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## The Last Picture Show?

### Ann Arbor's Year in Film

by John Carlos Cantú

**T**he question before us is relatively simple: How committed is Ann Arbor to non-commercial cinema?

Last year witnessed the steady erosion of the University of Michigan film cooperative's motion picture schedules. Their ability to diversify the film fare of this community has been literally crippled.

One organization, Cinema II, has temporarily suspended its operation. Although that society is gamely committed to its program this winter, it is equally possible, and perhaps even probable, that their ultimate fate is before us.

When one adds the consideration that all the other film cooperatives at the University of Michigan are in fiscal dire straits, the plight of Cinema II is all the more alarming. It should be relatively clear that this next calendar year will be decisive in the survival of these non-profit organizations.

It is, quite frankly, impossible to attribute blame to any of the affected parties in this sad scenario.

The University of Michigan charges rent for the auditorium space being used by the student cooperatives. And although this university is one of only two schools in the Big Ten to affix an auditorium rental fee, the right of the administration to protect the state's property is an unassailable prerogative. As far as the university is concerned, it is behaving like a prudent and responsible custodian of public property.

At the same time, the rental of the film is, paradoxically, a commercial venture. The film cooperatives are responsible for the collection of receipts during each showing and must pay a large percentage of their box office gross to the distributor with whom they have contracted. Film organizations based in New York, Los Angeles, or Chicago, have obviously little sympathy for the plight of local organizations in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The burden, thus, unfortunately but also realistically, rests entirely on the film societies themselves. These organizations exist solely for the love of film. And only for the love of film: both as an art-form and as a social medium.

Let's therefore not be mistaken: There is no profit to be made in exhibiting non-commercial film. The very term indicates a not-so-subtle distinction between this fare and the typical sort of cinema exhibited at the movie theatres around the Ann Arbor vicinity.

Even more important, whether one approaches cinema from the vantage of an art-form or social commentary, these films typically attract a very special market which must actively support its interest in the presentation of this subject matter.

This often means "targeting" a potential audience, a time-consuming chore which is dependent on both a miniscule advertising budget and the publicity generated in the bimonthly "Cinema Guide."

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But even with this limited exposure, quite bluntly, the film societies are on their own.

When the Ann Arbor Film Cooperative hosts its occasionally quirky, but always hip and entertaining, series of cult films, they are relying upon the interested public to defray the expense of their hosting the presentation. Likewise, Cinema II's preference for foreign film; Alternative Action's ventures into political film-making; and Cinema Guild's "classic" film format, all depend on the viewers of non-commercial film to give them the margin of support allowing these programs to exist.

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It requires tremendous imagination, financial fortitude, and even a complete and total disdain for commercial film to keep these societies alive. What is more, the survival of these groups requires an educated public—a discerning public—for their maintenance.

There is no value therefore in mourning the fate of these organizations. They will survive if they are patronized. And their fate will be no better or worse than this simple fact.

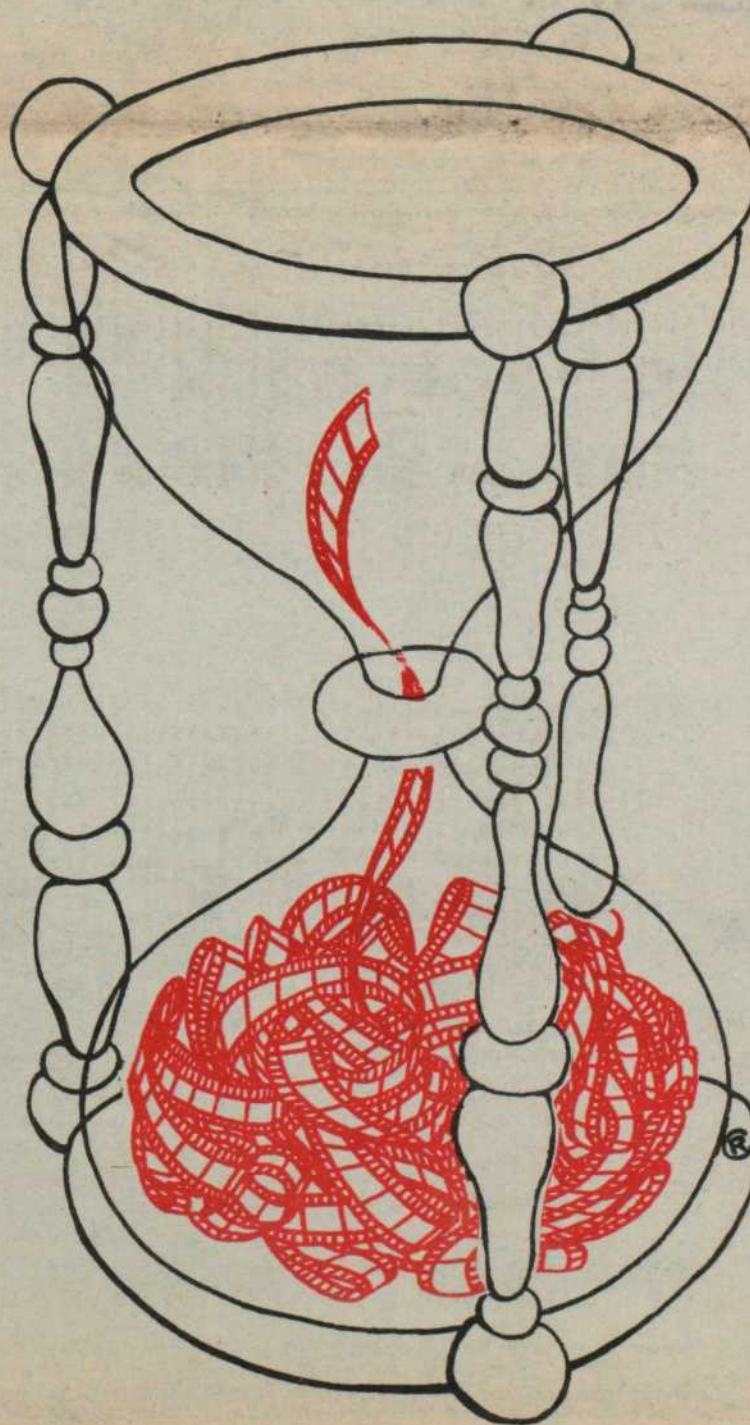
In an increasingly competitive market with an explosion of technological ancillaries, the fate of Ann Arbor's film cooperatives will rest on the simple economic principle underlying all such entertainment ventures: A ticket sale is a vote for alternative cinema. And for those who prefer a more laid-back attitude towards consumerism, box office sales are, at the very least, an indication of a preference in cinema.

When rarely seen film classics, foreign titles of all nationalities, feminist and alternative life-style cinema, political documentaries, and all other sorts of ostensibly non-commercial movie fare disappear from this region . . . it will be too late to do anything about the situation.

At best, one will have to drive to Chicago or Detroit for what meager opportunities they have to offer.

Going back to the notion of "the good old days," (and, actually, not so long ago), Ann Arbor was nationally noted for two interesting civic characteristics: the social commitment of its citizenry and the wide-ranging fare of its cinema.

At the risk of sounding theatrically melodramatic, it is quickly reaching the point where both traits had better activate one another or each will suffer immeasurably.



## Global Deforestation

# An Acre a Second

by Jim Burchfield

Bad news continues to eclipse good news when viewing the world forestry situation, but at long last there are shreds of good news to report. In 1987 the world lost another 28 million acres of forest land, and in 1988 there is no indication that the rate will slow (that's a little less than an acre a second, for a total area slightly larger than Ohio). This loss occurs mainly in the biologically rich but economically poor tropical zones of developing nations, while the total forest area of major industrialized nations remain relatively stable.

The main cause of this global deforestation is the institutionalized poverty in developing nations, where people with little or no land are forced to move further into forested areas to clear land for agriculture and acquire fuelwood. Considering the lack of commitment by the major political and economic powers to share in the control of the world's resources, there does not appear to be much substantive change on the immediate horizon.

