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WAGING PEACE

Willson watched the trains go by, each car with 'Explosive A' written across it. "I wept," he said, "because I could translate each boxcar into the amount of people that would be killed in Central America."

by Pat Staiger

ANN ARBOR - Brian Willson, the Vietnam veteran who lost his legs to a U.S. military train while protesting U.S. policy in Central America, spoke on May 15 to a crowd of over 200 at the First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor.

The 46 year-old peace activist described himself as having been a typical American kid growing up in a traditional working class family in Asheville, N.Y., playing baseball and fishing in the creek behind his house. Beginning with the Vietnam War, Willson talked of the personal pain and hardship that accompanied the growth of his political consciousness.

Willson called on the audience to join him in challenging the value that Americans place on "things and the acquisition of more things," while increasing the emphasis placed on "relationships and fairness." Willson said he senses that Americans are gaining a new awareness of the atrocities of U.S. foreign policy. "It is getting to the point where it takes less energy to challenge the assumptions than to remain in denial," he said.

Willson lost his legs September 1, 1987 at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Standing on the tracks in protest of U.S. weapons shipments to Central America, he was struck by a military train. Though the military was told in advance that several people would

be trying to prevent the shipment from leaving, after stopping within eyesight of the protest, the train sped up to over three to four times its normal speed before hitting Willson and nearly missing three others.

Willson, who has travelled to Central America several times, questions how Americans can be fooled by the same foreign policy that sent him and others to fight in Vietnam. In January, 1986, Willson lived with a family for two months in the mountains in Nicaragua. Within a few days of his arrival the contras attacked, killing eleven people, two of them children. "That's my money out there and it's killing people and it's a lie," he thought at the time.

In the fall of 1986 Willson began the Veterans Fast for Life, fasting with four other veterans of U.S. wars for 47 days on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington D.C. "We wanted the North American people to feel what it is like to see people dying...because that's what we're doing to people in other countries," he said.

Willson returned to Nicaragua in March of 1987 and was in the town of Pantoja when it was surrounded by contras. "A woman came in the health clinic with a baby in blood-soaked clothes. She had walked for three hours. I watched as the doctors pulled the shrapnel out of the baby's back while the mother nursed the baby. I thought, this is just insane," he stated. Upon his return to the U.S.,

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PHOTO: GREGORY FOX

Brian Willson lifts his canes and dances at the gates of the U.S. Embassy in Managua at the weekly Thursday morning vigil. (3/24/88)

PROFILE

PLO

by Steve Ghannam

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last month Steve Ghannam examined the Palestinian uprising for AGENDA and outlined a strategy for unified grassroots support on behalf of the Palestinians. This month Ghannam profiles the PLO to provide some balance to the treatment the Palestinians receive from the mainstream U.S. media.

The Palestine Liberation Organization today represents the embryonic Palestinian state and government. Its constituency is the entirety of the Palestinian people. Over the years, despite subjugation and displacement, the Palestinians have retained a distinct and durable consciousness of themselves as a national community. The PLO, in response, has developed a structure and program capable of addressing the needs and aspirations of its constituency.

The Palestine National Council, representative of all sectors and many geographically distinct communities of the Palestinian people, is the highest policy-making body of the PLO. The council is comprised of over 400 members from three separate categories: militant organizations (such as Fatah and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine); popular associations (such as teachers', women's, and students' unions); and independents. One may become an official member through one of the many organizations under the PLO umbrella. The council, which embodies Palestinian pluralism, is a multi-party council. It reflects all

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ANALYSIS

Big Bucks Prevail

by Claudia Green and Moe Fitzsimons

In April, 1988, the rent control proposal (Proposal C) was defeated by Ann Arbor voters. Many had predicted, accurately, that the big money interests would prevail.

The outcome of this campaign raises many questions. How much money did the landlords spend to defeat rent control? Why was the pro-rent control campaign unable to overcome its financial disadvantage? What can be learned from this defeat?

Landlords' Tactics: Big Money, Big Results

In late March, homeowners found a tax statement awaiting them in their mailboxes—or at least it looked like a tax statement. Homeowner Jane Barney said she was appalled to open a letter that started out "Dear Mrs. Barney," informing her that property taxes on her \$64,000 home would increase \$662.99 in the next year if rent control passed in Ann Arbor. At the bottom of the letter was a "check," signed Jane Barney, to the City of Ann Arbor for the amount stated.

