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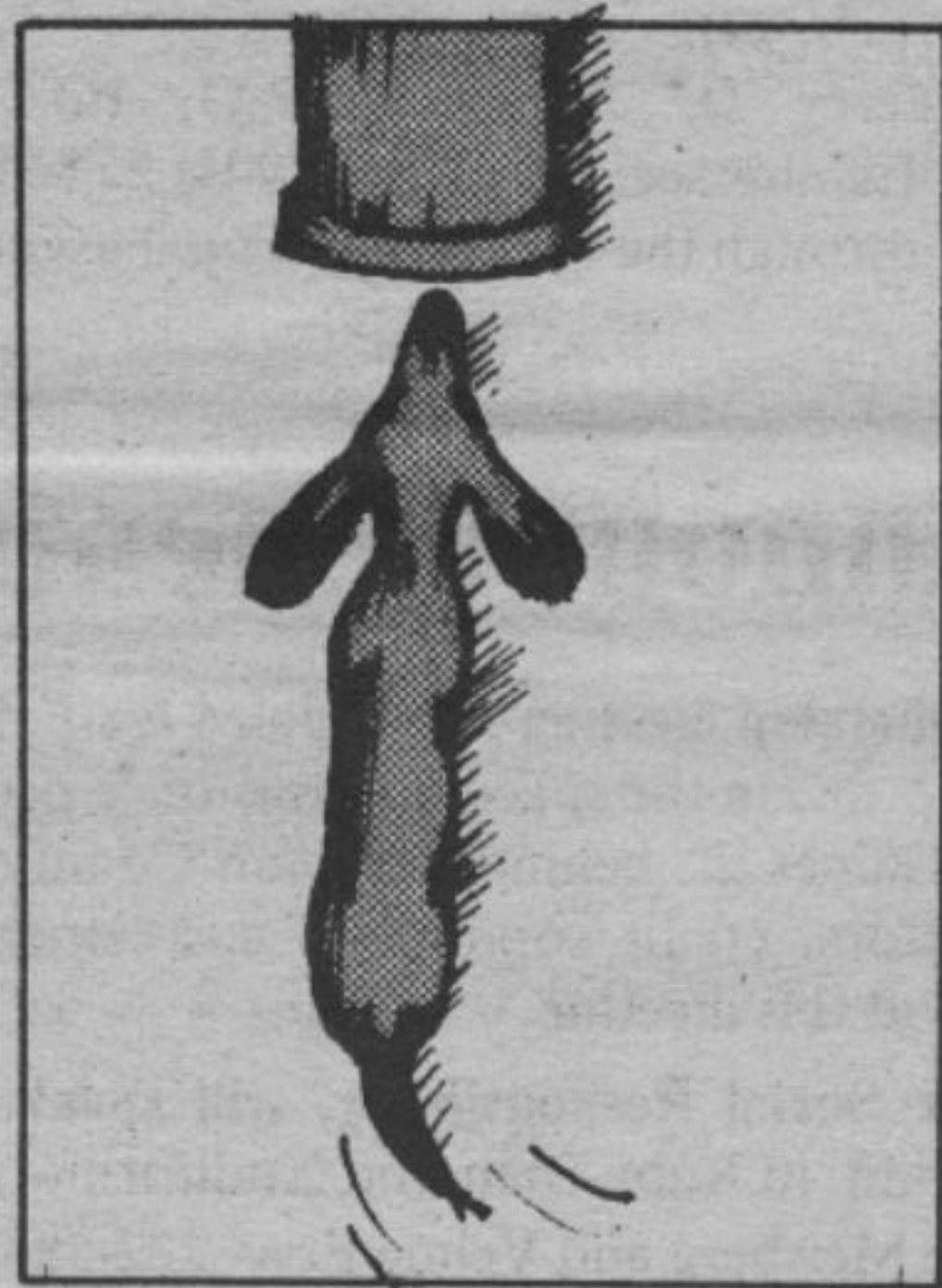
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KIAI



MAX



TRIXI



Convict

# DOGS

The past year saw a number of dogs who escaped, and one whom even the fire department couldn't rescue. Many were less fortunate.

*Kiai*, a Bellevue, Washington police dog, was sent into a motorcycle shop in response to an alarm. Instead of a burglar, the dog confronted a 14-pound piranha fish. Fortunately, the fish turned out to be a vegetarian, and *Kiai* eats only red meat.

A police captain said the fish apparently set off the burglar alarm when it leaped from its pool, flopping across the floor for 30 or 40 feet. "Then it crashed into machine parts, causing the noise which was thought to be the burglar," the captain said. The fish was returned to its pool.

A dog given a reprieve from death sentence for barking too much escaped from captivity anyway, in Norfolk, Virginia. The dog, *Max*, had been chained in the back yard of a city police officer. In less than an hour, *Max* was gone. "How sharper than a serpent's tooth can be an ungrateful canine."

Meanwhile, in Siegen, West Germany, 10-year-old dachshund *Trixi* wandered away from her owner during an evening walk along the banks of the Sieg River. The owner later heard *Trixi's* unmistakable barking from deep inside a storm sewer, and the dog wouldn't come out. It seems the poor animal had become stuck.

The obligatory firefighters were summoned, and tried to use their hoses to wash the dog out of the pipe, but to no avail.

Eventually, a construction company's excavator dug through three feet of earth over the pipe, a firefighter jumped into the hole with his axe, and broke into the sewer to free the dog.

A group called the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for springing twelve dogs (being held for "medical research" at a medical center in California) out of the state. The animals were taken across state lines in response to an offer by UCLA Medical Center officials of a \$1,000 reward for the dogs' return.

"When we realized how angry UCLA was...by using rewards and threatening to press charges, we thought it might be better to get them further away," said an ALF spokeswoman from Florida.

And last November, approximately 200,000 dogs were drowned and clubbed to death in Peking, China, as a prelude to a citywide ban on dog ownership. That represented half of the city's dog population, according to an official of the city's Environmental Bureau.

The ban was enacted for "health reasons." Anyone caught with an illegal dog faces a fine of \$25.

Cats are permitted, "because they catch mice. They're good for the people," said the official.

by Frank Brown

# of 1983



Horde

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The next *Spectrum* will be printed on the Ides of March, Thursday, March 15, 1984. Article and announcement deadline is the Thursday one week before our publishing dates. We have an editorial meeting at that time and what is selected for the upcoming issue is agreed upon then, with rare exception. Please contact us personally if you cannot meet this deadline, so we can still plan to preview your article. Thanks.

Please address all inquiries: SPECTRUM, 625 E. Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32308, 904/224-7222.

## Recycling, Smoking, Buses and Stuff:

### Community Liaison's Report

by Gail Vanderbrink

City government officials and staff have been working on a variety of issues since the last *Spectrum* was published. This column is both an update on current activities and a preview of upcoming events.

#### UPDATES...UPDATES...

The pilot newspaper recycling program is still at the ten percent participation level, despite our efforts to inform and encourage the 1,500 homeowners in the program to recycle. A new idea to increase participation is mentioned elsewhere in this issue of *Spectrum*...City Commissioners voted 5 - 0 on January 10 to implement a **smoking ordinance**. The new ordinance applies to government buildings, theaters, and places where public meetings are held (such as Tallahassee Federal's meeting room). You can pick up a copy of the ordinance in the Community Liaison Office at 226 West Jefferson Street...**If you live in Woodville**, you now have another option when traveling to Tallahassee. TalTran has started regular express service between Tallahassee and Woodville for \$1.00 each way. The service picks up passengers at Page Road and Woodville Highway at 7:05 a.m. each weekday, and returns you from the Downtown Transfer Point at 5:20 p.m. Plans are in the works for a Park & Ride facility to make the express even more convenient. Call 576-5134 for additional information on routes and schedules.

#### PREVIEWS...PREVIEWS...

Remember to tune in to "Inside City Hall" on Group W's cable channel 3 at 7 on the first and third Tuesday of each month (also on the fifth Tuesday when there is one). The half-hour show features City employees talking about what they do and how the system works. It's a chance to learn more about the people and procedures in your City government...Keep an eye on your February and March **utility bill stuffers** — changes are in the works regarding trash and garbage service, and we will fill you in on the details in the next issue of *Spectrum*...In February, the *Tallahassee Democrat* will have a special supplement in a weekday edition, probably the week of February 20, entitled "1983 Performance Report: Commitment to Excellence." Please take a few minutes to look it over and let us know what you think. The report is in a calendar format with important meetings already listed so you can keep up with the City's schedule of events in 1984...For the first time ever the City is sponsoring a **CPE class** on (what else?) City government. The CPE catalogs are scheduled to come out around January 24, the class will be offered on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning February 9. Catalogs will be available in City Hall and in the Community Liaison Office, pick one up and mark your calendar for Thursday nights this winter. Class topics will include guest speakers such as the Mayor and major issues currently facing the City.

Remember to call 599-8533 for information about this column or anything about City government.

