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## U-M Teaching Assistants to Strike?

by Phillis Engelbert

If you are an undergraduate student at the University of Michigan, there is a chance that your classes this fall semester may be interrupted by a Teaching Assistants strike. Graduate Student Teaching Assistants, more commonly known on campus as TAs, teach 40% of the courses at the U-M and they have been working without a contract since April.

About 1,600 TAs and Staff Assistants at the U-M are represented in their contract negotiations with the U-M Administration by the Graduate Employees Organization (GEO). The TAs' 1989-91 contract expired on March 1 and has been extended four times, the last time expiring on April 5. GEO and the University Administration have been negotiating since January and are currently in a process of mediation. A session with the state mediator was held August 8 but did not yield any significant movement toward a contract. Bargaining is scheduled to resume September 13.

At the U-M, TAs are often an undergraduate student's main source of individual attention and guidance. TAs lead discussion sections and labs, provide individual help with problem sets and research papers, grade writing assignments and examinations, and hold office hours to meet with students on a one-to-one basis.

As the U-M heads into the financial crunch of the 1990s, the Administration is attempting to balance the budget on the backs of TAs. In recent years, tight departmental budgets have resulted in a university-wide practice of increasing class size while reducing the numbers of TAs hired (there has been a loss of over 200 TA positions in the last five years). In many cases a TA's teaching load has even doubled or tripled. This work "speed up" forces TAs to work hours far beyond the amount they are compensated for, increasing stress on the TA and diminishing the amount and quality of time a TA can devote to each of their students. In some cases the Administration has hired undergraduates at low wages with no benefits, to teach and grade in the place of TAs. And some departments are relying more heavily on mechanical "scantron" (machine-graded multiple choice) tests and less on qualitative tests, so they don't have to pay TAs to give students meaningful feedback on their work.

Three of GEO's most important issues are class size limits, partial tuition waivers for TAs working low-hourly appointments, and payment for adequate teaching or grading preparations. These demands, all of which would have a direct impact on the quality of undergraduate education, have been met with stiff resistance from the U-M Administration

GEO is asking for a class size limit of 35 for the 1991-92 academic year, with a 30-person limit in subsequent years. This is because no student can have a genuine learning experience in a huge discussion group, or in a lab where there

the 4.5% salary increase the Administration is offering.

The University Administration claims that budgetary constraints prevent them from offering GEO a contract honoring class size and other GEO demands. When looking at U-M revenues and expenditures, the Administration's cries of poverty become highly suspect. Tuition increased 6% last year and 9.7% for the fall term 1991 (it may raise again in January, 1992). At the same time, state appropriations increased 4.3%. And the University's endowment has grown from \$114,504,086 ten years ago to a whopping \$497,503,682 today (the endowment is a fund which is invested, from which only the interest may be spent).

Elements of GEO's current proposal, including tuition relief, paid TA training, and others, would only cost the University Administration a total of approximately \$200,000. And a salary increase

equal to the rate of inflation would cost the University Administration approximately an additional \$750,000. These are small demands considering that TAs salaries and benefits make up less than 2% of the University's overall budget.

Over the past year, in an attempt to win a fair contract from the University Administration, GEO members participated in pickets, walk-outs, controversial bargaining proposals, and many other tactics. Last April, when it became apparent that the Administration would not budge at the negotiating table, GEO undertook two work stoppages. A one-day strike on April 4, passed by 50% of GEO's membership by a 78%-22% margin, was successful in shutting down many departments. Although the Administration threatened to file an unfair labor practice motion after the work stoppage, no such action was taken.

In subsequent mediation sessions the Administration remained recalcitrant. In response, over 50% of GEO members, by a 71%-29% margin, called for a second, three day work stoppage, April 17-19. The Administration issued a warning that each participating TA would be docked \$150/day for participating and would be expected to sign an oath testifying that they did not participate in the work stoppage. GEO put up posters denouncing these McCarthyite tactics and went ahead with the work stoppage. The Administration still did not change their bargaining position. Nor did they break off mediation or penalize TAs for participating in the work stoppage.

The University Administration and GEO have a long history of confrontation. Borne out of a month long strike in

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are more students than lab spaces. Students tend to feel like a number, rather than like a significant participant having personal exchanges with other students and the instructor. Large class sizes also place an overly demanding workload on TAs.

Another GEO proposal is for partial tuition waivers to be granted to TAs with appointments under quarter-time. At present, TAs working quarter-time or more receive full tuition waivers and health benefits and those working less than quarter-time receive none. Thus, the Administration has an economic incentive to reduce existing appointments to below quarter-time. The Administration has created a classification of "graders," TAs who are not paid to attend lectures, read books or otherwise become familiar with the course material, but who are expected to grade course papers and exams. This seriously hampers a TA's ability to give meaningful feedback to a student's work.

GEO is also attempting to rectify the lack of TA preparedness to teach or grade, through a proposal that the Administration count preparation time (i.e. reading books for English classes or watching films for film classes) in a TA's hourly appointment and to provide adequate compensation for this time spent.

The Administration has not embraced any of these proposals, and has been particularly opposed to the imposition of class-size limits and to partial tuition waivers (GEO has modified that proposal to that of a 50% waiver for TAs working 1/5 time, and no waivers for lower appointments). In addition, the Administration has informed GEO that the cost of any new contractual agreements would be deducted from

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Governor Nelson Rockefeller sent in a hand-picked all-White state police force that shot rebellious prisoners and hostage guards alike. False rumors that prisoners had castrated and killed guards were reported as fact in The New York Times and other mainstream media, and were used to "justify" the tortures or murders of several of the most eloquent inmate leaders. The Nixon-Agnew administration led most of white America in applauding the massacre. To

prevent new rebellions of this sort, special "maxi-maxi" units were created for Black Panthers and other political prisoners.

There will be a week of events remembering the 1971 uprising and massacre and addressing the prison issues of today. There will be video shows at both EMU and the U-M. On September 11 at Guild House in Ann Arbor and September 12 at Goodison Hall at EMU there will be speakers' nights with former Attica inmate leader Frank "Big Black" Smith, and, by telephone link, Michigan political prisoner and former Black Panther Ahmad Abdur-Rahman, and others. On September 13 there will be a candlelight vigil at the Federal Building in Ann Arbor. For more details see the CALENDAR

## Greenfair Coming to Ann Arbor

"Building an Ecological Economy" is the theme of the second annual Greenfair, to be held September 8 on Fourth Avenue and Catherine Street in downtown Ann Arbor. The street fair will highlight products and services that promote environmental health and contribute to community vitality.

The theme for the fair is "Energy Alternatives for the 90s," and merchants and promoters of solar energy, wind energy, and alternative fuels will display their latest technologies

and provide information.

Along with booths and displays of businesses and organizations representing recycling, non-toxic yard care, pest control, organic foods, and more, there will be musical entertainment featuring Frank Allison, Wings of the Morning, Etch-a-Sketch, and others. Greenfair is sponsored by the Sweetwater Foundation, Inc. and the Huron Valley Greens. For more information contact Edward Delhagen or Jennifer Guarino at 663-3555.

## Sexual Assault Defense Sanctioned by Michigan Supreme Court

Sex-related murders of women increased 160% between 1976 and 1984. Thirty-three percent of those murders were committed by husbands or boyfriends. And in the U.S., a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped, or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assailant.

According to the July 8 edition of the National Law Journal, the Michigan Supreme Court ruling in Michigan v. Barker determined that, upon request, and where there is sufficient evidence, a court must instruct the jury that force, including deadly force, may be used to repel an imminent forcible sexual penetration. According to the August issue of Off Our Backs, "Stacey Barker was convicted of first-degree murder for killing a man who attempted

to rape her. In her appeal she argued that the court erred in refusing her request to modify the standard self-defense instruction given to juries so that it specified that deadly force may be used to resist sexual assault. The court held that the trial judge had indeed erred; however, Barker's conviction stands."

The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House, Washtenaw County's agency for survivors of domestic violence and their children, provides counseling, immediate assistance to survivors of domestic violence after an arrest has been made, and more. For more information or to schedule an interview to become a volunteer, call 995-5444.

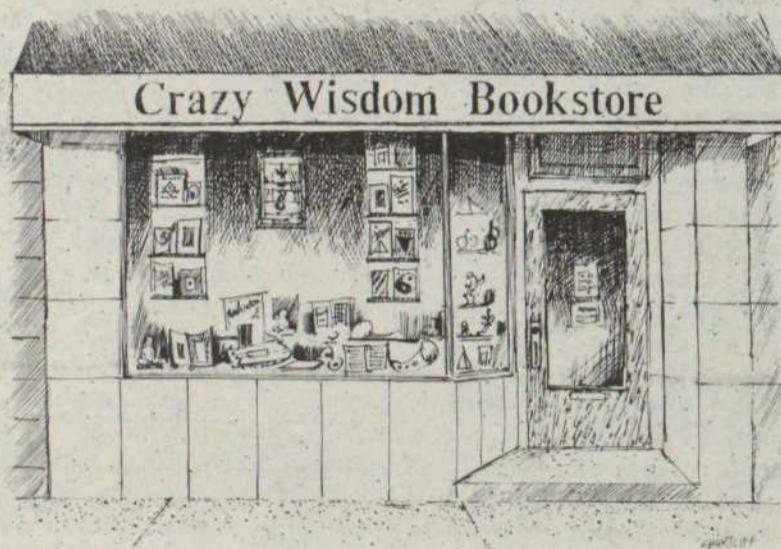
## It Pays to be Straight

The Cracker Barrel Old Country Store is opening soon. If you like chicken-n-dumpings, grits, fried okra, and service from straight men and women, then the latest of the store's franchise operations in Belleville is just for you. The company's management apparently issued a memo earlier this year stating lesbians and gay men could not be employed with the company. Protests abounded, but at least 12 gay employees have lost their jobs with the company. Bon appetit!

## Ya Don't Say?

U.S. aircraft dropped 88,500 tons of bombs on Iraq and Occupied Kuwait in 43 days of the Persian Gulf War. Seventy-percent of those bombs missed their targets, and yet the number of gun-camera videos released by the Pentagon that showed bombs missing their targets was zero. (Common Cause, May/June 1991)

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## People's Food Co-op Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Between noon and 5 pm on Sunday September 15 the People's Food Cooperative will celebrate its 20th anniversary in West Park. Music starts at 1 pm with the King Brothers, who will be followed by the blues-based Big Dave and the Ultrasonics. Natural foods and beverages will be available during the afternoon, along with free samples from the co-op's wholesale suppliers. Ice cream making and eating, volleyball and games for children will

also be part of the celebration of "20 years of sharing the gift of good food."

The first local food store to place a primary emphasis on natural foods, the store is owned and ultimately controlled by a membership consisting of some 2,800 area shoppers. For more information contact Rod Hunt at 769-0095 or drop by one of the two locations: 212 N. Fourth Avenue and 740 Packard.

## Great Lakes Conference in Hell

The U-M's Fresh Air Camp (near Hell, Michigan) will be the site of this year's Great Lakes Bioregional Congress, taking place October 4-6. The fourth of its kind, the congress is an attempt to articulate a new vision of the future, a peaceful revolution based in non-adversarial politics, ecological wisdom and a deep love for the Great Lakes.

One of four bioregional congresses taking place in North America this year, the congress will feature workshops and "zones of discus-

sion" on sustainable agriculture, green cities, empowerment of communities, social justice, and more. There will be multi-cultural music, dancing, singing and drumming and a bioregional bazaar of information, books and hardware. The congress, open to anyone, offers lodging in cabins and tent camping at a discount rate. Scholarships are also available. For more information call Vicki Vance at (616) 347-8919.