On the good side, the connection between economic disparity and ecological destruction has at long last received substantial attention in both the media and at scientific conferences. The most visible documentation of these effects emerged in 1987 with the report "Our Common Future," from the World Commission on Environment and Development, chaired by Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Brundtland. The report spells out how conservation depends on equitable and sustainable economic development, while citing the responsibilities of wealthier nations to help bear the costs of centuries of resource exploitation. The report was presented both at the UN and the Fourth World Wilderness Congress in Colorado this past September.

Coupled with the 1986 UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Tropical Forestry Action Plan, a blueprint for investment in forestry in 56 critically vulnerable countries, these assessments give credibility to the long ignored cries of environmentalists, who have been politically marginalized for their challenges to shortsighted, financially oriented development strategies.

Other key forestry developments in 1987 include the

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international protocol signed in Canada this past summer to reduce chlorofluorocarbon emissions by 50% by the year 2000 (not nearly enough, but at least a first step for future international agreements on atmospheric pollutants); the creation of a formal body to regulate trade in tropical timber products, the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) with headquarters, ironically, in Yokohama, Japan; the first Central American Environmental Conference, held in Managua, Nicaragua, this past May; and the subsequent cancellation by the Nicaraguan government of the San Juan River timber concession—a large, undisturbed watershed which was to have been logged by a Costa Rican timber operator.

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The same group in conjunction with Earth First! held a

## Our Recyclable Ann Arbor

The Ecology Center on Detroit St. is homebase to the Recycling Dropoff Station on South Industrial, Recycle Ann Arbor Curbside truck services, and least known of all, the Baling Station at Platt Road and Ellsworth near Ann Arbor's huge landfill. Eight new dropoff stations in Washtenaw County will be established by February or March 1988.

Through its services, Recycle Ann Arbor salvaged 2500 tons of materials in 1987, raising \$110,000 from sales of tin, aluminum, glass, cardboard and paper, and keeping it all out of the landfill.

Paper products accounted for 80% of the materials recycled in 1987. After being handled by the balers, newspaper is sold to a mill to create new newsprint, cardboard returns to cardboard, and high grade white paper is made into tissue paper.

1987 has shown a record number of recycling participants, a result of the work of 280 volunteer block coordinators who distribute reminders of curbside pickup times and Dropoff Station hours.

by Nina Boismier

successful demonstration in October in front of the World Bank, the largest lender for international development projects, to protest their loans to governments which encourage settlement projects in forested areas instead of meaningful economic reforms.

Ann Arbor activists have also organized for the first time under a Rainforest Action Banner, and although not a formal group, they sponsored a successful Earth Festival at the U-M School of Natural Resources in September.

The real work to protect the world's forests must eventually be undertaken in political arenas, where environmental issues have been offered little more than lip service. Direct action by citizens remains an important component in working for change, and I recommend contacting the Rainforest Action Network, 300 Broadway, Suite 28, San Francisco, CA 94133 for events in 1988. To offer direction for the actions of our daily lives here in Ann Arbor, we have several institutions whose localized activities provide direct benefits for conservation and sustainable development. The Ecology Center and the People's Food Coop are both strong advocates for the wise use of the earth's resources, and I encourage all who read this to find out how you may contribute to these organizations.



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# WAR

## in central america

by Phillis Engelbert

1987 has been a year of continuing violence in Central America. U.S. sponsored wars have made life unbearable for the people of Nicaragua and El Salvador. U.S. military presence in Honduras has grown, displacing peasants from their land. In Guatemala, the army has continued its campaign of terror against the native population.

However, in the past year several ripples have disturbed the regular pattern of U.S. sponsored violence in Central America. The Iran-Contra hearings, in which several members of the Reagan Administration were implicated in criminal activities in their efforts to fund the contra terrorists, have severely crippled the Administration's ability to pursue its Central America agenda.

Perhaps the most significant development in changing the course of events in Central America came on August 5 when the five Central American presidents signed the Arias Peace Plan. The Arias Plan outlined steps to be taken by each of the Central American countries, to work toward achieving peace in the region.

The struggle for peace in Central America has been very much alive in Ann Arbor. The AMISTAD brigade has nearly completed construction of the soils testing lab at the University of Agricultural Sciences in Managua. The Ann Arbor-Juigalpa Sister City Task Force raised funds for, purchased, and delivered a garbage truck to Juigalpa, Nicaragua, where it is now in use. The Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC), along with several other local solidarity groups, sponsored weekly protests over U.S. policy in Central America for the first three months of 1987.

### 1987 Draws to a Close

The past few months in particular have been a time of intense debate, a time of hope, and a time of transition in Central America. On the home front, Ann Arborites have been engaged in several educational events and protests aimed at pressuring the U.S. government, and Rep. Pursell in particular, to give the Arias Plan a chance to survive. With the following reflections on the last months of 1987, we can look ahead to shaping events in 1988.

On Oct. 5, LASC sponsored the Ann Arbor visit of Dr. David Linder, father of Benjamin Linder (the only North American to be killed by the contras). Dr. Linder spoke to a full house about the life and death of his son and the realities of the

war in Nicaragua. He denounced the Reagan Administration for the suffering they are inflicting on the Nicaraguan people. Dr. Linder was able to personalize the struggle in a way that often moved the audience to tears.

The following week, LASC brought two Honduran speakers to the University of Michigan campus: Dr. Juan Almdares and Elvia Alvarado. Both work with peasant organizations in Honduras and speak out against the injustices and human rights abuses committed against their people. Criticism of the role of the U.S. military and the contras in Honduras was also expressed. It was a chance to learn more about a country known to most of us only as the home of the contras.

On Oct. 20, Rep. Carl Pursell and Ann Arbor pizza baron, Tom Monaghan (who recently opened a Domino's branch in Honduras), met with twelve Honduran business leaders at the Campus Inn. Protesters gathered in front of the hotel with signs reading "Talk with us, Carl," and "Central America needs Peace, not Pizza," among others. The protest served to bring to light the effects of U.S. imperialism and military involvement in Honduras. Protesters claimed that the positions of Monaghan and Pursell work to further the poverty and oppression of the vast majority of Hondurans. The protesters also criticized the U.S.-backed Honduran government for not taking steps to comply with the Peace Plan.

On Oct. 29, in anticipation of a Reagan Administration request for more aid to the contras, LASC staged a demonstration in the form of a two-mile funeral procession to the office of Pursell. Approximately 200 protesters carried crosses, flowers, banners, three coffins, and a Jewish star bearing the name of David Linder, in remembrance of the victims of the contra war. The lawn of Pursell's office became the site of the mass funeral as Rev. Don Coleman, standing among the coffins, delivered a powerful and emotional eulogy, calling forth the names and lives of contra victims. The congressman was not in his office at the time.

On the night of Nov. 4, approximately 100 people gathered at the Federal Building to express outrage over the latest U.S. initiative to destroy the fragile foundation of the Arias Plan (\$3.2 million was being sought for short-term contra aid, with \$30 million in additional aid to be voted on soon after). A decision was made to march to The Ann Arbor News. There, a News reporter came out to record protesters' demands for more just Central America coverage. Criticisms included the News' portrayal of the Sandinistas as the saboteur of the Peace

Plan and the News' failure to report on the war in El Salvador, particularly the role of the U.S. in that war. The night's events were covered in the next day's Ann Arbor News ("The News shows bias in Central America stories, group says"), although still no mention was made of the war in El Salvador.