## Better Living Through Journalism

*There is no evil in Tallahassee! What a pleasant surprise to report that no one we spoke with could find anything to write about on the subject of evil in our fair city.*

*The topic for the next issue is "Pestilence."*

*As we reported last issue, a segment of the community is boycotting the Leon County Food Co-op. On pages 6 and 7, we present the "Think Before You Buy" statement by the Black Caucus, and a response drafted by LCFC's staff and Board of Directors. Happy reading.*

## Tallytopia: A Decade of Cooperation

by Jerry Johansen

The Tallahassee area has been fertile ground for a wide variety of cooperative endeavours — both formal and informal. Miccosukee Land Co-op, Canopy Federal Credit Union, Cooperative Early School, Leon County Food Co-op, Co-op Books and Records, Grassroots Free School, Magnolia Confederation, Good Life General Store and the Alumni Village Fruit and Vegetable Buying Club...even *Spectrum* itself, all come quickly to mind as past and present examples of the co-op way. On Mayday, 1984 Community Interests, Inc. (Leon County Food Co-op) turns ten years old.

For many of us, LCFC has been central to our sense of community here. To commemorate this, I will be coordinating the May issue of *Spectrum* on the subject of Cooperation - theory and practice.

I am especially looking for your stories, memories, pictures, dreams, artwork and the like recalling your life in and around the co-ops. The idea is to create a compendium of our collective *experience* of cooperation. Were you there May 1, 1974 when LCFC opened its Macomb St. doors? Did you shop at the 3rd Avenue Food Sprout? Perhaps you are the one who knows how the co-op model got to

Tallahassee in the first place. Tell us about life at Mild Manor or what it was like to eat at the Sun restaurant. At the very least, dig out your old membership card from an obscure co-op project and send it in for our special collage.

I hope that y'all share with me the importance of recording our memories in print before they fade away. If you are saying, "I am not a writer..." then call me up and *tell* me your story. It need not be long — a page full of many folks' brief images of life with our co-ops could be very nice.

Finally, do not limit yourself to the past. Utopian visions of our cooperative future are very much welcome, especially those in the form of practical proposals. In other words, "Where Do We Go From Here?"

In order to properly plan for this issue, and to allow time for editing, rewriting, and such, I ask that you contact me with your article ideas, initial drafts, or even leads on people who we *should* get to write something by Leap Year Day, 1984 (Feb. 29).

Jerry D. Johansen, P.O. Box 2034, Tallahassee, FL 32316 (904) 224-9929 or through the LCFC *Spectrum* basket.

## Community Announcements

**Canopy Federal Credit Union's annual membership meeting is scheduled for February 19** (the Sunday after Valentine's Day) at 2:00 p.m., in the space that was once occupied by Good Life General Store Co-op, 649 W. Gaines St. behind the Leon County Food Co-op. Several seats on the Board of Directors, credit committee, and supervisory committee are open to volunteers to be elected at this meeting.

**Helen Caldicott, founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility, will speak about nuclear madness on Friday, January 20, 8:00 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Auditorium, FSU.** Admission is free, with entertainment by Steve Meisberg and Velma Frye. 222-5845.

**TPC is now holding "Volunteer Work Evenings" (in addition to regular meetings) on the 4th Monday of every month. Come and help - January 23 and February 23 at the TPC office.**

**Women's Study/Rap Group will meet 7:30, Tuesday, January 24 at A.W.A.R.E., 402 E. Park Ave.** For more information and copies of the article to be discussed, contact Joan Denman at Rubyfruit Books. This is free and all women are invited to participate. The group will be meeting on a regular basis. Call for times and dates.

**The Tallahassee Peace Coalition (TPC) will hold a pot-luck supper at their regular monthly meeting - Monday, February 13, at the first Presbyterian Church (Park Ave. & Adams St.).** Everyone is welcome. No charge. Child care available. Begins about 7 p.m.

**Kick up your heels and dance! — at the Old Time Dance on Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 p.m. downtown at 127 N. Monroe St.** Live fiddle/banjo music with dances (squares, contras, lines) taught by caller. All ages welcome. Todd Engstrom, 576-4077.

**Valentine's Day Roller Skating Party. Only \$1 per skating-age person. Tuesday, February 14, from 6:30 p.m. at the Armory Skating Rink., North Monroe St. at 7th Ave.** Proceeds go to the Co-op Network Fund. Tickets on sale in late January and will be available from the LCFC Information Desk and the Grassroots Free School Math Room. For more information call Jerry at 224-9929.

**Win Free Food! There will be a drawing for \$50 worth of food credit from the Leon County Food Co-op to raise money for the Co-op Network Fund.** Tickets will go on sale February 14 at the LCFCinfo desk. Drawing will be held on the Vernal Equinox (March 21). Entries are \$1 each with second one ½ price to LCFC Red Star members.

**On Wednesday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. TPC and the FSU Peace Studies Program will show the film "What About the Russians?" — which examines the rational and irrational basis for U.S. paranoia and hatred of the russians.** Check with TPC for the room number on the FSU campus (222-5845).

**Break out of your winter hibernation and join with cooperators from all over the S.E. USA at the Magnolia Confederation Winter Conference Friday, February 24 to Monday February 27 at Oleno State Park (30 miles north of Gainesville).** The conference will focus on THE BIG PICTURE—planned cooperation among our local co-ops. Cost is \$11 (bring your own bedding and food to share cooperatively). Information from M.S.C.C. P.O. Box 20293, Tallahassee, FL 32316 or call Jerry Johansen (904) 224-9929.

## A Grassroots Movement



by S.L. Ratrie

Illustration by Jan Alovus

Since its founding in 1972 the Grassroots Free School has been located at 555 Ocala Road, off West Tennessee Street. During the next several months the cooperative school will be relocating to a 4.3 acre tract of land in the recently organized Grassroots Land Co-op. Members of the Grassroots Land Cooperative donated money to the free school for the purchase, assisting the school in realizing one of its principle goals — self-regulation.

During January the foundations were poured and are now ready for the imminent arrival of purchased buildings. The new location is on East St. Augustine Road, approximately 2.3 miles from the Truck Route and "only fifteen minutes from the Capitol steps," according to Patrick Seery, the school's coordinator. The two buildings, an old farmhouse and an old church consist of the structures only and will require many renovations.

Students have been involved through-

out the move. The older kids have already been out there and have worked on the site design, tree surveys, and clearing. "They're having to use their common sense and deal with logistical problems," Seery explained.

The school needs a state-licensed contractor to design renovation plans at little or no cost. Because the non-profit Grassroots school runs on an extremely low budget, it relies on volunteer efforts in all phases of its operation. Upon approval of the renovation plans (expected in early or mid February), "we're gonna need help...swinging hammers...elbow grease," said Seery. Anyone with skills in wiring or plumbing, or who would like experience in installing windows, woodstoves or ceiling fans is invited to help. Most of the work will be done on weekends and everyone is welcome. Materials for the renovations, including stoves, fans, windows, floor and wall coverings, are needed for the renovation of both buildings. Help is also needed with plans and materials for solar retrofitting the buildings.

The school hopes to be completely relocated by September. The move will enable it to function rent-free, using the money saved to make repairs and improvements on the new buildings. Owning its own land will enable the school to become more agriculturally active as well. Any vegetables, flowers or trees planted will be the property of Grassroots to cultivate and enjoy.

Grassroots currently has seven paid employees, two volunteer employees and three regularly involved parent-volunteers. If you have a subject you're enthusiastic about, simply like kids, or have a project you would like to suggest or attempt, Pat Seery invites you to call him at the school, 224-9929. Wanted are people with skills or interest in dance and movement, nature studies, the human body, theater, writing (story-telling and creative writing), chess and computers.

## Anyone Interested in Helping to Organize a Cooperative Coffee House?

by Susan Mack

Wouldn't it be nice if there was a place you could go to just sit, drink a cup of coffee or tea, perhaps converse with a friend if you're feeling sociable? A place where you knew there was a good chance of getting involved in a game of chess? Where there was a distinct possibility of finding some live entertainment? Suppose you could order freshly-baked sourdough rolls or coffeecake, or nothing, if you felt like it?

We're talking coffeehouse here, but with a twist. A Cooperative Coffeehouse.

For it to become a reality, people need to do specific work. One blueprint for such a venture comes to this community through Susan Mac, a former participant in the Penny Post, a New Orleans co-op coffeehouse.

Mac, a Tallahassee resident now, said, "If it worked there, it's bound to work here, where there's much more of a cooperative spirit."

The Penny Post has been serving New Orleans folks for over 9 years now, according to Mac. She said it's run by a core group of ten to twelve, with another fifteen to twenty workers putting in one hour a month behind the counter. In addition, there are non-working members who receive discounts on food and coffee.

Anyone interested in organizing such a co-op should contact Susan Mac at 562-4911.

## Well-Stocked Bookstore Offers Alternatives

by Gail Dixon

All right, all right, I admit it! I am a book freak. Nothing pleases me so much as discovering a new source to sate my appetite. I waited hungrily through the summer months as the local grapevine promised me 'a new alternative book store opening in August.' At last the day came. Rubyfruit Books opened.

Joan Denman has opened an independent bookstore which offers an alternative to the traditional,

mainstream and chain bookstores. One finds an eclectic assortment: political, feminist, gay, self-help and survival as well as mystery, science fiction, local interest and general fiction. Rubyfruit Books is well-stocked with titles from small and alternative presses, such as Naiad Press and Crossing Press. These titles often never make it to the shelves of larger stores, since small presses are unable to do the promotion which would bring them

to the attention of major distributors and chain store buyers.