## Will They Really Put it in Writing?

You may be familiar with AT&T's "Put It In Writing" campaign which urges consumers not to be fooled by the telephone rate claims of other companies. AT&T says they will put their rates in writing, but the National Environmental Law Center (NELC), along with its East Lansing office, wants more than that in writing.

According to NELC, a nonprofit organization that takes action against the nation's leading polluters, AT&T's air emissions of toxic substances in the U.S. in 1988 placed it in the

top 50 manufacturers reporting under the federal Right-to-Know law. The company also ranked 23rd among corporations in its releases of chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer.

On July 12, NELC representatives presented AT&T officials with 30,000 postcards signed by consumers (including 800 from the East Lansing office) challenging AT&T to "Put It In Writing" to reconcile the company's own favorable literature with less flattering information on the company.

"Consumers here in Michigan and across the country should not have to rely on companies' selective pronouncements (known as "green washing": using slick public relations efforts to misrepresent their environmental records to the public) to obtain accurate information on their environmental records," said Hillel Gray, NELC policy analyst.

NELC has called on AT&T to set environmental deterioration prevention goals and sign the Valdez Principles, an environmental code of conduct for corporations which require a standard, independently audited public report on a company's record each year.

NELC's East Lansing office will continue to collect postcards to send to AT&T. For more information call Kiki Dunton at (517)332-2330 or Hillel Gray at (617) 422-0880.

## What About the Nurses?

A study sponsored by Nurses of America analyzed 423 health-care articles that appeared the first three months of 1990 in The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times, and found that nurses as a group are the least quoted of all health-care groups in newspaper health-care coverage. This is despite the fact that nurses are the largest professional group in the U.S. health-care system and the group with the most hands-on contact with hospital and clinic patients, particularly in major areas of health care such as AIDS, aging, drug addiction, and disease prevention.

Columbia Journalism Review, which published the results of the study in its July/August 1991 edition, suggests that "reporters would do well to spend more time with the people who actually deliver the most health care and thus may know best how and where the system does and doesn't work." For a copy of the study send \$3 to Women, Press & Politics Project, P.O. Box 1018, Cambridge, Mass. 02140.

## Sending the Very Best, the Censorship Way

According to gay and lesbian advocate magazine, Ten Percent, Hallmark Cards has banned the word "lesbian" from its new "Personalize It" program that lets customers select certain generic cards and use an in-shop computer to print their own message. Apparently the company finds "lesbian" unacceptable because it might be used in a derogatory or insulting way. So, what if someone wants to use it in a positive or complimenting way?

## HomeShare Helps

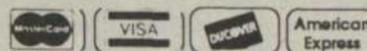
The HomeShare program is helping many seniors who, if not for the program, would be forced to leave their homes due to high property taxes, inability to maintain their homes, or because of loneliness or fear of living alone. The program matches a senior with a younger adult (usually a young professional or college student) who wishes to share the a senior's home and help with household chores in exchange for free or low rent.

Created by the Housing Bureau for Seniors over seven years ago, HomeShare covers all of Washtenaw County. The program includes housing option counseling, interviewing and screening of prospective sharers, supervised introductions, follow-up counseling and more. Normally there are more "providers" who want young adult homesharers, but because of student demand the program is in need of more senior providers. For more information contact

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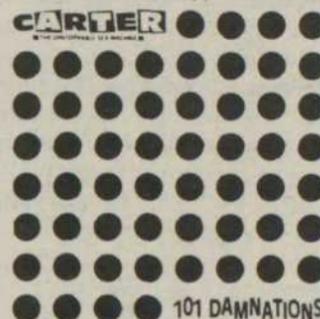
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**T**he City of Ypsilanti has long been a battleground for coalitions with sharply contrasting values. This past spring and summer, an 11-year-old nonprofit community institution, the Ypsilanti Recycling Project (YRP), was at the center of a bitter controversy. It came under simultaneous attack by a hostile city council coalition; the huge, multinational corporation, Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI); and both The Ann Arbor News and The Ypsilanti Press. With a lot of people and power and not much money, the recycling project survived.

At the center of the controversy is Pete Murdock, a player on the Ypsilanti political scene since the late 1960s, when he was a leading light in Eastern Michigan University's chapter of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the new left group of that time. He was one of the architects of the transformation of the campus-based movement into a community-based electoral force in the 1970s. By the end of the 1970s he was well entrenched as the popular city council member from the blue collar east side. In 1983, with strong support from his home ward and the two student wards, he was elected mayor. Murdock's election marked the overthrow of an in-crowd, centered around the Chamber of Commerce, which had ruled the city since World War II.

Anti-racism has always been part of Murdock's political agenda. However, Ypsilanti's south side, where most of the city's Blacks live, has usually voted for city council candidates who advocate an alliance with conservative White business interests. Sometimes these people have been genuine pro-business conservatives. More often, the south side's council members have been liberals backed by the churches or the labor movement, who side with those who control

the economy and thus can give jobs to their constituents. Thus, while Murdock has always had Black supporters, most Black council members have been his adversaries.

By 1989 Murdock seemed tired of the mayor's job. West side city council member Clyde King, a former school board president and the lone council Republican at the time, capitalized on the situation and, with a nice guy reputation and support from campus conservatives and anti-abortion zealots, ousted Murdock by a narrow margin. The ex-mayor got back into non-electoral community activism, becoming the coordinator of the Ypsilanti Recycling Project.

Recycling is a growth industry. Formed in 1980 by a small band of environmentalists, the YRP grew as landfill space dwindled and the public became more aware of ecological devastation. Through the 1980s the rising cost of disposal drove the city's garbage collection costs up.

The shortage of landfill space created conditions in which huge multinational corporations which can bear the cost of buying and maintaining dumps (including the costs of defending them against lawsuits by angry neighbors) took over the waste disposal industry. Based mostly on control of landfills, three giants, Canada-based Laidlaw, Florida-based Waste Management, Inc., and Texas-based Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI), came to dominate the U.S. garbage collection business. By the late 1980s there was no local garbage company to bid for Ypsilanti's contract, and BFI got the job.

The rise of the big three is a 1980s robber

baron tale. Waste Management and BFI have repeatedly been civilly and criminally convicted of price fixing. Both have been nabbed for monopolistic pricing. Both have been nabbed, a BFI attempt to take over the Burlington, Vermont trash collection business by selling services at a loss went all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the justices called BFI's pricing practices "predatory" and upheld a \$6 million punitive damage award.

Even the garbage giants are vulnerable to the fast-approaching day when landfill space will be unavailable at any price. Recycling is growing everywhere, with many communities making it mandatory and others encouraging it with per-bag garbage collection fees. Thus the big garbage companies have moved into the recycling business, previously the domain of committed but underfunded activists. By economies of scale and large contracts with such users of recyclable materials as ALCOA, the garbage corporations have certain advantages. However, these are offset by the low pay for activist employees and widespread use of unpaid volunteer labor that characterize community-based outfits like the YRP.

The YRP's relationship with the city grew gradually from the days when it was allowed to occupy a small part of a city-owned lot until it became an important part of the municipal waste management policy. When Murdock became the project's \$15,000 per year coordinator in 1989, two things happened. First, he put his organizing skills to work and rapidly expanded the YRP's operations. Second, anti-Murdock city council

members began to grumble about alleged corruption and inefficiency.

Soon after Murdock was hired by the YRP, Eula Tate, a Black council member who rose from the ranks of the UAW, demanded that the city, not the YRP board of directors hire the YRP coordinator. In 1990 Al Robinson, a Black city council member, ex-army colonel and EMU administrator who in a 1987 primary bid failed to replace Murdock as mayor, demanded an audit of the YRP's finances. When the current contract renewal became a topic of discussion early in 1991, Chuck Soule, a White landlord and city council member who lost the 1989 mayoral primary to Murdock, vowed to oppose the YRP as long as Murdock was associated with it. These three Democrats (all of whom enjoy significant Republican backing) got reinforcement with the 1990 election of Todd Gray, a campus Republican. Mayor King, however, maintained good relations with Murdock and supported the YRP.

Murdock ran unopposed for his old council seat in the April 1991 election. Also re-elected were council member Tate and mayor King.

The Chamber of Commerce crowd tried to turn council races in the mid-town fourth ward and the west side second ward into referenda on the alleged "Murdock Machine." One aspect of the fourth ward race was Soule's accusation that Barry LaRue had a conflict of interest for doing carpentry work on a house in the city's historic district while serving on the historic district commission, despite LaRue's abstinence from commission con-

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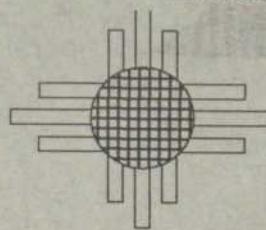
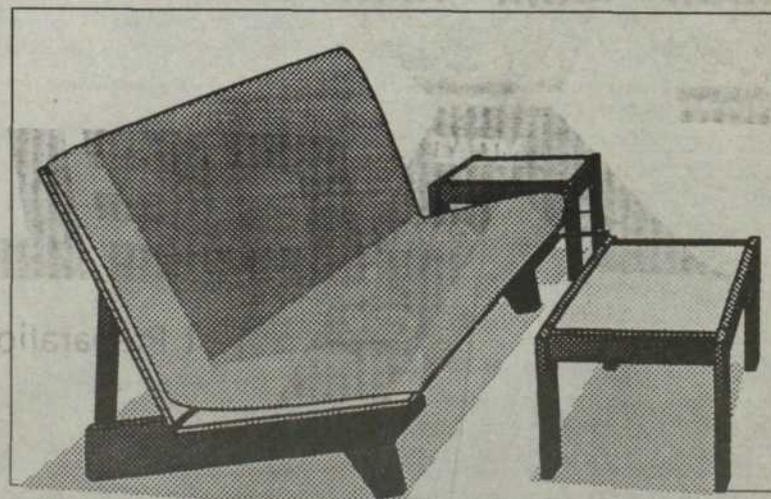
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# Recycling Project

sideration of permits for his work. Newcomers Barry LaRue and Jan Davis, who campaigned for increased curbside recycling pickup service, won handily.

With an expansion and renewal of the YRP contract pending at the time of Murdock's re-entry into city hall, City Attorney John Barr ruled that, because Murdock had a management job with the YRP, there was a conflict of interest which not only prevented Murdock from voting but required the votes of 8 of the remaining 10 council members to pass any contract with the YRP. When the new council was sworn in, four members (Robinson, Tate, Soule and Gray) were against the YRP's contract renewal.

Then Tate quit the council to take a lobbying job in Washington, DC. She supported as her successor Mary Louise Foley, a Black woman who had run for city council as a Republican and lost. Instead, council chose Kittie Wilson, a Black community activist who had run for council as a Democrat and lost. The council, which had been nearly evenly divided before Tate left, with five regular Chamber of Commerce supporters and a couple of swing votes out of 11, now had a solid anti-Chamber of Commerce majority. This in the year in which ward lines were to be redrawn according to the 1990 census results. Tate and her faction cried foul, alleging racism and machine politics.

EMU regent John Burton, Ypsilanti's first Black mayor and a Tate supporter, threatened to have city council member Mike Homel, who had supported Wilson's appointment, fired from his job as an EMU

history professor. This threat, taken together with Soule's allegations of LaRue's allegedly improper carpenter job and the move to take away Murdock's recycling job, spelled a new tactic, whereby council members' non-council jobs were openly threatened for openly political reasons.

Soule, Gray and Robinson dug in their heels against renewing the YRP contract. Though Murdock quietly tendered his resignation to the YRP board, it was rejected.

YRP's friends collected some 3,700 petition signatures supporting the recycling contract. At a May 20 council meeting that was moved to accommodate a pro-YRP crowd of over 200 people, the contract went down to defeat with 7 votes in favor, Murdock abstaining and Soule, Robinson and Gray against.

