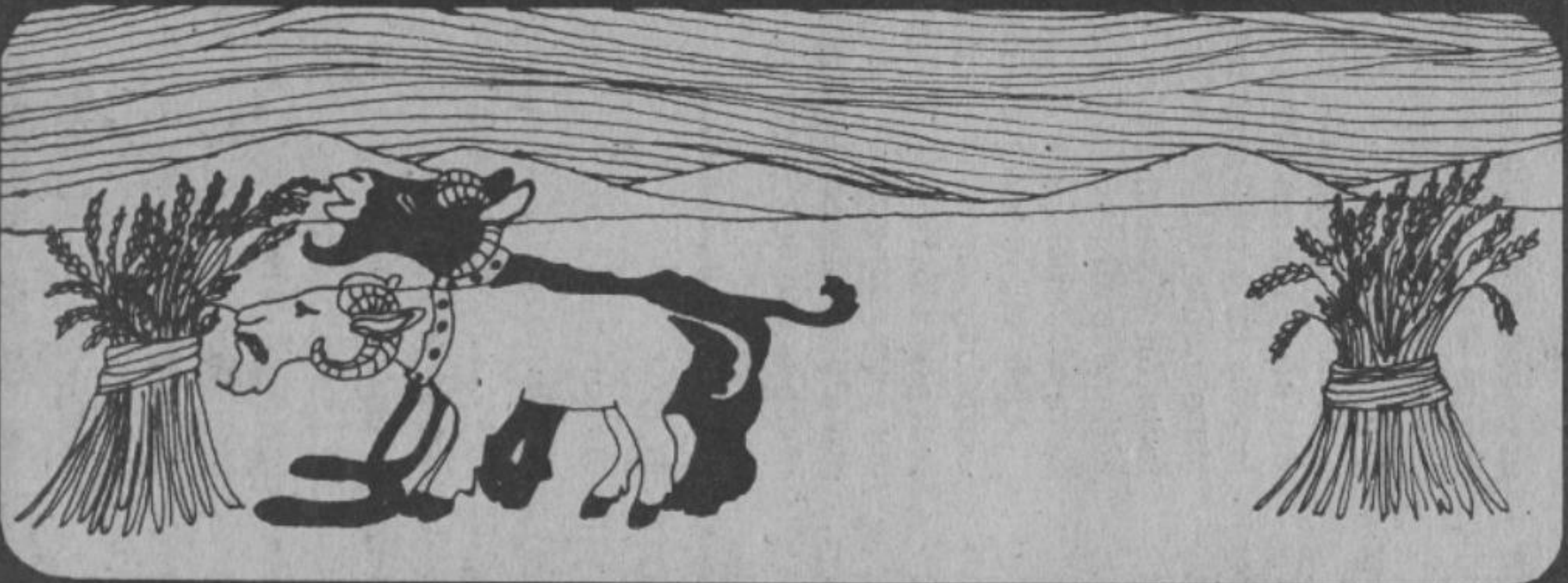
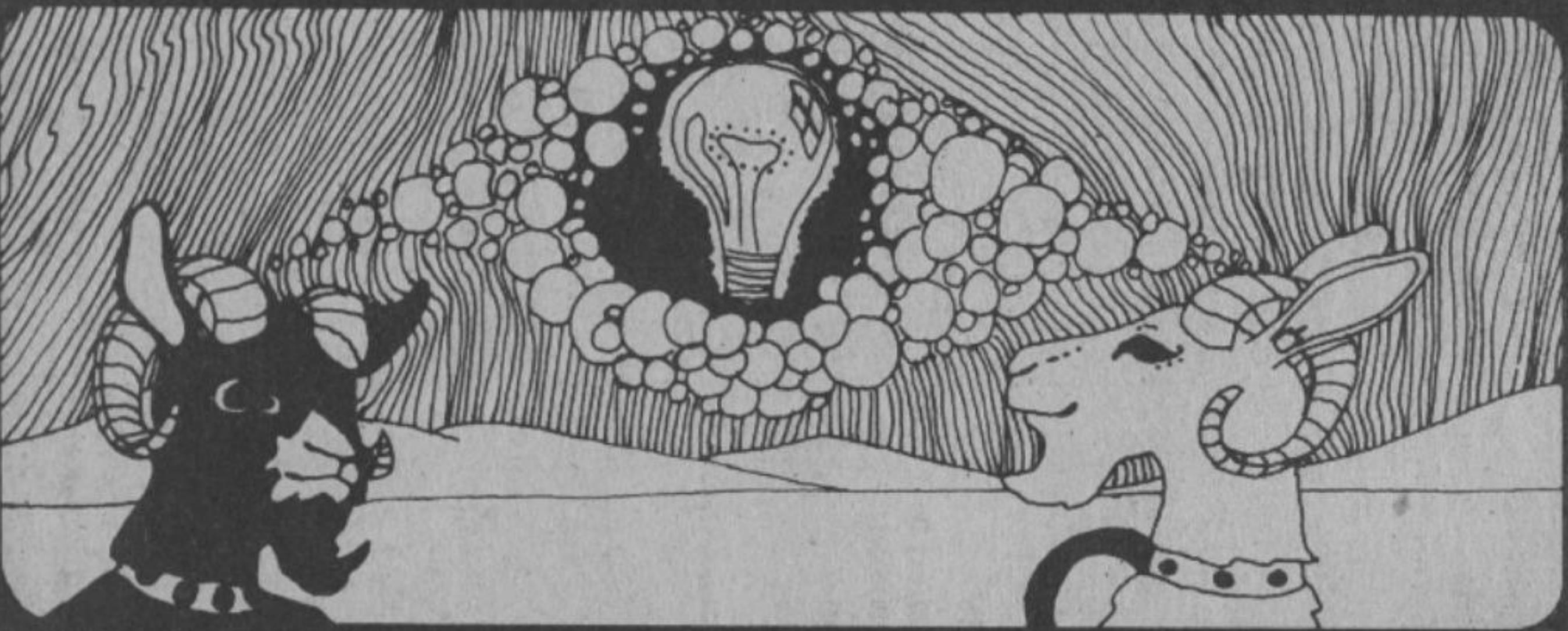
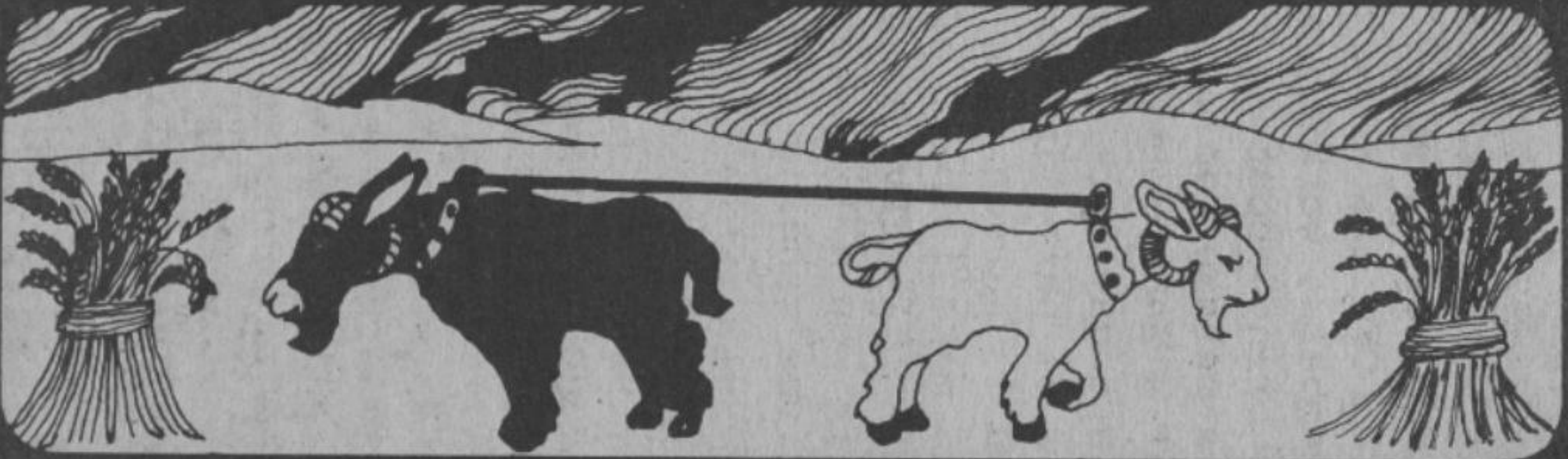


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Recently, two small Flambeau articles have hinted at proposed construction of a research park at the old FSU Dairy Farm. What follows is a report of available information (the investigation continues) concerning the concept of a research park in Tallahassee as it stands.

The park is a cooperative venture by F.S.U., F.A.M.U., and the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, proposed as an applied research site financed by private companies to work in close association with research programs at the two universities.

Park Planner and Director of Planning for F.S.U., Fred H. Williams, envisions 3,000 scientific, professional, and support positions to become available as a result of the park's existence. He emphasizes that the research park should house no heavy manufacturing or assembly of high-value-to-weight-and-volume products, such as computer parts.

At full occupancy 32 acres, 15% (perhaps increasing to 25%) of rolling pastoral land will be under buildings. The remaining approximately 15 acres would be landscaped using natural vegetation, and would be maintained as a public recreation facility. Natural drainage and woods are to be preserved.

Buildings would be similar in design and quality to the new physics undergraduate laboratory at F.S.U. and all park activities are promised to be non-polluting. No heavy industrial traffic should be involved under the existing formula.



The Leon County Research and Development Authority, overseer for the park, has for its membership the two university presidents, former governor LeRoy Collins, former Democrat editor Malcom Johnson, and Doug Nichols - member of the Leon County Board of Commissioners.

The Authority, expected to receive state agency status by the fall with the approval of the Legislature, the Board of Regents, and the Cabinet, should then become the new lease holders of approximately 300 acres of the dairy farm. The organic farm and garden area, along with 80 other acres adjacent to Alumni Village, are not among the lands in the turnover.

In a March 8th memorandum from the office of Vice President for Administrative Affairs, the Campus Development Committee strongly supported the concept of a research park and gave President Sliger its full endorsement for the land changeover.

Randy Drew, F.S.U. Student Government President, while also approving of the park concept, strongly disapproved of giving up the farm to the Authority, citing the aesthetics of undeveloped open land convenient to university communities and the shortage of F.S.U. acreage compared to other state universities. He indicated that, along with leaders of the Florida Students Association, some on the Campus Development Committee may also have reservations about the land turnover.

Dt. Fernald, director of Florida Resource and Environment Analysis Center, probably the first to suggest the dairy farm as a location for the park, admitted that to his knowledge, no survey of available state-owned lands in the Tallahassee area was done. He said, however, that the farm site was selected over an alternative

# FSU Farm

## Could Become a Research Park

by Larry Schuster

Lake Talquin location due to lower environmental impact, availability of utilities, and convenience to students and faculty of the farm. Fernald added that 9 out of 10 research parks in this country have failed. One of the most successful of the 17 currently operating parks had 30 million dollars pumped into it initially and eventually had to rely on some industrial manufacturing to stay financially alive.

More often than not, our environment has been imposed upon, its face drastically altered without adequate notice to or due consideration for the inhabitants of that environment.