I also spent a long time lingering over the magazine stand -- leafing through copies of *Co-Evolution Quarterly*, *New Shelter*, the *New Women's Review of Books*, *The Guardian* and *off our backs*. Denman expects the periodical section to expand over time so that Tallahassee's alternative community has access to the political and philosophical periodicals which have become rare since the demise of Co-Op Books.

Denman acknowledges that this unique collection may not meet everyone's needs, so she is happy to special order books upon request.

**Crackers for Jackson** is a support group for white people who find themselves in the uncomfortable position of preferring Jesse Jackson over all the other Democratic contenders. To deal with this condition, or to make anonymous contributions to the campaign, call 224-9933.

## Pilot Recycling Project

by Nancy Muller

The city has been involved with a pilot newspaper recycling program in two neighborhoods. The continuation and expansion of the program is contingent upon its success. Thus, Apalachee Recycle, working with the city, is developing a one day volunteer program to go into those neighborhoods and get folks involved. We need volunteers! Training will be provided and the Saturday will be either February 4 or February 11. Please contact Larry Teich, 224-7222; Nancy Muller, 877-8589; or Apalachee Recycle, 222-1208. This is our chance to make recycling a reality in this community!



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# Community Theater

by Genie Nable

Perhaps when you first hear about this diverse group of actors, performers, poets, stage types and playwrights, you might think they're just a bunch of Swamp Stars emerging from Tate's Hell to tell their version of what it *really* was like.

Or perhaps they appear to be determined Pirandello characters searching for a good script, some support, and a little significance.

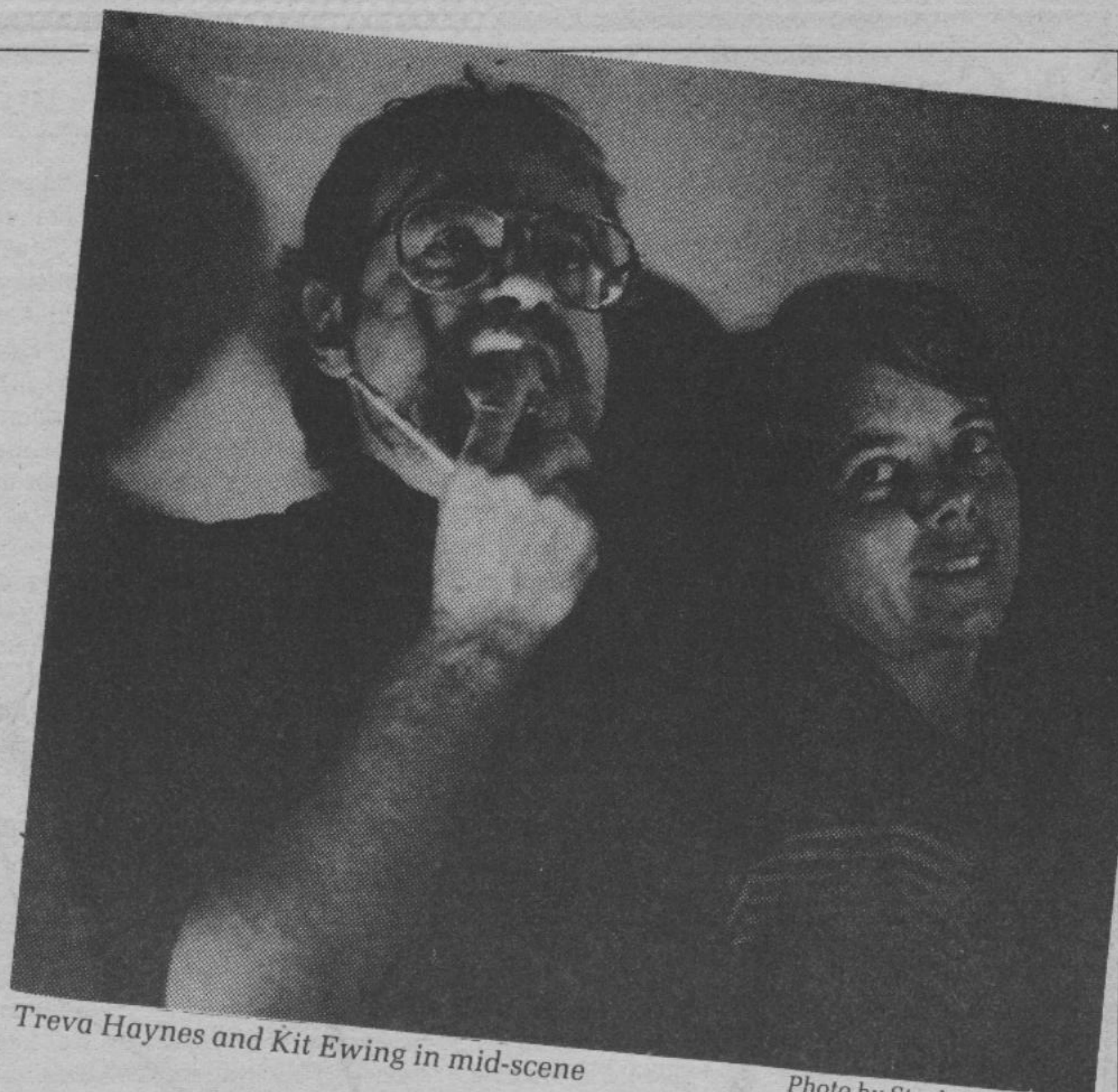
Whoever they are at any given time, the collective entity calls itself the Tallahassee Playwrights Ensemble. The Ensemble's founder and artistic director, Barbara Speisman, decided to form the nonprofit group after studying with Edward Albee (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolff?*) in New Smyrna Beach at the Atlantic Center for the Arts. There she met other Florida playwrights who were also Arts Fellows selected to apprentice with Master Artist Albee for three weeks. Speisman saw a need for a theater organization that would nurture and honor Florida's playwrights, not merely staging their new scripts, but working with them on their rewrites before beginning rehearsals and throughout production.

What makes the Tallahassee Playwrights Ensemble different from most theater groups is not only their approach to working with the playwright, but also the actors' involvement with the playwright. Before tryouts for the last play, the Ensemble presented *Where the Deer and the Antelope Play* by James Bonham. Speisman worked with the author for weeks on the script, giving him feedback and suggestions for his rewrite. At the first reading of the script, guiding director Ray Toler offered a few pointers on character and rewrite suggestions for the elimination of another character. From then on the actors and the playwright blocked and directed the play as a group, without an "official" director.

The Ensemble projects an aura of professionalism, yet has an easy community warmth about it, whether performing at the Capitol or in the Unitarian Universalist Church on North Meridian.

Speisman plays out her original intent for the Ensemble to take artistic risks and showcase Florida-based material by encouraging new talent, both actors and playwrights, to take the most adventurous approach to their scripts. The opportunity is there for people who want to continue to find an outlet for their writing, directing, and acting and for those who are approaching theater for the first time.

The process of establishing a statewide network to showcase original scripts in cities like Cocoa, Tampa and St. Augustine continues with the next Ensemble production of two one-act plays by Florida playwrights. *Conversation in Coney* by Tony Walsh and *A Field Guide to the Birds East of the Jetty Pier* by Doug D'Elia will premiere Thursday, February 16, at the R.A. Gray Auditorium and continue at the Unitarian church



Treva Haynes and Kit Ewing in mid-scene

Photo by Stephen Bradley

through the weekend. The cast will then travel to the Cocoa Playhouse and to the Florida School of the Arts Theater near St. Augustine the following weekends.

Actors Treva Haynes and Kit Ewing perform in *Field Guide* in a script full of birding terms and delightful dialogue about parasitic jaegers, comedy and a touch of intrigue. flycatchers. The play promises romance, comedy and a touch of intrigue.

*Conversation in Coney* involves two senior citizen women on the beach who trade their Mellaryl and Thorazine pills as easily as they exchange their opinions.

The Ensemble invites interested persons to come to the next performance and remain to talk about becoming involved in upcoming productions.

# Tears of Interment

by Larry Teich



The advertising for the movie "Terms of Endearment" stresses the part of the plot concerned with a woman's relationship with her daughter over a period of about 30 years. It also deals with the development of a relationship with her next door bachelor neighbor. What it doesn't mention, since there's not much box office appeal, is the part about the young mother dying of cancer leaving three children behind.

It's an excellent movie - well acted and dealing with real people and events without being dumb. The first four-fifths is a well-paced comedy that puts you at ease and familiarizes you with the characters. The last part deals with a young mother having cancer, the emotional trauma of deciding the

children's fate, and their hopeful future after her death.

The situation hit home in a particular way for me since my mother died of cancer almost 20 years ago (the time setting for the movie) leaving four children behind. The movie is believable and treats the death of a parent as well as Hollywood can. Watching the kids at the death bed is very hard to do; through the tears I could only think that it's just not that easy in real life.

Besides the obvious grief from the loss of a parent, a major contributing factor in making death hard on kids is their lack of preparation and understanding. Most children, as in the movie, are complicating background figures who are not treated

with the same respect as other members of the family. In the movie, the two older kids are able to have a last farewell very late in the illness, but most kids are not kept informed of the reality of such situations and disbelief and shock are very common.

So here's my suggestions for healthier children and therefore healthier adults later. Don't wait for an extreme situation like this. Include kids in your adult conversations; allow them the awareness of the truth; communicate your emotions so they can understand them; prepare them to cope with a life that is not monitored by you; and try to remember your own childhood and think about how it could have been made better.