The city then put the recycling contract out for bids. The specifications called for the same sorts of services that the YRP had been providing and the hiring of recycling workers from Ypsilanti.

When bids were opened, BFI had underbid the YRP by over \$179,000 for the two years of the contract. The third bidder, Laidlaw, quoted a price significantly higher than the YRP. City manager Herbert Gilsdorf recommended acceptance of BFI's bid. BFI also got editorial support from The Ann Arbor News and The Ypsilanti Press. Support for the YRP was called "cronyism at the taxpayers' expense."

The BFI bid did not meet specifications. It did not provide for curbside pickup of used motor oil. It banned businesses and Eastern

Michigan University from recycling. It excluded the use of the drop-off site by non-residents.

The focus shifted to BFI. At the time Massachusetts newspapers were blasting the Houston-based corporation, headed by former EPA chief (in the Nixon and Reagan administrations) William S. Ruckelshaus, for taking over that state's landfills by offering low prices, then raising dumping fees fifty fold once competition was eliminated. YRP researchers documented BFI's nationwide pattern of abuses, including price fixing, lowball bidding, pollution and generous contributions to elected officials. A call went out for recycling supporters to return to city hall for the June 17 meeting.

In an overflowed city council chambers, Soule and his supporters in the audience accused Murdock of corruption. Homel grilled BFI's representative about the garbage giant's bid. Although BFI refused to disclose what it pays its employees, it did admit that its bid was made without taking into account depreciation on the truck for curbside pickup, expenditures for education, or staffing of the dropoff site. BFI claimed that its costs were based on 50 labor hours per week, far less than what it actually takes for curbside pickup alone. Under Homel's questioning, it was effectively shown that BFI had bid to take a loss in order to put the non-profit YRP out of business.

Mayor King went for the short term bottom line and switched his vote to BFI. The rest of the council held firm, thus BFI's bid was rejected 6-4, with Murdock abstaining.

It was moved to accept the YRP bid. Attorney Barr advised the council that due to Murdock's job, 8 votes were needed for passage. The vote was 6-4-1 for the YRP bid, thus it was held defeated.

Murdock then raised a point of order and announced that he had resigned from the YRP the previous weekend. With Murdock out of a job, six votes were enough. The night ended with YRP's bid approved.

Anti-YRP forces, led by former Referendum council member Charles Kettles, then petitioned for a referendum. Under the City Charter, if there is a referendum on a piece of legislation, council must either repeal it or submit it to the voters. Pending the vote, the legislation is then suspended. Both The Ypsilanti Press and The Ann Arbor News backed the petition drive.

The YRP's old contract ran out and the city administration stalled the signing of the new one. Were the city to suspend a contract due to a referendum vote, it would be liable for breach of contract. The YRP continued operations without a contract.

Over 600 petition signatures were gathered, enough for a referendum. Except that a state supreme court case held that contracts were not proper subjects for referendums. Council voted to accept the petitions but not to hold a referendum. The YRP contract was signed a few days later.

The recycling controversy was but one more confrontation in a 20 year battle for city hall. The battle ended with Murdock out of a job and the council majority vilified in the local press. Each side had a list of petition signers and valuable political assets. The Ypsilanti Recycling Project lives. The struggle continues.

—by Eric Jackson

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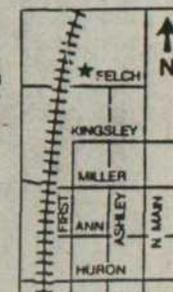
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Sourdough still is as good as gold to the prospectors of The Depot Town Sourdough Bakery. The year was 1990—not the 1890s—when sourdough found its re-emergence in the Ypsilanti community-supported bakery. The enrichment is not bags of gold dust, but in quality of life and commitment to the community.

The new bakery specializes in whole wheat sourdough bread. The sourdough-baking process was inspired by the bakery's only full-time baker, Tom Kenny. Kenny was introduced to sourdough by a former co-worker who, in his battle with lymphoma, ate only natural foods. In a quest to learn the technique Kenny then travelled throughout New England visiting bakeries that made sourdough bread, to observe and study their methods. After learning the differences between the sourdough process and bread baked with

# Sourdough: As Good as Gold

manufactured yeast, Kenny returned to Ann Arbor determined to introduce the method locally.

With assistance from the Wildflower Bakery collective in Ann Arbor, the sourdough bakery found a home in the historic Millworks Building in Ypsilanti. The building is located on River Street in Depot Town and also houses the Ypsilanti Food Cooperative.

The Sourdough Bakery operates under a back-to-basics philosophy. Its only modern appliances are a refrigerator, a 1939 Hobart mixer, and a stone mill to grind the wheat. The most traditional piece of equipment, and perhaps the steepest mountain to climb in getting the bakery started, was the construction of the wood-fired brick oven. The oven was built by Kenny, volunteers, and California brick oven builder Alan Scott. Local mason Rich Whitney was hired to build the chimney.

The preparation of the oven for baking takes nearly four hours of firing. Wood for the oven is brought by a volunteer who collects discarded Ann Arbor News pallettes. When the oven reaches 650 degrees, the ashes are swept and mopped out and up to 60 loaves can

be placed inside to bake for 30 minutes. Two "bakes" can be achieved from one firing, and a refire takes only an hour and a half. The bakery has the capacity to bake up to 600 loaves in a 24-hour period, but the current demand is 450 loaves a week.

Bread baked in this brick oven is very different than conventionally baked loaves. The brick retains the heat from the wood fire, allowing radiant heat to surround the loaves on all sides. Conventional oven heat, in contrast, comes from either the top or bottom only and moisture escapes through a flue. Since the brick oven is a sealed chamber when the door is closed it actually becomes a pressure cooker. This enables the bread to expand while retaining moisture. Because steam rising off the

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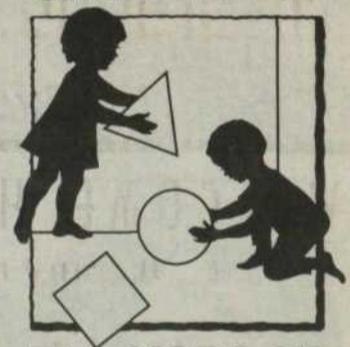
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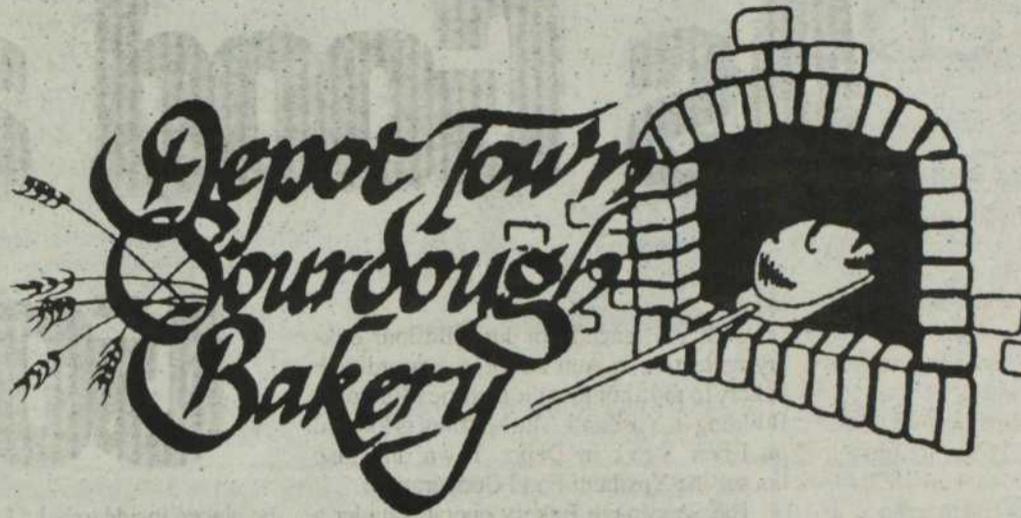
A distant connection can be made between the brick oven now used by the bakery and the introduction of bread by ancient peoples. One scenario bakers entertain is that a group of people were chased away from the flat cakes they were about to cook on hot stones. When they were finally able to return, they found that the flour and water had fermented, accidentally creating the self-rising bread known as sourdough.

Many sourdough starters can be traced back through generations, but that used by the Depot Town Sourdough Bakery was started anew for that purpose.

Anticipating the opening of the bakery, Kenny grew his "mother starter" two years in advance. He made a ball of dough with organic stoneground wheat flour and well water, then buried it in a bag with more organic flour and kept it at 62 degrees. Every day the dough ball was cut in half and fed more flour. Once fermentation began and the bacteria became active in eating the gluten (or protein) part of the flour, it was wrapped in a cotton cloth, put in a sealed container and stored at 40 degrees. "For many people this bread is easier to digest since the bacteria slowly break down the gluten, unlike fast-acting yeast, which only partly does the job," says Kenny.

An offspring was grown from the mother starter and both are used on alternating baking days. In case disaster strikes one or both of the starters, there are several additional starters in suspended animation in the freezer.

The night before baking, a new starter is grown from the mother starter. In 12 hours this four-pound starter becomes the 40-pound starter needed for the next day's baking. In



the morning, when the baker comes in, the oven is fired up and the starter is measured out for the first batch of bread and put in the mixer. Flour, water and salt are the only added ingredients.

Kenny has been involved in the local baking industry for the past 16 years, seven years of which he spent baking at Wildflower Community Bakery. Many Wildflower Bakery philosophies have been carried over to the operation of the Sourdough Bakery. It is community-run, not-for-profit, and volunteers are a cornerstone of the bakery's success. A working collective comprised of Kenny, part-time baker Nancy Alcumbrack,

and volunteers Frances Tashnick, Kathy Voytas-Schmidt and Bob Heald, meets bi-weekly to discuss daily business.

The bakery also has community meetings three times a year. The bakery collective welcome visitors and is looking toward the future possibility of bread-making demonstrations in public schools, educational internships and workshops. And though the growth of the bakery is steady, there are no plans for an explosion in distribution and sales. "The bakery really has no interest in going outside the community for sales and support. We'd like to grow within the community and give back to it by supplying more bread and employing more people," says Kenny.

*The Depot Town Sourdough Bakery makes four tantalizing varieties of sourdough bread: whole wheat, rye, cinnamon raisin and cinnamon raisin walnut. You can find them at: Ypsilanti Farmer's Market, Ann Arbor Farmer's Market, People's Food Co-operative, Packard Food Co-op, Ypsilanti Food Co-op, Produce Station, Zingerman's, Arbor Farms and The Depot Town Sourdough Bakery. For more information contact Tom Kenny at The Depot Town Sourdough Bakery, 310 N. River Street, #1, Ypsilanti, or phone 487-8110.*

—by Karen Ryan

## Great Lakes: Zero Discharge Now!

Every two years, the International Joint Commission (a binational agency of Canada and the U.S.) hosts an international forum on Great Lakes issues. During the IJC's Fifth Biennial Meeting in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1989 more than two hundred activists from around the Great Lakes Basin pried open the closed doors of the IJC meeting and demanded with a strong, united voice: ZERO DISCHARGE NOW! The IJC Commissioners got the message and issued their strongest policy recommendations to date which reflects the demands of the citizen activists.

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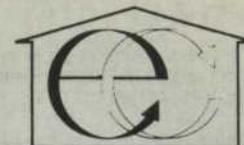
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**AGENDA Publications** publishes AGENDA, Ann Arbor's alternative newsmonthly, featuring grassroots politics and community events. Volunteers and student interns are always needed. 202 E. Washington #512, A2, 48104; 996-8018.

**AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP Ann Arbor)** is committed to fighting racism and anti-gay and lesbian bigotry in all its forms. Currently we are spreading safer sex information, alerting women about AIDS, working on a needle exchange project, and looking into alleged AIDS discrimination at U-M Hospital. Meetings every Thur., 7:30 pm, Mich. Union (ask for room at desk). P.O. Box 7594, A2, 48107; 662-6282.

**Alliance for U-M Campus Child Care** campaigns for on-site child care and a family-friendly campus for university families. c/o U-M Women's Studies, 234 W. Engineering, A2, 48109; 763-2047.

**Amnesty International** works to protect human rights and free prisoners of conscience. Monthly meetings; 668-2659.

**Amnesty International - EMU** works for human rights and to free prisoners of conscience worldwide. 109 Goodison Hall, YPS 48197, contact Ellen at 483-4853.

**Ann Arbor Coalition Against Rape** is a feminist collective which puts on the annual Take Back the Night March and Rally, usually held in April. Meetings start in January. c/o Assault Crisis Center, 1866 Packard, YPS, 48197; 483-7942.

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**Ann Arbor Tenant's Union** is an advocate and information source for tenants. 4001 & 4304 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 763-6876.

**Arrival** provides information and support for EMU students with different abilities. 106 Goodison Hall, YPS 48197, 487-2506.

**Baker/Mandela Center** is an alternative student-run, anti-racist center, providing literature on racism, sexism, classism and other information on people of color. Rm. 3 E. Engineering Bldg., A2, 48109; 936-1809.

**Black Students Union-EMU** unites and promotes the interests of Black students at Eastern Michigan University. 115 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197.

**B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation** promotes the welfare, cultural, religious and communal activities and interests for Jewish students and the entire university community. 1429 Hill, A2, 48104; 769-0500.

**Bread for the World** is a lobbyist group that deals with hunger and health-related legislation. Bi-monthly meetings. 706 Dwight, YPS, 48198; 487-9058.

**Canterbury House** is the home of the ministry of the Episcopal Church for the U-M community, offering an alternative Eucharist Celebration every Sunday, 5 pm at St. Andrew's Church (306 N. Division). 218 N. Division, A2, 48104; 665-0606.

**Coalition for Arms Control-2nd District** lobbies, and takes part in educational projects concerning arms control and militarism. Monthly meetings. 1407 Wakefield, A2, 48103; 663-4897.

**Concerned Faculty and Staff** is a political education and action group which supports grassroots response to issues important to the U-M community. Bi-weekly meetings. c/o Guild House, 802 Monroe, A2, 48104; 973-9273.

**Court Appointed Special Advocates** are judge-trained community volunteers who provide a voice for abused, neglected, or abandoned children in court protective proceedings. 2270 Platt Rd., A2, 48104; 971-2995.

**Democratic Socialists of America** is building a mainstream socialist presence in American politics and is active with poverty projects, Central American and South African issues. P.O. Box 7211, A2, 48107; 662-4497.

**Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House** provides shelter for battered women and children, crisis intervention, counseling, education, and activities for children involving non-violent role models. Volunteer trainings in Sept., Jan., and May. P.O. Box 7052, A2, 48107; 973-0242 (business), 995-5444 (24-hour crisis line).

**Ecology Center of Ann Arbor** is an environmental advocacy and educational resource center working on such issues as solid waste and toxics reduction, alternatives to pesticides, and groundwater cleanup. 417 Detroit St., A2, 48104; 761-3186.

**EMU Student Government** sponsors activities and works to enhance student life. 233 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197; 487-1470.

**Food Gatherers** is a perishable food program for feeding hungry people in Washtenaw County. It collects extra food from restaurants and diners and distributes it to the needy. 420 Detroit St., A2, 48104; 761-2796.

**Freedom Campaign for U.S. Political Prisoners** works to free those imprisoned in or by the United States for their political acts, beliefs or associations, and for better conditions for all prisoners. 601 Congress, YPS, 48197, 487-7017.

**Freedom Link** is a non-profit group working to create a criminal justice system that serves the needs of victims, offenders and the community in a constructive, cost-effective way. P.O. Box 8182, A2, 48107, 741-0028.

**Free South Africa Coordinating Committee** is committed to opposing apartheid in South Africa. Rm. 3 E. Engineering Bldg., A2, 48109; 936-1809.

**Gay Liberation** provides peer counseling, group facilitators, education and political resources for the lesbian/gay male community. 4117 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 763-4186.

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**Gray Panthers of Huron Valley** is a local chapter of a national organization with an intergenerational focus and the motto "Age and Youth in Action," whose goals include eliminating ageism and other forms of discrimination, and improving life for people of all ages. Local projects include building a Michigan coalition for universal health care. 2406 Geddes Ave., A2, 48104; 662-2111.

**Guild House** is a United Campus Ministry serving U-M students, faculty, and staff on personal issues as well as systemic concerns like racism, sexism and homophobia. 802 Monroe, A2, 48104; 662-5189.

**Greenpeace** works to protect the environment through education and direct action. Paid positions available. 214 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104; 761-1996.

**Homeless Action Committee** works to end homelessness using direct action tactics to educate the public and advocate for increasing the supply of low-income housing. Meetings are held every Thursday at 5:30 pm at Guild House, 802 Monroe.

**Housing Bureau for Seniors** assists, enables and empowers older adults to live in appropriate housing by providing counseling, information and public workshops about housing options, nursing homes, and property tax foreclosure prevention. It also runs the Homeshare Program which helps seniors find compatible people with whom they can share housing in exchange for work or low rent. 1010 Wall, A2, 48105; 763-0970.

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**Huron Regional Alliance** is a network of local social-change organizations dedicated to improving the community. 1411 Henry, A2, 48104; 663-0003.

**Huron Valley Greens** seek a radical synthesis of the environmental and social change movements, working on issues such as stopping hazardous waste incineration, eliminating homelessness, advocating feminist values and demanding alternative energy sources. Meetings on 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. 1411 Henry, A2, 48104; 663-0003 or 996-5970.

**Industrial Workers of the World** is an independent labor union with locals in all industries and services. IWW publishes a paper and holds monthly meetings. 42 S. Summit, YPS, 48197.

**Inter-Cooperative Council** provides affordable cooperative housing and meal programs for students. Locations around central campus as well as on north campus (now features an all-female house). 4002 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 662-4414.

**Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice** is a coalition of religious congregations promoting peace and social justice. Projects include arms control, hunger, Third World affairs, local economic and racial justice, and farm preservation. 730 Tappan, A2, 48104; 663-1870.

**Jewish Cultural Society** is a secular humanist organization with a strong commitment to the continuity and survival of the Jewish Heritage. Holiday celebrations, Life Cycle Events, Sunday School, and Adult Programs are designed by members to be flexible and to satisfy a wide range of orientations toward Jewish tradition. 2935 Birch Hollow Rd., A2, 48108; 665-5761.

**Latin American Solidarity Committee** supports the right of Latin American people to self-determination and is working to end U.S. intervention throughout Latin America. Weekly meetings. 4120 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 665-8438.

**League of Women Voters** promotes voter education and awareness. P.O. Box 7353, A2, 48107; 665-5808.

**Legal Services of Southeastern Michigan** provides legal services in the areas of housing, consumer rights, welfare, health care, and family law to seniors and people with low incomes in Washtenaw County. 420 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104; 665-6181.

**Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Association** fights homophobia and promotes the interests of lesbians, gay males and bisexuals at Eastern Michigan University. 107 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197.

**Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office** provides civil rights, advocacy, education, counseling, consulting, and more for the university and area community. 3116 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 763-4186.

**Lesbian and Gay Youth Support Groups** offer peer support and counseling for teens. Confidentiality assured. 608 N. Main, A2, 48104; 662-2222.

**Michigan Citizens Against Toxic Substances** promotes toxic waste reduction alternatives. M-CATS is currently working to stop Envotech Corp.'s proposed toxic landfill/incinerator. Meetings 4th Tues. each month. P.O. Box 224, Milan, 48160; 439-3867.

**Michigan Citizens Lobby** works for you in Lansing. 315 W. Huron #260, A2, 48103; 663-6824.

**Michigan Student Assembly** is the U-M's undergraduate student government. 3909 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 763-3241.

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People** works for racial equality and justice. 117 Pearl, YPS, 48197; 485-7515.

**National Organization for Women** organizes local events and meetings for equality and has task forces working on reproductive choice, economic issues, women in prison, lesbian rights and the ERA. 1917 Washtenaw, A2, 48104; 995-5494.

**Native American Indian Students Association** defends the interests of the first nations of the western hemisphere through cultural and political action and mutual support. 117 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197; 482-1733 or 483-6522.

**Native American Medical Association** encourages admission and academic success at U-M's Medical School and fosters a sense of community for Native American and Latino medical students. c/o U-M Medical School Office for Student and Minority Affairs; 764-8185.

**Native American Student Association** promotes Native American issues on campus, offers support for students and information for those interested in Native American culture. 2304 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 764-5418.

**Nicaraguan Medical Aid Project** is involved in sending medical supplies to Nicaragua. 910 Gott, A2, 48103; 769-1949.

**Ozone House** offers free phone and in-house counseling for young people, as well as support groups, community education programs, and extensive training for volunteers. Ozone House also arranges housing for homeless and runaway youth, as well as foster care and independent living programs. 608 N. Main, A2, 48104; 662-2222.

**Palestine Solidarity Committee** through grassroots organizing presses the U.S. government to support a just resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict by ending the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. P.O. Box 4325, A2, 48106; 347-2587.

**Peace Neighborhood Center** is a community service organization which provides an after-school program to help kids with homework and dinner, Special Friends (like Big-Brother/Sister), Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program, food, clothing and shelter for the needy, Job Options for Youth, and evening group counseling. 1111 N. Maple, A2, 48103; 662-3564.

**People's Food Co-ops** are alternative grocery stores stocking nutritious, organic and whole-grain food. Member discounts; non-member shoppers and volunteer workers are always welcome. 212 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104; 994-9174. 740 Packard, A2, 48104; 761-8173.

**Performance Network** stages new and experimental theatrical works of both local and outside production companies. Always looking for volunteers (will train) to work in all facets of theater production. 408 W. Washington, A2, 48103; 663-0681.

**Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Ann Arbor** offers support and group meetings for parents, friends, and other family members of gays and lesbians. Monthly meetings. P.O. Box 15411, A2, 48106; 663-1867.

**Public Interest Research Group in Michigan** lobbies for environmental and consumer protection laws and conducts independent research. Paid positions available. 212 S. Fourth Ave. #207, A2, 48104; 662-6597.

**Puerto Rico Solidarity Organization** studies and publicizes Puerto Rican issues. 3909 Mich. Union, A2, 48109; 763-3241.

**Rackham Student Government** is the U-M's graduate student government. 2006 Rackham, A2, 48109; 763-5271.

**Recycle Ann Arbor** coordinates recycling programs and provides a drop-off station. For information on recycling and energy conservation, call 971-7400. Drop-off station: 2050 S. Industrial, A2, 48104; 662-8816.

**Religious Coalition on Central America** works to promote peaceful and just resolutions to the various conflicts in Central America, through education and action. c/o 730 Tappan, A2, 48104; 663-1870.

**Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center** educates the public about rape prevention and explodes myths about rape. It also offers support and counseling for rape survivors, programs for men, an emergency outreach service and counseling, and works for safer lighting and transportation. 580 Union Dr., Room L107, A2, 48109; 763-5865 (9 am-5 pm), 936-3333 (5 pm-9 am).

**Solidarity** is a non-sectarian, democratic socialist movement. 611 Longshore, A2, 48105; 663-8261.

**Student Organization United for Peace** is Eastern Michigan University's peace movement, which works for peace and justice in myriad ways. 103 Goodison Hall, YPS, 48197, 482-2797 or 482-3310 or 487-8712.