### Hope for 1988

Despite the Dec. 21 Congressional approval of \$8 million in contra aid, there is reason for hope that the Arias Plan may survive. The Reagan Administration is becoming increasingly isolated in its position that the Sandinistas are not complying with the conditions set forth in the Plan. Proceedings are continuing despite the Administration's efforts to hinder them. The solidarity movement must continue to counter hostile actions and disinformation by the Reagan Administration (and those who disseminate this disinformation), point by point, if steps toward bringing peace and justice to the region are to continue in 1988. In the words of Honduran campesina Elvia Alvarado, "From those of you who feel the pain of the poor, who feel the pain of the murdered, the disappeared, the tortured, we need more than sympathy. We need you to join the struggle. Don't be afraid, gringos. Keep your spirits high. And remember, we're right there with you!"

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# January 18

by Barbara Ransby

It is a sad irony, but testimony to the way we view our history, that on January 18th we celebrate the dream and accomplishments of a single, although great and admirable individual, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., instead of celebrating the tens of thousands of ordinary people who made his greatness possible. We talk of "his" dream, "his" sacrifices, and even the movement "he" built.

However, the real relevance of Dr. King's dream, and no one knew this better than he, was not that it was his own but that it was shared by millions. Dr. King drew his strength from the people and they were the foundation upon which the movement of the 1950's and 60's rested. As historian Clay Carson points out: "If King had never lived the Black struggle would have followed a course of development similar to the one it did." The hinges of history simply do not turn upon single personalities. Social changes and the movements that create them are much more complex processes than that.

Why is it important to say this? Because as we immortalize and deify individuals, we simultaneously discount our own potential roles as pivotal historical actors and actresses. People, people like us, with all of our imperfections, are the major forces of history. Ordinary people have built this country, changed this country, and will be the force to redirect it in the future.

As one astute Black political observer once commented: "Waiting for the Messiah is a human weakness that is unlikely to be rewarded more than once in a millennium." The point of this is not that we should not respect and honor the contributions of national leaders such as Dr. King and others, but simply that we should not excuse ourselves from the daily responsibility of struggling for change in the local context. And moreover, we should not underestimate our collective power to make change. Referring to the people and leaders who made up the Black liberation movement of the 1960's, former

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) activist Bob Moses has spoken of the movement as an ocean with individuals (including King) as waves on that ocean. If we are ever to rebuild the kind of mass movement that existed in the 1960's, we must appreciate not only the beauty of the waves but the power of the ocean.

### The Sisters of the Movement

The histories that define the 1960's in terms of biographies of Great Men are not only revisionist, they are both self-consciously singular and explicitly male in their descriptions of the movement leadership. We hear of Martin's dream, Malcolm's vision, and Stokely's fire. In this context, Black women leaders like Ella Baker, JoAnn Robinson, Fannie Lou Hamer, Diane Nash, and Ruby Doris Smith are reduced to an obscure footnote to the text.

Since many are aware of the contributions of the brothers to the movement, I would like to briefly discuss the sisters of the movement and their roles in birthing, nurturing and maintaining the Black liberation struggle, as strategists, orators, fundraisers and grassroots community organizers.

For example, it was not Dr. King who initiated the historic Montgomery bus boycott of 1955 after the arrest of Rosa Parks, but rather a local schoolteacher, JoAnn Robinson and her friends in the Women's Political Council, a local Black women's group which had been active for years in efforts to combat Jim Crow segregation. The WPC made the decision to launch the boycott and issued the first leaflet announcing it.

In addition, the 1961 Freedom rides that effectively desegregated interstate transportation in the south, involved dozens of courageous, anonymous men and women, many of them brutally beaten in their encounters with southern racist mobs. The rides were coordinated by Diane Nash, a young Tennessee college student. During the voter education and registration drives in the Mississippi Delta, rural southern Black women were key in advising, protecting and inspiring young SNCC organizers. Again, Black women activ-

## Fair Rent Fight Looms

by Michael Appel

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**Shall the City Code be amended to stabilize and regulate rent for the City of Ann Arbor, linking future rent increases to increases in operating and maintenance expenses and code compliance?**

**PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE:** The ordinance is proposed to balance tenants' rights to affordable housing with landlords' rights to a fair return.

On Dec. 17, Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rent, a community group organizing the fair rent campaign, turned in over 5,400 signatures to the Ann Arbor city clerk on an initiative petition to place a rent stabilization ordinance on the April 1988 local ballot. At the same time, a bill was introduced in the state legislature designed to prohibit such local consideration of rent stabilization.

Since Oct., over 200 volunteers have worked to gather the necessary signatures to put the initiative on the ballot. The city clerk's office will now count the petitions to determine if there are 3,882 valid signatures as required by law. This process should be completed early in January. Once the petitions are approved, Ann Arbor will become the second city in

Michigan to vote on a rent regulation ordinance in 1988. The Detroit Organization of Tenants successfully organized a petition drive to place a fair rent ordinance on the August 1988 ballot in that city.

Meanwhile on Dec. 10, the Michigan State Senate passed Senate Bill 583 (SB 583), introduced by Richard Fessler (R-W. Bloomfield), which would prohibit local governments from enacting or enforcing "an ordinance or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential property." SB 583 is supported by the Apartment Association of Michigan. James Carub and Associates, a professional

(see FAIR RENT FIGHT, page 11)



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# A Day to Celebrate Collective Struggle



ists like Fannie Lou Hamer were instrumental in building and directing the activities of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, which confronted and exposed the liberal racism of the Democratic Party at its 1964 Atlantic City Convention. Underscoring the

important but often discounted role played by women, journalist Paula Giddings reminds us of the words of the late Ella Baker who said, "The movement of the fifties and sixties was carried largely by women . . ."

### For the record . . .

At the same time that we frame the Black liberation movement of the 1960's as the grassroots movement that it was, we must also set the record straight about the contributions and beliefs of its individual leaders such as Dr. King. Vincent Harding has described how national media images of Dr. King reflect a selective "amnesia" about what King actually stood for. They have successfully "sanitized" his image according to Prof. Aldon Morris, effectively minimizing those aspects of his politics perceived as most radical or potentially threatening. Part of a poem by Carl Hines eloquently echoes this point: "Dead men make such convenient heroes/. . . And besides, it is easier to build monuments/than to make a better world."

We often hear of Dr. King's philosophy of non-violence, of his "love your enemy" message, and his emphasis on social justice as opposed to economic justice. We do not often hear the following call for more radical change: ". . . the dispossessed of this nation—the poor, both white and Negro—live in a cruelly unjust society. They must organize a revolution against that injustice, not against the lives of . . . their fellow citizens, but against the structures through which the society is refusing to lift the load of poverty . . . we must formulate a program and we must fashion the new tactics which do not count on government good will, but instead serve to compel unwilling authorities to yield to the mandates of justice."

Therefore, on January 18th when we remember the legacy of the movement of which Dr. King was a part, let us remember it in its totality, demystify its participants, and moreover, recognize that the greatest tribute we can pay to King and the dozens of others who gave their lives in the struggle for Black freedom is to strive in our own lives to emulate their dedication and commitment. We cannot afford the luxury of waiting for another messiah to deliver us from the harsh realities of increased racism, rising unemployment, the militarization of our communities and schools, and brutal racist violence. Moreover, this is too much of a responsibility to place on a few individual leaders. It will require the active participation and leadership of all of us, not the charisma of a few Great Men. As the brilliant strategist and organizer Ella Baker once observed: "a movement which teaches people following as the only way of fighting" is one that can never sustain itself.

## (Un)Affordable Housing: A Countywide Problem

by Andy Burt

### The bad news

Affordable housing. For growing numbers of residents of Washtenaw County there is no such thing. Ask anyone representing a human service agency what the number one problem is which comes across the doorstep and you will be told: There is not enough local housing which is available and affordable to low and moderate income individuals and families.

Over the past year there have been several countywide and city initiatives to develop more affordable housing for our lower income neighbors. Newspaper coverage has focused on the larger projects which have met with opposition in the local community and, in some cases, have been terminated. Most notably, the single-room occupancy project, designed to house 42 minimum wage earners, lost support from the Ann Arbor City Council, as several residents from the Old West Side neighborhood protested the proposed location on a city-owned lot near the corner of First St. and W. Liberty. That project at this time will not go forward. The "Not-In-My-Back-

yard" syndrome earlier forced the Day Shelter Program of the Shelter Association of Ann Arbor to reconsider its plans to relocate in the old First Ward.