Presently, tentative plans are underway to have an "awareness day" festival at the F.S.U. Intermural Field on June 30, 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the event is to further focus the community's attention on the matter of a proposed construction at the farm and increased congestion, mall buildings, and pollution that will be brought to the Tallahassee environment. Supported by F.S.U. Student Government and CPE, with other student group support pending, the scheduled events anticipated are a Fun-Run of the area, North Florida Frisbee Tournament, New Games, and concerts by several local bands and artists.

Why not organize a picnic with your friends and join us in this summer community festival? Watch for posters and the Flambeau for further information. Suggestions and organizing help are kindly solicited. For personal attention, please call Larry Schuster or Ed Greene at the CPE office, F.S.U., at 644-6576 or 644-6577.

### editorial comment

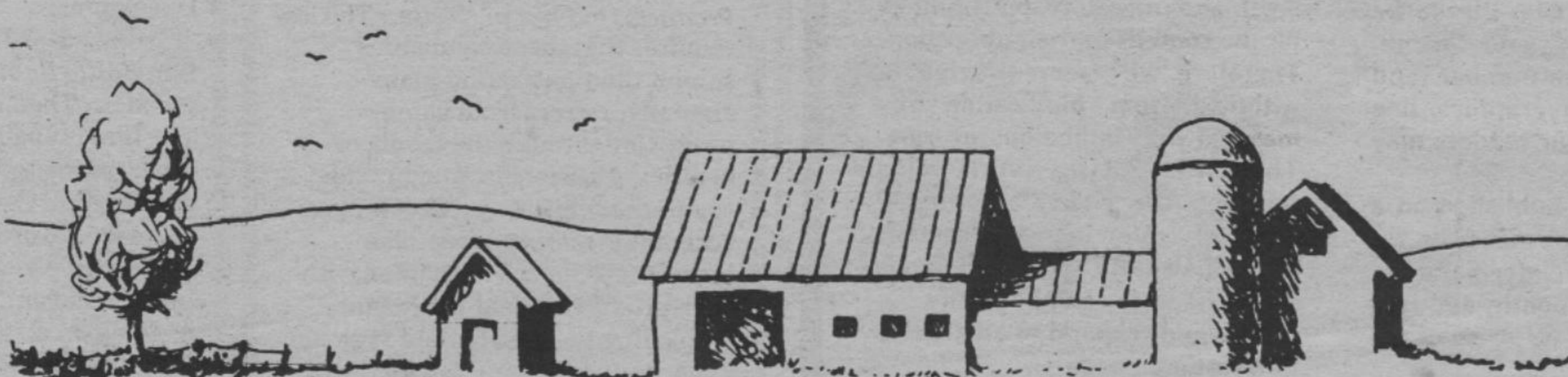
The research park proposal is yet another example of the warped priorities of those in power and their desire to put corporate profits before human needs. This proposal helps private industries make full, free use of our publicly-supported universities for their private gain. Meanwhile, the use of these institutions for the improvement of the society that pays for them remains under-utilized.

How about using the Dairy Farm as an energy-efficient, ecologically-viable housing development designed FAMU's Architecture Department, outfitted with appropriate technology equipment designed by university experts and built by CETA workers? It could be organized as a cooperative to provide housing for local poor people, with the arable land used as an organic demonstration farm whose food could go to feed local people who are hungry.

Or, what is wrong with leaving it like it is, large, publicly-owned, quiet space of woods and fields, good for a picnic and peace of mind within reach of the local community? It is rare and necessary in the face of increasing urbanization. With the research park, the quiet dirt roads and clean air of the dairy farm will be replaced by parking lots and big cars.

This proposal is another case, like nuclear power, where the public suffers detriment for the profit of private industries and is even, forced to pay for it.

— Jerry Johansen





## Spectrum's Evolution

by Tana McLane

Of late, I've been noticing that many publications have been including letters or articles from their staffs which tell a few things about the way the publications work and come together. Such articles seem to help clarify and demystify those publications and make them more accessible to their readers. In past issues of SPECTRUM, we have published our own letters from the innerworkings in order to relate what we are about. In this issue, we find ourselves with the space to print a few words about this local, grassroots publication.

First, we are a group of people who work together collectively. Within the collective, there is some specialization of tasks, but many of us overlap on tasks because there are so many of them and so few of us. There are three main areas within the structure of SPECTRUM: sales, editorial, and

production. We are a small group and we produce a small paper. Larger publications have more specialization, more room, and more people.

The *sales department* sells ads to businesses and individuals. Michael Waldman is currently the advertising coordinator. He coordinates salespeople (when there are some), oversees general sales, turns in the ad sheets which contain all pertinent data about what the advertiser wants to see in her ad. Presently, Michael also sells the overwhelming majority of ads for SPECTRUM. It's a mammoth job, but he carries it out amazingly well. SPECTRUM supports itself solely from ad sales.

The *editorial crew* is a collective within a collective, actually more of a task force. The editorial crew now meets together every Tuesday night except the one immediately

following SPECTRUM's printing date (we usually come out the first Monday of every month). The basic functions of the editorial crew are: to receive and select available articles for publication; to discuss and respond to community input and critique; to proof articles once they are typed to our style; to make or formalize policies; and to generally keep up with what's happening all throughout SPECTRUM's processes. Presently, the editorial crew consists of: Vicki Mariner, Larry Teich, Jerry Johansen, Rowan Fairgrove, Margie Menzel, Pat Simmons, Roger Peace and myself. Roger has been an integral force in SPECTRUM's development with his penchant for meticulous detail as well as an overview of the paper's content. He gets special mention here because he is moving on toward a more direct involvement with the community of the Miccosukee Land Co-op and the town of Miccosukee and will, sometime during the summer, be withdrawing from the total involvement with the paper and editorial crew that he has put in in the past.

The other unsung heroes, the *production crew*, are the people who closet themselves away every production weekend, spending marathon hours in the production

lab. Ten-twelve hour Saturdays are not unusual. But, we're not totally martyrs, I assure you. We enjoy it pretty much. There's a sense of accomplishment and completion as we put a finished issue of SPECTRUM to bed on Sunday night. The people who bring SPECTRUM to you in the form you read it are: Llyn French, Rowan Fairgrove, Larry Teich, Vicki Mariner and myself. Bill Taylor shoots the photo negatives. And others within the collective drop in to do various tasks from time to time. We are all learning as we go.

Bruce Frank, Shari Withers, Joyce Harper and Jan Forester also participated in this issue with their artistic abilities. Jan, Joyce and Michael Waldman contributed the photographs. Bruce and Llyn French did advertising artwork. And Shari is a newcomer who contributed the art for the article on therapeutic massage.

People come singly to work on SPECTRUM. Someone contacts one of us, makes some sort of contribution and may travel with us permanently or for awhile, depending on their needs or ours.

Come fall, we'll be having one meeting per month for reader input and critique.

We solicit your input in the form of letters, articles, art or photos.

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If you would like more information about SPECTRUM, feel free to call 222-2528 or 575-2934. Mailing address: 2105 Autumn Lane, Tallahassee 32304

SPECTRUM is an open forum for the Tallahassee community. Emphasizing events, developments and activities in the "alternative" or "progressive" culture here, we encourage people to participate with contribution of articles, labor or advertisements.

Writers cannot be paid. Articles are printed on a space-available basis. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number [and perhaps an autobiographical line or two] so we or our readers may contact you.

SPECTRUM is published on a monthly basis. The deadline for articles and other information is the 15th of each month, allowing the final fifteen days or so of the month for production.

## WE PLAN TO BE ADAMANT ABOUT CONTRIBUTORS MEETING OUR DEADLINE.

Views expressed by writers are not representative of SPECTRUM or of any particular organization unless identified as such. Our goal is to provide an open forum for the community, but the staff does bear certain legal and moral responsibilities for the content of the publication. Therefore, we reserve the right to withhold from publication any material that is libelous in tone. The SPECTRUM staff also reserves the right to withhold material referring to specific individuals until such individuals have had the opportunity to review and respond to all articles in question.

## announcements

Catfish Alliance will hold a workshop on Saturday, June 23, 10:00 a.m. at the FSU Reservation to discuss goals and strategy. A covered dish luncheon will divide two two-hour sessions. All are welcome.

Special opportunity with growing alternative magazine. Need one person to do business management, list maintenance, promotion and ad program supervision. Also supervise fulfillment on auxilliary products and services. Salary equal to senior staff, grows with magazine. Experience important. For more details, contact Co-op, Box 7293, Ann Arbor, MI 48107.

## Nestle Boycott Update

by Margie Menzel

Two U.S. congressmen, Ron Dellums (D-Calif.) and George Miller (D-Calif.), have introduced a bill in the House that seeks to curb infant formula abuses by American-based corporations. The bill, the Infant Formula Nutrition Act of 1979 (HR 4093), seeks to control the promotion and marketing of infant formula in areas of the world where low incomes, poor water, wide-spread illiteracy and lack of refrigeration make its use hazardous. (note that this applies to U.S. companies like Bristol Myers, Abbot, and American Home Products, but not to Nestle.) The law requires that these companies submit their marketing plans annually, refrain from using promotion through the media or health professionals, and provide assurances that they target only acceptable market areas. The instructions must be included with each product in clear language, employing the appropriate regional dialect and affirming the merits of breast feeding.

Forty-eight members of Congress have signed a letter to President Carter written by Dellums and Bruce Vento (D-South Dakota). The letter calls for infant formula to be classified as a hazardous substance under the U.S. Export Policy and for the application of technical assistance to countries that have placed or are considering placing restrictions on the marketing of infant formula, under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Tallahassee Infact will show the film *Bottle Babies* on June 24 at 8:00 pm at St. Thomas Moore Church. The film is available for loans to other interested groups at no charge. Call Carmen Avila, 222-4435, in order to find out about getting involved with Tallahassee Infact. And anyone who is interested in doing an action to protest infant formula abuses should contact me at 575-2464.

## Writing/Revolution

*"Many see that in this nightmared land, language has no meaning and the work of the writer is ruined. Many see that the triumph of authoritarian consciousness is its ability to render the spoken and written word meaningless - so that we cannot talk or hear each other speak. It is the work of the writer to reclaim the language from those who use it to justify murder, plunder, violation. The writer can and must do the revolutionary work of using words to communicate, as community."*

-Andrea Dworkin

I find it curious, if not ironic, that the press is frequently assailed by members of the power structure for malevolence and irresponsibility. When periodic campaigns against the media establishment are launched, generally by the Right, autonomous publishers and the chains they represent are among the first to be contacted. This makes perfectly good sense, of course. The major networks and their affiliates, the largest publishing chains and their satellites, and those wishing to gain access to the media establishment find it in their best interests to cooperate with the bureaucratic machinery of the state. Money and power ride upon their doing so.

Generally, the smaller, independent papers and the freelance journalists are responsible for an entirely disproportionate amount of the exposing of the power abuse by the state and its partners.

Even so, the overall effect is to render the public the recipients of, not the participants in, what is called "the news". We sit before the television set, we read the magazines and newspapers, and we are receptacles. We are not urged to respond. We are presented only with the fait accompli.

**"The media has consistently made activists ... appear to be idiotic, dangerous, or worse."**

In my opinion, the method of presenting the news as if to passive vessels is entirely deliberate. The policy of network news, for example, leans toward entertainment. The emphasis is less on content, which is, presumably, consistent from station to station; and more on the sex appeal, trust-inspiring capacity, charisma - whatever - of the presenter.