This mailing was one component of the high-budget, comprehensive strategy of the Ann Arbor anti-rent control campaign. This sophisticated advertising campaign was similar to those used all over the country to gut rent control campaigns. Along with many local landlords, investors in the anti-rent stabilization effort included Michigan builders, real estate and apartment associations, the Columbus (Ohio) Apartment Association, Texas and Louisiana rental property owners, the National Association of Realtors of Washington, D.C., and Lansing real estate firms.

According to the National Apartment Association's kit on how to stop rent control, the first step is to try to pre-empt the issue at the state level. With two potential local battles, one in Ann Arbor and one in Detroit, the Apartment Association of Michigan went ahead with that plan, spending \$75,000 to lobby the state senate to prohibit local rent control. Once it became obvious that the bill would not pass in the House, Citizens for Ann Arbor's Future (CAAF), otherwise known as "The Landlords," solicited \$18 per unit from all rental property owners to defeat the rent control ordinance. CAAF reports it actually raised and spent \$200,000 to rally

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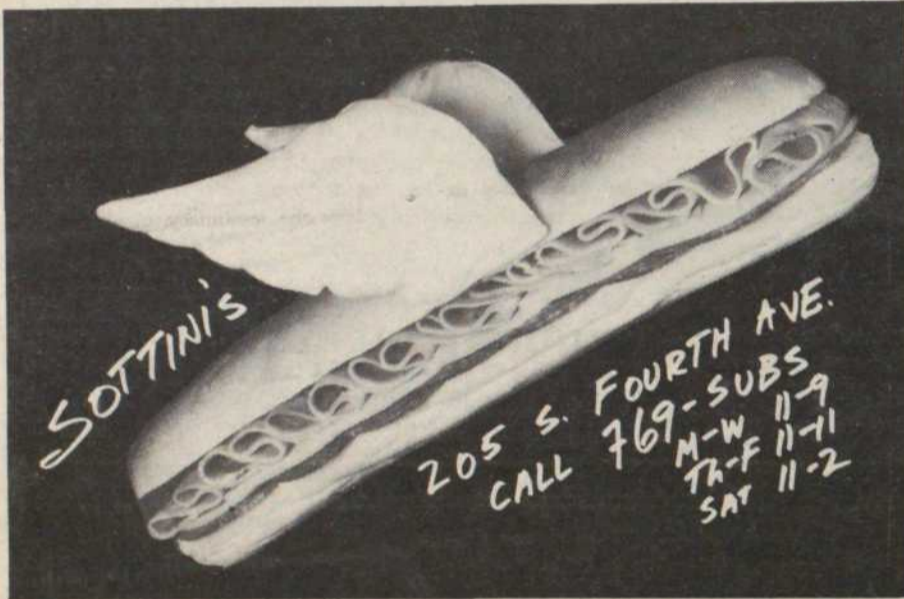
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Rackham Student Gov't Awards Benjamin Linder Memorial Prizes

by Mark Greer

ANN ARBOR - Rackham Student Government, the graduate student governing body at the University of Michigan, recently named two engineering students as recipients of their Benjamin Linder Memorial Prize, an award honoring U-M engineering students who use their education to enrich the lives of Third World peoples. The award recipients are Laura Orlando, an activist in organizations promoting human rights and freedom in Third World countries, and Jorge Emmanuel, a Filipino human rights advocate who battled against the atrocities of the U.S.-sponsored Marcos dictatorship.

The Benjamin Linder Memorial Prize was instituted to celebrate the heroic life and tragic death of Benjamin Linder, the North American engineer murdered (shot at point-blank range) by the U.S.-backed contras, while engineering a hydroelectric project in an impoverished sector of rural Nicaragua. While many view a college education and professional training as a means to a high paying, prestigious job, Ben Linder stood out among his peers in the engineering profession by using his education solely for enriching the lives of those in need. In honoring other engineering students who pursue these same worthy ends, Rackham Student Government hopes to draw attention to the noble contributions to humanity made by Ben Linder and the students receiving the award.

Laura Orlando, an organizer and construction engineer for the A2MISTAD construction brigade, was honored for her efforts to promote international human rights and economic welfare. The brigade is

near completion of a soils testing laboratory in Managua, Nicaragua, which will be used by Nicaraguan farmers and students at the agricultural university.