**Trotter House** is a campus center which sponsors multicultural programs and provides office and meeting space for minority organizations, it is available to the public for evening programs. 1443 Washtenaw, A2, 48104; 998-7037.

**U-M Greens** is the campus chapter of the Greens (see Huron Valley Greens). Meetings TBA. 1411 Henry, A2, 48104; 663-0003 or 996-5970.

**Veterans For Peace** works to educate the public about the costs of war, the need to end the arms race, restrain government intervention in other nations' affairs, and end war as an instrument of foreign policy. P.O. Box 3881, Portland ME, 04104; 487-9058 (local phone).

**Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights** promotes awareness of animal rights and works for more legal protection for animals. P.O. Box 2614, A2, 48106; 665-2480.

**Washtenaw County Assault Crisis Center** offers crisis intervention services to survivors of sexual assault (teens and adults). 1866 Packard, YPS, 48197; 483-7273 (24-hour crisis line), 483-7942 (business).

**WCBN-FM** provides alternative news, entertainment, and public affairs programming for the Ann Arbor area. 530 Student Activities Bldg., A2, 48109; 763-3501.

**Wellness Networks, Inc.—Huron Valley** provides AIDS education and promotes safe sex practices. There are support services for those with AIDS, ARC or who are HIV positive, including speakers and a referral line. 3075 Clark #207, YPS, 48197; 572-WELL.

**Wildflower Community Bakery** is run by collective members and provides healthy baked goods, plus education (especially for kids) about nutrition and how to make healthy food. 208 N. Fourth Ave., A2, 48104; 994-0601.

**Women's Action for New Direction** offers speakers, video tapes, meetings and information related to nuclear disarmament and related peace and justice issues. P.O. Box 1815, A2, 48106; 662-2475.

**Women's International League for Peace and Freedom** uses education, protest and letter campaigns to work for equality and oppose war, exploitation and oppression. 2137 Medford #15, A2, 48104; 971-4702.

**Women's Studies Group** is an information resource for issues about women and society. 243 W. Engineering Bldg., A2, 48109; 763-2047.

**Youth Housing Coalition** is a crisis agency providing safe housing to young people in homes of volunteers as an alternative to the streets, and offers counseling for youth. c/o Ozone House; 662-2222.

**Ypsilanti Food Co-op** provides nutritious and organic grocery shopping. An alternative to the big biz giants. 312 N. River, YPS, 48198; 483-1520.

**Ypsilanti Peace Fellowship** is Ypsilanti's "off-campus" peace coalition. c/o 1209 Roosevelt, YPS, 48197; 483-0058.

**Ypsilanti Recycling Project** provides a place for the community to recycle refuse materials and save the environment. 504 N. River St., YPS, 48198; 485-7799.

If you want your organization to be included in a future "Get Involved Guide," please send information to AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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# Poets Crack Open Writer's Series

by Jay Pinka

**I**f you're looking for a way to soak in words in the warmth of yellow lamps, sink into a soft easy chair at 802 Monroe, Monday nights at 8:30 pm. This humble building two doors down from Dominick's hosts a writer's series over 25 years young—the oldest such weekly literary event in Ann Arbor. With a loose tradition of requesting donations instead of charging cover, an unintentional emphasis on the academic poetry of professors and students, Monday evenings have drawn a crowd of a certain flavor. But this year's Guild House Campus Ministry Writers' Series promises to shake up attendees with performers such as Matt Smith, Wolf Knight, Detroit poetry gems like Glen Armstrong, Lolita Hernandez, Ron Allen, M.L. Liebler and even local high school students learning the magic of sculpting words.

Don't be surprised if the little house emanates purple vibes on September 9, as voodoo teacher/poet Nisi Shawl and painter/actor/environmentalist/poet Natasha Raymond crack open the series.

Shawl casts a spell on those near her, animating imaginations with her vivid dream world through short, meaning-charged poems like "I Saw Her":

I saw her  
Burning flowers  
as if, death were  
a gift,  
a benison.

She has nothing to make anything out of,  
but she creates,  
anyway,  
a certain  
destruction.

"Poetry should be an incantation," says Shawl. "It should lift people out of one world and place them in another." You've probably caught glimpses of her at the Mother's Day Peace Rally, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the defunct Blossom Cafe, the Poetry Slam, or with The Common Ground Theatre. "Dreams are a big influence," says Shawl, "Sometimes I just wake up from dreaming a poem and I write it down."

These incarnations of the muse come either through writing or through a voice speaking to her directly, says Shawl. As her writing has developed, she has expanded her poetic probes, exploring different levels in subject matter. Over the years, Shawl focused on the physical world, then meshed her language with emo-

tions, and now works with more spiritual concerns in her poetry. She emphasizes that while she travels through all three of these planes, she never abandons them, but integrates each kind of knowledge into the whole. She punctuates her work with increased emphasis on rhythm and internal rhyme in her ever-sensual world of concrete images.

Shawl's influences do not come consistently and solely from the work of other poets. Instead, her mind feeds on various kinds of writing including that of Jack Kerouac and science fiction writer Cord Wainer Smith. Although Shawl's philosophy rings of the otherworldly, her poetry is not strangled by obscurity, but intensified by the clarity acquired through experiencing the fantastic. She pierces the barriers between literature and life by performing at significant events and celebrating significant people, like Woman of the Year, Elise Bryant. Raymond collaborated with Shawl on a poem they performed together, exalting the magic of Bryant, at the National Organization for Women Awards Banquet last April.

The listener's conscious mind follows the narrative strains of Natasha Raymond, who claims that her practice of "making a statement by telling a story" reveals her roots in Asian oral tradition. Raymond brings her message home through reinventing her own subjective experiences in affirmative language with a refreshing sense of humor. Raymond keeps you straddling the knife edge of irony, making you think hard. Her simple phrasing and driving images reverberate in your memory with the power of implication.

Raymond's uncanny way of evoking semi-universal memories in listeners is exemplified in "When Mama Teaches." Here Raymond tells how her mother told her that if she tried to pump gas, the pump would cut her hand off. Raymond fleshes out this modern day drama featuring fuel injection engineers as highly talented and superheroic figures who martyr themselves at minimum wages at gas station Olympic games.

Two women tied to a car. It was  
freedom to one  
it was a jail sentence to another.  
I don't like driving  
but I love rides.  
Mama taught me many things.  
She had her Reasons.

You need to hear the rhythm and intonation

of Raymond's voice to fully appreciate how these lines resonate with meaning, how Raymond revolutionizes the concept and practice of "confessional poetry" by playing the courageous, optimistic jester. She says that rather than observing the past as set in stone, she chooses to confront it. "A lot of people these days internalize things and walk away angry because they have stripped themselves of dignity and respect," says Raymond. "They have allowed a negative interpretation to control their lives—they've taken away their choice."

She acknowledges harsh realities, yet empowers her listeners by re-creating history, helping them to comprehend the stories that make people what they are. Her poem, "When Mama Teaches" concludes with herself at age 24 triumphantly pumping her own gas. "Instead of focusing on the negative, I've turned a sexist concept around by using that silver lining," says Raymond, who concludes the poem with an ironic yet contented, "I'm a Knight, I've joined the Ranks of the Brave."

Raymond is deliberate and consciously political in her poetry. "I do think about what subjects need to be written about," says Raymond. "I don't see how someone can exist in a vacuum—unaware of social consequences." Her actions reflect her words. She has organized Woman of Color poetry readings at the Michigan Union, read at Performance Network, written and worked with The Common Ground Theatre and has created paintings which correlate to her poetry.

"Most of my paintings are poems," says Raymond, who will bring a few pieces of her work to her Guild House reading with Shawl. "I'm not interested in technical perfection, I want the painting to be a symbol for a statement," she says.

Raymond can give us the courage to feel events in our lives and transform them while Shawl can take us to worlds we've only dreamed of. Both of these poets are going to shake the foundations of Ann Arbor starting with the Guild House September 9, when Shawl and Raymond unite to explore the hemispheres of human experience.

The Guild House is at 802 Monroe St.  
The Writers' Series readings are every  
Monday at 8:30 pm. Donations requested.  
See the CALENDAR for details.



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# CALENDAR

To publicize October Calendar events, send formatted listings by September 15 to AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Listings for more than five events must be sent to AGENDA on Macintosh disc. Send SASE if you want your disc returned.

**FORMAT**—Your name and phone. Date. Event, sponsor, time, and place. One or two sentence description, fee. Phone number

Unless otherwise noted, all events listed in the CALENDAR are free and open to the public. All locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

## 1 Sunday

**Michigan Union Student Woodshop Staff Show: U-M Arts & Programming** thru 20 Fri, all day, Art Lounge, Mich. Union. Kurt 763-4025

**Harvey Reed: Bird of Paradise** 11 am, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

**U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House** 5 pm, St. Andrew's Church, 306 N. Division. An informal celebration of the Holy Eucharist for the U-M community. A supper will be held next door at Canterbury House afterwards. 665-0606

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA** 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 118 N. Adams, downstairs. 484-0456

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon** 7:30 pm, First Congregational Church, 118 N. Adams, upstairs. 484-0456

**Harvey Reed Jazz Jam: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

## 2 Monday

**ElderCamp: Circle Pines Center** thru 8 Sun., all day, 8650 Mullen Rd., Delton. A vacation in a cooperative community of mature people relaxing, learning and playing. \$21/day to \$250. 1-616-623-5555

**Freedom on the River Rowing Program: Dept. of Parks & Rec.** thru October, M-F, 5 pm to 7:45 pm, Argo Park Livery, 1055 Longshore. Water recreation for the mobility impaired, \$10 for 6 sessions/month. 662-9319

**Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality** 7:30 pm, Inter-Cooperative Education Ctr., 1522 Hill. Participate in a meditation-like practice derived from indigenous cultural traditions around the world. John, 665-3522

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$3. 662-8310

## 3 Tuesday

**"Closets are for Clothes": Lesbian/Gay Radio Collective** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. News, announcements, interviews and commentary for the Lesbian, Gay and Bi communities. 763-3500

**"Deadly Deception/The G.E. Boycott": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. A video, by INFAC, exposing the terrifying human and environmental cost of General Electric's nuclear weapons development. 769-7422

**Paul Keller/Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$3. 662-8310

## 4 Wednesday

**"Womyn's Rites & Rhythms"** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

**Open House: Hillel** 8 pm, 1429 Hill. Learn about the incredible variety of Jewish life on campus. Refreshments. 769-0500

**The Holmes Brothers: The Ark** 8 pm, 637 S. Main. Blues, gospel, and soul, \$8.50 advance. 99-MUSIC

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$3. 662-8310

## 5 Thursday

**Support Group: Gays and Lesbians, Older and Wiser (GLOW)** Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall. For time 764-2556

**Meeting: Homeless Action Committee** 5:30 to 7 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. We expose myths about homelessness and confront businesses and politicians who contribute to existing poverty and homelessness. Jennifer 663-8434

**Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor** 7:30 pm, Mich. Union, 530 S. State. 662-6282

**Grads & Young Professionals Open House: Hillel** 8 pm, 1429 Hill. 769-0500

**"A Picture of Oscar Wilde (Entertainment for the Not So Mild)": Performance Network** 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. A one-man tour de force by Glen Allen Pruett celebrating the great writer, \$9/\$7 studs & srs. 663-0681

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$3. 662-8310

## 6 Friday

**Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor** 9 am to 7 pm, 200 S. First St. (Washington at First St.). Annual 2-day sale features a terrific selection of furnishings for your apartment or dorm as well as antiques, books, clothes, sporting goods, toys, games, and more! 665-0450