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# Я ♥ Краснодар

by Frank Brown

A few Tallahasseeans have been boning up on the fair city of Krasnodar. Like Tallahassee, Krasnodar is a university town, a capital city with a mild climate. Located on the Black Sea, it is also a popular spot for vacationing tourists. The Black Sea?

Krasnodar, a foreign-sounding city, is in fact in Russia. Why study Krasnodar? And why Russia?

Krasnodar was chosen by the Tallahassee Ground-Zero Pairing Project. Ground-Zero, a Missouri-based organization, began the Pairing Project to create communication links between similar cities in the two superpowers, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

The idea is similar to the establishment of "sister cities," but on a smaller scale. David Felder, author and associate professor of philosophy at FAMU, started the Tallahassee group after meeting with two people who helped Gainesville successfully establish relations with Novorossiisk, another Soviet city.

"The idea is people-to-people communication," said Felder. "If people get to know each other they'll be less afraid of each other. This might lead to slowing down the arms race so we don't blow ourselves to hell," added Bob Broedel, another member.

The Tallahassee-Krasnodar Friendship Society is still in the initial stages of organization. Several letters have been mailed to various potential contacts in Krasnodar, including an English Language 'Special School' (high school level), but no responses have been received. This may be because there hasn't been enough time yet. It takes 6 weeks to get a reply by mail from the Soviet Union, according to Broedel.

The Tallahassee group would like to put together a slide show about our city to send to the city of Krasnodar, and hopes Krasnodarians will send materials describing their city's civic and cultural lives in exchange. But even simple links such as "pen pal" correspondence are encouraged.

Anyone interested in participating or assisting with the Tallahassee-Krasnodar Friendship Society should contact the Tallahassee Peace Coalition, or write to: P.O. Box 20049, Tallahassee, FL 32316.



Telephone Counseling and Referral Service's (TCRS) Helpline is a crisis intervention hotline serving the Tallahassee area. TCRS is approaching another training session for volunteer counselors beginning in January. We are in the process of recruiting new volunteers for this training period. Our volunteers are people from all over the community — students, professionals, homemakers, and retired persons — who have completed our training and are now reaching out to help others on TCRS phones. Call us before January 26 at 224-6333.

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## ELECTIONS

### Curry Interviewed

by S.L. Ratrie

So this is 1984.

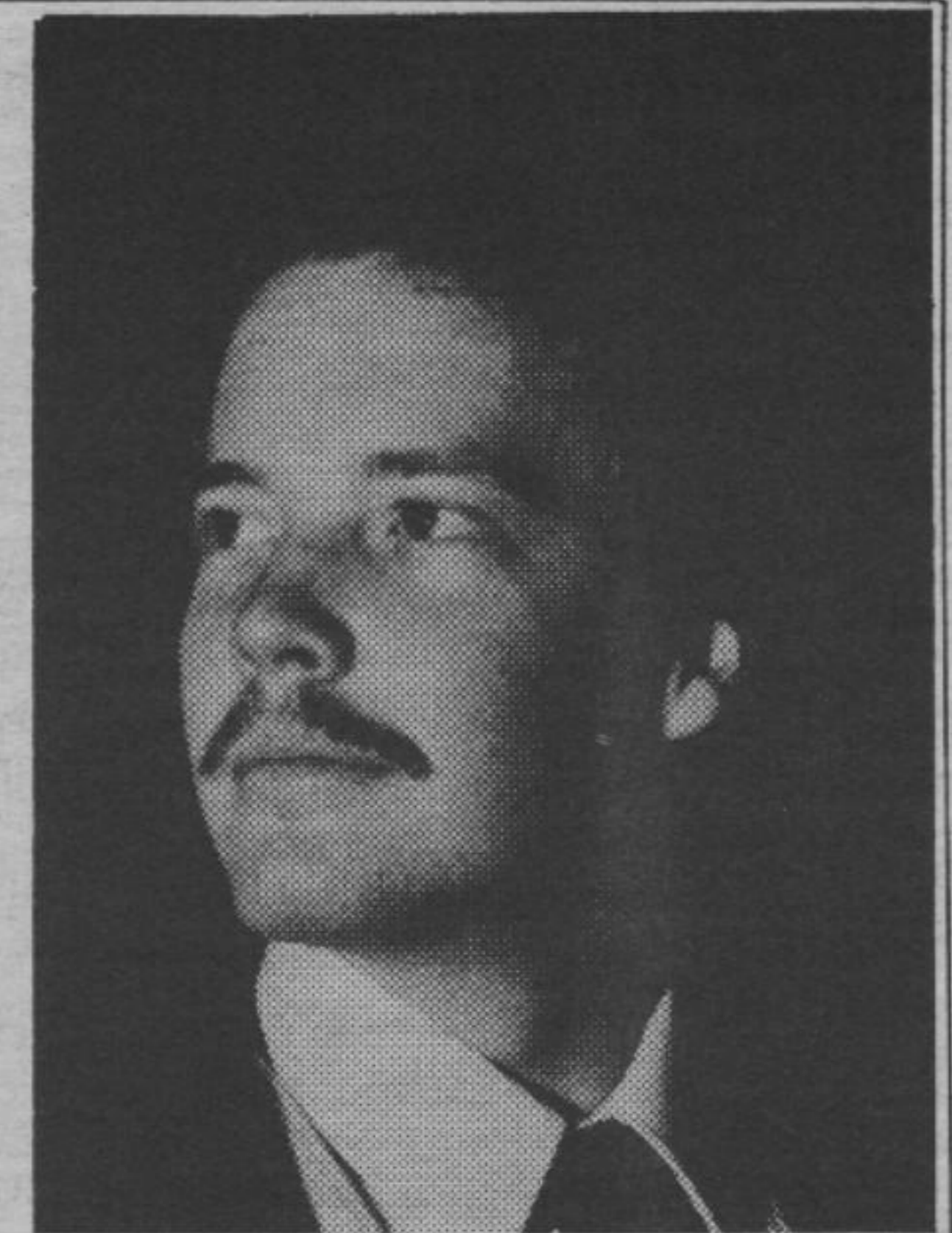
An election year. For Reagan advocates, supposedly a year of hope. And for a lot of people, hopefully a year of change.

Elections are supposed precursors to change. Yet, campaign after campaign, regardless of outcome, I find that the basic themes, resulting arguments, debates and cries of incompetence sound much the same. Radical proposals often become the least desired choice, as do radical offerings by candidates. We accept the bits and pieces, the small changes, without too incredible an upheaval, while proposals of drastic change tend to be met with scorn or alarm.

Since 1972, the Libertarian Party has gained considerable attention — including some scorn and alarm. Whether they've gained considerable backing remains to be shown in the forthcoming elections. Libertarian candidate for Tallahassee City Commission, Rex Curry, recently contacted *Spectrum* wishing to be represented in print. The resulting interview repeatedly brought to my mind the causes and effects of freedom and the varied applications of the liberty we so highly regard. One person's view of freedom is not always another's. As our society changes so also do our views concerning liberty's implications.

The Libertarian view of freedom seems simplistic, but its long-range implications are radical indeed. The Libertarian Party, according to Mr. Curry, "has as its basic premise freedom...Its fundamental principle is self-ownership of your body," and the purpose of government in relation to this principle, "is to protect you from aggression, to protect your personal property." Libertarians support a general shift of government to this fundamental purpose.

Oddly enough, Mr. Curry is running for city council to "limit and reduce the very office he hopes to obtain." According to Curry this is the objective of most Libertarians who run for office. He claims that state government has a lot of closet Libertarians who would gladly step down from their positions if the jobs themselves were eliminated. In effect, "they run for office in self-defense," he says.



Rex Curry

Rex Curry claims that his positions on city issues reflect his philosophy of not manipulating or taking advantage of others. He supports Proposition One, a measure to freeze state expenditures at 1980 levels. "In fact," Curry says, "at this point I am the only candidate running for the City Commission in favor of Proposition One." He would like to see both the sign ordinance and smoking ordinance repealed. His Libertarian philosophy contends that boycotting and concentrated volunteer efforts would be more fruitful than ordinances which force everyone to conform to the wishes of one segment of the population.

Basically, the Libertarians seem to propose a government-by-choice situation. Volunteer and cooperative efforts by individuals sharing common desires would assume responsibility for many areas which state government or city government now control. This includes utilities operation, road maintenance, community planning and upkeep and even education.

On the local scale many of their suggestions do appear to offer freedom — insofar as freedom represents personal choice of action. There is also the potential for greater community involvement or the threat of insular communities. As in most philosophies, the application depends on the degree of literal interpretation. The short-term local implications of the Libertarian Party appear to be a conscientious effort toward reduction of government and increased personal freedom. Their long-range implications appear unspecific but capable of producing radical change.

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# You Are Your Investments

by Frank Brown

If you are an investor, or are considering investing, have you ever thought about just how your money is being used? Dividends and capital gains do not materialize out of thin air, but are a product of a company's business.

One way of being a peace activist is to be sure that none of the companies in which you purchase shares is involved in manufacturing weapons or their components.

Anyone can write for a copy of the Department of Defense's top 100 contractors' list. (Mail your request to the Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C. 20310.) With the list in hand, one can personally insure that those firms do not receive your investing dollars.