Orlando has also struggled on the home front for human rights and self-determination in Latin America. She has organized and participated in many demonstrations and educational events opposing U.S.-sponsored oppression in the region.

The other prize-winner, Jorge Emmanuel, just received his doctoral degree in chemical engineering from the U-M. Emmanuel is an officer in the Alliance for Philippine Concerns, an organization that has publicized and protested the recent military massacre of peasants at Mendiola, Philippines, the increase in U.S. military aid to the oppressive Philippine military, and other abuses of human rights in the Philippines. Mr. Emmanuel also helped found local chapters of Amnesty International and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) prior to coming to Ann Arbor.

Writing under a pen name to avoid reprisals by the U.S. and Philippine governments, Mr. Emmanuel has written extensively about atrocities committed by the Philippine military under the Marcos dictatorship, and the threats posed to the Philippine people by the buildup of nuclear weapons on U.S. military bases in that country.

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BIG BUCKS

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16,000 anti-rent stabilization votes. That amounts to \$12 a vote.

The landlords paid Marketing Resources Group, a Lansing marketing ad agency, \$115,000 to package their campaign. After extensive phone surveying to learn Ann Arborites' concerns about rent control, the ad agency redefined the issues of the campaign, targeting the often liberal Ann Arbor homeowners concerned about high taxes. The largest scare tactic was to claim that rent stabilization would discourage landlords from repair and upkeep, causing rental property tax assessments to fall and leaving homeowners to pick up the tax loss.

The ad agency also encouraged landlords to feign concern for the people rent stabilization would help. Four ads appeared in The Ann Arbor News between March 30 and April 3, which acknowledged the housing crisis in Ann Arbor, yet talked specifically of how rent stabilization would make conditions worse. "It won't help the elderly, the poor, the homeless," the ads claimed. It was particularly hypocritical that the landlords were at the same time threatening that they would stop doing repairs or improvements, renting to lower income tenants or renting at all if rent stabilization passed.

The landlords also refused to debate the issue in public. In the March 1988 Ann Arbor Observer, Jim Morris, spokesperson for the anti-rent control campaign, said the issues did not lend themselves to debate. "They're selling wonder bread, we're selling economics," he stated. While cutting off debate, landlords barraged Ann Arbor residents with anti-rent control propaganda. The sheer volume of their propaganda created the illusion of discourse, and allowed the tactic of stifling debate to go unnoticed by most voters.

One of the most significant contributions to the landlords' campaign came from The Ann Arbor News. While there were some late-breaking articles about the sky-rocketing rent in Ann Arbor, the editorial slant of The News was overwhelmingly against rent control. The editorial board labeled the campaign "The Great Hoax" (March 30, 1988) and echoed each of the landlords' "arguments." The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press were even more vocal in delegitimizing the campaign.

Overcoming Big Money Campaigns

Given big money's ability to define issues through media and public relations works, what can

be done by a grassroots campaign seeking to pass progressive legislation? Specifically, how can tenant groups better prepare themselves for the next rent control or other housing initiative?

Perhaps the most important thing is creativity. It is important to carve out a new way of politicking. We have seen some effective demonstrations of a new grassroots political style locally in the Dean Baker for Congress campaign and nationally in the Jesse Jackson for President campaign. These campaigns do not rely on money, mainstream media, polling or millions of direct mail contacts.

The Baker and Jackson campaigns rely on direct people contact and empowerment. In 1986, Baker's 750-plus volunteers knocked on doors and registered voters. Jackson has engaged in the same kind of registration drive. Another kind of strategy, outside of electoral politics, has been used by the Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC). LASC staged direct actions such as civil disobedience, marches, and rallies to draw attention to the flawed policies of Congressperson Carl Pursell.

Could the rent control campaign have adopted any of these tactics in order to enhance its chances of success within the defined electoral process? A demonstration outside McKinley Properties the week before the election drew significant attention to the compelling need for tenant protection in Ann Arbor. A sit-in at the landlords' campaign headquarters could have been used to expose the extent of their unfair business practices and questionable campaign strategies. More direct action might have captured people's imagination and brought them out to work on the campaign.