### The good news

But all is not bad news in the affordable housing arena. In fact, there has been progress. The Washtenaw Affordable Housing Corporation (WAHC), a non-profit corporation conceived of and developed by community members, has initiated its campaign to raise \$500,000 through individual and group investment which will support local housing rehabilitation and low-income, home-ownership projects. Shares sell for \$100, making this an attractive alternative for those who have dollars to invest in improving the community. An Ypsilanti family is already being helped by WAHC to purchase and rehabilitate a home. The Ypsilanti Community Development program has contributed significantly to meet the rehabilitation costs of this project; volunteers have donated time and expertise to put on a new roof and do other light construction work. This is a

model for private-public partnerships to make available more low and moderate income housing.

Another small step to increase apartment units available to lower income renters has been the development of "Project 100," a renter education program. In cooperation with the Ann Arbor Area Apartment Association and other community agencies, SOS staff have designed a program whereby low-income renters with new Section 8 certificates or vouchers complete a series of seven renter skills workshops and become certified for special consideration for apartments in the area which have not previously been available to lower income tenants. There are no guarantees that Project 100 graduates will receive housing, but the landlords' organization has agreed to open up units as they become available.

### Looking ahead

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## 5 Tuesday

**Lesbian-Gay Male Radio Show: Gay Liberation.** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-4186

**Mind Development Class: School of Metaphysics.** 7:30 to 10:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan Ypsilanti. \$8 donation per week. 482-9600

**Meeting: Lesbian/Gay Rights on Campus (LaGROC).** 8:30 pm, 3100 Michigan Union. 763-4186

## 6 Wednesday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 4 to 5:30 pm or 7 to 8:30 pm, 306 N. Division. Learn about WCC and how you can join our work helping women help themselves. 994-9100

**Beans & Rice Dinner: Guild House.** 6 pm, 802 Monroe. Proceeds used for humanitarian aid to Cent. Am. \$2 adults, \$1 children. 665-8438

**"Channeling": New Dimensions Study Group.** 7:30 pm, Geddes Lake Townhouses Club House, 3000 Lakehaven. 434-6572

**New Age Relationship Series: New Dimensions Study Group.** 7:30 pm, Geddes Lake Townhouse Club House, 3000 Lakehaven. 434-6572

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC).** 8 pm, 2435 Mason Hall. 665-8438

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. 996-8555

## 7 Thursday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 11:30 am to 1 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Volunteer Potluck: Women's Crisis Center.** 6 to 7:30 pm, WCC, 306 N. Division. Volunteers past and present welcome. 994-9100

**Meeting: Jackson for President Campaign.** 7:30 pm, A-2 Community Center, 625 N. Main. 662-1523

**"Adult Daughters of Alcoholics": Women's Crisis Center.** 7:30 pm, 306 N. Division. Community discussion to raise awareness of issues that women face. 994-9100

## 8 Friday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 10 am to 11:30 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Womyn's Tea: WCC/U-M Lesbian Programs Office.** 5:30 to 7 pm, 306 N. Division. 994-9100

**Metaphysics Morsels Potluck: School of Metaphysics.** 6 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. 482-9600

**"Brothers": Gay Mens Coffee House.** 8 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

**"What Shirley Doesn't Know": Michael Kemp, School of Metaphysics.** 8 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Lecture by Michael Kemp, Director of the Detroit branch of the School of Metaphysics. 482-9600

## 9 Saturday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 4 to 5 pm (see 6 Wed)

**"Intro to Buddhism in N. America": Zen Lotus Society.** 7 pm, Zen Temple, 1214 Packard. 761-6520

## 10 Sunday

**Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 10 to 11:30 am, Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. 761-6520.

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 1 to 2:30 pm (see 6 Wed)

**"LINES: New Writing": Detroit Institute of Arts.** 3 pm, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Two documentaries: "Spiral Jetty," and "North Star-Mark di Suvero," \$1. 883-9759

**English Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 5 to 7 pm, Zen Buddhist Temple, 1214 Packard. 761-6520.

**Meeting: Wash. County WAND.** 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. Discussion: What makes a woman active? What stops her? 761-1718

**Meeting: Progressive Students for Social Change.** 8 pm, Goodison Hall Lounge, EMU, Ypsilanti. 482-5593

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 11 Monday

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 7:30 to 9 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Meeting: Parents-FLAG/Ann Arbor.** 7:30 pm, First Methodist Church, State & Huron. 763-4186

**Meeting: Radical Men's Journal.** 7:30 pm, 1402 Hill. Help plan an alternative men's paper. 994-4397

**Poetry Reading Series: Guild House.** 8 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

**Integrity Open House for Lesbians and Gay Men: Gay Liberation.** 8:45 pm (see 4 Mon)

## 12 Tuesday

**AGENDA Organizational Meeting:** 7 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Plan a fundraising **phon-a-thon** for Jan. 29-Feb. 1. We need volunteers, phones, and membership lists from local groups. 996-8018

# CALENDAR

**Mass Meeting: Free Women's Words.** 5 pm, 306 N. Division. Join women to plan the March/April issue of our bi-monthly newsjournal. 761-9475

**Lesbian-Gay Male Radio Show: Gay Liberation.** 6 pm (see 5 Tues)

**Meeting: WHE-AC.** 6 pm, 4202 Michigan Union. 663-4301

**Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center.** 7 to 8:30 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Revolutionary History Series: SPARK.** 7 to 8 pm, B116 Modern Languages Bldg. "1917 Russian Revolution: Workers Begin Building a Socialist State."

**Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61.** 7:30 pm, Michigan Union, check at desk for room. 761-1628

**Meeting: Lesbian/Gay Rights on Campus.** 8:30 pm (see 5 Tues)

## 13 Wednesday

**Beans and Rice Dinner: Guild House.** 6 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 14 Thursday

**Meeting: Campus WAND.** 6 pm, Mich. Union, check at desk for room. 662-8168

**Volunteer Potluck: Women's Crisis Center.** 6 to 7:30 pm (see 7 Thur)

## 15 Friday

**Noon Forum: Guild House.** Noon, 802 Monroe. Speakers to be arranged. Vegetarian soup available for \$1. 662-5189

**"The Current Constitutional Crisis": National Lawyers Guild.** 4:30 pm, Hutchins Hall. Presentation by Professor Arthur Kinoy, Rutgers University. Call for location. 763-2300

**Womyn's Tea: WCC/U-M Lesbian Programs Office.** 5:30 to 7 pm (see 8 Fri)

**"The Conference on Birds": Community High School Fine Arts Repertory Company.** 8 pm, Ann Arbor Civic Theater's Main Street Stage, 338 S. Main. Play based on the poem by Sufi poet Farid Uddin Attar. \$5 students/seniors, \$6 adults. 994-2012

## 16 Saturday

**"The Conference on Birds": Community High School Fine Arts Repertory Co.** 2 pm (see 15 Fri)

## 17 Sunday

**Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 10 to 11:30 am (see 10 Sun)

**Community Potluck: Women's Crisis Center.** 12 to 3 pm, 306 N. Division. Discussion of women in prison. 994-9100

**"Meet your next U.S. Representative": SANE/FREEZE.** 2 to 5 pm, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley. Meet Dean Baker and Lana Pollack. Music by the Harvey Reed jazz trio. 663-3913

**"The Conference on Birds": Community High School Fine Arts Repertory Co.** 2 pm (see 15 Fri)

**Sunday at Three: Detroit Institute of Arts.** 3 pm, Freer House, 71 E. Ferry St., Detroit. Thomas W. Brunk, Architectural Historian, discusses Charles Lang Freer and his residence. Call for reservation. 883-7888