One can go further, and refuse to patronize firms on the list (boycotting). This can be difficult, however, as many major U.S. firms are included (Kodak, Xerox, IBM, etc.).

Many people don't have time to examine each individual company in which they have an investment interest. Luckily, there are several mutual funds which specialize in "socially responsible" companies.

A mutual fund combines individuals' money and then invests the resulting sum in a diversified portfolio. Mutual funds can offer small investors the advantages of diversification, liquidity, and ongoing professional management.

**Pax World Fund** is one such mutual fund. According to Pax World's prospectus, the fund "seeks investment in companies that are not to any degree engaged in manufacturing defense or weapons-related products and excludes security of companies engaged in military activities, those companies appearing on the Department of Defense's 100 largest contractors list, and other companies contracting with the Defense Department if 5 percent or more of gross sales were derived from such contracts." Pax World also does not invest in liquor, tobacco and gambling industries. Pax has been operating since 1971 as a "no-load" fund.

Pax World has also formed the Pax World Foundation "to complement the Fund's objectives." Contributions to the Foundation by shareholders are voluntary. Reading through the prospectus, after pages of investment data, shares, net assets, redemption, distributions, retirement programs, reinvestment, etc., all of a sudden I was reading about how the Foundation distributes the seeds of the Giant Leucaena tree to deforested areas of the Third World. Other surprises are also within. A prospectus, copy of the Semi-Annual Report, and informative brochure can be obtained by writing Pax World Fund, Inc., 224 State Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801.

Two other mutual funds worth mentioning are the **Calvert Social Investment Fund**, and **Working Assets Money Fund**.

Calvert is part of the Calvert Group of funds, of which most are not governed by social criteria. Two are; a Managed Growth Portfolio and a Money Market Portfolio, offering investors a choice between long-term investment performance or short-term cash management. Calvert's social criteria consider companies that "deliver safe products and services in ways that sustain our natural environment 1/2 are managed with participation throughout the organization; negotiate fairly; provide opportunities for women and disadvantaged minorities." Calvert also is reluctant to invest in nuclear power technology, "repressive regimes, such as the present government of South Africa," and "issuers primarily engaged in the manufacture of weapons systems."

Calvert's Board of Trustees has established an Advisory Council to assist with their social criteria. Included on the Council are Hazel Henderson, Jessica Lipnack, Amory Lovins, Robert Rodale, Timothy Smith, and other luminaries.

Calvert will send you a fat envelope of material including prospectus and investment application if you write to Calvert Social Investment Fund, 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

**Working Assets Money Fund** is still pretty new, having just begun operation the last quarter of 1983. They are currently selling shares, but the prudent might want to wait a bit to watch the fund's performance.

For the imprudent, enthusiastic social investor, however, their criteria are music to the ears, as one might expect from a San Francisco-based fund. In a nutshell, Working Assets invests in housing, higher education, small business, solar energy and family farms. They also state, "we purchase instruments that create jobs and develop the American economy as opposed to rearranging business enterprises through mergers and acquisitions. . . . We will minimize investments in direct obligations of the U.S. Government, since these are used primarily to finance a federal deficit caused by what we consider wasteful defense spending. . . ."

Write to Working Assets Money Fund at 230 California St., Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94111.

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# Accusations of Racism Challenge the Food Co-op

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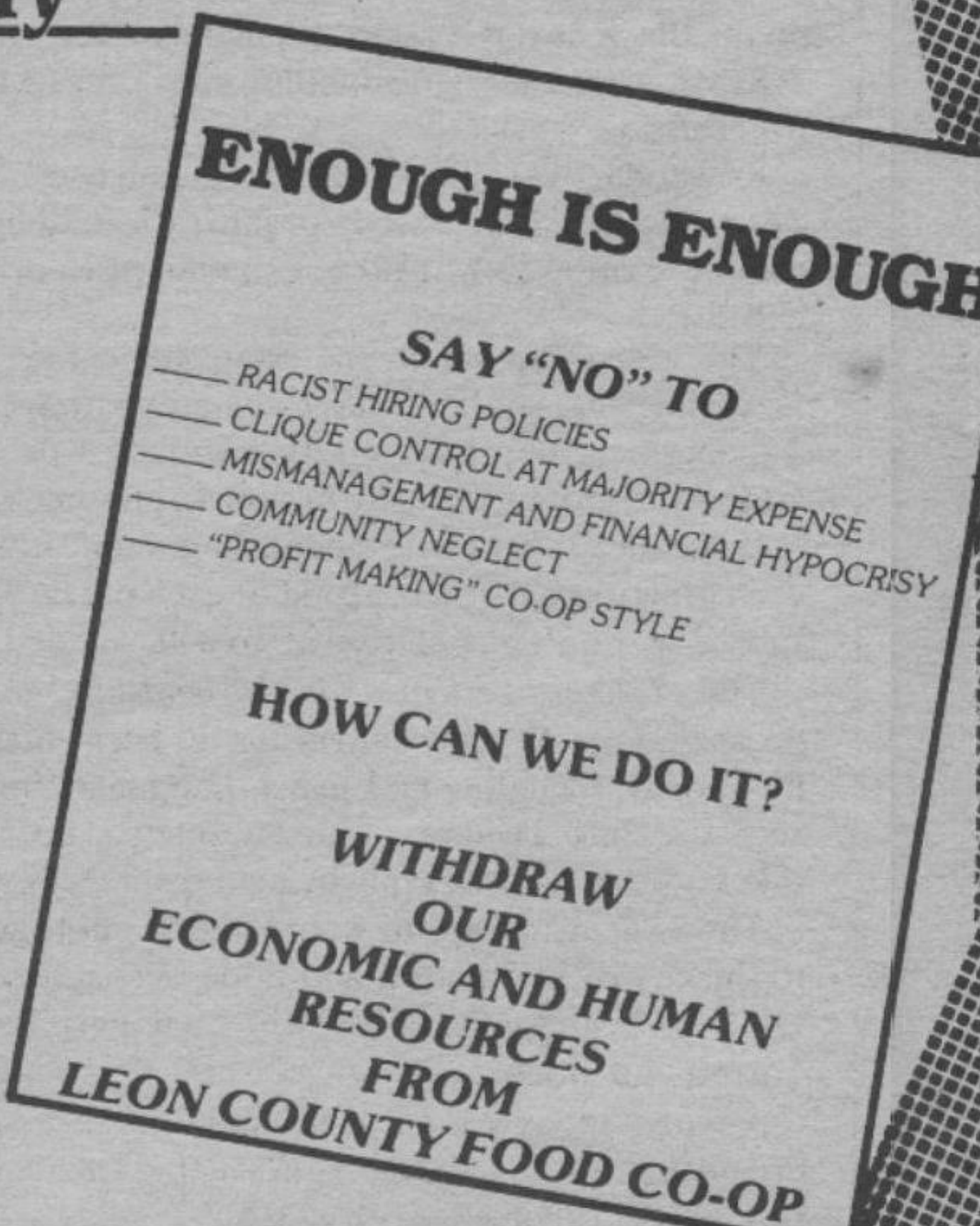
by the Black Caucus of LCFC

**Racist Hiring Policies** — In the 10 year history of LCFC there has been only one Black hired at any one given time. The Co-op espouses to be an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer, yet few if any Black and Hispanic applicants are even given the courtesy of an interview. Only recently, as a result of pressure placed on the Board of Directors, have Blacks made it to the interview stage. Nevertheless, the selection process must still be questioned because several qualified Blacks were not granted interviews. The Co-op is unquestionably playing the old racist game that Blacks and Hispanics are qualified to apply, but not qualified to be hired.

**Clique Control at Majority Expense** — Who runs the Co-op? LCFC seems to be controlled by a small circle of friends who scratch each others backs; for example, the recent Administrative Coordinator hiring. Do you know about the "Casual Labor Pool?" This interlocking network decides who gets hired, what inventory is purchased, who becomes a member of the so-called "Casual Labor Pool," and which policies will and will not be implemented. In short, an oligarchy runs the Co-op. This is typical of Big Business America.

**Mismanagement and Financial Hypocrisy** — Did you know that the Co-op is having money problems? LCFC has 8 full time paid staff members most of whom are performing functions ideally designed for volunteer personnel. Don't you agree that the Co-op is over-staffed? We are paying for this luxury.

Ideally, the slogan "Food for People — Not for Profit" that is painted outside LCFC would hold true for a cooperative institution. However, over the years the Co-op has consistently profited from membership resources, but has not returned these gains in the form of benefits such as lower food prices, mark-up reductions, and expanded membership services. It appears the Co-op prefers to return these profits to the government instead of its membership. This is unfortunate!



**Community Neglect** — What community educational services does LCFC offer? What types of educational forums does LCFC provide regarding its organization and products? The Co-op is just about selling food. Instead, it should be concerned with a healthy way of living. Within the last few years the Co-op has stopped labeling food shelves with products that have unhealthy ingredients and increased the number of these foods sold at the Co-op. LCFC has not sponsored any educational forums addressing issues about healthy lifestyles. Nor has the Co-op reached out to educate the surrounding community on proper diet and health care.

A cooperative is designed to serve the needs and interest of its members and its surrounding community. Does the Co-op do this? Is the Co-op really an alternative place to shop?