**Lesbian & Bisexual Womyn's Potluck: Common Language Bookstore & Lesbian Programs Office** 6 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. 763-4186

**"Deadly Deception/The G.E. Boycott": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 3 Tue)

**"Goddess Remembered" & "The Burning Times": Open Arches** 7:30 pm, Inter-Cooperative Education Ctr., 1522 Hill. Two videos present the story of Goddess worship from prehistoric times to the middle ages. Interviews with Starhawk, Luisah Teish and Merlin Stone. 665-3522

**"A Picture of Oscar Wilde (Entertainment for the Not So Mild)": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Ron Brooks Trio: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$5. 662-8310

**Dance Jam: People Dancing** 10 pm, People Dancing Studio, 111 Third St. Varied recorded dance music. Okay to bring jams and acoustic instruments. Smoke- and alcohol-free. Children welcome. \$2. 665-7911

## 7 Saturday

**Rummage Sale: Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor** 9 am (see 6 Fri)

**Canoe Instruction Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec.** 10 am, Gallup Park Canoe Livery, 3000 Fuller. \$7.50. 662-9319

**Two Videos: Open Arches** 7:30 pm (see 6 Fri)

**"A Picture of Oscar Wilde (Entertainment for the Not So Mild)": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Sock-Hop Dance for the Lesbian/Gay Community & Their Friends: Glacier Way United Methodist Church** 8 pm, 1001 Green Rd. Proceeds to benefit the children in residence at SAFE House. Chem-free. \$5. 663-0036

**Ron Brooks Trio: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$5. 662-8310

## 8 Sunday

**Sunday School: Jewish Cultural Society: Jewish Community Center** 10 am, 2935 Birch Hollow. A secular and humanistic approach to Judaism stressing culture, ethics, and history. Varying fees. 665-5761

**Second Annual Greenfair: Sweetwater Foundation & Huron Valley Greens** 11 am to 8 pm, Fourth Ave. at Catherine. Street fair highlighting products and services that promote environmental health and contribute to community vitality. Entertainment by Frank Allison, Mustard's Retreat, Wings of the Morning, Etch-a-Sketch and more. 663-3555

**Harvey Reed: Bird of Paradise** 11 am, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

**Living History Day: Dept. of Parks and Rec.** noon to 4 pm, Cobblestone Farm, 2781 Packard. Demos of butter churning, candle making and rug beating. \$1.50/\$.75 children & srs. 994-2928

**U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House** 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

**"A Picture of Oscar Wilde (Entertainment for the Not So Mild)": Performance Network** 6:30 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Meeting and Film: Women's Action for a New Direction (WAND)** 7:30 pm meeting, 8 pm film, St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway (across from Baits Drive entrance to North Campus). Video exposing the terrifying human and environmental cost of GE's nuclear weapons development. 662-2475.

**Rosh Hashanah/Jewish New Year: Jewish Cultural Society** 7:30 pm, 2935 Birch Hollow. Join us for a secular ceremony followed by traditional refreshments. Donation requested. 665-5761

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Mudhoney: St. Andrew's Hall** 8 pm, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. \$7.50 advance. 99-MUSIC

**Harvey Reed Jazz Jam: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

## 9 Monday

**Attica Week Video Show: Freedom Campaign** 7 pm, Goodison Hall, Student Orgs. Room, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Videos about the 1971 Attica prison rebellion, imprisoned L.A. Black Panther leader Geronimo ji Jaga Pratt, and journalist-death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal. 487-7017

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Public Meeting: City of Ann Arbor** 7 pm, Bryant Community Center, 3 W. Eden Court. Meeting to solicit public input on what community housing needs are, and how federal and state housing money should be spent. Comments will be incorporated into the 5-year CHAS plan. A draft of the CHAS is on reserve at the Ann Arbor Public Library. 994-2912

**Shamanic Journeying: Creation Spirituality** 7:30 pm (see 2 Mon)

**Nisi Shawl and Natasha Raymond: Guild House Writers Series** 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Poetry reading, donations requested. 662-5189

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation Front** 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 763-4186

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. \$3. 662-8310

## 10 Tuesday

**"Closets are for Clothes": Gay Radio Collective** 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

**Attica Week Video Show: Freedom Campaign** 7 pm, Mich. Union, check room # at desk. (See 9 Mon for video subjects). 487-7017

**"The Folger's Coffee Connection/LASC Vigil": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Video exposing the connections between coffee and El Salvadoran death squads. 769-7422

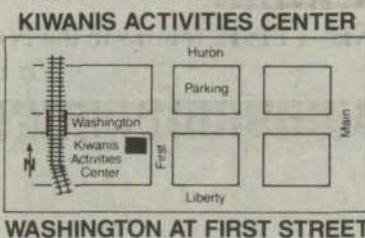
**Meeting: Amnesty International Group** 61 7:30 pm, Mich. Union, check room # at desk. Activities to protect

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human rights and free prisoners of conscience around the world. 761-1628

**Meeting: Washtenaw Citizens for Animal Rights** 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 665-2480

**Paul Keller/Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 11 Wednesday

**Womyn's Rites & Rhythms** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

**"Whose Downtown is It?: Development and Destruction in Downtown Ann Arbor": The Homeless Action Committee** 6:30 pm, starts at the front of the A2 Public Library (Fifth Ave. at William). An eye-opening, walking tour of downtown. Jennifer 663-8434

**"Moving On...A Therapy and Movement Group on Women and Body Image": Therapy Center of Ann Arbor** 6:30 pm, 408 N. First. Sample class, \$25. 761-1514

**Attica Week Speakers' Night: Freedom Campaign for U.S. Political Prisoners** 7 to 10 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. With former Attica inmate leader Frank "Big Black" Smith; Michigan political prisoner Ahmad Abdur-Rahman by telephone link; lawyer-activist, Zolton Ferency; lawyer-prison AIDS activist, Ronald Walker; and ex-con, jailhouse lawyer, Susan Fair. 487-7017

**C.J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band: Prism Productions** 9:30 pm, Blind Pig, 208 S. First. Zydeco from the bayou, \$7.50 advance. 99-MUSIC.

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 12 Thursday

**Meeting: Homeless Action Committee** 5:30 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Attica Week Speakers' Night: Freedom Campaign** 7 pm, Goodison Hall, EMU, Ypsilanti. With Frank "Big Black" Smith, Ahmad Abdur-Rahman via telephone link, Rev. "Mama" Strobie Smith, Penny Ryder and a message from Dr. Alan Berkman. 487-7017

**Journey Women: Guild House** 7:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Women's spirituality group led by Liza Bancel. 662-5189

**Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor** 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

**"Full Metal Jacket": Hill Street Cinema** 8 & 10 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 13 Friday

**Welcoming Tea for Lesbian, Gay Male, & Bisexual Communities: Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office** 4 to 6 pm, Lawyers Club Lounge, 551 S. State at S. University. 763-4186

# CALENDAR

**"Music in and As Ritual": Open Arches** thru 15 Sun., 6 pm, rustic spot near A2. Workshop featuring folksingers Kenny and Tzipora, \$40-\$85. Scott, 482-8233

**"The Folger's Coffee Connection-LASC Vigil": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 10 Tue)

**Attica Week Second Annual Candlelight Vigil for the Lives of U.S. Political Prisoners: Freedom Campaign for U.S. Political Prisoners** 8 pm, Federal Building (Fifth at Liberty). Remember those slain at Attica on September 13, 1971, prevent the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal and the deaths of other political prisoners by medical neglect. 487-7017

**Pro-Choice Rally: National Organization for Women (NOW)** noon, Capitol steps, Lansing. Oppose SB 141. For ride info: 995-5494

**Gil Scott-Heron: The Ark** 7:30 & 10 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. The Minister of Information returns! Don't miss the master of polemical rap. Tickets on sale at the Mich. Union Ticket Office & all Ticketmaster locations. 763-TKTS

**Allan Holdsworth: Alvin's** 8 & 11 pm, 5756 Cass, Detroit. English guitar virtuoso, \$12.50 advance. 99-MUSIC

**"Full Metal Jacket": Hill Street Cinema** 9 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**Meeting: Parents-FLAG/Ann Arbor** 2 to 5 pm, King of Kings Lutheran Church, 2685 Packard. 763-4186

**Summer Blowout Picnic: Grads & Young Professionals** 5 pm, Burns Park. Bring salads and veggie dishes to pass. Kosher hotdogs, buns and drinks provided, \$3. 769-050

**U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House** 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Sister City Delegation Celebration; Dinner and Report: Ann Arbor Juigalpa Sister City Committee** 6 pm dinner, 7:30 pm report, First Baptist Church, 512 E. Huron. The four-member delegation will report on education, cholera prevention and other projects underway in Juigalpa. Dinner by Pilar Celaya, \$5/\$3 ages 3 to 12, free under 3. Reserve by 13 Fri. 663-1870

**Joe Matuzak and Josie Keras: Guild House Writers Series** 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation Front** 8:45 pm (see 9 Mon)

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 17 Tuesday

**"Closets are for Clothes": Gay Radio Collective** 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

**"Palestine, Israel, and the Post War Struggle": Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Talk by Michel Warshawski, the director of the Alternative Information Center through which Palestinians from Israel or the Occupied Territories, and Israeli Jews work together on common political projects. 769-7422

**"The Seven African Powers": Open Arches & Girlfrenzy** 7:30 pm, Inter-Cooperative Education Ctr., 1522 Hill. Series on African gods and goddesses by Nisi Shawl. Tonight's topic: "Elegba: The Trickster." 663-3773

**Kol Nidre Observance: Jewish Cultural Society** 7:30 pm, 2935 Birch Hollow. Readings and meditations led by Certified Secular and Humanistic Jewish Leader, Judith Seid. 665-5761

**Paul Keller/Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 18 Wednesday

**"Womyn's Rites & Rhythms": Womyn's Music Collective** 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Public Meeting: City of Ann Arbor** 7 pm, Housing Commission, 727 Miller Ave. (see 9 Mon)

**Yom Kippur Observance: Jewish Cultural Society** 8:30 pm (see 17 Tue)

**Yom Kippur Break Fast: Hillel** 8:30 pm, 1429 Hill (undergrads), Mich. Union Anderson Room (grads and young professionals). Reservations due by 11 Wed. University meal cards or \$7.50. 769-0500

**HR (Human Rights): Blind Pig** 9:30 pm, 208 S. First. Hardcore reggae from the former lead singer of Bad Brains, \$10.50 advance. 99-MUSIC.

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 19 Thursday

**Meeting: Homeless Action Committee** 5:30 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Jewish Feminist Group: Hillel** 7 pm, 1429 Hill. We are redefining women's roles in Judaism with our women's minyan, Rosh Hodesh celebrations and feminist seder. We bring in speakers and have informal study groups to discuss women's roles in Halacha. 769-0500



A funny and moving tribute to Oscar Wilde will be mounted by actor Glen Allen Pruitt at Performance Network (see 5 Thur).

