spokeswoman Gretchen McKay Ashton said "We want to get our message inside to the Olympic Committee. We want them to come out against this prison for kids."

Because it is required that a second purpose be found for the buildings, the U.S. Department of Justice plans to turn the athletes' housing facilities for the 1980 Winter Olympics into a federal youth prison when the Games are over. The facilities are being built in Ray Brook, a small town near Lake Placid, New York, where the Games are being held. Ironically enough, the U.S. Olympic Committee is presently looking for a permanent site for an amateur athletic training center and Ray Brook is one place they are considering. The prison may cost up to 66 million to build and will house 500 young inmates after conversion. The prison site, a part of the Adirondack Mountains once designated as "forever wild" by the New York State constitution, was sold by the state to the U.S. government for \$1.00.

A group called STOP (Stop the Olympic Prison) has been organized by the New York Council of Churches and the National Moratorium on Prison Construction (NMPC) to organize the fight against the prison. The NMPC is a project of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). The purpose of STOP is not to halt the building of the housing facilities, but its conversion into a prison. The attack is being waged on several fronts.

Prisons are an expensive and destructive way to treat offenders of the law. Young people are often incarcerated for behavior that would not be considered criminal if they were adults. Little rehabilitation occurs in prisons, but many youth learn about real crime from more experienced inmates. Of the people who are arrested for breaking the law, it's the poor and non-white who end up in jail. And the U.S. has more prisons than any other industrialized nation in the world.

The inmates of the Olympic Prison will be male, 18-26 years old, 60-75% black and Puerto Rican, and mostly drug offenders. Their jailers will be rural whites, an Attica-like situation. The Bureau of Prisons is violating its own policy of locating prisons near large cities so that community resources may be used in rehabilitation efforts and of incarcerating people near their homes so that family and friends can visit. The young men who will end up in this prison will mostly be from Boston, New York City, and Philadelphia, hundreds of miles away. If Federal sentencing alternatives now in existence were utilized, the supposed "need" for another youth prison would be eliminated.

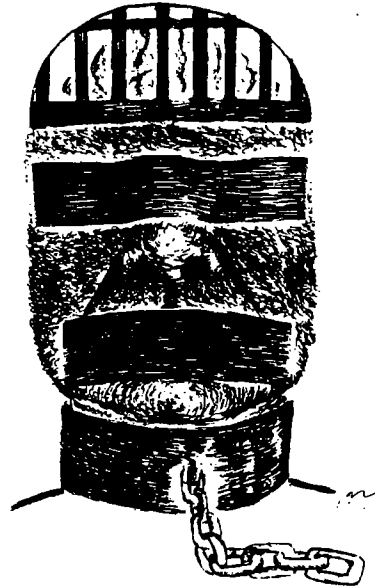
There are steps you can take to help stop this mockery of all the Olympics stand for, and in doing so, bring attention to our country's dependence on a system of caging people. One of the best things you can do is to talk about the situation. Many people are shocked to learn about our government's involvement in such a scheme, especially when Carter's Human Rights initiative is considered. You can also get more information (resources below) and do an informational for your youth group, church, or fellowship. Let people in power know how you feel. Write or telegram President Carter (he signed the bill to appropriate the money for construction), Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (chair of House subcommittee on Courts, Civil Liberties, and Administration of Justice), and especially Senator Robert Kennedy (Senate subcommittee on Justice). Start a letter writing campaign in your local. Last but not least, join STOP or the NMPC. They need your time, energy, and money if we are to stop the Olympic Prison.

## RESOURCES

**STOP**  
3049 East Genesee Street  
Syracuse, NY 13224  
315-446-6151

**UUSC National Moratorium on Prison Construction**  
324 C Street, SE  
Wash. DC 20003  
202-547-3633

**UUSC**  
78 Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-742-2120



## WRITE TO

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222 Rayburn Bldg.  
Wash. DC 20515

Robert J. Kane  
Pres. U.S. Olympic Comm.  
Olympic House  
57 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

President Jimmy Carter  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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## The Conference

The feeling  
the growing  
the touching  
the learning  
the peace of mind  
the thoughts I find  
the things to learn  
the things to share  
the feelings I find  
when I am here.

- Susan McKown

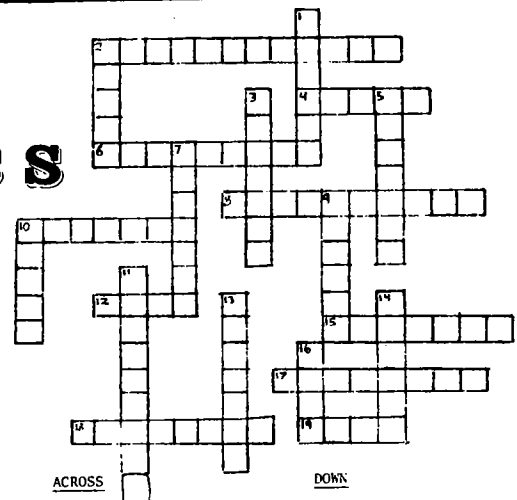
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"We trust each of us  
hope  
we believe in a better future  
energy  
we stand up for our truths  
love  
we reach out to all of human-kind  
we would be one."