There are cute little feature stories. Some news teams specialize in covering accidents, murders, suicides, and other forms of the violent and sensational, providing expertly gruesome visual aids. That the public has become acclimated to accepting such garbage as entertainment is deplorable enough. What is worse - far worse - is the preeminent expectation to "be entertained" rather than to be informed as an aid to self-determination. News as entertainment is not only money in the networks' pockets, it manipulates public response - or, rather, the lack thereof - in the interests of the power structure.

The press exposed Watergate, you say? It's true. Let's not forget, however, that the Nixon Administration had failed to unify the elements of American power and had, in fact, incurred the bitter enmity of some of those elements, including the media establishment. Moreover, the abuses of the Watergate conspiracy were obviously within the media's frame of reference. Remember though: the media has consistently made activists who function antithetically to the power structure ap-

pear to be idiotic, dangerous, or worse.

The issues disappear. Feminists are women who burn their brassiers, not women struggling against their sexual colonization. The press smeared the Panthers, the anti-war movement, consumer advocacy, anti-nuclear activists - in short, the media establishment used the monopoly of our language to defend the status quo.

We need to develop a new way of speaking and writing, of communicating. The function of journalism ought to be that of providing the public with the truth, not insulating the power structure from the consequences of its abuses. Even the nuances of what is near-truth reflect the inherent prejudices of the power structure. In the words of Robin Morgan, *"Many of us began to recognize that we as women were trying to communicate hitherto unspeakable truths about our condition in the very language and concepts of the patriarchal culture (of the Left or Right) which caused that condition."*

I see in SPECTRUM the revolutionary potential for public access to media in a new language. This language is new because it encourages response and active participation rather than passivity. It is new because it does not require verbal conformity and, in fact, discourages it. It is new because it demystifies the skills of producing written material for publication,

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## A Student's View of Education

by Candis Creekmore

There is an important relationship between education and its application. I am a high school student at the School for Applied Individualized Learning (SAIL) in Tallahassee, and a great deal of the education I have been involved in this past year has been toward understanding how to relate my classroom learning to real world problems.

Alternative education started about 10 years ago in response to a growing dissatisfaction with the orthodox teaching methods and curriculum of the status quo, in the face of the Viet Nam war and the civil rights movement.

Now, ten years later, the system hasn't changed much. Most schools are still stressing the importance of job skills, literacy ability, competition and certification as the total curriculum.

Schools that omit courses which expose students to issues of the political, social and economic realities of today are not preparing students for a productive adult life.

For the most part, students get out of school, get a job, come home from work, turn on the TV, and complain about the system without ever knowing why it's the way it is or how to change it. Why? Because they have been conditioned to accept things as they are, feel powerless, are thankful because they are better off than most people and last, but not least, do not question authority (don't rock the boat).

This past year I have spent at SAIL has changed my attitude from an apathetic outlook to an action-oriented approach.

SAIL substitutes cooperation for authority and group participation for competition. More schools should consider this approach.

Students should have more control over what they learn. If schools truly want to promote and perpetuate a democratic society, they should give students opportunities to develop democratic skills and self-determination.

## news/commentary

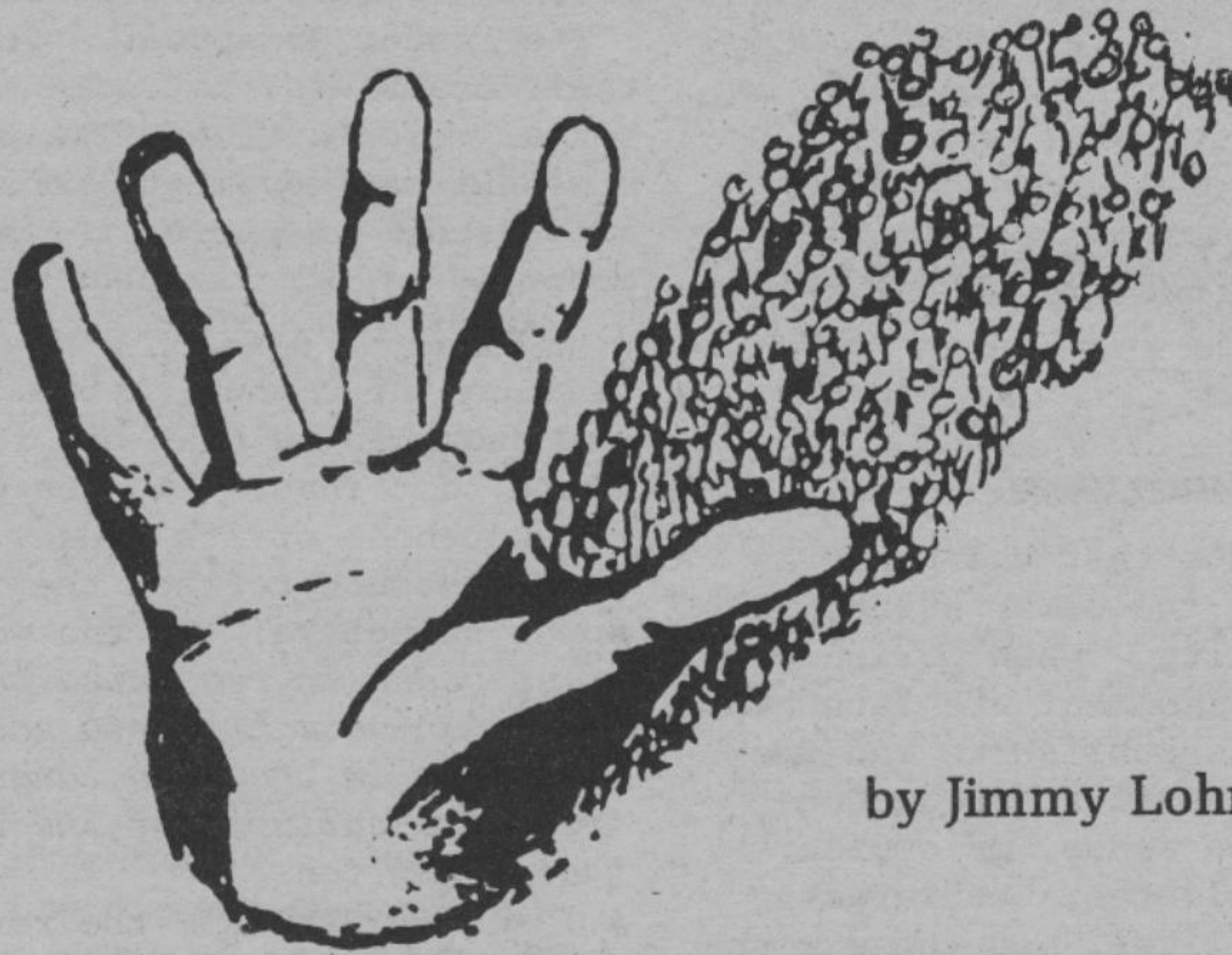
### Death Penalty Update

## ...before it strikes again

The return of the death penalty to Florida, and, in fact, to this continent, presents an immediate demand on all of us who are committed to the cause of human dignity.

Gov. Graham has assured us that executions will become "routine" in Florida. Nevertheless, the widespread reaction of revulsion produced by the barbaric electrocution of John Spenkelink on May 25 seems to have had an effect on Graham's politically motivated behavior (if not on his conscience). If we are to stave off future human barbecues, *this pressure on Graham must intensify!*

The death penalty is an archaic, racist, terribly vicious institution that has no place in a "civilized", or any society. There is no concrete evidence that the use of the death penalty serves any constructive or positive function. On the contrary, "state murder" is a frightfully dangerous business. When the state assumes the right to kill a citizen, society is effectively told: "premeditated brutal killing is O.K. — if we do it."



by Jimmy Lohman

FLORIDA IS IN THE FOREFRONT NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY IN THIS PRIMITIVE REGRESSION TO THE PENALTY OF DEATH. BEING IN TALLAHASSEE, WE HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS THE FRONT-LINE IN THIS ESSENTIAL HUMANITARIAN STRUGGLE. PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS WORK. CALL 222-4820 TODAY!

#### YOU MUST ACT NOW

1) Join the Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty. We meet every Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Neighborhood Center, 438 W. Brevard St.

Our office is at 222 W. Pensacola S Tallahassee, Fl 32301  
Phone: 222-4820, 224-4237

Call or come by the office and put yourself on our list of supporters or in our volunteer file.

2) Write and call Gov. Bob Graham. Tell him you object to the ferocity with which he is using the resources of the state to kill people.

3) Write to Cabinet Members: Secretaries Firestone, Turlington, Lewis, Gunter, Connor; Atty Gen. Smith. All addresses are The Captiol, Tallahassee, 32301

4) Keep abreast of anti-death penalty activities and participate in them.

### Open Letter

## to Governor Graham

*This was written on Monday after John Spenkelink was executed. I was with many other people who marched into the Florida capitol and filled up the powder blue reception area of Governor Graham's office on May 25th, 1979. The marchers walked through the hard marble lobby of the building clapping loud, strong claps in unison. The claps sounded like a storm echoing through those already infamous halls. We were coming to live through the execution at the place where the decision to kill a man in the name of justice was made.*

Dear Governor Graham:

I feel compelled to write to you in regards to the events surrounding the execution of John Spenkelink last Friday.

I am not arguing the cases of the people on death row. It is the system that I find fault with, one that makes execution just about mandatory if society wishes to protect itself from convicted murderers who can, at some point, get out on parole; one that also, if we live by the credo that the governor merely enacts the will of the legislative and judiciary branches of government and "the people," seems to insist that he enact it as part of his oath to uphold the law. That same system dismisses jurors from capitol crime trials if they admit that they cannot support the death penalty. The real question is whether institutionally-rendered murder should be allowed, even in retribution for other murders, in a society that calls itself civilized.

Like western medicine, the death penalty attempts to deal with symptoms. We resort to extreme, dangerous "cures" for problems that should be dealt with at a much earlier stage. Violence comes from an unjust, unfair society that is violent to the individual in itself. To focus on only the symptom and deal only with a quick, drastic solution does nothing for the general health of the organism of society. You can excise a cancerous tumor; but if you don't deal with the root of it and get it out and nurthre the health of the organism, that cancer will just return and return and become metastatic. It is dangerous and immoral to make that choice.

I was one of the people who occupied your reception area last Friday, to be near the heart of the violent beast when the execution took place. There was not much hope of preventing it at that point. It was an intense experience - that of being aware of an execution in the moments it was taking place, and aware of the man with whom that decision to kill a man had fallen hiding only a few yards away. Most of us didn't know what to expect of ourselves or of each

other. We wanted to see you and tell you not to pull that switch by remote control. But like the nights outside the gates of your tax-funded mansion, you were conspicuously absent. We were angry, desperate and sad.

Although some small faction called for violence on the part of the demonstrators, no one moved. We were not out for blood. We were there to protest a government who acts "in our name," who deals in blood. Legalized blood baths are no more ethical or acceptable in human standards than are those which strike in the night. They are essentially the same thing. Only one, committed by a government and a representative of murderous retribution, hides behind closed mahogany doors, protected by Ken Katsaris.

We must all fight against the violence in our hearts. We must work together to find solutions to the causes of violence in our society. Though you may excuse yourself to your family and "the people of Florida," you presently hold the ultimate decision for levying the death penalty against more human beings in your hands. And you will be held accountable by Floridians who know violence does not excuse or end violence.