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# AGENDA phon-a-thon

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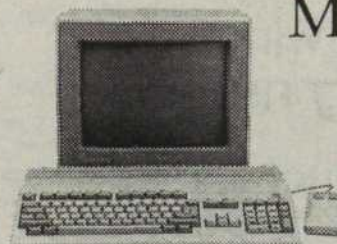
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**English Speaking Meditation Service:** 5 to 7 pm (see 10 Sun)

**Membership Meeting: Ypsilanti Food Co-op.** 6 pm, 305 Oak Street, Ypsilanti. 483-1520

**Meeting: Progressive Students for Social Change.** 8 pm (see 10 Sun)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 18 Monday

**Poetry Reading Series: Guild House.** 8 pm (see 11 Mon)

**Integrity Open House for Lesbians and Gay Men: Gay Liberation.** 8:45 pm (see 4 Mon)

## 19 Tuesday

**Lesbian-Gay Male Radio Show: Gay Liberation.** 6 pm (see 5 Tues)

**Meeting: WHE-AC.** 6 pm (see 12 Tues)

**"Legal Aspects of Joint Property Ownership by Unmarried People and Powers of Attorney": Women's Crisis Center/U-M Lesbian Programs Office.** 7 pm, call for location. Attorney Molly Reno will share information in a community workshop for women. 761-9475

**Revolutionary History Series: SPARK.** 7 to 8 pm. "Russian Revolution Ignites Workers Movements Around the World." (see 12 Tues)

**Meeting: Lesbian/Gay Rights on Campus.** 8:30 pm (see 5 Tues)

## 20 Wednesday

**Beans and Rice Dinner: Guild House.** 6 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Meeting: Bread for the World,**

**Hunger Task Force.** 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. 486-9058

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 21 Thursday

**Meeting: Campus WAND.** 6 pm (see 14 Thurs)

**Volunteer Potluck: Women's Crisis Center.** 6 to 7:30 pm (see 7 Thur)

**Meeting: Jackson for President Campaign.** 7:30 pm (see 7 Thur)

**"The Conference on Birds": Community High School Fine Arts Repertory Co.** 8 pm (see 15 Fri)

**Phone Counselor Training: Women's Crisis Center.** Jan 21 to Jan 31. Join women to learn listening, empathy, and problem solving skills in a two-week training program. 994-9100

## 22 Friday

**Noon Forum: Guild House.** (see 15 Fri)

**Womyn's Tea: WCC/U-M Lesbian Programs Office.** 5:30 to 7 pm (see 8 Fri)

**"The Conference on Birds": Community High School Fine Arts Repertory Co.** 8 pm (see 15 Fri)

**"Brothers": Gay Mens Coffee House.** 8 pm (see 8 Fri)

## 24 Sunday

**Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 10 to 11:30 am (see 10 Sun)

**LINES—New Writing: Detroit Institute of Arts.** 3 pm, 5200 Wood-

ward, Detroit. Reading by Lydia Lunch, New York poet and performance artist. \$3. 883-9759

**English Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 5 to 7 pm (see 3 Sun)

**Meeting: Progressive Students for Social Change.** 8 pm (see 3 Sun)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 25 Monday

**Poetry Reading Series: Guild House.** 8 pm (see 11 Mon)

**Integrity Open House for Lesbians and Gay Men: Gay Liberation.** 8:45 pm (see 4 Mon)

## 26 Tuesday

**Lesbian-Gay Male Radio Show: Gay Liberation.** 6 pm (see 5 Tues)

**Meeting: WHE-AC.** 6 pm (see 12 Tues)

**Revolutionary History Series: SPARK.** 7 to 8 pm. "The U.S. - 1919: Workers' Strike Wave Sweeps the Country." (see 12 Tues)

**Meeting: Lesbian/Gay Rights on Campus.** 8:30 pm (see 5 Tues)

## 27 Wednesday

**Beans and Rice Dinner: Guild House.** 6 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## 28 Thursday

**Volunteer Potluck: Women's Crisis Center.** 6 to 7:30 pm (see 7 Thur)

## 29 Friday

**AGENDA Phon-a-thon.** Help raise money for AGENDA! Volunteer to make calls, and please subscribe if you get a call! 996-8018

**Noon Forum: Guild House.** Noon (see 15 Fri)

**Womyn's Tea: WCC/U-M Lesbian Programs Office.** 5:30 to 7 pm (see 8 Fri)

## 30 Saturday

**AGENDA Phon-a-thon.** Help raise money for AGENDA! Volunteer to make calls, and please subscribe if you get a call! 996-8018

**"Women, Men, and Christianity: What Does Liberation Mean Today?": Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.** 10 am to 4 pm, 921 Church St. 665-4734

**Benefit Concert featuring Jose Luis Merlin: A2MISTAD and Temple Beth Sanctuary Project.** 8 pm, Temple Beth & St. Clair's Episcopal Church, 2309 Packard. Argentinian guitarist plays folk and classical music. \$5. 761-7960

## 31 Sunday

**AGENDA Phon-a-thon.** Help raise money for AGENDA! Volunteer to make calls, and please make a donation if you get a call! 996-8018

**Sunday At Three: Detroit Institute of Arts.** 3 pm, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. William Rauhauser, Prof. of Photography, Center for Creative Studies, will discuss works from the exhibition "Henri Cartier-Bresson: The Earlier Years." 883-9759

**English Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 5 to 7 pm (see 10 Sun)

**Meeting: Progressive Students for Social Change.** 8 pm (see 10 Sun)

**Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation.** 8 pm (see 6 Wed)

## FEBRUARY 1 Monday

**AGENDA Phon-a-thon.** Help raise money for AGENDA! Volunteer to make calls, and please make a donation if you get a call! 996-8018

## 4 Thursday

**Meeting: Campus WAND.** 6 pm, Michigan Union. Check at desk for room. 662-8168

## 11 Thursday

**"Public Forum: Washtenaw County Garbage Problem": Ann Arbor Solid Waste Task Force.** 7:30 pm to 9 pm, Ann Arbor Public Library Meeting Rm. Recycling, composting, incineration and other solid waste management alternatives. 996-3150

## 13 Saturday

**News and Feature Articles Deadline: AGENDA (March issue).** Send articles to AGENDA, P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106. 996-8018.

**"Give Peace a Dance" Benefit: WAND, Peace and Justice Center.** 8:30 pm to 12:30 am, Mich. Union Ballroom. Featuring Mad Cat's Pressure Cooker. Tickets \$8, \$10. 761-1718

## 14 Sunday

**Korean Speaking Meditation Service: Zen Lotus Society.** 10 to 11:30 am (see Jan 10 Sun)

## 15 Monday

**Calendar Deadline: AGENDA.** Send formatted Calendar listings and photos to AGENDA Calendar, P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106. 996-8018

## 18 Thursday

**"Public Forum: Washtenaw County Garbage Problem & the Disposal Industry": Ann Arbor Solid Waste Task Force.** 9 to 10:30 am (see 11 Thur)

**Meeting: Campus WAND.** 6 pm (see 4 Thur)

## 19 Friday

**Community Resource Directory (CRD) Deadline: AGENDA.** P.O. Box 3624, Ann Arbor, MI, 48106. 996-8018

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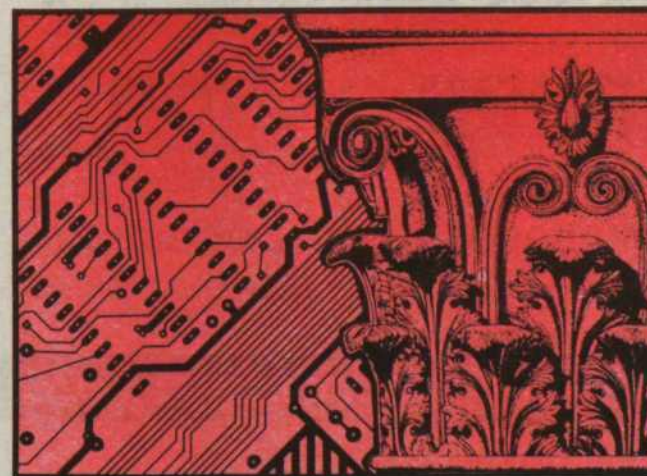
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### AGENDA Publications

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**CURRENT NEWS:** The biggest news is that we will not be publishing a February issue of AGENDA. We will be back on the streets in March with a special edition focused on the affordable housing crisis in Ann Arbor.