**Paul Vornhagen Quartet: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 14 Saturday

**Huron River Clean Up Day: Canoe Sport** 9 am to noon, Gallup Park, 3000 Fuller. 662-9319

**"The Changing Supreme Court and the Future of Civil Liberties": The Jackson Social Welfare Committee of The First Unitarian Universalist Church** 10 am, 1917 Washtenaw. With Nadine Strossen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union. A panel discussion. Q & A will follow. 665-6158

**Canoe Instruction Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec.** 10 am (see 7 Sat)

**Paul Vornhagen Quartet: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 15 Sunday

**Harvey Reed: Bird of Paradise** 11 am, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

**20th Anniversary Celebration: People's Food Co-op** noon to 5 pm, West Park. Entertainment by the King Brothers, and Big Dave & the Ultrasonics. Food, free samples, volleyball and hand-cranked ice cream. 769-0095

**Lawrence Pike and Gay Rubin: Granite Line Writers** 2 pm, Freight-house Cafe, Ypsilanti. Open mike spots, \$3. 663-5034

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Harvey Reed Jazz Jam: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

## 16 Monday

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Public Meeting: City of Ann Arbor** 5:30 pm, Firehall Conference Room, 107 N. Fifth Ave. (see 9 Mon)

**"Optimal Motion": The Parkway Center** 6:30 pm, 2345 S. Huron Pkwy. Sample Feldenkrais class for better posture and comfort. 761-1514

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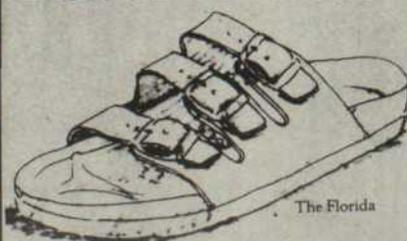
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**White Goddess Study Group: Open Arches** 7 pm, Inter-Cooperative Education Ctr., 1522 Hill. Discussion of Robert Graves' work on Goddess-centered mythologies. John, 665-3522

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Public Meeting: City of Ann Arbor** 7:30 pm, Housing Policy Board, City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Ave. (see 9 Mon)

**Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor** 7:30 pm (see 5 Thur)

**"Glory": Hill Street Cinema** 8 & 10 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 20 Friday

**Training: The Domestic Violence Project/SAFE House** Volunteers will be trained to answer the crisis line, provide child care, counsel, facilitate support groups, to public speak or work on the On-Call Team. For time and location: 995-5444

**"Palestinians in Post-War Kuwait": Guild House Friday Forum** noon, 802 Monroe. Kurt Berggren will talk about his trip to Kuwait as part of an eight-lawyer human rights delegation. Lunch \$1. 662-5189

**"Palestine, Israel, and the Post War Struggle": Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 17 Tue)

**Bill Heid Trio: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

**Dance Jam: People Dancing** 10 pm (see 6 Fri)

## 21 Saturday

**Huron River Canoe-A-Thon: Huron River Watershed Council** Hudson Mills Metropark (near Dexter) to Delhi Metropark. Proceeds will support watershed programs protecting the Huron River. For time: 769-5123

**Canoe Instruction Clinic: Dept. of Parks & Rec.** 10 am (see 7 Sat)

**Open Meeting: Michigan Lesbian/Gay Democratic Caucus** 11:45 am to 3 pm, Wolverine Room, Mich. Union. With keynote speaker, Senator Lana Pollack. 763-4186

**"Glory": Hill Street Cinema** 9 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**Bill Heid Trio: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 22 Sunday

**12th Annual Michigan Big Run: The American Lung Association of Mich.** 8:15 am, State near Yost arena. 8 km run, 10 mile race, 8 km walk or 2 mile jog/walk, fee. 995-1030

**Harvey Reed: Bird of Paradise** 11 am, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

**Poetry Reading: Common Language** 3 pm, 214 S. Fourth Ave. With Tiffany Higgins and open mike period. 663-0036

**U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House** 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Fall Equinox Ritual: Creation Spirituality** 6 to 9 pm, County Farm Park, east shelter. Bring a song, a musical instrument and a dish to pass. John, 665-3522

**Planning Meeting for "Post-War" Teach-In: WAND** 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's Northside Church, 1679 Broadway. We encourage any interested person to come and work with other groups on this project. 662-2475

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Harvey Reed Jazz Jam: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

## 23 Monday

**"Berlin: November 1989": U-M Arts & Programming** thru 4 Oct., Mich. Union Art Lounge. Exhibition of Berlin photographs sponsored by the U-M German Department. 764-6498

**Wolf Knight and Mike Myers: Guild House Writers Series** 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. Knight focuses on myth and reincarnation. Myers' topics range from meatloaf to love. 662-5189

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation Front** 8:45 pm (see 9 Mon)

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 24 Tuesday

**"Closets are for Clothes": Gay Radio Collective** 6 pm (see 3 Tue)

**Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy Public Meeting: City of Ann Arbor** 7 pm, Planning Commission, City Hall, 100 N. Fifth. (see 9 Mon)

**Live Call-In Show: Peace InSight** 7:05 pm, A2 Comm. Access TV, Cable Channel 9. Topic TBA. 769-7422

**Paul Keller/Cary Kocher Quartet: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 25 Wednesday

**Reproductive Rights Lobby Day: Planned Parenthood** 8:30 am to 4 pm. Meet with your legislators in Lansing to oppose the latest restrictions to reproductive freedom. For rides: 973-0710

**Rice and Beans Dinner: Guild House** 6 pm, 802 Monroe, \$3/\$1 kids. 662-5189

**Womyn's Rites & Rhythms** 6 pm, 89.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 26 Thursday

**Meeting: Homeless Action Committee** 5:30 pm (see 5 Thur)

**Meeting: ACT-UP/Ann Arbor** 7:30 pm (see 5 Thu)

**Spike Manton: Hillel** 8 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill. According to The Chicago Tribune, Spike "does a great George Bush," \$8/\$5 studs. 769-0500

**Ron Brooks Trio: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## 27 Friday

**Registration Deadline for Lesbian Self-Defense Course: Lesbian Programs Office** 3116 Mich. Union, 530 S. State. 763-4186

**"GEO: T.A.s Working for a Better University: Guild House** noon, 802 Monroe. With Tom Oko and Phillis Engelbert. Lunch \$1. 662-5189

**Call-in Show: Peace InSight** 6:05 pm (see 24 Tue)

**"New Forms 1: The Opening Number": Performance Network** 8 pm, 408 W. Washington. Preview show with: Frank Pahl; "Satori Circus," "Das Sonnenlicht Spricht" (The Sunlight Speaks), and the video "One Banana, Two Bananas." \$1 from each ticket will go to the Hospice of Washtenaw, \$9/\$7 studs and srs. 663-0696

**Kraftwerk: Michigan Theater** 8 pm, 603 E. Liberty. The German technowizards return! \$20 reserved, 99-MUSIC.

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 28 Saturday

**"New Forms 1: The Opening Number": Performance Network** 8 pm (see 27 Fri)

**"A Soldier's Story": Hill Street Cinema** 9 pm, Irwin Green Aud., 1429 Hill, \$3. 769-0500

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: The Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 29 Sunday

**Celebration of Succos: Jewish Cultural Society** 10 am to noon, Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Rd. Activities for children and adults will include songs, dances, and decoration-making. 665-5761

**Harvey Reed: Bird of Paradise** 11 am, 207 S. Ashley. 662-8310

**Community Involvement Meeting: Wildflower Community Bakery** 11:30 am potluck, noon meeting, 208 N. Fourth Ave. 994-0601

**Annual Harvest Festival: Project Grow Community Gardens** noon to 4 pm, Leslie Science Center, 1831 Traver.

Raffle, children's games, stories, workshops, demonstration gardening, composting, tours of Black Pond Woods, and a sunset harvest ceremony. Victoria, 996-3169

**U-M Community Eucharist: Canterbury House** 5 pm (see 1 Sun)

**"The Queens Are Wild": Emma Goldman Gypsy Players** 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Universalist Church, 1917 Washtenaw. Three zany characters get together to play canasta which results in a complex, hilarious game of compassion, deception and revelation, \$5 adv./\$7 door. 662-6282

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian AA** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Meeting: Ypsilanti Gay Male/Lesbian Alanon** 7:30 pm (see 1 Sun)

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$5. 662-8310

## 30 Monday

**Stephanie Ivanoff and Tiffany Higgins: Guild House Writers Series** 8:30 pm, 802 Monroe. 662-5189

**Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Gay Liberation Front** 8:45 pm (see 9 Mon)

**Bird of Paradise Orchestra: Bird of Paradise** 9:30 pm, 207 S. Ashley, \$3. 662-8310

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

### Celebrate Your Jewish Cultural Heritage

The Jewish Cultural Society is a secular humanist organization with a strong commitment to the continuity and survival of our Jewish heritage.

**Philosophy:** We believe that our prophetic traditions of humanism and justice provide an ethos by which to live and which must be passed on to future generations. We embrace the diversity of the Jewish culture and the diversity of views and beliefs present in the modern Jewish experience.

Our program is designed by members to be flexible and to satisfy a wide range of orientations toward Jewish tradition. We welcome families and individuals, with backgrounds ranging from traditional to modern, including many families of mixed cultural backgrounds.

**Holidays:** We stress the cultural aspects of Jewish holidays, rather than religious doctrine. In secular Judaism, religious belief is an individual matter. Our holiday celebrations provide creative approaches to Jewish traditions and practices. (See Calendar for no-

tices of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Succos celebrations.)

**Life Cycle Events:** We offer a full range of secular life cycle observances. Weddings (including mixed marriages) are performed by JCS Director, Judith Seid, a Certified Secular and Humanistic Jewish Leader. Babies are named at original ceremonies created by the parents and the JCS Director. Memorial services are performed in a secularist Jewish manner.

**Sunday School:** Classes for K-7 are Sun. mornings from 10 am to noon. The curriculum stresses culture, ethics, and history, and includes Jewish art, music, dance, and literature. The 2-year Bar/Bat Mitzvah program includes community service and culminates in a ceremony written by the students and parents.

**Adult Programs:** JCS offers informal get-togethers, along with educational and social action programs. JCS members are involved in the sanctuary movement, local anti-hunger efforts, the

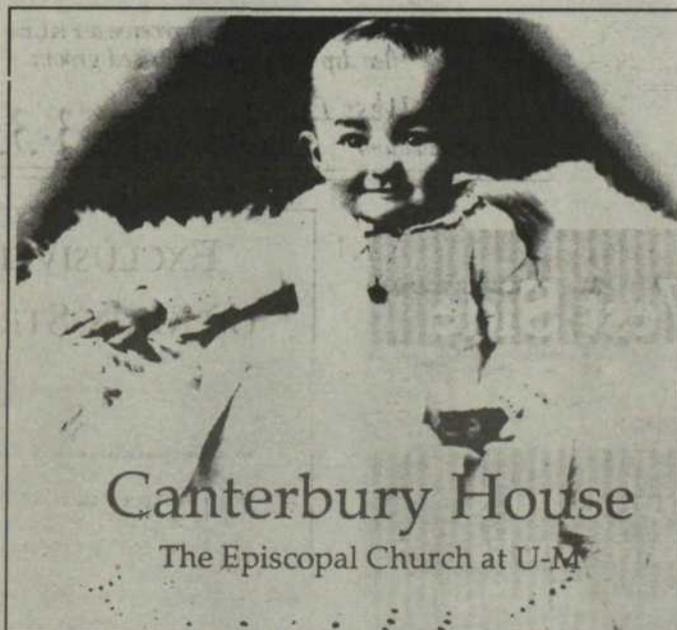
### Attention Readers:

*AGENDA publishes the Community Resource Directory in order to give local community organizations a low-cost forum in which to publicize their activities. The text of each listing is written by a representative of the group. We invite all local grassroots organizations—political or human service—to contact AGENDA to find out how to be included in this monthly section (996-8018).*

Black/Jewish Coalition, and the Urgent Action Group of Amnesty International that JCS formed last year. Each Sunday morning that classes are held, the lounge of the Jewish Community Center is open for coffee, reading, schmoozing, and participating in the occasional lecture or discussion.