The only way I can deal with John Spenkelink's murder is by heeding the words of two close friends. One said, "We must remember that men commit violence against men and women everywhere, every minute. Right now, there are children being beaten, women being raped. Wars are being fought. This one is only ordained by the government, and this one is only an incident in a long history of major and minor ones." Some small hope that is. And the other said, "We must remember that the people working desperately to keep John Spenkelink alive have done everything they could. The system was against them and people were fighting just as hard on the other side. No stone was left unturned. There are many more people on death row in Florida and all around the country. We must go back now. We have work to do. We must not let John's death be in vain."

I have great hopes for humanity. There is a new sort of movement afoot - one that is anti-violence, anti-death penalty, anti-nuclear energy, anti-homophobic-sexist-racist-classist. There is much work to do, and we are starting over again right now to do it. We are seeking new levels of ourselves, we are fighting against the madness, and someday...we shall overcome.

Tana McLane

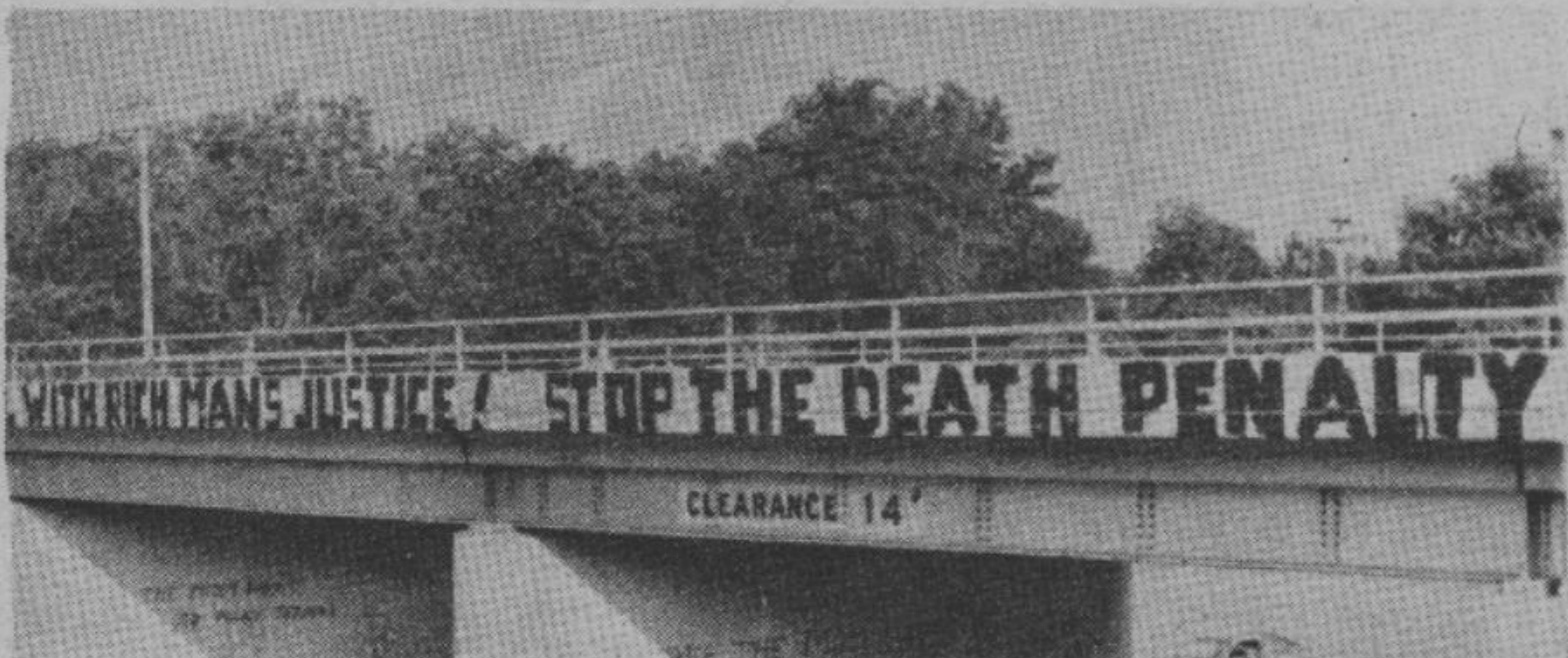


photo by Jan Forester

## Death Thoughts

by Larry Teich

What I didn't like about the rally against the death penalty at the Governor's office Friday, May 25, 1979:

That Bob Graham, Governor of Florida, would not account for his actions;

That John Spenkelink or anybody was killed by a State to show that killing is wrong;

That when the electrocution took place, no official of the State had the courtesy to announce the fact to the people who cared so much;

That the person singled out to die was a white man thus diverting the public's attention from the proven fact that the death penalty is a racist and classist tool to oppress minorities;

That the security force at the capitol building purposefully sent in two black officers to guard Graham's inner sanctum as if the crowd would easier recognize their authority;

That the paranoia of the State required about 50 police and highway patrolmen to be on guard against citizens, priests and ministers who were protesting death and violence;

That Sheriff Katsaris tried to discredit the protesters by telling the news media that only 35 people were in the office when there were over 50 and didn't mention the 200 people in the lobby in support, and by also saying that the demonstrators were climbing over the furniture when the only ones who did were the press;

That the press and media people were so pushy, insensitive, and obnoxious in

obtaining their "sensational" story and photos at the grief and expense of others;

That some of those protesting the death penalty were only using the issue to further their own narrow political cause and opportunized the demonstration to incite people to their party line. That these same people are equal to the State and judicial authorities in their willingness to consider human lives as expendable if social and political ends justify death as means to further their cause;

That some of the people demonstrating so adamantly against the death penalty have no hesitation to make life miserable for those they deal with every day;

That some people both pro and anti-death penalty have so little respect for each other as individuals just because they hold an opposite view on an issue; That Graham, Nixon, Marky, Shevin, etc. didn't feel so strongly about the death penalty that they would pull the switch themselves.

What was positive about the whole affair was the integrity of those people who gave so much time and effort to challenge the powers of negativity so widespread in this society and didn't passively accept whatever inhumane insanity is dictated under the guise of legality. The example they set and the unity they brought to this community gave an immense boost to those already struggling to promote the enormous number of good causes that have too few people supporting them.

## Pet Overpopulation: "Animal Control" Versus Humane Solutions

by Pat Simmons

This past April, 640 animals were impounded at the animal shelter. Of this number, 468 were euthanized, 70 adoptions were made and 90 were claimed. They came here due to neglect of their owners, because they were starving, or dying of infection, mange, distemper, or any of a dozen other diseases, or they were give ups. From these figures, we can expect to see 5480 more furry faces pass through our doors by the end of the year. Most of them come from within the city limits of Tallahassee.

The sheer number of animals brought to the shelter indicates the drastic need for animal control outside the city as well. There is no problem with the county-wide leash law, the question is what to do with the overload of animals. With a county-wide leash law, the number of impounded animals will triple. The county commission's answer to the staggering number of dogs

taken to the shelter - to crowd them in the present building (which was improperly built for a disease-free shelter), kill them at a faster rate, removal of the Humane Society from animal control, and no more pet adoptions. We have been informed by a local dog breeder, who helped work out this plan, that the philosophy of the shelter will not change once the county gains control. Someone somewhere is lying to the public.

Have we forgotten the horrors of a government managed dog pound? The Humane Society has management problems, true, but solvable. The solution is not to hand everything over to an undereducated, potentially inhumane backwoods county health department. Please don't let our community regress to inhumane animal control. Make your views known.



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## progressive community projects

### Elaine Sisko: New Director of the FSU Women's Center



photo by Joyce Harper

by Margie Menzel

Elaine Sisko is the new director of the FSU Women's Center. She is tremendously enthusiastic about her new job, about the accomplishments and goals of the Women's Center, and about the Center's capacity for both serving and involving the Tallahassee community.

The Women's Center is funded by FSU Student Government and provides a number of on-going facilities. It has four paid staffers. Besides Elaine, they are Dana Hagler, the assistant director; Rebecca Duval in the work-study position; and Penny Shellhorn, the child care coordinator. These women maintain the basic functions of the Center.

The Child Care Co-op is one of these functions. It is located on the first floor of the Women's Center and is open from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm, Monday through Saturday. For an exchange of working one night as a volunteer, a parent is entitled to three nights of child care. According to Elaine, the co-op has \$100.00 worth of new toys, and plans visits from a magician, a pet store, the fire department and two ponies.

Elaine is also pleased with new allocations for the library, which provides the community with feminist books and periodicals. The Center is ordering still more books and has funding for more subscriptions. Donations of feminist materials are encouraged.

The Women's Center is home to the Center for Participant Education classes that relate to feminism, among them both men's and women's consciousness-raising groups. The Center sponsors programs, films, and speakers, and

works with other progressive groups on their programs. There is a close working relationship between the Women's Center and the FSU Women's Studies Department.

Elaine is particularly excited about the Center's Security Task Force. The Task Force is preparing a pamphlet on the safety standards of apartment complexes and housing facilities in the FSU area, so that both prospective residents and landlords may be aware of what precautions should be taken. The Center also plans a series of programs on rape for dorms, high schools, and sororities.

The Women's Center needs volunteer staffers, facilitators of CPE classes, and input on its other projects. To get involved, call 644-4007 or come by 110 N. Woodward St. To stay informed, ask to be put on the Center's mailing list. Check the CPE catalogue, the *Flambeau*, and *SPECTRUM* for upcoming Women's Center programs.

## Voluntary Action Center

by Jerry Johansen

Volunteerism, giving one's time for no material reward has always been an important value in our culture. For the individual, volunteerism gives the personal satisfaction that comes from helping others and working for the social good. Social service organizations, notoriously underfunded and understaffed for the overwhelming job they face, find volunteer energy essential to maximize the impact of their programs.

The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) is a local agency whose purpose is to connect volunteers from the area with over 100 non-profit, public and private arts, education, and social service agencies in Leon County who need volunteer energy. VAC draws on service clubs, church groups, and civic organizations, as well as individuals, to fill the needs of the various agencies. In addition it helps find projects for service clubs.

Because of its contact with various organizations and agencies in the county, VAC plays a big role in informa-

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## New Association of Migrant Workers

by Alba Hastings

On April 1, 1979, an organization was born here in Tallahassee. The Association of Migrant Organizations (AMO). There have been many years of hard labor leading to this event and there will be many more yet to come. In the past and still in the present day, the political atmosphere of farmworker organizations in the state of Florida has been one of mistrust. The farmworkers have long suffered from this separatism. Agribusiness has enjoyed this climate of mistrust because it has kept the farmworkers from gaining the strength necessary to control their own lives.

Now there is new hope in the state of Florida. The Association of Migrant Organizations is a broad-

based coordinating association for migrant and seasonal farmworker organizations. Finally, there is a structure for unification of the many factions. True efforts have begun to bring about a systemic change in historical conditions which confront farmworkers. Cooperation is on the way!

As a coordinating agency, we are involved in many different activities. AMO was awarded a state-wide VISTA supervision grant allowing AMO to assign 25 VISTA volunteers to member groups. This is the largest VISTA grant in the Southeastern United States. We are preparing to publish the first issue of "Grassroots, all the way..." our monthly newsletter,

which will keep communication flowing between organizations and keep current information available.

The association is also functioning as a legislative liaison for member organizations. We are working with our member groups to develop a consensus for introduction of new, progressive legislation next year. AMO also plans to assist member organizations in raising resources for their local community. Lastly, we plan to develop a research center for the purpose of providing prompt, accurate information to member groups. These are the activities we are currently engaged in or are planning to implement soon. We have

many other ideas that we hope will evolve later.