Voter registration is another important tool. One reason for Proposal C's defeat was that large numbers of homeowners came out to vote against it. Election results also show that the rent stabilization campaign increased and captured the student and tenant vote (both groups are traditional non-voters). In order to succeed, a rent stabilization campaign must concentrate on registering tenant and student voters.

Ultimately, the rent stabilization campaign lacked the outreach effort necessary to defeat the landlords' campaign. A successful campaign organization would have worked to establish a stronger relationship with all tenants. More Ann Arbor tenants must know tenant activists and learn to trust them more than their landlords so they will not be won over by, or at least will be made more skeptical of, a campaign by anonymous landlord and media

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Why Won't Lana Pollack Debate Dean Baker?



POLLACK



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"Yeah, he could win," Lana Pollack said of Dean Baker. "Lightning might strike me dead." —The Ann Arbor News, 5/15/88

EDITORIAL

On May 23, we learned from a Dean Baker for Congress campaign press release that Lana Pollack was withdrawing from a proposed series of five debates with opponent Baker tentatively scheduled for June and July. The debates were to take place between the two contenders for the Democratic nomination in each of the five counties included in the 2nd Congressional District. The winner of the Democratic nomination will square off against Republican Congressperson Carl Pursell in the November election.

We were not surprised. On May 20, we had received a telephone call from Dale Evans, Lana Pollack's press secretary. On behalf of Pollack, Evans declined AGENDA's invitation

to participate in a Candidates Forum proposed for the July issue of AGENDA. The forum was to feature Pollack and Baker and called for each candidate to ask three questions and then to answer all six in writing. For the record, AGENDA has published numerous Candidate Forums and very few (mostly Republican) candidates have refused to express their views in print.

Pollack declined the invitation to debate Baker in AGENDA, according to Evans, because "Baker has already conceded the November election to Pursell" and "there's no sense in debating someone who's not a serious candidate." Granted, Evans called back later in the day to make what he termed a "correction" to this statement. Quoting The Ann Arbor News (4/11/88), Evans admitted that Baker had not in fact "conceded" the race but that Baker said that beating

Pursell would be a "long shot." Nevertheless, Evans still declined the offer to participate in the forum.

Pollack has several times touted her campaign bankroll of \$142,000 as a reason why the Democratic party nomination is sure to belong to her. However, it has been shown before that money doesn't always buy elections. Baker's campaign, much the same as Jesse Jackson's, operates on a "message rich, dollar poor" philosophy. It was Baker's hundreds of volunteers and grassroots campaigning—not a huge campaign war chest—which won him 41% of the votes against Pursell in 1986. By operating on the premise that the wealthiest candidate wins, Pollack is disregarding the intent of elections in a democracy. Indeed, if money decides all, why bother with elections?

In the Democratic primary election of 1986, there was more than something in the air to suggest that Don Grimes was "entitled" to the Democratic nomination because of his 1984 Congressional bid. However the candidates campaigned and debated and Baker won the primary election fair and square. In the 1988 election, nobody would be foolish enough to think that Dean Baker deserves to run unchallenged because of his strong 1986 showing. But who would think that the challenger, State Senator Lana Pollack in this case, not having run for national office before, would be arrogant enough to deny the legitimacy of the Baker campaign?

LETTERS

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Dear AGENDA,

The article "Apartheid in South Africa" by Barbara Ransby published in the May issue of AGENDA makes reference to "millions of Poles and Germans who stood idly by as 6 million of our Jewish sisters and brothers were incinerated in camps like Treblinka and Auschwitz."

It is dismaying to see such a lack of knowledge or simple disregard for facts.

In Nazi-occupied Poland some 6 million Polish citizens were killed by Germans, half of the victims being Jews. The total number of those killed on Polish territory was substantially higher because of the Nazi policy of transporting non-Polish citizens to the death facilities. Of these additional victims, 3 million (the overwhelming majority) were Jews.

Assisting Jews in Nazi-ruled Europe was punishable by death, but in Poland exclusively this barbaric law was extended to family members of those providing assistance. Despite this, nearly 100,000 Jews survived, each being passed from hand to hand and endangering the lives of many, who still accepted the risk.

Unfortunately these efforts did not change the critical factor: under the circumstances created by the Nazi occupation there was no physical possibility to keep the Jewish community alive; some very lucky individuals could be saved—but a nation died.