# WORD CROSS



ACROSS

DOWN

2. Where Dracula ends and Unitarianism begins
4. No is good
6. Worst enemy at Continental Conference
8. Human Broth, syn.
10. The Ann Landers' of the LRY world
12. LRY's favorite contact sport
15. First LRY Executive Committee member to be re-elected
17. Editor of your favorite publication
18. LRY local that has a valid reason for not going to conferences (got a canoe?)
19. Bjorklund or Hoffman
1. President of the UU
2. Four edible vegetables
3. up
5. Ralph, Lake and Palmer
7. Our favorite ranch in Texas
9. Some of my best friends are
10. A group of LRYers in "one cell"
11. Economical form of transportation
13. The federation that LRYers eat a lot of
14. Director of Finance and Extension (creator of this terrific puzzle)
16. Director of Denominational Communications

Stay tuned for CrossWords answers in next issue

# IS IT SOUP YET...?



3 I WAS WALKING THROUGH A BACK OFFICE ROOM AT 25  
BEACON STREET THE OTHER DAY... I MET OUR EDITOR  
COOKING UP A BATCH OF PEOPLE SOUP

## Writing an Article *Katrina*

People Soup is a newspaper made up of contributions from its readers. The LRY office serves as a channel through which the contributions are edited, organized, typed and laid out to create the People Soup you receive. Ever since its beginning in 1972, the Executive Committee has written most of the Soup articles. This is unfortunate for two major reasons. For one, the time we spend writing articles for People Soup takes away from time we could be spending on other things (i.e. program packets, correspondence, fieldtripping, etc.) More importantly People Soup is our newspaper. Not our's as in the four of us on the Executive Committee, but OUR's as in all of LRY. People Soup should be representative of the continental organization.

Since I have been working here (less than two months), I have received many contributions in the form of graphics, poetry, letters for Biofeedback Monitor System and Personals. That's great! Keep them coming. However, the number of articles received has been very small.

In the past, the reason for the lack of articles coming from outside this office has been written off as apathy. I, being a person with great faith in LRYers, don't believe that to be the major problem. Although the majority of LRYers attend good, well funded schools where English is a required course, many do not know where to start in writing an article for People Soup.

A good place to start is with the theme. Elsewhere on this page are the themes and deadlines for the next two issues of People Soup,

along with some ideas for articles that might be included. If you have knowledge, interest, or opinions about the themes and ideas listed, consider writing an article. Don't feel limited by my suggestions, however. If you wish to send in an article not based on one of the themes, do it. All contributions are considered for publication whether or not they deal with the theme.

When writing an article, concentrate on the content rather than the grammar. Although proper grammar is important, it is more important that the articles are well thought out, organized, and interesting. Everything published in the Soup is edited twice for punctuation, spelling errors, etc. So don't overly concern yourself with misplaced commas. If you consider the spelling of the English language one of the great mysteries of the universe (as I do), Nada; our resident spelling expert, will correct it. If all else fails, we have a huge dictionary.

If you're writing about a controversial subject (i.e., nuclear energy, the ERA) make sure that your article is balanced. This is not to say that you shouldn't clearly state your opinion; opinionated articles are encouraged. But do try to include the major arguments on the opposite side. This shows that you are knowledgeable about the subject and that your opinion is well thought out.

A basic formula for writing opinionated articles is: Introduction  
your opinion  
their opinion

## next issues

| theme                                                                            | dead-<br>line | lay-<br>out |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| COMMUNITY<br>-building community<br>within a local<br>-TRF<br>-extended families | February 18   | February 25 |
| ENVIRONMENT<br>-ecology<br>-alternative energy<br>-the city environment          | December 3    | December 10 |

## BASIC INGREDIENTS:

**Personals-** Short letter from one person to another, often confusing to outside parties

**Feds ups & downs-** Short articles about what's going on in the federations; if no one is responsible for writing this column take the responsibility upon yourself to see that your fed is represented in every issue.

**Bio-feedback-** Letters to People Soup that are of interest to readers in general; this is our "letters to the editor" section

**Articles-** see article on how to write an article

### Coverwriter and Artist:

LRY will pay \$10 for articles, graphics and/or photographs used for the cover page of People Soup. Cover materials should be 1/2 to 1 full page in size and deal directly with the Soup theme. Make sure materials for a particular issue are mailed at least a week in advance of the deadline given.

**Spices-** Poetry, Graphics, Photos..... Creative contributions are an important part of the Soup. KEEP THEM COMING!!!!

### Production:

If you live in the Boston area or can manage a visit during production time, volunteer work is always welcome. If you are interested in helping edit, type and lay out the Soup, contact the LRY Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.

a rebuttal (why their opinion is conclusion wrong)

Don't be redundant. When writing an article, you may want to state something more than once for emphasis, but don't say the same thing over and over just to see how many ways there are to state it. If you repeat something over and over, you will lose the reader's interest, so try not to be repetitive. And besides, if you try to clarify something by repeating it in a different way each time, you will just confuse matters, so try not to be redundant. (Point made?)

Feel free to include yourself in the article. Although not encouraged by most English teachers, writing in the first person (using "I" instead of detaching yourself from your work) is more interesting and real to the people who are reading.

Perhaps the most difficult thing about writing for Soup is getting up the nerve to mail the article. The only previous writing experience most LRYers have had comes through school, where work is often judged more by its weaknesses than its strengths. The fear of having people all over the continent reading one's article is not easily ignored. But keep in mind, the greatest critic of your work (aside from your English teacher) is you. LRY is an organization based on personal growth through the sharing of ideas, opinions, and strengths with others in the community. People Soup is an outgrowth of this philosophy.