**Profit Making Co-op Style** — Do you know the Co-op is not a non-profit organization? What does it do with its profits? One thing it does not do is return them to its members.

**Check It Out For Yourself!** Alternative places to shop until a better alternative avails itself: Honeytree, GNC (Governor's Square Mall and Tallahassee Mall), Buyers Club at Alumni Village through CPE, your local grocery store.

## Response

by The Staff and Board of Directors of LCFC

The following is a response to the many significant issues raised by the Black Caucus of Leon County Food Co-op. In reading the Black Caucus flyer "Think about this before you buy," it is clear that greater effort needs to be made to communicate information on the functioning of LCFC.

**Who runs LCFC?** LCFC is run by the Board of Directors, staff, assistant coordinators and members who give time in various ways. Any member has the opportunity to run for the Board of Directors, President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer of LCFC. Almost all members who have chosen to run for election have been elected.

Any member can become an assistant coordinator if s/he chooses to put in the time and energy. Any member can join committees which have a major bearing on co-op policies, such as planning, personnel, newsletter, education, or building and renovations. All Board meetings, committee meetings, etc., are open to anyone who chooses to come. In short, LCFC is run by those people who choose to put the time and energy into that endeavor.

Policies are decided by the Board of Directors and are presented as written reports which are placed in the member information file at the co-op information desk. These are also included in the Board Meeting minutes which are posted on the bulletin board in the co-op living room monthly. All policies are subject to review by the membership at quarterly membership meetings which all are encouraged to attend, but few do.

**Who decides what the Co-op purchases?** The policy on what LCFC will stock, which was approved by the membership, states that we will attempt to stock the highest quality food at the best prices obtainable, as well as those products which members choose. New items are stocked when a number of requests for the item have been made by members. In the past few years, items which are processed or contain sugar have been stocked. This is a reflection of the desires of the membership. To not stock these items and dictate to members what they should buy would be oppressive. There are a variety of lifestyles and dispositions which make up our membership. While some processed foods have been added, no wholesome foods have been discontinued and many wholesome foods have been added. Our purchasers are constantly seeking new and better sources of quality foods.

**Do you know about the Casual Labor Pool?** As the Co-op became larger and staff positions became more specialized, a need arose to cover staff who were absent due to illness and other unexpected causes. Initially, former coordinators who required no training and could fill in on short notice were used for this purpose. As these people became unavailable the next likely candidates were those people who had put in countless hours as volunteers to see that the Co-op kept running smoothly. These people required little or no training. This came to be called the "Casual Labor Pool." Another step has been reached in this evolution. An application and training program is being designed for use in filling the casual labor pool. Only one coordinator has ever been hired from the casual labor pool.

**Did you know that the Co-op is having money problems?** This has been a hard year



financially for the Co-op. This information has been conveyed to the membership at the last two membership meetings and at monthly Board meetings over the last 6 months. After many years of steadily increasing sales, sales have dropped 2%. The projected budget for this year was based on an expected increase in sales which has not materialized. Expenses for the year to date have exceeded our income from sales; the storefront operation is in debt to the membership savings. The budget has been revised for the second six months of the fiscal year and serious efforts are being made by the staff, B.O.D. and officers to alter this trend.

**Don't you agree that the Co-op is overstaffed?** Paid staff positions arose as the Co-op grew. This became necessary because there was not enough consistent energy available from the membership to provide the needed work. Paid staff acts in part as a back up to the member/volunteer labor force. Currently, (and usually) there are 50 assistant coordinator positions unfilled, which represents 100 person hours per week. This does not include the myriad of additional tasks that could be accomplished if people were available to devote time and energy to them. The paid staff are hired to do specific managerial tasks and to organize, train and supervise the volunteer work force. Due to the nature of the volunteer system a significant amount of staff time is spent covering for absent volunteers. This does not diminish the managerial work waiting to be done.

**Do you know that the Co-op is not a non-profit organization?** The Co-op is a corporation not-for-profit under chapter 617, Florida Statutes. This means that none of the profit which the Co-op has ever made can ever be distributed to anyone for personal financial gain. Any profit that the Co-op makes stays in the Co-op in order for the Co-op to continue to exist and to grow.

The Co-op is not a tax exempt organization because it is neither a charitable nor an educational institution.

LCFC is organized as a direct savings Co-op, rather than as a rebate Co-op. What this means is that LCFC prices items on the shelves as low as possible while still covering the expense of putting those items on the shelves. We budget to break even, not to make a profit. In a rebate co-op items are priced at fair market value, and any profit that is made is then returned to members in the form of a cash rebate. The clear difference is that in a direct savings co-op a member saves as s/he buys. In a rebate co-op a member pays more for food but earns a cash rebate at the end of the year if the store ends the year with a profit.

**A cooperative is designed to serve the needs and interests of its members and surrounding community.** The reality at LCFC is that we were designed to provide high quality food at the lowest possible cost. Only as the need and the member energy to meet the need has arisen have member services such as child care, the information desk and the free space provided to Canopy Federal Credit Union been added.

**Racist hiring policies.** The most significant issue raised by the Black Caucus is the one of racism. Racism is an inherent part of our culture. No one escapes it. We were all taught racism in some form as we grew up. None of us wanted it and it is something which we now have to unlearn.

In the past nine years LCFC has hired one Black staff member. She was hired four years ago. During the era when she was hired the Board of Directors took an affirmative action stance. Since that hiring there have been six staff openings. Black and Hispanic candidates have been interviewed for four of these openings. None of them has been hired. Three Black members have been elected to the Board.

LCFC's hiring process has attempted to solicit job candidates from all parts of the community. Then an attempt has been made to select the most qualified candidate for the job based on the individuals' previous experience, knowledge, references and the job interview.

Although it does not take on the blatantly violent and aggressive forms obvious in other segments of our society, there is evidence of racism in our hiring history. While our hiring policy and intent does not reflect racism, the hiring history does. Racism may be so subtle that it manifests itself as discomfort on the part of White people in the presence of Black people. If hiring choices are based even in part on who White people feel most comfortable about then White candidates will be chosen. The question

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## To Everything There Is A Season



by Gary Brand

Astrology is a useful tool not only for a better understanding of ourselves but also the world around us. Put in simple terms, it is the study of cycles. What makes it complex is that it involves simultaneously combining many cycles, all at different stages of completion. Every cycle has a beginning and an end and, like a circle, divided in any number of ways. The most basic division is by 2, thus dividing the cycle into equal halves. The first half can be thought of as building in intensity until the cycle is half complete and at its peak or culmination. The second half can then be thought of as consolidating and bringing to closure the effects or gains of the first half.

The two most obvious cycles are those of the moon and the earth orbits around the sun. Although I will touch upon each, the bulk of what I have to say is written for those of you with little or no knowledge of astrology. I must point out that while the ideas I put forth may apply to many of you, they will not apply to everyone for they are general in nature and each of us respond at different times

to planetary cycles. This is because true astrology (not 'sun-sign' astrology which you find in most bookstores and in the newspaper) embodies the unique set of qualities which make each of us different from one another.

The new moon in Aquarius issues in the month of February and brings with it the urge to communicate, socialize and get involved. Write that letter you've been putting off or call the friend or relative you've been thinking about. Consider throwing a party and plan something unusual to entice your guests. Or join an organization you've been wanting to get involved in. If you have a TV, stereo, radio or other piece of electronic equipment which has been acting up, February is a good time to have it fixed. Have you been considering taking a photography class or flying lessons, researching something at the library or overhauling your car engine? The new moon in Aquarius is a good time to begin such things. Get involved but don't scatter your energies too thin, especially around the middle of the month when it may be difficult to maintain a high energy level.

During the week of February 19-25 choose your words carefully and be cautious behind the wheel of your car - avoid taking chances. When February arrives, put your creative mind to use exploring new ideas and old ideas which have a practical application in your present or future. Be sure to stock up on home heating fuel if you haven't done so already for this will probably be a long and cold winter.

The beginning of March brings a new moon in the sign of Pisces. Normally, this would be a good time to plant your spring garden but this winter will likely extend well into the month. This new moon signifies a good time to get in touch with the sensitive, feeling side of your nature. Take some quiet time for yourself and surrender to your inner being through meditation, yoga or similar medium. Explore your need to relate to yourself and, in particular, your psychological well-being. This Pisces new moon also relates to inspiration so think about writing some poetry or music or beginning a personal journal during this time. March is a good time to take a dance class or music lessons. Imaginations may be heightened this month so put yours to good use in a creative fashion instead of daydreaming or letting it carry you in unrealistic directions. You may find close relationships are somewhat strained or tense during March but if you practice understanding and gentleness any adversity will be minimal and temporary.

Around the middle of the month, be sure you communicate clearly. Your thinking may tend toward abstraction and fantasy so be alert. Avoid having your car repaired at this time.

The spring equinox falls on March 20th this year and from ancient times to the present, the event initiates spring and spring fever. We tend to want to celebrate life and the end of winter by getting outdoors and enthusiastically pursue new or renewed activities. In astrology, the equinox is the day during which the sun enters the sign of Aries and, until fairly recent times, marked the beginning of the year. Many of us are full of energy and initiative at this time.