**Jewish Cultural Society/Jewish Cultural School, c/o Jewish Community Center, 2935 Birch Hollow Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108; 665-5761.**

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**Welcome Lesbians and Gay Men!**

Every September many lesbians and gay men arrive in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor as newcomers and returnees to this area. We proudly and sincerely welcome you! Please call 763-4186, the Lesbian-Gay Male Programs Office at the University of Michigan, for information on local resources, groups, and events. While the Office's programming is primarily offered to U-M students, staff, and faculty members, the LGMPO staff of volunteers, paraprofessionals, and professionals serves members of the larger community insofar as office resources will permit.

The LGMPO provides civil rights advocacy, educational programs, counseling, community consultation, special programs, information and referral. Printed guides to local resources, and a community bulletin board, including housing ads, are located in our reception area next to 3116 Michigan Union. Enter through 3000 or 3100, or use the mezzanine stairs—ask at the information desk on the main floor of the Union for directions). The office area is open 8:30 am to 5 pm weekdays. For possible access at other times call 763-4186. For Detroit information, call 313-398-7105 from 9 am to 5 pm weekdays, or 313-398-GAYS from 6 to 11 pm weekdays.

Books and magazines are available at Common Language, a bookstore for women and their friends, at 214 S. 4th Ave., 663-0036; Borders, 303 S. State, 668-7652; Community News, S. University at Forest, 662-6150 and E. Liberty at Division, 663-6186; Crazy Wisdom, 206 N. 4th Ave. 665-2757; and Chosen Books, 120 W. 4th St., Royal Oak (Detroit suburb), 543-5758.

You will find some listings of social and support groups that welcome your attendance in the AGENDA Calendar. For more detail, and for information on campus-based groups, call 763-4186. The Lesbian Programs Office and Common Language Bookstore will sponsor potlucks on the first Friday of the month at the bookstore from 6 to 8 pm, Sept. through May. The LGMPO offers "coming out groups" and other support groups. Also available in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti are AA, Alanon, and ACOA support groups for lesbians and gay men. Ozone House, 608 N. Main, 662-2222, offers a support group for lesbian and gay youth. Gays & Lesbians Older & Wiser (GLOW), a social/support group for lesbians and gay men over 50, meets on first Mondays at 7 pm at Turner Geriatric Clinic, 1010 Wall St., info Carole 764-2556. Huron Valley Community

Church offers a special ministry to lesbians, gay men, and their families and friends—Glacier Way United Methodist Church Bldg, 1001 Green at Glazier (Sunday service 2 pm, social hour 3 pm, info 741-1174). For a list of supportive local churches, call 763-4186.

Other social resources include the Flame Bar, 115 W. Washington; The Blind Pig, 208 S. First (dancing); Nectarine, 510 E. Liberty (dancing); Flicks, 1435 E. Michigan, Ypsilanti (dancing). The Michigan Organization for Human Rights (MOHR) is a statewide group committed to legal change and education, info 517-887-2605. The American Civil Liberties Union offers assistance in matters of civil rights, info 662-5189 or 313-961-4662. Guild House, "A Campus Ministry," offers pastoral counseling and political support, info 662-5189. The City of Ann Arbor has an ordinance prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in housing, employment, and public accommodations, info 763-4186 or 994-2803 (Human Rights Dept.). The U-M has a policy prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in "educational and employment decisions," info 763-4186 or 763-0235. Eastern Michigan University has a similar policy, 487-4636.

For information, supportive services, and education about AIDS/HIV, call Wellness Huron Valley, 572-WELL (P.O. Box 3242, Ann Arbor MI 48106). Wellness Networks/Detroit may be reached at 800-872-AIDS or 313-547-9040. HIV and STD testing and clinics are available through the Washtenaw County Health Dept. at 555 Towner, Ypsilanti (484-6760) and U-M Health Service, 207 Fletcher, Ann Arbor (763-1320).

To volunteer your help to LGMPO or to other groups listed, call the numbers above. We hope to hear from you and to meet you—note especially the LGMPO "Welcoming Tea" (see Calendar listing for Sept. 13. Also that day, as part of FestiFall, LGMPO will have an info table on the U-M Diag from 11 am to 4 pm). See the October issue of AGENDA for our Pride-Awareness-Commitment (PAC) events celebrating National Coming Out Day (Fri. Oct. 11) and for information on the Open House (4 to 7 pm, Fri. Oct. 18) celebrating the renovation of LGMPO's office space.

Gay Liberation, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 763-4186.

**Think Globally, Volunteer Locally  
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The Ecology Center is a non-profit environmental organization that works on local issues. We act as a resource for people with all kinds of questions about: recycling and waste reduction (How do I recycle plastic milk jugs?); groundwater protection and toxics reduction (Can I throw old paint in the garbage can?); energy conservation (How can I make my home more energy efficient?). We also have a public library to help people research issues in detail. We have several education programs that work with schools to teach kids about the environment, and our issues and advocacy programs help promote environmental action among community members and legislators.

Volunteers play a vital role in encouraging community involvement to help protect our environment. We have several volunteer "jobs" described below.

**Block Coordinators:** Are you interested in recycling and waste reduction?; willing to be a liaison between your neighbors and Recycle Ann Arbor and the city?; willing to pass out the new recycling brochure and also fact sheets several times a year to your neighbors? If the answer to all these questions is yes, then call the Ecology Center at 761-3186 to find out about becoming a block coordinator. Dedicated recyclers willing to spend a few hours a year educating and encouraging people to save valuable resources are themselves valuable resources of the Ecology Center. The time commitment of a block coordinator is as

little as a few hours a year or as much as you'd like. Block Coordinators make a difference!

**Explainer Crew Members:** We're looking for volunteers to teach people about recycling at our brand-new Recycling and Education Station at 2050 S. Industrial Highway. Energetic people who have some spare time during the week or on Saturdays will be leading groups of school kids and talking about our exciting interactive displays. There will be an orientation for Explainer Crew members in October. To become a charter member of the Explainer Crew, call 761-3186 and ask for Claire.

**Fundraising Volunteers:** Fundraising can be fun at the Ecology Center. We need lots of people to help with numerous events, including: a bucket drive in October; selling greeting cards at the Farmers' Market and other fairs in November and December; helping with promotions for a concert or party in October. Call now to find out how you can help.

The Ecology Center, 417 Detroit Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; 761-3186.

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**GE Brings Nukes  
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Washtenaw County WAND will show a new half-hour video entitled "Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons, and Our Environment" at our next meeting. "Deadly Deception" is produced and directed by award-winning filmmaker Debra Chasnoff and distributed by the INFACT/GE campaign. INFACT began in 1977 with a successful boycott of Nestle, related to deaths caused by the company's propaganda to Third World women regarding its infant formula, and continues today with the GE boycott.

"Deadly Deception" exposes the terrifying human and environmental cost of GE's nuclear weapons development, warning us that people are dying and will die from these weapons even if no more nuclear bombs are dropped.

•GE workers have been poisoned by radiation and asbestos.

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•While many are familiar with the cancer and birth defects caused by the Hanford nuclear bomb plant in Washington, not many know that GE managed the plant.

•GE is the leader in producing components for nuclear weapons.

•In Washington D.C., GE actively lobbies for nuclear arms.

Come see this video to learn the truth about this company that claims to "bring good things to life." And join the GE boycott. Winning the GE campaign will send a signal to every nuclear weaponmaker that this is a business no company can afford to be in.

The meeting is Sunday, September 8th at St. Aidan's/Northside Church, 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. Meeting at 7:30 pm, film at 8 pm.

WAND's future plans include a "post-war" teach-in. A planning meeting specifically for the teach-in will be held on Sunday, September 22 at St. Aidan's at 7:30 pm. Everyone who is interested is encouraged to come to this meeting, as we are hoping to work with other groups for this project. Call 662-2475 for more information.

Washtenaw County Women's Action for a New Direction (WAND) P.O. Box 1817, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; 662-2475.

**GEO (from page one)**

February 1975, GEO has successfully gained health benefits, tuition waivers, salary increases, agreements on non-discrimination and affirmative action, training, and a fair grievance procedure for most of its membership. After GEO won most of its demands around pay increase and in-state tuition status and ended the strike, the University Administration dragged the union through six years of court battles until the GEO won legal recognition in 1981. Now the Administration is signalling that they wouldn't mind returning to the pre-GEO days when they could arbitrarily impose fees, take away tuition waivers and the grievance procedure, and provide no health benefits.

The present University Administration seems particularly intent on breaking GEO. This can be seen in their intransigence at the bargaining table, intimidation tactics against TAs willing to participate in job actions, and their attempt to divide ("teachers" vs. "graders") the GEO bargaining unit.

There is much at stake for all U-M students. Supporting the actions of GEO is your best bet to holding the University accountable to its mandate of providing the public with high-quality education.

Phyllis Engelbert is the membership organizer for GEO.

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In September, 1989, after eight and a half years of living in Ann Arbor (during which time I worked on many different political issues and was a staff person at AGENDA), I moved to Washington, D.C. My most recent work in Washington was as an organizer in the anti-war movement, both locally in D.C., and with the National Campaign for Peace in the Middle East. I continually witnessed what I feel was the major shortcoming in the anti-war movement: the inability to form a truly broad-based coalition of peace and justice forces. I feel that this was largely due to peace activists not being in touch with the issues affecting people in their own communities. It became clear that our efforts at social change were being hampered by the lack of a wholistic approach—one which simultaneously addresses quality of life issues (i.e. poverty, homelessness, and racism) and challenges U.S. foreign policy. I believe more now than ever that we have to change our own society before we can build the type of movement necessary to challenge government spending priorities or to stop a war.

This concept is somewhat of a tradition in Ann Arbor. For instance, I returned to the Homeless Action Committee's victory in stopping the construction of the Kline's parking structure, making "House People, Not Cars" part of this community's consciousness. Over the years AGENDA has played a key role in keeping Ann Arborites connected with local issues, such as the parking structure controversy, while also providing news and analysis of national and international events. There's no publication like it in Washington, D.C. or most other cities, for that matter.

Having left this town and returned to it, I can appreciate AGENDA's importance more than ever. AGENDA makes a unique contribution to keeping Ann Arbor the type of community that can serve as a model for all those seeking social justice and peace throughout the U.S.

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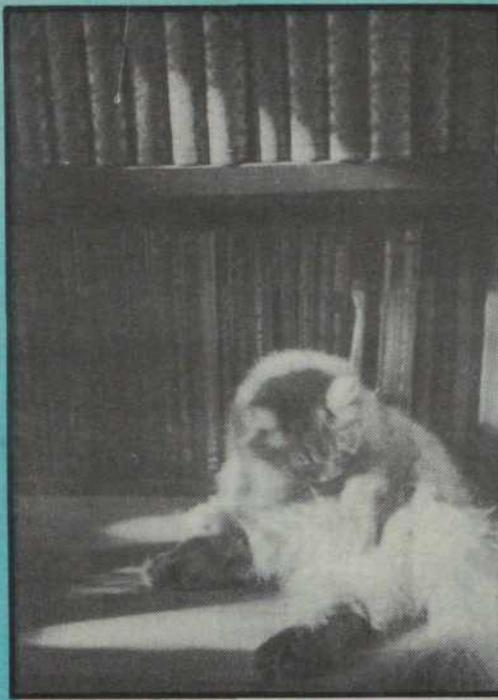
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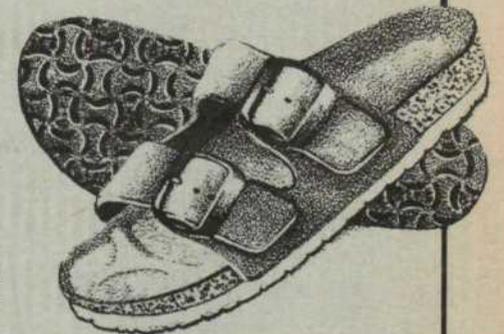
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