Currently, we have two fulltime staff persons, a state coordinator and a VISTA volunteer. Also, we are being assisted by a volunteer grants writer. We would appreciate any help offered. Our need now is for volunteers and donated office equipment.

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The crowd of over 100,000 people (mostly young and bluejeaned) rose to their feet in a wave of adulation. It was not the strident chords of rock-n-roll that propelled them from the lawn, but the words of New Age hero, Ralph Nader.

Washington had its Woodstock on Sunday, May 6th. It was a celebration of consciousness that motivated thousands to gather at their nation's capitol to express their antipathy and concern about nuclear power. It is a week later and I am still feeling the emotional transcendence of the event.

## The May 6th Coalition Washington's Woodstock

by Ira Shorr

I slept through the activism of the '60's, ensconced in a small university where social awareness was a class nobody attended (on the cultural side, we opted for a concert by Lenny Welch over The Who). Through my readings and experience, my view of the world broadened and I came to understand the debilitating effects greed and powerlust could have on people and their planet. Washington was a coming-out party.

The speakers at the rally were the planetary prophets of our time, the avatars of the '80's who were pointing the way to a safe and sane future. Throughout the afternoon, facts were flashed from the podium like thunderbolts meant to pierce the capitalistic armor of the keepers of the status quo. These facts melted down into basic tenets: Nuclear energy is clearly a dangerous, inefficient way to boil water. The only reason we are up to our genes in it is that it enables a few to get rich while the masses pay the bills and suffer the consequences.

The speakers evoked emotions that were as varied as the source and I sat transfixed by the power of what they related:

-A man who was dying of cancer from radiation contamination twenty years ago said that he wasn't giving up the fight and we shouldn't, either.

## Florida Participates in International Days of Protest

by Rick Johnson

Floridians celebrated International Days of Protest Against Nuclear Power on June 2 with peaceful events in Crystal River and St. Petersburg involving about 500 demonstrators.

The two-stage demonstration was directed against the St. Petersburg based Florida Power Corporation which operates a nuclear plant at Crsytal River. The Crystal River nuke was designed by Babcock and Wilcox, the folks who brought us Three Mile Island, and is one of eight B & W reactors closed for modifications by the NRC in the wake of the Harrisburg accident. It has also suffered at least seven mishaps itself, one of them rather serious.

The actions were sponsored by a coalition of Florida anti-nuke groups consisting of Catfish Alliance (Tallahassee and Gainesville), Sunshine Action Group (Tampa and St. Petersburg), Conch Shell Alliance(miami), Coquina Alliance (Daytona Beach), Periwinkle Alliance (Fernandina Beach), Cypress Alliance (Orlando), Cowrie Alliance (Gainesville), and a number of unaffiliated individuals. The planning and execution of the actions significantly accelerated the maturity of our statewide anti-nuke network which began functioning last November during the Caravan for a Non-Nuclear

Future. Prospects for an ongoing all Florida coalition are bright and a wide assortment of future coordinated activities are being considered.

We gathered near the Crystal River palnt in the morning for a brief program of speeches, songs, poetry and a few interruptions from a handful of counter-demonstrators consisting of a nuclear engineering professor and some of his students. The pro-nukes were received with a mixture of amusement and sympathy. Following the formal program, we released balloons with cards attached explaining that a radioactive release from the plant would follow the path on which the wind carried the balloons. They were last seen headed for the Tampa-St. Pete population center.

After the Crystal River action, we proceeded to St. Petersburg in caravan formation to greet Florida Power at its home office. Hundreds of radioactivists filed by Florida Power's palatial headquarters, each pausing to drop a certificate in a box representing Florida's energy debt. The procession continued on a two mile hike to Maximo Park for a rally and assorted festivities.

Many passing motorists honked their horns and signaled their solidarity with the demonstrators.

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## anti-nuke activism



photo by Michael Waldman

-Ralph Nader reminded us that candidate Jimmy Carter had said he would regard nuclear power as a last resort (see the June issue of *Mother Jones* for the Carter-Nuclear Industry Connection). "Carter also told you," Nader continued, "that if he ever lied to you, deceived you, or misled you, you should go and take him out of the White House." Cries of "Get him out here!" permeated the capitol air.

-To convey his concern, Dick Gregory used the inspirational medium of a fast, vowing to eat no solid foods until every nuclear power plant was shut down. Gregory then compared the evils of radiation devastation to other social ills. "Nuclear energy is a more dangerous problem than racism, hunger and sexism because I can feel racism, I can see sexism, I can feel hunger. I cannot feel, touch, or smell radiation."

-Kurt Vonnegut put it simply. "The people that run these institutions are stupid, they stink and I hate them."

-And Joni Mitchell's lilting voice reminded us that "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."

The negatives of the nuclear path were balanced by the practical reality of clean and efficient alternatives. Dr. Barry Commoner, noted biologist and author of *The Poverty of Power*, stressed that the solar solution (including wind, water, geothermal, conservation, etc.) was not an ethereal science fiction dream, but a rational vision that demanded time and energy be invested in it.

Finally, as I sat on the Capitol lawn, I could not help but feel that America is approaching a crossroads that will have tremendous portent for future generations. The emotions of May 6th flowed from the multitude of voices intoning their wish for a loving, sharing, aware and balanced relationship between our planet and the people it nurtures. Nuclear energy protest is the headline, humanity taking control of their lives is the story. It is important that we all help write it.

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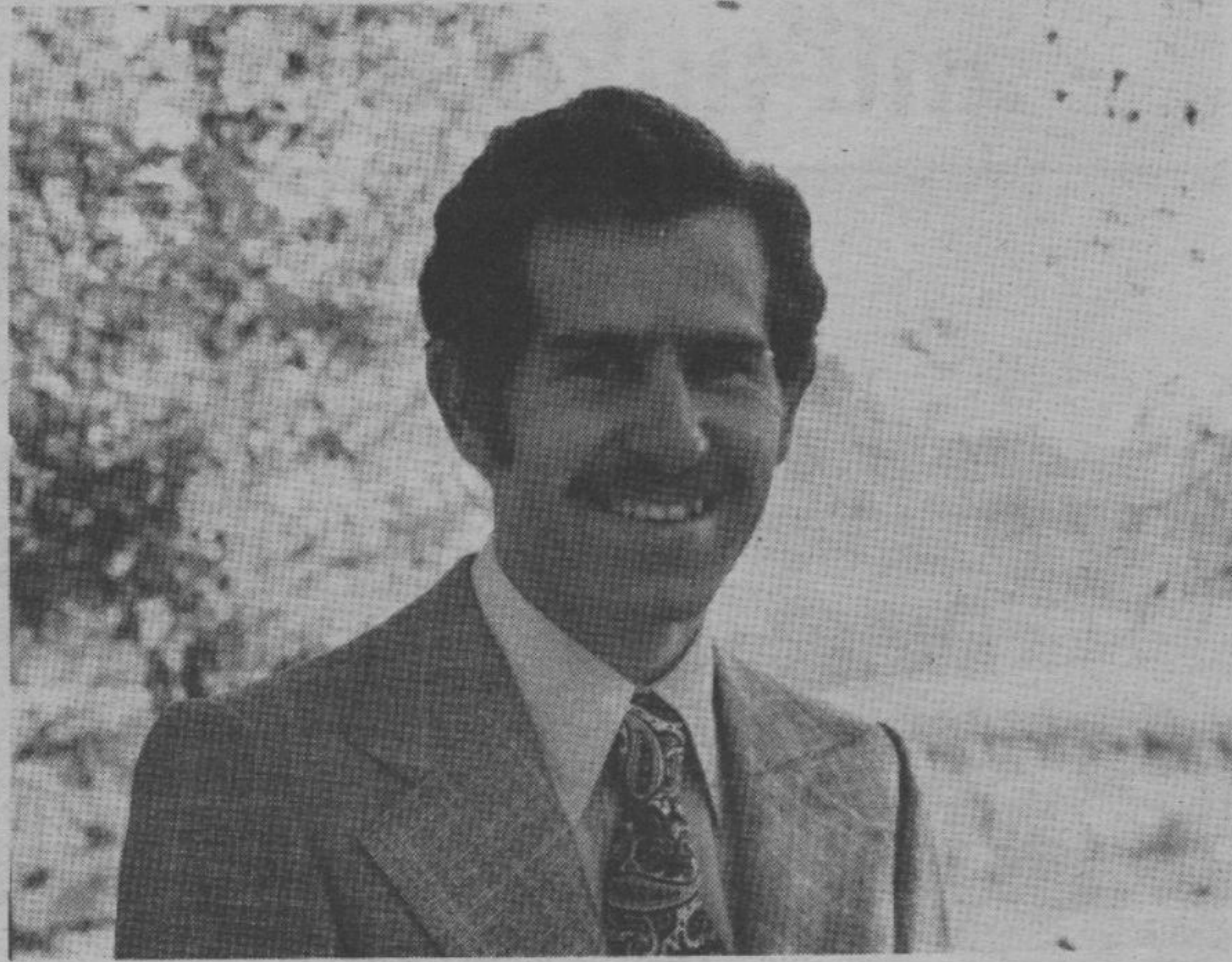
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*Tom Ballantine has been working as an energy analyst for the State Energy Office for the past two years. He recently resigned from this position because he felt that the SEO was not fulfilling its responsibilities to the public. I interviewed Tom at the Wood Stove Store here in Tallahassee, of which he is a co-owner, on April 12, 1979.*

*Roger: What has your role been in the energy field? Could you describe how you've come to your views and what kind of positions you've held?*

Tom: I started out as a technologist. Technology was going to solve our problems! I went to Georgia Tech and got a degree in civil engineering. From there, I was going to build roads and dams and all sorts of wonderful things. As it was, I worked briefly for a large construction firm, then went to work for the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration doing precise surveys.

I then went back to school (U of Florida) and got a degree in environmental engineering under Dr. Odum. I got very heavily into ecology and energy systems. Following graduation, I worked in Washington, D.C. for a year as a consultant on matters concerning the environmental impact of offshore drilling. For the past two years, I've worked as an energy analyst in the State Energy Office here.

I left there recently primarily because of disillusionment with the government not fulfilling the role I think they should be performing - to get the public aware of the energy problem and moving in the right direction so that we can function in a viable, healthy economy and live on less energy.

*Roger: Can you give any examples where the office that you worked in could have made some positive steps but didn't?*

Tom: One example is a media package that was to be developed to inform people about energy conservation and something about the nature of our energy shortage. In the two years I was there, that advertising package never reached the air on public networks in the state of Florida.

*Roger: What caused the delay?*

Tom: Partly it's just bureaucratic foot-dragging. There's very much a lack of commitment on the part of management or in the state government as a whole to inform people as to the serious nature of the energy situation and the need for energy conservation. One of the major reasons is because the management of the Energy Office is just not convinced that we face a real severe energy problem in the state and country.

[Editor's note: Since the interview took place, two other energy analysts/advisors working for the State,

Bud Grace and Ann Merriam, have resigned for similar reasons. These resignations along with fuel shortages around the country have led to greater public awareness and criticism of the SEO, pressuring Director Carlos Warren to step down.)

## Florida's Energy Future

### An Interview with Tom Ballantine

by Roger Peace

*Roger: Have you found that planning is based on years past, say, from the 60's, before the oil embargo of 1973?*

Tom: Yes, throughout the SEO, as far as forecasting energy availability for the future, it's pretty much an extension of past trends. And those past trends are really not very reliable indicators because they were developed during a period when we had abundant oil and gas domestically; we didn't have to rely on anyone else. All these trends have now reversed. We no longer have abundant oil and gas. We're heavily dependent upon foreign sources and even those sources are beginning to become limited. So, extensions of past trends are a very poor way to do your planning. But that's being done within the SEO and throughout state government as far as what kinds of programs we need, how many roads to build, and how much revenue will be received.