For those of you born in 1955, this year may be a challenging time for you. Goal setting, patience, and the realization that personal growth is often not easily gained should help you through. If 1945 is your year of birth, you may feel like breaking out of structures, relationships or your present career situation. This is what is often referred to as the 'mid-life' crisis. Although it is not an easy time and sudden changes may be on your horizon, you will be wise to carefully consider beforehand any big change you want to make. If you were born December 23rd through January 6th of any year, 1984 could be a great year for you. Don't pass by opportunities which come your way if they feel right and use your good luck to your best advantage. However, gains you make this year may be transitory unless you build them on a solid foundation.

## From the Network

by Larry Teich

The National Media Web of the Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project Elf announces an encampment of women to protest the escalating arms race and in particular, Project Elf.

Project Elf is a Navy proposal to build the world's largest and most controversial one-way radio transmitter, in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula. It is a critical part of the Pentagon's emerging first strike capability design to wage and win a nuclear war. It is seen as the Doomsday trigger for the oncoming fleet of Trident nuclear submarines (being built north of Jacksonville, Florida).

The Women's Peace Presence will open in Northern Wisconsin on May 28, 1984 to raise consciousness about Project Elf and many issues of special concern to women. To donate money, find out ways to help or for more information, write to the Women's Peace Presence to Stop Project Elf at 731 State St., Madison, WI., 53703.

A document entitled *The Triple Revolution* written almost 20 years ago argued that the impact of revolutions in the fields of computers/robots, weaponry, and human rights will force fundamental changes in the world. Expanding from this, a new document is being compiled to: publicly articulate the deeply held views of many of us; clearly define key issues which the culture must address to successfully evolve through this transition; focus discussion on these issues; and to reach decision-makers, encouraging them to address this situation.

Through networking, the pamphlet summarizing our new understandings and directions will be distributed the week of March 19-26, 1984. People will be asked to publicize, further distribute and sign it as an act of agreement and commitment to the project.

For more information or to aid in fundraising, books on this subject, including extracts from *The Triple Revolution*, the socioeconomic magazine *In Context*, or to make donations, write to Box N, the Communications Era Task Force, Box 3623, Spokane, WA. 99220.



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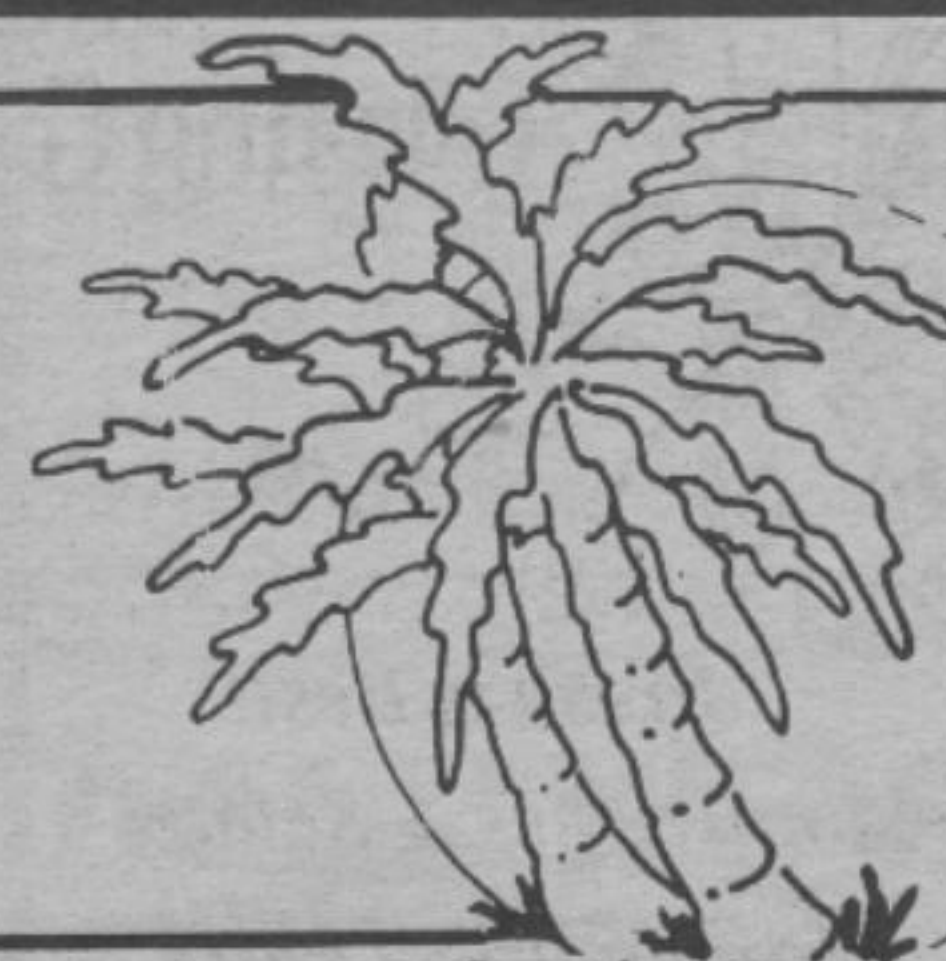
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# Life, Death and Politics

by Paul Mack

Six figures appeared at the darkened side of the Governor's Mansion and strode toward the front gate where about 70 people were gathered to the vigil "Call to Conscience." Governor Graham emerged from behind the wrought iron gate surrounded by five neatly dressed white males. The television lights switched on and the vigilers surged forward to speak with the man who held the power of life or death over Robert Sullivan.

Individuals spoke one by one. Two participants argued specific facts of the case. Most pleaded not to avenge one murder by committing another. One woman appealed, as she said, "To the humanness that is in you. For we know you are a good man."

The Governor responded in careful, measured tones. He spoke of experiencing pain while making the decision. He expressed concern about the comfort of the protestors. He left. Thirty six hours later Robert Sullivan died.

The frustrated protestors broke into discussion — over whether the Governor was sincere or just scoring political points by talking to us. Graham's sincerity aside, the essential point is that those who stood outside the mansion — who personally appealed to Bob Graham — lacked the political power to enforce our will. We lacked power to make it easier for Bob Graham to grant a stay than not to, regardless of his personal inclination.

Faced with a world where the death of Bob Sullivan is a small event in a sea of violence, many of the vigil participants embrace nonviolence as a method and philosophy to dry up the oceans of hate.

This path often appears limited to appeals to conscience, personal sacrifice, and individual change. Gandhi articulated a whole other dimension to nonviolent struggle when he wrote:

*"It is not a matter of carrying conviction by argument. The matter resolves itself into one of matching forces. Conviction or no conviction, Great Britain would defend her Indian commerce and interests by all the forces at her command. India must consequently evolve force enough to free herself from that embrace of death."*

In fact Gandhi was successful in leading India to independence because his ability to develop workable tactics and strategies was equal to his commitment to nonviolent change. His failure to suggest concrete ideas on how India might nonviolently defend itself from external aggression after independence contributed to India as a nation resorting to conventional "wisdom" -- military power.

In this respect we are failing as well.

The countries of the Third World represent recent examples of effective mobilization of power for change. Nicaragua has taken a step to humanize the world and reduce violence in society by eliminating capital punishment — even for participants in the former Somoza regime.

However, the Nicaraguan people have also felt it necessary to take up arms to bring about and defend their revolution. This follows the path, for example, of the Cuban revolution.

That struggle greatly improved the life of the common people, but Castro has demonstrated acceptance of the ultimate in violence, nuclear weapons.

The people of the Third World in their struggle for peace and justice will continue to choose the path of counterviolence against oppression until pacifists can demonstrate an ability to exercise political power through nonviolent means. The lack of Third World participation in the "Call to Conscience" against capital punishment is just one more example of this continuing failure.

Certainly there have been advancements. Alabama Sheriff "Bull" Connor and his racist cohorts showed no individual change in attitudes. Nevertheless, significant racial barriers fell before a nonviolent movement that learned to enforce its political will. Gaining inspiration from King, the anti-nuclear movement in Europe is on the cutting edge of a fledgling world-wide movement for the creative, militant nonviolent exercise of power. But time ran out for Robert Sullivan, and time is running out around the world.



Dan Berrigan and Doug Magee hold down hooded victim for mock execution at Governor's cabinet meeting (Photo by Bob O'Lary)

At the "Call for Conscience" Father Dan Berrigan reminded us we were on a lifewatch, not a deathwatch. A lifewatch does not leave room for killing to obtain peace. Those on this lifewatch know that ultimately we are one, and everyday in our lives we must live that unity. However, the predominately white nonviolent movement must confront the issue of power and how to wield it. Until we fashion strategies which effectively challenge the present power relationships, a nonviolent path to change will not be a viable alternative to the millions around the world struggling for a decent existence.

Losing the struggle to save Bob Sullivan's life was a tragedy. Failure to create successful nonviolent strategies will allow the continuation of the individual tragedies which compose the cycle of violence. Nonviolence will thus be relegated to a footnote in history, and in our age that footnote could be lost with all history in a final act of frenzied violence.

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# Salad Freaks Beware!



by Linda Miklowitz

What evil lurks in the hearts of lettuce at Tallahassee salad bars? The Salad Police know.

First they tried to get rid of our skinny dipping at backwoods sinkholes. Then they went after the topless of our society. And now they've come for us. But forewarned is forearmed! We must alert everyone to the menace at a most unlikely spot -- the gourmet's Garden of Eden. Read on.