A fundraising phon-a-thon will be held Fri. Jan. 29 to Mon. Feb. 1. There will be an organizational meeting Tues. Jan. 12, 7 pm, at Guild House (802 Monroe). All are welcome. AGENDA needs volunteers to do the calling. Individuals may volunteer or groups may take a certain day. We are also seeking organizations' membership phone lists. If you can help, please call Phillis at 764-0175. If you get called, please donate or subscribe!

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**DEADLINES for March edition:**

Feb. 13: News/feature first draft

Feb. 15: Calendar

Feb. 19: Community Resource Directory

## Bread for the World (BFW)

706 Dwight St., Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198, 487-9058

**PURPOSE:** Bread for the World (BFW) is a citizens lobbying organization that deals with hunger and health related legislation. It is a national organization with chapters in the local area. Although BFW does not send any direct aid itself, the organization, through its members, has given crucial support to domestic and international hunger programs since being founded in 1971. Members are encouraged to contact their legislators on hunger issues and are kept informed through newsletters, background papers, and informational meetings about pertinent legislation.

**MEETINGS:** Monthly meetings are held in conjunction with the Interfaith Council for Peace Hunger Task Force. At each meeting of the Hunger Task Force a portion of the time is devoted to BFW concerns, including legislative updates. Meetings are held at the First Baptist Church (Ann Arbor), Chapman Room, 512 E. Huron, 7:30 pm on the third Wed. of each month.

**CURRENT NEWS:** The program for the January 20th meeting of BFW will be "Addressing Hunger Issues." This program will help people take steps in educating themselves and then acting on hunger issues. Information will be made available on various hunger publications and organizations.

In other legislative action, BFW members are continuing to lobby for increases in funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), establishment of a higher minimum wage, and foreign aid targeted at ending hunger. BFW is also urging people to write their Representatives and ask them to co-sponsor H. Con. Res. 189. This resolution condemns atrocities committed by the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) which is supported by the South African government and has destroyed health care, agricultural, and educational facilities in Mozambique. All topics will be discussed at the monthly meeting to which the public is welcome. (1962)

## Gay Liberation

c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, INFO: 763-4186, HOTLINE: 662-1977

**CURRENT NEWS:** Our December Current News reported the blatant example of sexist and anti-lesbian graffiti found on a desktop in Angell Hall. U-M Vice President and Chief Financial Officer James Brinkerhoff has issued a thoughtful memorandum deploring all such incidents and requesting the campus community's help in ridding our environment of all such displays of prejudice.

On a related note, we regret learning that eight out of ten mayors and community leaders of small towns in West Germany welcomed the idea of creating an isolation center for people with AIDS in their town. A Bavarian Mayor was quoted as stating, "Protection of the population is dear to me. . . after all, the infected are mostly criminals and homosexuals." The survey was done by Susanne Schneider and Cristoph Guhr of Tempo magazine. On a brighter note, we are glad to report that in November the residents of Boulder, Colorado approved a lesbian-gay male civil rights ordinance for Boulder.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has created political action packets for activists and organizers working on the state level. The packets focus on criminal sexual codes, AIDS, family issues, "hate" crimes, civil rights protection and networking. For the packets, write to NGLTF State Action Lobby, 1517 U Street NW, Washington, DC, 20009 (202/332-6483).

In a paper submitted to the Presidential Task Force on Adoption, the Lesbian Rights Project (LRP) and NGLTF have requested the Reagan administration to remove obstacles to adoption by lesbians and gay men. The paper addresses commonly held myths about lesbian and gay-male parenting and concludes by stating, "There is no competent social science data developed in the last twenty years which indicates anything other than that homosexuals are as qualified as heterosexuals to parent children. It is crucial that this be understood if society is to avoid relying on prejudice, misunderstanding, and stereotype, to

the detriment of not only the homosexual seeking to parent, but more importantly, to the child in need of that parent's love and home." For copies: LRP, 1660 Mission St., 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415/621-0674).

**PURPOSE:** To provide information, counseling and related social services for people concerned about sexual orientation: (1) maintain Hotline for crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral; (2) help provide factual info. to offset prejudice and misinformation about lesbians and gay men; (3) work to obtain human and civil rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation; (4) help lesbian and gay men's groups organize; (5) link to other community groups.

**MEETINGS** vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in subcommittees: Counseling, Groupwork, Education, Civil Rights. Call for time and place. Our group includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. At present we have approximately 50 members. We're a registered non-profit organization. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Hotline: Crisis intervention, peer counseling, referral. **Education:** Workshops and conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the helping professions and teaching professions can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, students. **Speakers Bureau:** Call for information. **Human and Civil Rights:** Information and referral to help people who are being discriminated against because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing:** Information and help on organizing groups, setting goals and objectives, addressing conflict, linking to other groups and resources. (3888)

## Heart To Heart

604 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 663-1870

**PURPOSE:** On April 9, 1988 the second annual Heart To Heart walk to aid the homeless will be held in Washtenaw County. The walk, designed to raise money for existing and future housing for the homeless, will start from central locations in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti and join at a central location. Heart To Heart is also planned as an educational event, focusing on the roots of homelessness.

At the present time, Heart To Heart is conducting organizing sessions, and much help is needed. Activities ranging from walk logistics to educational activities are being planned and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in helping please call 663-1870 in Ann Arbor or 485-8730 in Ypsilanti. (751)

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



## Latin American Solidarity Committee

4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 665-8438

**CURRENT ACTIVITIES:** LASC members recently convinced city attorney Bruce Laidlaw to further investigate the case of Harold Marcuse. Laidlaw had prematurely dismissed assault charges filed by Marcuse against U-M security guard Robert Patrick, who kned him in the groin at the Nov. 25 CIA protest. LASC will continue to support Marcuse throughout the legal process as he seeks damages against his attacker and argues for all of our rights to peaceful protest without harassment.

Congressman Carl Pursell recently voted in favor of allowing President Reagan to solicit financial support for the Contras from other nations, once again contradicting his stated support for the Central American Peace Process and proving that he continues to defy the will of his constituents. Under the terms of the recent federal budget accord, the Administration is expected to submit a large Contra military aid package in early February. Now is the time to write or call Pursell to try to influence his vote on that proposal.

**PURPOSE:** LASC is a nonprofit group dedicated to supporting the legitimate aspirations of Latin American peoples to self-determination. Its goals are to increase awareness here about contemporary realities in Latin America and the U.S. role in the

region. Because current U.S. foreign policy perpetuates violence and injustice, LASC acts as a community of concerned citizens to pressure our government to change its military, political, and economic policies toward Latin America.

**MEETINGS:** Join us in room 2435 Mason Hall every Wed. at 8 pm for the general LASC meeting. Information about weekly activities can be obtained by visiting or calling the LASC office. The office is normally staffed from 12 to 2 pm on weekdays, and messages can be left on the answering machine at all other times.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:** LASC sponsors educational events such as films, slide shows, and speakers. LASC provides speakers for University and high school classes as well as for other groups interested in Latin American issues. If you would like somebody to speak, contact us at 665-8438. The LASC newsletter La Palabra reaches about 800 subscribers. It contains a summary of our activities and updates on the news from Latin America. **Beans & rice dinners** are held each Wed. at 6 pm at the Guild House, 802 Monroe. A \$2 donation buys a great meal and contributes to material aid for the people of Central America. (2538)

## Michigan SANE/FREEZE

1416 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 663-3913

Michigan SANE/FREEZE (MI S/F) is a newly formed state organization combining SANE, the 30 year old national citizen's lobby organization with the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, the grassroots network of local organizations throughout the country working to end the nuclear arms race.