I think we should have started back in 1973 to head our state and country toward a future that would require less energy - through public investment policies, taxing policies, and with all the various tools in both the governmental and private sectors. We should have been heading our whole economy toward a less energy-intensive way and toward a more productive use of energy. We refused to do that and as a result we get into these emergency situations (i.e. Gov. Graham's recent call for a 30-day energy emergency) which are only stop-gap solutions. They don't even begin to address the real problems.

*Roger: Can you give us some background on the present energy situation?*

Tom: The reason why people are confused about the energy situation is because they don't understand the nature of oil and gas resource distribution.... And it's distributed like this: Some of the oil and gas fields are extremely large, almost beyond imagination, but most of the fields are relatively small. Those few extremely large fields contain most of the oil and gas, i.e. 1% of all the oil fields in the U.S. (about 100 fields) contain 75% of all the oil, while 26,000 fields contain the other 25%. Almost all the really large oil fields in this country were found before World War II. In the '50s and early '60s, these were being developed. During the '60s and early '70s, we essentially exhausted most of the oil that was in those larger oil fields. So, as a result, we're on the backside of production of the larger ones and all the small ones that are still left are not going to make any difference, even all of them put together. We're in a period of very rapidly declining production now and will be no matter how much the industry puts into their efforts to look for and develop oil. The last great discovery, the huge Alaskan oil field discovered in 1968, only delayed for about 10 years the time when we'd come to grips with the fact that we are running out of oil.

When you look at the distribution of oil and gas on a worldwide basis, the uneven distribution is even more pronounced. What you find is that one fifth of one percent (0.2%) of all oil fields in the world contain most of the oil. Most of these large fields are found in the Mideast. Not only are they approximately ten times larger than those in the U.S., but they are still

## interview

relatively youthful fields. This is most important in terms of our world outlook because they are beyond the control of the U.S. Production and pricing policies will be made to suit their interests and not those of the U.S. Stirred into this soup is the fact that other nations are also wanting a piece of the energy pie, and it's breeding a very unstable situation for the world.

*Roger: What about Florida's energy needs?*

Tom: In Florida, about 75% of our energy comes from oil, about 15% from natural gas, about 7½% nuclear, and the rest, coal. So over 90% of our energy comes from oil and gas, and these are the two energy sources in shortest supply. We're especially vulnerable to disruptions in our energy supply because 96% of the oil that generates Florida's electric power is foreign oil. Half of this comes from Venezuela and the other half, from Nigeria, Iran and the Persian Gulf area.

*Roger: Many legislators and businesspeople are concerned with the effects an energy shortage will have on the tourist industry here.*

Tom: I see a tourist industry developing based on bicycling, on canoeing, on our beaches, and on preserving our ecosystems here. Long before we had Disneyworld, we were known as one of the best fishing spots in the country. But if we go and destroy the natural systems which bring tourist here now, in fifty years all we'll have left is these big energy attractions . . . and when the energy runs out, we'll have absolutely nothing.

*Roger: How does the energy shortage relate to the present inflation we're experiencing?*

Tom: One of the major things that policy-makers and people in general need to understand is that energy is the fundamental driving force in our society. That is what runs the machines, gets us to work everyday, gets our food to the stores, etc. Essentially, everything that we buy in this country has embodied within it a great deal of fossil fuel energy. As we increase the cost of energy because of short supply, the price of everything must increase. In a way, inflation is method of allocating this shortage of energy.

*Roger: But isn't this method harder on the poor? The inequality of wealth and income in this country has been accepted by people as long as the economic pie has continued to grow, but if an energy shortage and inflation halts this growth, people may no longer accept it.*

Tom: The economic pie is not going to grow much anymore and it may even shrink. Because of this it becomes very, very important how we split the pie so that hardship does not fall on an unfavored few. We're going to have to go through a lot of political and social struggles in this country to make these changes; hopefully, it will be an orderly process.

*Roger: I question whether we can make these changes - accomodating to the energy shortage and redistributing income and wealth - and still maintain the present system of private ownership of major public facilities and investments made for private gain.*

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## health

# The Massage Renaissance

by Susan Maccari

The origins of therapeutic massage are rooted in the familiar instinctual response to hold or rub a bruised or injured area to relieve pain. Therapeutic massage is found in cultures through the ages as an integral part of health care and maintenance.

Hippocrates, the famous Greek physician, was one of the first to study the effects of massage and consider it of prime importance for a complete health regime. Galen and Romans also greatly prized the healing benefits of massage. Japanese massage technique, called Shiatsu, is an ancient and honored practice of that culture. More currently, European countries, such as Sweden, which provide their citizens with free medical care, include massage in their health care system. It's not unusual for a massage prescription to be included in a doctor's orders.

With the re-emergence of holistic health theories and therapies in this country, therapeutic massage is experiencing a renaissance and regaining its rightful place in the american health care community.

The massage response is founded on an effective concrete series of principles. Massage improves the general circulation and relieves congestion by dilating blood vessels, thereby increasing their capacity. Since it aids in the return of venous blood to the heart, massage helps ease the strain on this vital organ, particularly when administered on a regular basis. Massage increases the number of red blood cells, and for this reason can be especially helpful in cases of anemia.

Massage helps overcome harmful fatigue products resulting from strenuous exercise or injury. It increases the blood supply and nutrition to muscles without adding

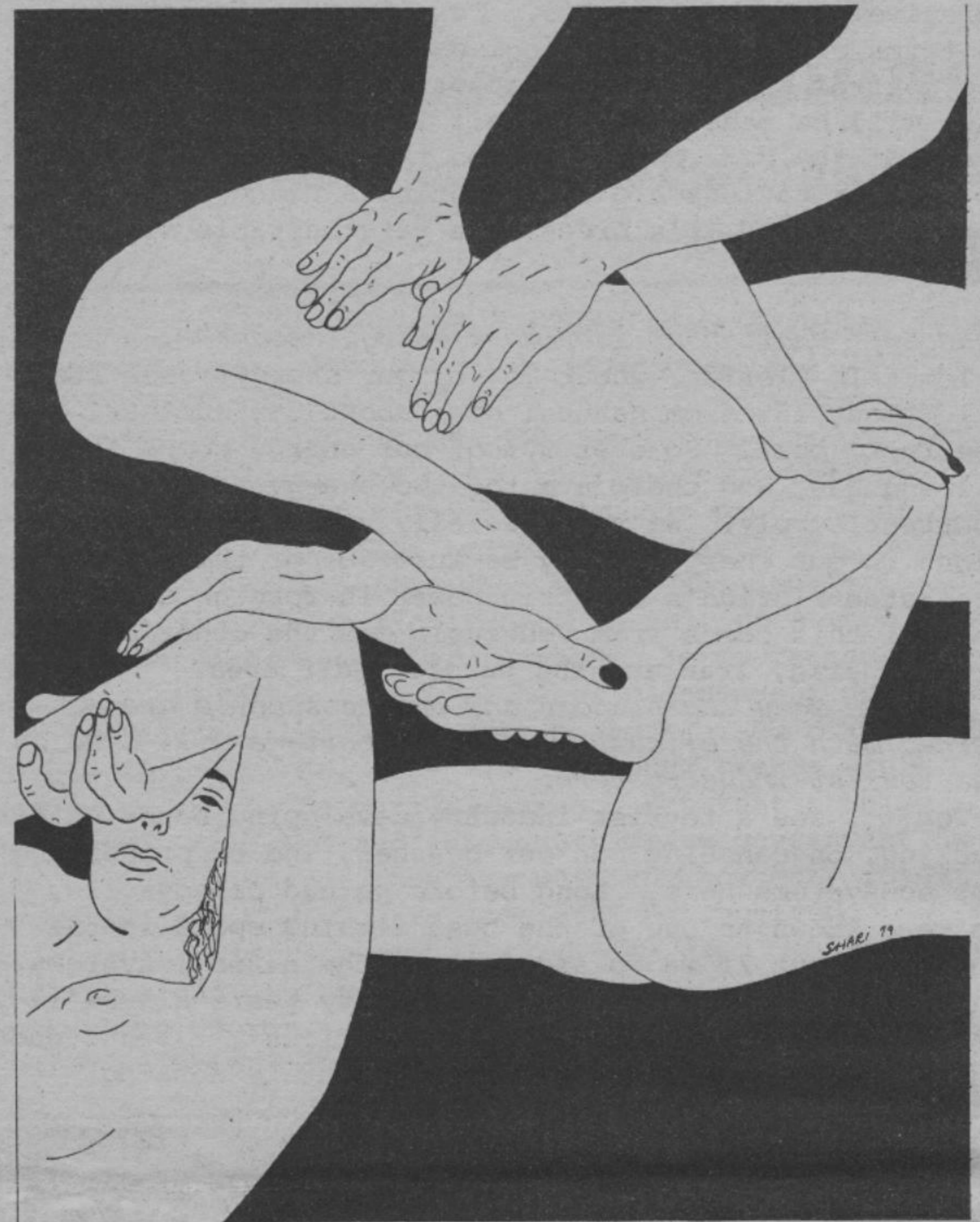
to the load of toxic lactic acid produced through voluntary muscle contraction. The end result is more rapid recovery of aching, overworked muscles. Massage can compensate, in part, for lack of exercise in persons who have to remain inactive because of injury, illness or age. It improves muscle tone and helps prevent or delay, muscular atrophy resulting from forced inactivity.

Massage relaxes muscle spasms and relieves tension. It may have a sedative or stimulating effect on the nervous system, depending on the type and length of treatment given and the attitude and needs of the recipient.

Massage stretches connective tissue, which breaks down or prevents the formation of adhesions. Transverse massage, called petrissage or kneading, separates muscle fibers with the same result — a reduction in the possibility of fibrosis.

It has been postulated that massage bursts the fat capsules in subcutaneous tissue so that the fat exudes and becomes absorbed. In this way, massage could be an aid in reducing diets. An increased interchange of substances between blood and tissue cells heightens metabolism and removes toxic materials. Massage increases the excretion of fluids and nitrogen, inorganic phosphorous and salt in normal individuals via the kidneys. It encourages retention of nitrogen, phosphorous and sulphur necessary for tissue repair.

Massage acts as a mechanical cleanser, hastening the elimination of wastes and toxic debris through lymph ducts and the intestines. It empties the larger ducts and



channels and so decreases the auto-intoxication resulting from reabsorption of toxic materials in these channels due to inflammation for constipation.

Massage helps eliminate edema (excess water retention) thus lessening pain and bloating, and facilitating freedoms of movement.

Nervousness, insomnia, constipation, anemia, low blood pressure, post operative cases, local or general edema, glandular disorders, limited range of motion,

poor circulation, obesity, underweight, poor muscle tone, aching muscles and tension are some conditions which typically respond very well to massage therapy. Likewise, regular massage can be considered a preventative measure against these conditions.

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eighteen months, we have attempted to fill this information need through our volunteer efforts in Florida.