Poles, who after all created the largest anti-Nazi resistance movement in Europe, did not stand idly by. On the other hand, neither did the Germans, who actively supported and carried out the murderous Nazi war.

Henryk Szaniawski
ANN ARBOR, MI

Dear AGENDA,

As a subscriber and a supporter of many of AGENDA's causes, I was dismayed at the attempt to compare Israel with South Africa in adjacent articles (Page 1, May 1988: "Apartheid in South Africa ... Apartheid in Israel ...")

It is vital that Israel be called to task for human rights violations and doing business with repressive regimes.

But it is also vital to recall that the standard of living (medical, economic, educational) of Arabs living in Israel and those of the occupied territories, is far superior to that of Arabs living elsewhere in the Middle East. Steve Ghannam's contention: "... Palestinians are subjected to complete political, social, economic and cultural oppression ..." is patent nonsense.

And it is important to recall the massive aid by Israel for over two decades to many third world countries, particularly in Africa, until these countries were pressured into refusing that badly-needed aid.

The Palestinians have been misled and abandoned since 1948 by their theoretical allies, who have chosen instead to wage war against Israel. The attempt of those theoretical allies to destroy Israel in 1967 led to the current occupation. It will end when the Israelis have some assurance of avoiding Holocaust, Part II. All Israel's neighbors have had to do for forty years is to promise not to kill her children. She would not then have felt she had to squander her resources to become a military power, and the whole region would have flourished.

To ignore these facts and to invite the supporters of a humane Central American policy and the end of Apartheid in South Africa—movements which have labored under such adversity—to cast their lot with those who would compare South Africa with Israel is indefensible on grounds of fairness and so unsound politically as to be in itself a violation of human rights.

P.S. Enclosed is \$15 to renew my subscription.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Israelis Resist Government Policies

In response to the brutal repression by the Israeli government, there is a growing number of Israeli soldiers who are disobeying the commands of their military superiors. This movement of resistance is being spearheaded by the Israeli peace group, Yesh Gvul. At present, nine reservist members of Yesh Gvul are in military prisons after refusing to take part in the campaign of repression in the occupied territories. A Yesh Gvul-sponsored declaration by reservists proclaiming their refusal to take part in suppressing the uprising has collected over 400 signatures.

Yesh Gvul volunteers have distributed information about selective refusal of service, and thousands of booklets reminding soldiers—regulars and reservists alike—that it is their legal and moral duty to disobey unlawful orders. To support Yesh Gvul, or for more information, contact: Friends of Yesh Gvul, 1636 Martin Luther King Rd. #G, Berkeley CA 94709.

"Build Homes Not Bombs Day" Announced

On Monday June 6, "Build Homes Not Bombs Day," tenant and homeless groups will join other community members in demonstrations at the Federal Building and at Ann Arbor City Hall. The Federal Building protest will focus on the lack of federal spending for housing in the face of a huge military budget. Demonstrators will then address City Council at their weekly meeting and demand that they confront the housing crisis in Ann Arbor. A tent city will be erected outside of City Hall, where demonstrators can further show their concern about housing issues. For more information call 936-3076.

No-Poster Policy Proposed

On May 2, Ann Arbor City Councilperson Jerry Schleicher introduced a proposal which would outlaw poster on public properties (e.g. lightposts and telephone poles) in Ann Arbor. That same night, Ann Arbor Mayor Gerald Jernigan proposed outlawing skateboarding in downtown Ann Arbor. Both proposals won preliminary ap-

proval. These proposals, the result of months of pressure by downtown merchants, were introduced into the new Republican-controlled City Council.

A public hearing on these issues is scheduled for Mon. June 13 at 7:30 pm and the vote will be on June 20. Register your opinion by attending the public hearing, writing your City Council representative, and/or Mayor Jernigan at: City Hall, 100 N. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

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On April 30, as the University of Michigan was awarding an honorary degree to Jeane Kirkpatrick at "official" University commencement exercises, an alternative graduation ceremony was being held across campus.

At this ceremony, civil and human rights activist Prexy Nesbitt was awarded an honorary degree by student activists. Barbara Ransby, regular AGENDA feature writer and member of the United Coalition Against Racism (UCAR), delivered the following commencement address.