Our story begins several years ago with the advent of that low-cal pigout, the salad bar. Restaurant owners soon noticed the feature was a high-loss item. Sure, lots of folks were ordering it, but more food was disappearing than the sharp-pointed pencils of restaurant accountants had figured. Why?

The answer soon became apparent to sharp-eyed restaurant managers observing their customers. They saw the plates of those who really believe they can end world hunger, now. Cherry tomatoes were rolling off the overloaded plates. Pop. One of them went into an awaiting mouth. Someone else filched a mushroom, large and crispy white. A hand hungrily went for a broccoli floret. The vegetable mountain began to shrink. The perpetrator went for a second helping and the ritual was repeated.

Then there were hoarders. You can't ask for a "bunny bag" and it's implausible that Rover likes radishes. They're really for tomorrow night's party. Mushrooms at \$2.50 a pound are too high. You just want a few scallions for garnish. I can't find real bacon bits anywhere. These pickles are great for a midnight snack.

The greatest enmity sprouted at the salad bars with the no-return rule, as you might expect from restaurant owners who would forbid the sacred second helping. Salad lovers would thoroughly clean their plates and use their napkins only delicately so as not to disturb their place settings. Then looking even hungrier than they were when they walked in, they would charge the salad bar on a second wave as if it were the first time. It worked -- for a time.

So the restaurant owners got together and vowed this sort of thing had to stop. They hired a squad of undercover officers known as the Salad Bar Police. As you read this, they are prowling your favorite salad emporium waiting to pounce on unsuspecting victims.

They believe that garden-variety criminals disguised as mild vegetarians are the worst felons. The Salad Bar Police have been known to apprehend a culprit in the middle of a meal, one officer under each arm, taking him from the restaurant.

One pickle pilferer, apparently a minor offender, escaped with only a dressing down. Another was peppered with insults in front of everybody. Others, once taken away into the night, haven't been heard from since.

What can we salad lovers, especially those of us with a certain amount of moral frailty, do to protect ourselves? First, beware of unfamiliar faces at the salad bar. Notice those who pay too much attention to other people's plates. If you are apprehended, ask for identification. It will buy you time to think of something smart. If bananas are involved, you are entitled to a Carmen Miranda warning.

In a meat-and-potatoes world, it's tough. Especially in 1984. But we can't let them do this to us. We must fight back. We must organize and boycott the salad bar owners who are trying to take away our inalienable right to stuff our faces. We must demonstrate, gathering in bunches in the parking lots to sing solemnly, "We shall gourmandize..." Lettuce sprout a grassroots movement.

## You Are Your Investments, from page 6

Experienced investors, with time and resources for managing their own portfolios may find the quarterly advisory letter *Insight* of use.

Published by Franklin Research and Development Corporation, the slick 4-page newsletter focuses on specific companies (with an apparent emphasis on blue-chip firms, if my sample copy is representative), and how they stack up in regard to social responsibility.

The summer 1983 issue's "Company Profiles" column compared two major computer companies, IBM and Digital Equipment Corporation. The publication characterized investment in IBM as socially "questionable" due to extensive connections with the apartheid regime in South Africa, and being a major recipient of defense contracts. The column then summed up Digital as "an exemplary corporation, worthy of social investors' attention." Investors following this advice would have been disappointed by Digital's estimated first quarter 1984 earnings shortfall.

My own feeling is that this illustrates the riskiness of investing in general, and the value of diversification, more than being an indicator of *Insight's* reliability. Information can be useful, without being the last word on one's decision to invest. A subscription is \$36/year; one can request a sample copy from: *Insight*, Franklin Research and Development Corporation, 222 Lewis Wharf, Boston, MA 02110.

## Co-op Response to Accusations, from page 7

follows, "What is being done and what further can be done to rule out this possible eventuality?" A draft policy on affirmative action has been proposed which states that when two candidates have equal qualifications, minority status shall be viewed as an additional qualification. This proposed statement is pending legal investigation. It may be that one of several alternatives needs to be considered: 1) That the personnel committee be comprised entirely or predominately of Black Co-op members, 2) That we all explore and become aware of our racism and work towards eliminating it, 3) That a forum be provided for people of color to talk about their experience at the Co-op and how racism has played a part in it, and how it affects their participation.

**"While our hiring policy and intent does not reflect racism, the hiring history does."**

**Alternative places to shop.** With the exception of the Alumni Village Buyers Club, the alternative places to shop suggested in the leaflet are only alternative in that one can buy groceries at them. The Boards of Directors, membership organizations and hiring processes of private businesses and corporate chain stores are certainly far less accessible to members of this community than are the structures of LCFC. Anyone who wants to be a director of LCFC can run for the Board. Usually such a person is guaranteed a seat because there are more seats available than their are candidates. On the occasions when this is not so, the next election usually provides the opportunity. Anyone can place an item for discussion on the agenda of an LCFC Board meeting by filling out a three by five index card on the agenda board just outside the East office.

We hope that the information provided here has answered or clarified the questions raised by the Black Caucus. In closing we would like to say that the Co-op is not any one person or group of people. It is a constantly changing entity, comprised of all of us who are members and influenced most deeply by its most active members. The Co-op is us, nothing more or less.

Some members of the Black Caucus have long term investments in the Co-op as a place to shop, to work and to find community. It is our hope that these members will choose to make their investment of time, energy and commitment work for them and meet their needs. Other members of the Black Caucus have less invested in the Co-op, and it is our hope that these members will make this investment and help guide LCFC where it needs to go to be responsive to the needs of the whole Co-op community.

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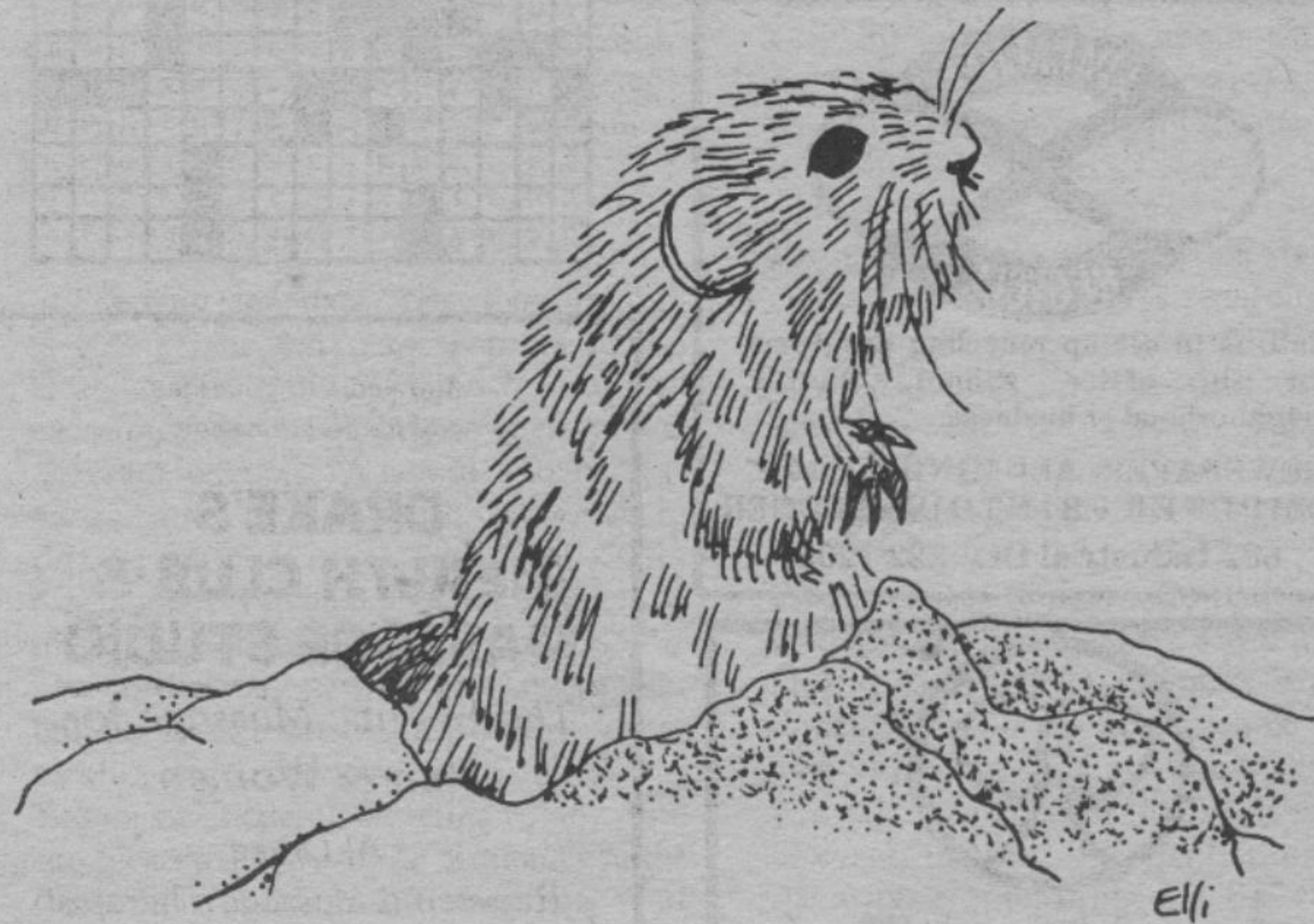
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