However, the industry is planning a nationwide campaign to argue that at Three-Mile Island the safety systems worked, and the safety of nuclear power plants has been proven! Three-Mile Island was the accident that "could not happen." Will *Crystal River #3*, the big nuclear plant near Tampa, be the second accident? Will one of the two plants at *Turkey Point*, only 12 miles from Miami, be the third or fourth accident? Will one of the two



## Spreading Branches Festival of Litha

by Rowan Fairgrove

The next festival is Litha, the Summer Solstice (0 degrees Cancer). This is a celebration of the longest day of the year, a time of the realization of life, maturity, and consumation. The Heiros Gamos, or sacred marriage (union) of the Sun and Earth has been celebrated at this time in many cultures around the world.

Among the Britons and many Neopagans, this festival bears the name of Litha, a British goddess of love, light and flame, but the time is also sacred to the other 'Fire Queens of Love', such as Heartha, Vesta and Rhea. In their honour and that of the Solar Gods, whose powers are strongest at this time, bonfires are lit, torchlight processions walk the land and burning wheels are rolled along. The fires are considered lucky. It is said that 'crops grow as tall as the Litha bonfire blazes', and ashes from this fire are carried home to the fields for fertility and protection.

Luck, health, and protection are

also sought by the people who leap through the flames, hand in hand. (If you try this, please note that Litha bonfires have two humps with a depression in the middle for leaping). Herbs, such as vervain and mugwort, are worn in garlands which are used for looking through, into the fire, for visions. At the end of the night, the garlands are thrown into the fire to burn, carrying with them all the bad luck of the wearer.

In the morning of Midsummer, all water has especial magical virtue. Cauldrons of water with flowers floating in them are used throughout the Eve. But as the dawn approaches, if there is a spring or well nearby, everyone goes there to pour water over each other in a purifying bath. Some of this holy water is kept for use throughout the year in ceremonies of protections, for use as the water element in ritual and as a tonic for illness.

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# anti-nuke activism

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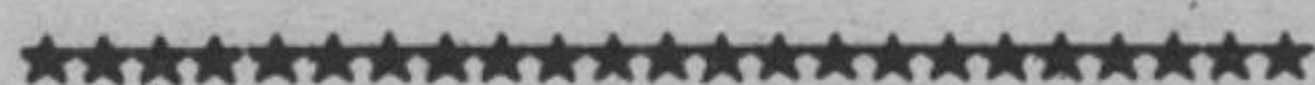
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## co-ops

### LCFC: Past, Present & Future

by Richard White

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In five years we have gone from no paid staff to a paid staff of 5, and from a handful of volunteer workers each month to hundreds and hundreds. From a management and capitalization standpoint, we have always felt a squeeze, particularly in the very beginning and for quite some time after we moved into our present location in the old IGA store in May of 1976. There were severe demands placed on management, rough cash flow situations, and bare margins of income over expense for almost two years after the move. Only gradually have we assimilated the sheer size (4,400 feet of display area and 6,400 feet of warehouse space) of our present storefront. We now have developed management systems to cope with the space and number of workers involved, we have filled the once barren shelves, and we have acquired most of the up-to-date equipment that we need to operate efficiently. After several years of frantic, uncontrollable growth, we have set-

tled down to a regular, steady pace of incremental gains. Our membership has remained fairly constant at a real figure of 3,000 or so for the past several years, while sales have continued to grow as we have made enough money to slowly build our inventory.

Now comes a question. Where do we go next? We have apparently reached a sort of plateau in our development, a period of relative stability. It is a good time to stand aside and reassess our progress, and to plan for our future.

Surely we could sit and grow slowly as we have been doing, for quite some time to come. But a better course of action would seem to be to cast about for new services and/or lines of goods to offer our members. What is suggested is not necessarily diversification of LCFC, as much as autonomous cooperative enterprises like the Good Life General Store which recently opened with assistance from LCFC and Co-op Books and Records.

The nature of these enterprises which could be formed is totally open for suggestion. Once in the past there was an effort to start a new food co-op in Tallahassee, and there has been a tentative attempt to create a community credit union. These possibilities as well as others perhaps as yet unconceived should be explored in light of present circumstances.

But who is interested in exploring the options? At present these would seem to be few indeed. LCFC is getting along so well these days that few members seem to feel any necessity to participate in the formal member input and decision making processes. The membership has, temporarily at least, abrogated most of its function of final authority within the Co-op merely by ceasing to attend meetings. A typical membership meeting during the past year has not included more than a dozen or two members who are not members of the board of directors. This thirteen person board (which includes the paid staff collective as ex-officio members with one collective vote) has been left with the responsibility of all initiative and decision making for the Co-op. And even new board members now experience some difficulty in figuring out what is going on, because they have not participated in the lively style of membership meetings which we used to have, where issues were debated and decisions reached.

There has developed an inverse relationship between our economic success and the well-being of our participatory information flow and decision making apparatus. A few people are left in the center of things with overloaded circuits and no one nearby to plug into. The real irony of this situation is that virtually all of the members of the board and others who do participate in the decision making process have always worked hard to promote member participation through meetings and the media. But the present effect of their efforts is not particularly obvious, and the ultimate outcome is not certain at all.

Of course there are numerous ways to explain the loss in participation. There are too many meetings to attend already, there are too many other things to do, and there are all kinds of things competing for everyone's time and attention. Perhaps to many of our new members the whole concept of participation is so utterly alien that they would not even seriously consider it. But these are not explanations as much as excuses. Our current success and stability allows people to slack off from community efforts and to devote themselves more exclusively to personal matters. In a way this is just a reflection of the general tenor of the times. Our participatory democracy of the seventies

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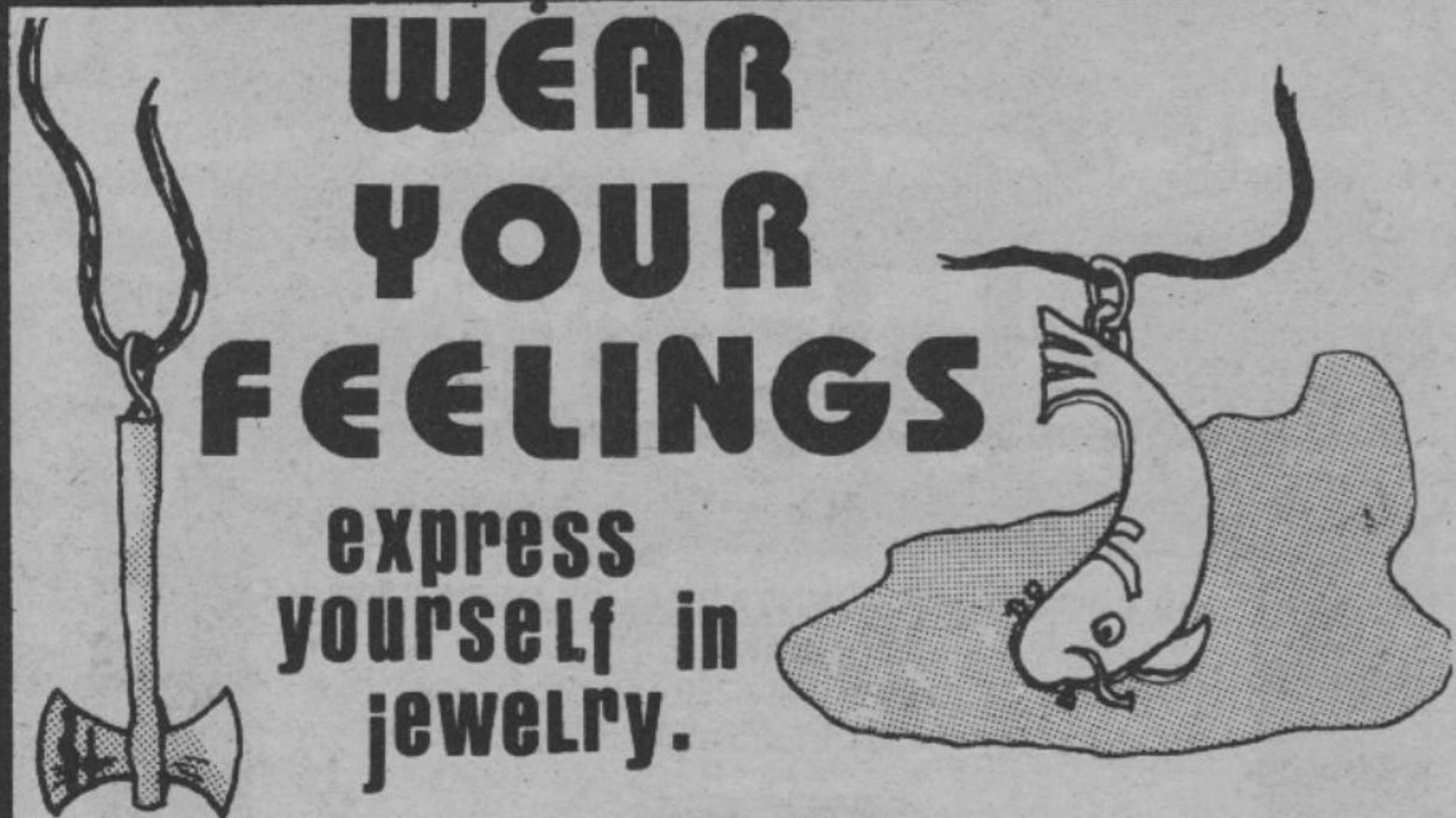
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## Leon County Food Co-op Coordinator's Notes

by Rob Brunger

We have some rather ambitious plans for rearranging the store to make shopping here more functional. For the moment, these plans are still on the drawing boards. But, two things are clear: we're going to get another scale for the work room so we can take the present cheese scale and move it onto the floor; and there will be a good amount of carpentry required. So, if you're willing to help out on this special project, either as a "push things around" person, or as a carpenter, please see Robert. A tentative target for this will be late June.

Summer is inevitably going to bring with it a bunch of changes in the assistant coordinator schedule. If you are among the rather large crowd of AC's who are leaving for brighter horizons, please take some fond memories of LCFC with you. There's quite a number of you that I'm afraid I'm going to miss sorely. For those of you who are staying, here's a reminder: YOU are expected to cover your hours. If you can't do it, please find someone who can. Make arrangements to switch shifts with someone, work double shifts in exchange for someone else doing the same for you, or sweet-talk someone into working for you. Remember, YOU'RE responsible - not the staff!

I presume you all know by now of our new sign-up board? All you have to do now is find the space with your name and initial the square corresponding to the week of the month. We made this change because it is a much better way for us to keep tabs on who is not showing up. If you see a black mark by your name, shape up!

Also, if you're entitled to buy at wholesale and you know you have gone over \$100.00 before the end of the month, it would be a big boon to the Co-op if you would simply buy at 10% and not record the amount. That way, the amount you owe the Co-op doesn't carry over into the next month.

Once upon a time, people used to take an interest in the operations of the Co-op. But that doesn't seem to be as true now as it once was. Our general membership meetings have deteriorated in attendance until we now can barely muster up a dozen people to come. And that's with advertizing in the *Flambeau*, placing signs on the Co-op door, and arranging to have a guest speaker on a topic that we thought would appeal to everyone. So, what are we doing wrong? Why don't any of you care anymore? In an effort to try to get some feedback on this, I'm adding the names of the members of the Board of Directors so you can tell them what you think.

### LCFC Board of Directors

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**Special Projects-** to be an available work group for projects requiring a group of people (ex. putting out an orientation

booklet for new members, construction of better living room and children's play area, major clean up, etc.).