Michigan SANE/FREEZE works to promote strong and active local organizations concerned with ending the arms race and U.S. intervention in the third world. MI S/F has a professional canvass that reaches thousands of homes each month to recruit sympathetic and concerned citizens' support for the effort to lobby Congress and educate their community.

In 1988, MI S/F has ambitious plans to play an important role in electing progressives to Congress, and to educate the citizens of Michigan about the impact of military spending on Michigan's economy. A statewide conference will be held in March to promote the Congressional Black Caucus Budget which seeks to meet human needs and

draw attention to waste and excesses in the Military Budget. This conference will kick off a campaign to relate military spending impact on local economies throughout the state. Call 663-3913 for information or if you would like to help.

The Ann Arbor chapter of SANE/FREEZE will sponsor "Meet your next U.S. Representative," an introduction to two progressive candidates. Dean Baker and Lana Pollack will be at the Bird of Paradise on Sunday, Jan. 17 from 2 to 5 pm. Music from 2:30 to 3:30 will be provided by the Harvey Reed jazz trio. The event is free and open to the public.

January is likely to see the resumption of the Reagan Administration's efforts to approve military aid to the contras working to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. SANE/FREEZE urges readers to express their opposition to further contra aid in any form to Representative Pursell one more time. (1914)

## Progressive Students for Social Change

**MEETINGS:** PSSC meets at 8 pm every Sunday, in the Lounge at Goodison Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti. 482-5593.

**BACKGROUND:** Progressive Students for Social Change (PSSC) is a political-action group working for peace with social and environmental justice. During the semesters of 1986-87, PSSC helped with the passing of Ypsilanti's Proposal A which condemned U.S. intervention in Central America. Working with local organizers, PSSC helped distribute literature to thousands of voters in the community. We also wrote many letters to Eastern Michigan University's paper, the Echo, regarding the proposal. To everyone's delight, Proposal A passed with the majority of students voting "yes." As a result, Ypsilanti is now one of the many communities that have come out against Reagan's agenda in Central America. In addition, a peace

monument will be erected sometime in 1988. Keep a lookout for various fundraisers that will help finance the monument.

In Nov., PSSC had a rally for Peace in Central America to raise awareness around campus about the issue. Ann Arbor's second district congressional candidate, Dean Baker, was one of the speakers.

We feel as a group and as individuals that we have the power to change the situation in Central America. Many people, unfortunately, think that it is a pipe dream to believe that we who unite are being heard. We will be heard!

As a newly founded group at EMU, it is essential that we build a firm foundation so that PSSC will last as long as we are needed. We need fundraising ideas and/or cash as well as literature to distribute around campus. (1669)

## Radical Men's Journal

1402 Hill St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 994-4937

We are a newly forming group coming together to create a newspaper which contributes to the struggle against patriarchy. Men's violence against women is a major problem in our society. The women's movement has pushed the many forms of men's violence against women, from the most overt to the most subtle in form, into popular consciousness and public debate. These forms of violence reinforce our society's domination of men over women.

Men's domination and women's oppression is based within, and reinforced by, a broad range of social structures, from the most intimate of sexual relations to the organization of economic and political life. We wish to create a forum for challenging the oppressive reality of patriarchal, authoritarian, class society.

We recognize that changes in our own lives are intertwined with social change. Both the production of newspaper and the articles in it will promote an environment which fosters the personal strength and security necessary to allow men to make fundamental personal changes, and to confront patriarchal oppression in society at large.

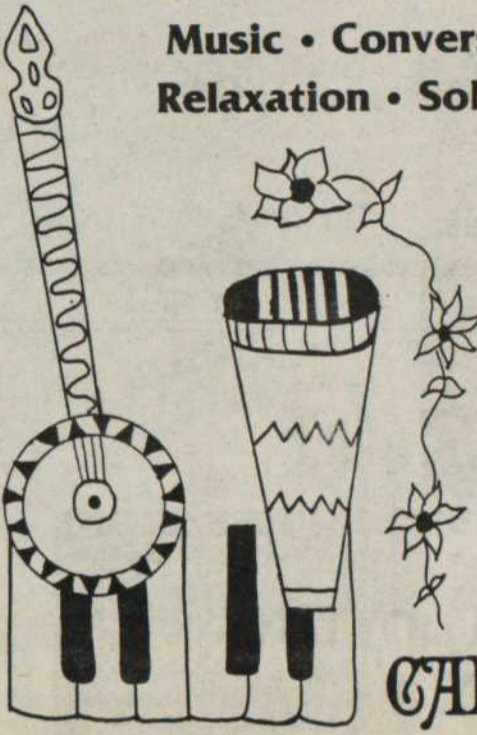
We seek radical structural change in society's institutions, and accompanying cultural changes. We wish to create cooperative and non-hierarchical relations in place of competitive forms of work, play and literature. The radical men's newspaper will explore such concepts by reporting on alternatives that men can get involved with. We will include poetry, fiction, and other artistic expression as a means of conveying these concepts.

Of course, the biggest part of this project right now is getting men together to make it happen. We need to decide: How large will the newspaper be? How often will we publish? How can we be supportive together while working together? What will the journal be called? Many questions need to be answered. Those of us who are initiating this project are quite excited about creating a community journal that draws together radical men.

We will hold our first meeting Monday night, January 11th, at 7:30 pm at Heiwa House 1402 Hill. Please call Mark at 994-4937 for more info. or if you can't make it to the meeting and wish to get involved. (2286)



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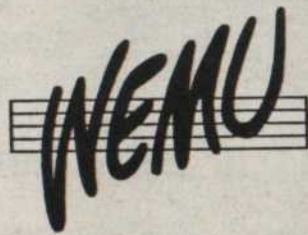
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Without a doubt, we are living during a very frightening time in history, when our lives and even our planet are being threatened. Yet the problems are much less overwhelming when we recognize that they do have a common source: the system we live under. It is this system, capitalism, that puts the profits of big banks and multinational corporations ahead of human needs. This is the fundamental problem.

So what can we do? Is all the agony and destruction that is caused by this system inevitable? No, it is not. In fact, this system is decaying before our very eyes; it's begging to be replaced. As a result, we of this generation could really make a new and better society a reality.

We are revolutionary communists. We want to

see a socialist society and world. Why? Because a socialist world would have no need for huge nuclear arsenals, intervention in other countries, racism, sexism, poverty, environmental abuse, crime, or WWII. Instead, medical care, clean water and air, housing, education, and human dignity would be accepted priorities. Since no government in the world today—whether so-called "democratic" or so-called "communist"—is trying to create this world, it is up to us. It won't be easy. In order to even have a chance of succeeding, we must be organized; we must build a revolutionary organization.

**HOW TO FIND US:** Do these ideas make sense to you? Are you someone who would like to seriously consider what we can actually do to change the suicidal course that we are currently following? If so, get in touch with us. Come check out our Revolutionary History Series, Tuesdays 7 to 8 pm in B116 MLB. Or find us around campus, in the Union, the Fishbowl. We can also be contacted through the address above. (2060)

### WAND

Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1815, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1815, 761-1718

**PURPOSE:** WAND's goals are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued nuclear arms buildup, to influence our congressional representatives by informed lobbying, and to empower people, especially women, personally and politically.

**MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP:** Meetings are held the second Sunday night of the month at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and up-coming events. Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

**CURRENT NEWS:** WAND will have small group discussions for the January meeting. What makes a woman active? What stops her? These questions will be discussed, as well as empowerment in the

Reagan era, women and their visions, and how to survive the long haul. Please join us and share your views and ideas. The meeting will be held on Sun., Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. New members are always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Boogie down to the music of Mad Cat Ruth's blues and rock band, Mad Cat's Pressure Cooker with your sweetheart at the annual Give Peace a Dance on Sat., Feb. 13. Joe Tiboni will emcee this dance at the Michigan Union Ballroom from 8:30 pm to 12:30 am. What a great way to celebrate the Valentine's Day weekend. Tickets (\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door) are available at PJ's Records, Schoolkids Records and Ticketworld. All are invited to attend. Proceeds will go toward WAND and the Peace and Justice Center. Keep posted for more information. For more information about the January meeting or WAND call 761-1718. (1920)

### Women's Crisis Center (WCC)

306 N. Division, Ann Arbor, MI, 48104, HOTLINE: 994-9100; Business Line: 761-9475

**PURPOSE:** Women's Crisis Center works to help women and their families help themselves gain control and dignity in their lives. Volunteers provide crisis intervention, information, support and do community organizing.

**CURRENT NEWS:** Hey, Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti area folks! Thank you! WCC appreciates all the community support we received in our November fundraising phone-a-thon. Each volunteer, donor, and group that let us use their phones helped raise \$9,600 in pledges. We've received almost \$7,000 and are looking forward to getting the rest in.

WCC had a great 1987. A few highlights include: providing crisis intervention and support for thousands of women who contacted us; celebrating the removal of the sexist Black Velvet billboard; starting free women's words, a bi-monthly newsjournal; hiring a second full-time coordinator; sponsoring a free women's music festival; and more. We look forward to a great '88.

We are able to continue providing free services for women while the community continues support-

ing our work. The next phone counselor training is the last two weekends in January. We especially need women to cover morning shifts (10 am to 2 pm) during the week. Please attend one of the following Volunteer Information Sessions to learn more about WCC, trainings, and expectations: Jan. 6, 4 to 5:30 pm or 7 to 8:30 pm; Jan. 7, 11:30 am to 1 pm; Jan. 8, 10 to 11:30 am; Jan. 9, 4 to 5:30 pm; Jan. 10, 1 to 2:30 pm; Jan. 11, 7:30 to 9 pm; Jan. 12, 7 to 8:30 pm.

WCC got a grant from the Michigan Sexual Assault Information Network for a Sexual Assault Prevention Program and for the Court Accompaniment Program. Look for community classes, workshops, and a volunteer training in the months to come.

Women are always welcome to drop by WCC to check us out, look at our library, and see what's up. There's always something happening or about to happen around here. The AGENDA calendar announces WCC workshops and events. (We really appreciate the space and networking Agenda makes available. Thanks!) (2198)

### (WHE-AC)

World Hunger Education-Action Committee, 4202 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 663-4301 or 761-7594

**PURPOSE:** WHE-AC is a campus based organization which focuses on both domestic and international hunger issues. Our goals are to educate ourselves and the community about the social, political and economic forces which cause and maintain hunger in the world. WHE-AC works closely with Oxfam America and Institute for Development Policy (Food First). We also encourage ourselves and community members to do volunteer work in the numerous Ann Arbor shelters and meal programs. In addition to educational work, we raise funds through the annual Oxfam America sponsored fast. Money raised is divided between Oxfam projects and local hunger relief organ-

izations in Ann Arbor and Detroit.

**MEETINGS & MEMBERSHIP:** We meet every Tues. at 6 pm in room 4202 of the Michigan Union. Our first meeting in January will be on the 12th. All are welcome!

**CURRENT NEWS:** WHE-AC will be donating some of the money raised through our fundraising efforts to SOS Community Crisis Center, Peace Neighborhood Center and Ann Arbor Hunger Coalition. In January, we will be looking at other organizations in need of donations. Please let us know of any organizations that we may be able to support. All the best in the New Year!! (1324)

### Ypsilanti Food Co-op

312 North River Street, Ypsilanti, MI, 48198, 483-1520

**PURPOSE:** The Ypsilanti Food Co-op is a non-profit community business that has been in Ypsilanti since 1975. The Co-op sells nutritious,

wholesome food in small quantities and bulk at the lowest possible price. The Co-op is open to the public seven days a week (call the store for hours),

with new members and shoppers always welcome.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The core of the Ypsilanti Food Co-op is its members, who for a small initial fee can obtain greater food discounts. Members who do volunteer work at the Co-op receive an even greater food discount. More importantly, members are part owners of the Co-op and are eligible to vote for directors

and on other issues that affect the Co-op. In addition, regular membership and board meetings, along with a monthly newsletter, keep the membership informed.

**EVENTS:** The Co-op will hold a general membership meeting on Jan. 17 at 305 Oak Street, Ypsilanti starting at 6 pm. The next board meeting will be held on Jan. 25 at 7:30 pm. For details call the Co-op during business hours.

Also, the Co-op continues to offer the freshest produce in Ypsilanti and now offers organic produce flown in from California so as to keep a constant supply of your favorite items. For those who have not visited the Co-op lately, the store has an expanded floor plan with new produce coolers, along with many new products. (1435)

## Fair Rent Fight

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lobbying firm in Lansing, have been hired to work the bill through the legislature.

The bill is now in the Towns and Counties Committee, chaired by Lloyd Weeks (D-Warren), and will most likely be considered by the House committee late in January or early in February.

A statewide coalition is being forged to defeat SB 583 in the House. Tenant activists in Ann Arbor and Detroit are being joined by housing advocates across the state, senior citizens, organized labor and local governments.

Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rent will continue its local campaign despite landlord activity in Lansing. Working in coalition with these other opponents of SB 583, the local campaign believes the landlords can be defeated in Lansing. Strong local lobbying is needed for this victory, however. Rep. Weeks can be reached at (517) 373-2275. Governor Blanchard, who would have to sign the bill for it to become law, can be reached at (313) 256-1003.

Locally, the campaign will concentrate on voter registration and public education. The landlords have been reluctant to engage in public debate on the rent stabilization issue. Now that the ordinance is on the ballot, the community can look forward to a great deal of public discussion. If other cities can be cited for precedent, landlords can be expected to spend between \$100,000-200,000 to defeat the ordinance. Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rent will rely on a grassroots campaign and a large number of volunteers. Anyone interested in working on the campaign or who has questions should call Ann Arbor Citizens for Fair Rent at 665-5950.

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## Housing

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front-burner issue in any of the local government bodies. It will take the voices of the county's residents to change that. Several coalitions have formed around the affordable housing issue and have been effective in assessing the short and long-range needs for housing in the county and developing innovative programs to meet some of those needs.

The Inter-agency Task Force on Emergency Shelter, representing the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw United Way, and many human service organizations that provide direct shelter to homeless individuals and families—was instrument-

al in developing and supporting the Rotating Church Shelter. The shelter housed 15 to 20 single men last year for 18 weeks, and opened again this year in October.

The Task Force also conceived of and supported "Prospect Place," the SOS proposal for an emergency shelter for homeless children and their families in Ypsilanti scheduled to open in January 1988. The Task Force has also prepared a strategic planning report on sheltering, which will be released early in 1988.

The Coalition for Displaced Women, an ad hoc group representing many organizations which provide direct services to women and families, gained the support of the Ann Arbor City Council to move the former Day Shelter facility to a

city-owned lot and to open a transitional housing project for eight lower income, working women in the house.

The Heart to Heart for the Homeless Walk, sponsored by the Interfaith Council for Peace, will be held again on April 9. Last year, the march involved 450 walkers and raised money for five shelter agencies in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti.

There are smaller initiatives in which a concerned person can get involved and the movement can grow. For more information about these initiatives and ways that you can help in this most critical of concerns for our community, call or write Washtenaw Affordable Housing Initiative, c/o SOS Community Crisis Center, 114 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198. 485-8730. Ask for Kris, Susan or Andy.

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