I just wanted to begin by saying a little bit about why we're here today and what this ceremony is all about. We're here to celebrate the values and struggles that have been a part of our lives for the past few years; we're here to pay tribute to some very special parents; we're here to honor and thank a group of graduating activists who have worked and sacrificed to make this University a better place. And finally, we're here to give our own honorary degree to someone very special to us, who embodies the ideals we have striven to emulate.

It is actually quite appropriate that there are two commencement ceremonies being held today; our ceremony, which will honor a man who has dedicated his entire life to making the world a safer, more humane place and, conversely, the University's "official" ceremony which will honor former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick, one of the most callous Ambassadors of the Reagan Administration's policies of economic violence at home and military aggression abroad. These two ceremonies reflect the dual values that are competing for dominance.

You see, most of us here have a very different vision of what this University is and ought to be about, than that of the people who actually run it. We feel the University ought to live up to the democratic principles its faculty espouses in the classroom. If real democracy is one of the institution's ideals, then it must itself operate in an open and democratic and humane manner. It does not. If the University condemns racism and discrimination in its words, it must also do so in its deeds, its policies, its very structure. It does not.

We see serious contradictions between principles and practice when the Dean of our largest college explicitly states his desire to limit the number of Blacks who are given access to the University. We see serious contradictions when we hear members of the Board of Regents openly malign our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. We see seriously warped priorities when the University subsidizes weapons research, and at the same time working class students are shut out of the University because of cutbacks in financial aid.

Moreover, we feel that if the University really wants to teach young people about the world, it cannot shelter them from it. Most colleges are tucked away in safe, secluded havens, with lovely landscape and architecture, where young people can ponder the meaning of life—at the same time sheltered from what life is all about.

But the student activists on this campus and elsewhere have taken up the challenge to break down the barriers

1988 Alternative Graduation Address

by Barbara Ransby

And to the graduates I want to say this: you are at a pivotal juncture. Many people view their political activism as a college experience to be put neatly away in a scrapbook after graduation. But I urge you, and I know you know this, don't leave your idealism on the steps of the Graduate Library or at Regents Plaza. You've made sacrifices this year and have grown so much—but after college it won't be easy to hold on to your values. It will become more difficult with each passing year.

between life and knowledge, between abstract ideals and the real world they intersect with. They have taken up the challenge to not only understand the world they live in, but to strive to change it.

But what kind of people are these young people who have taken on, in their small ways, this very big challenge? One of my favorite quotes is "While we recognize the beauty of the waves, let's not forget the power of the ocean." This quote is referring to the importance of collective action, grassroots struggles, and group-centered leadership—some of the principles upon which UCAR is based. At the same time, however, it is important to remember that individuals make up that ocean and we must recognize exactly what kind of people they are.

At this point I think it is appropriate to recognize the many parents who are here today. I would like to thank you parents for the tremendous gift you have given us. I have come to know many of your children very well over the past years, and these are some of the strongest, most caring and humane people I've known—and much of the credit must go to you. You may not have given them their analysis of the Middle East or Central America. You may not have given them their critique of Apartheid. You may not have helped them understand dialectical materialism or the mixed economy in Nicaragua. But you gave them their values, their courage, their confidence, their integrity. And they are the "Best and Brightest." They are critical thinkers—not passive receptacles.

It is their hearts that bleed at the sight of children dying in Soweto or Ramallah. It is their eyes that look poverty and economic violence in the face, when others turn their backs. It is they who speak out against racism, sexism and homophobia when others sit silent. And it is people like them who will make this world a better place for all of us.

I don't know what you all did right, but I have a four-year old son and I hope he develops half the character, courage and decency that your children have.

You know, many folks from a distance don't realize the kind of sacrifices that they have made for their beliefs.

They have forfeited football games to make banners to educate others on racism. They have missed parties to go on dorm tours to talk about peace. They have sat in dusty rooms for long hours debating politics, strategy and tactics; grappling with complex issues and striving to do the right thing. Some even sacrificed the almighty "A" for an "A-" in order to participate in a rally against some form of discrimination or injustice. Compared to life and death struggles around the world, these sacrifices might seem small, but are nevertheless important. These young activists are people too priceless to ever be bought.

And to the graduates I want to say this: you are at a pivotal juncture. Many people view their political activism as a college experience to be put neatly away in a scrapbook after graduation. But I urge you, and I know you know this, don't leave your idealism on the steps of the Graduate Library or at Regents Plaza. You've made sacrifices this year and have grown so much—but after college it won't be easy to hold on to your values. It will become more difficult with each passing year.