**Education/Nutrition-** to increase awareness of food quality and product usage of Co-op food.

**Finance-** to analyze, understand, and plan systems, policies, budgets, etc. concerning the ongoing financial situation of the Co-op with the goal of planning for future needs and preventing future problems.

To participate in current tasks and suggest future directions see a coordinator or call Larry at 575-2934 or the Co-op at 2229916.



## Book Co-op Elections

The BOD meetings are open and announced in the Book and Record Co-ops. Members are urged to come and participate in your co-op!

The membership of Community Literature, Inc. (Co-op Books, Co-op Records, and Looking Forward Distributors) met again on May 27th to hold new elections for the Board of Directors (BOD), called for at the April 29th membership meeting.

The new BOD is: Dawn Brenholz, Anita Collins, Terry Farley, Julie Gallagher, Bob Hall, Ronda Hansen, Chuck Jacobsen, Sam Joseph, Jimmy Lohman, Saowanee Pantipat, Hartmut Ramm, and Rick Shapiro.

Three additions to the bylaws were also adopted. One requires BOD candidates to have been members at least 30 days prior to the election. Another requires that two of the four seats reserved for oppressed national minorities be filled by women. The final one calls for BOD candidates to post position papers in the Book Co-op at least 10 days before the election.

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## Interview from p.9

Tom: If we go through these changes of decreasing our energy consumption, if we have government policies aiding this, and if people understand the situation, we will move incrementally, step-by-step, toward using less energy in our economy. People on marginal incomes and with marginal skills will become more valuable in the system because their labor will become more valuable as we move toward a less machine-oriented society. They will find a place in the economy to provide services and obtain an income. This will happen if these changes occur gradually and are planned for. If not, then of course these people will be frozen out . . . but they won't be frozen out because they'll demand their share and they'll get it either through welfare payments, through unrest in the streets, or through crime.

Roger: You mentioned earlier that we should be heading toward a more productive use of energy. It seems that the most unproductive use of energy in the world today involves the gigantic military operations of the industrialized nations.

Tom: Our country is vulnerable to interruptions of its energy supply, as half of the country's oil comes from foreign sources. As long as we depend on outside energy sources, our policy-makers think we have no choice but to build this huge military machine to assure access to foreign oil fields. But there's a way to avoid this and that is to build a system that is dependent on less energy.

Roger: It seems that before any absolute shortage of oil occurs, we'll have a political and military struggle over access to vital oil regions.

Tom: That's already happening. Since World War I, one of the central cornerstones of the Western industrialized nations' foreign policies has been to maintain access to Persian Gulf oil. Since 1970, when our own oil peaked out, there has been an ever-increasing emphasis on that area. When the Iranian political difficulties began, resulting in a shutoff of oil last November, there began to be talk in this country about renewing

again a central registration which could later be turned into a military draft system to increase the numbers of people in the service. Most people don't realize that this is directly related to our deep vulnerability to a cut-off of oil in the Persian Gulf because registration is being treated in Congress like a completely isolated subject.

Roger: What kind of effect is the oil shortage going to have upon our urbanized way of life?

Tom: First we have to talk about scale - the scale of our cities, our companies and corporations, the size of our machines, etc. All of these have gotten larger as we've had more energy coming into our environment. You can put more people in cities by using more energy to bring resources to them and transport away their waste products. It's a very energy-intensive system.

Lots of energy tends toward large-scale things, but if you don't have as much energy you begin to move the scale back toward a smaller direction. Smaller towns, farms and businesses all become more economically viable. Labor also becomes more valuable in contrast to machines.

With less energy, you begin to spread people out so they can be nearer the resources which sustain them - water, agriculture and energy. There will be increasing opportunities for smaller businesses which operate on the local level. This holds true for government as well. Government has gotten larger and larger, but with shifts in energy and economics, the decision-making power will shift back to local government.

Roger: What about agriculture and small farms?

Tom: Agribusiness operations are tremendously energy-intensive, requiring oil for nitrogen fertilizers, pesticides, machines and transportation. At the other end of the scale is the smaller farm, say 100 acres, which plants a number of crops and which rotates pastures and croplands so as to naturally rebuild the soil. The small farm will more than likely be serving a local market with the type of foods it needs. It wouldn't require transcontinental transportation and all the energy this involves. Small-scale farming will become more economically viable as energy becomes more scarce.

At the smallest scale of agriculture is the home garden. In the past few years we've seen a tremendous upsurge in the amount of home gardening going on. This makes the food production system less energy-intensive. People are growing tomatoes in their backyards instead of having them transported 3,000 miles from California.

Roger: In order to move to small-scale agriculture, wouldn't changes be necessary in land ownership laws and practices, considering that by the time the inflated land prices are paid for, there is no money to capitalize the farming operation?

Tom: If the government wouldn't bail out the large corporations, they would naturally break up into smaller scale operations. Farm subsidies and the like invariably go to the large operations. We need to be encouraging agriculture at the other end of the scale. Minnesota, for example, has a program to help the small farmer (under 200 acres). I think local farmers also need guaranteed access to markets.

Roger: Do you have any other practical suggestions for people concerned with using less energy?

Tom: Bicycling when possible is a good start. In Gainesville they have a bikeway system all over the city for people who would rather ride bikes than drive. This is building for the future in allowing people to use a less intensive mode of transportation. Also using propane in water heaters and stoves is much more efficient than using electricity since it is used directly in the appliance. Using propane increases the total amount of storage of energy in the system.

Roger: And wood stoves?

Tom: Of course.



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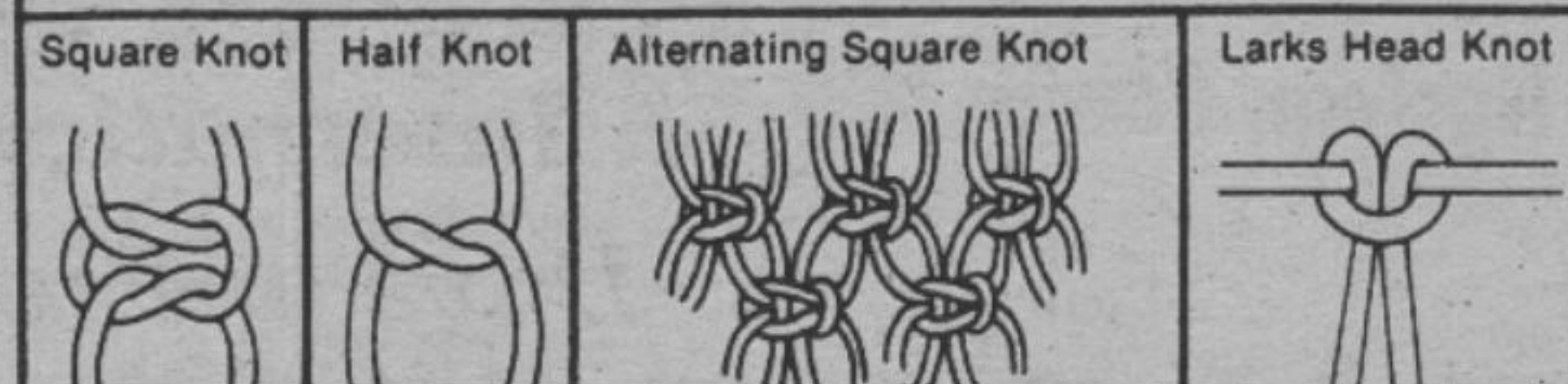
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### Florida Days of Protest from p.7

Events at Maximo Park revealed our progress in expanding the anti-nuke movement beyond its traditional constituency. A moving speech by Ed Marcus, state president of the Grey Panthers (a militant senior citizens organization) heralded the growing concern of the elderly for the health hazards and economic burden of nuclear power. Capers Thompson, a black organizer from Jacksonville, predicted increased involvement of Afro-Americans in the struggle and detailed particularly harsh consequences of nuclear technology for minorities such as black and Native Americans. An assortment

of talented musicians raised the spirits of the crowd with several creative and original anti-nuke songs.

Press coverage was heavy in the Bay area, but our efforts were largely ignored by the rest of the state media, which chose instead to focus on larger and more dramatic actions in other states, Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia.

All in all, it was a modest but eminently successful action. We reached a lot of people, sharpened our organizing skills and improved our ability to work together and reach out to new sections of the population.

### LCFC from p.12

may well just fade away into conventional representative democracy as we approach the eighties.

But there is good reason still to struggle against the ebbing tide. LCFC has a vast unrealized potential which only its members, working and deciding together can ever hope to bring about as a reality. My own vision for a future perhaps no more than another five years away, is of a Leon County Food Co-op not much larger than it is today, standing at the center of a city-wide network of participatory neighborhood food co-ops, for which it serves as a local warehouse. Regional ties would make it part of a continental network of cooperative or collective warehouses and production facilities, and it would link in with numerous local service cooperatives ranging from automotive repair co-ops, to a community credit union, to an optometrical co-op, or ---who knows--- even a health maintenance cooperative, or cooperative housing projects.

None of this is an idle dream, or even mildly impractical. In fact, all of it is distinctly possible, if only people will come forward to share involvement in the Co-op; to do some of the information gathering and sharing, the discussion and the planning, and then of course --- finally --- some of the good old hard work that it takes to bring it about. I have a perverse faith that this will happen, and I look forward to it with some degree of anticipation.

### Writing/Revolution from p.3

but rather provides for the acquisition of such skills. It is new because it does not consider freedom of speech a function of privilege. Most importantly, I think, its newness is reflected in its attempts to move away from patriarchal values, both in form and in content.

*"Those of us who love reading and writing believe that being a writer is a sacred trust. It means telling the truth. It means being incorruptible. It means not being afraid, and never lying. Those of us who love reading and writing feel great pain because so many people who write books have become cowards, clowns, and liars... I believe that the writer has a vital function in the community, and an absolute responsibility to the people... As a writer with a revolutionary commitment, I want writers to write books that can make a difference in how, and even why, people live. I want writers to write books that are worth being jailed for, worth fighting for, and should it come to that it this country, worth dying for."*

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## Volunteer continued from p. 6

tion referral maintaining an up to date list of them. Also, in the works is a Skills Index, of people in the county who are willing to share something from a slide show of a European jaunt to basketweaving techniques, etc. Another byproduct of this central position is that VAC helps agencies collaborate on joint projects so as to avoid duplication and stretch each group's limited resources further, thereby increasing community impact.

Besides helping fill agency volunteer needs, VAC also provides technical assistance to groups developing and maintaining volunteer programs. VAC also sponsors workshops for improving the effective utilization of volunteer energy. One of the most successful programs has been the Court Volunteer Program, begun with the aid of an LEAA grant and Judge McClure. This program arranged for adult and juvenile first offenders of misdemeanors to substitute community service for a jail sentence or a fine. This program was so successful that it is now a separate agency, the Alternative Service Program, in the

county court system.

More and more non-traditional volunteers, senior citizens and high school students, are working through the program. Pre-professional college students are finding that the volunteer experience is a positive addition to their educational program which gives them a chance to gain real experience along with classroom theory.

A real, continuing need is for people who are willing to give their name to provide emergency transportation for the elderly and handicapped on a fairly short notice. People who do this will not be called any more than once per month at most and can always say no if they cannot help at that particular time. Also needed constantly are readers for the blind and tutors. If you have something to share at your convenience, you can call be put on the Skills Index mentioned earlier.

So, if you have a little spare time (the typical commitment is 2 hours per week but anything can be worked out) and are looking for a life enriching experience, both for yourself and others, get in touch with Carol Atkins or Muriel Draper at 877-3112.

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