I know from my own experience that it is difficult everyday. Sometimes I look at my son Jason when he asks, "Do you have to go to another meeting, Mommy?" and I ask myself, "What am I doing? Is my political work more important than my parenting?" And in my more rational moments my answer is that the two are not in contradiction. We owe our children not only diapers and warm hugs, but we also owe them a better society than the one we inherited.

So I urge you, don't let this world change you, but believe that the world belongs to people like you much more than it does to people like Ronald Reagan and Jeane Kirkpatrick. Don't accept society as it is and resign yourself to it, but force it to change. Mold it into the kind of world you dream of. That's the best tribute you can pay to your parents and the best gift you can give to the next generation of fighters.


Thank you, good luck, and I love you all dearly.




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Jeane Kirkpatrick Dishonored

by Ingrid Kock and Sandra Steingraber

A hush fell over the room when she entered, the kind of hush reserved for the reception of a Very Important Person. She entered smiling, with her arms open, and embraced and kissed several of the professors—obviously known to her—who had been milling around the punch bowl expectantly for nearly an hour.

This was Jeane Kirkpatrick, former U.N. Ambassador and foreign policy architect for the Reagan Administration, on the eve of receiving an honorary law degree from the University of Michigan. And these were the faculty of the University's Political Science Department honoring Kirkpatrick at a private reception for graduate students and faculty in the library of the Michigan League. The symbolism of their embrace was a bit overwhelming for the approximately thirty of us who, as uninvited guests, came to challenge the legitimacy of this exclusive affair as well as the decision to honor Kirkpatrick with a degree.

The political science reception was indeed an "exclusive affair." The political science faculty posted no advertisement of her presence. Downstairs at the main desk of the Michigan League, her name was not even listed under the scheduled events.

Professors at the reception were very concerned that Kirkpatrick's special visit remain untarnished. Political Science Department Chair Jack Walker tried to extract promises from the demonstrators that they would not disrupt her speech. Professor Raymond Tanter (former member of Reagan's National Security Council) proposed a "deal." He suggested that fifteen minutes be allotted before Kirkpatrick's speech for opposition to her if activists would then allow Kirkpatrick to speak uninterrupted.

Most decided against this deal—it was generally felt that Tanter, a right wing ideologue with alleged CIA connections, should not be given the power to define the parameters of the demonstration. Also, we as demonstration organizers did not want to police our own ranks in an effort to silence people.

Some department faculty members appeared enraged at the mere presence of demonstrators. Professor Michel Oksenberg, for example, screamed obscenities at an undergraduate student who argued that it was inappropriate for the department to host a character as heinous as Kirkpatrick. Security guards arrived and asked some demonstrators to leave.

When Kirkpatrick finally entered the room, activists began to chant: "Kirkpatrick, Kirkpatrick what are you for? Murder in El Salvador!" and "How many nuns did you kill today? Kirkpatrick: off campus." These chants were in reference to the rape and murder of four U.S. relief workers, three of them nuns, in El Salvador in 1980. Kirkpatrick had attempted to justify the murders as follows: "The nuns were not just nuns . . . They were also political activists." Of a period in which over 30,000 Salvadoran peasants were killed by their government (with arms and explosives financed by our government), Kirkpatrick said, "To many Salvadorans the violence of this repression seems less important than the fact of restored order and the thirteen years of civil peace that ensued."

In the room, Kirkpatrick only acknowledged her well-wishers. She did not attempt to respond to or address the concerns of

activists who were chanting from less than one hundred feet away. She never tried to deliver her speech. She left after less than ten minutes.

After her departure, verbal confrontations erupted throughout the room between members of the Political Science Department and those who had demonstrated their opposition to Kirkpatrick. Professor Walker castigated those who had chanted. He argued that the activists had exceeded the bounds of propriety by infringing on Kirkpatrick's right to speak.

Disturbingly, when activists suggested that honoring someone with as much blood on their hands as Kirkpatrick was comparable to honoring the Ku Klux Klan or the Nazi party; Walker pointed out that he has proposed a U-M class on racism where he would bring in speakers from the Ku Klux Klan in order to "define the issue." He stated that the University had denied this request. To hear that the Chair of the Political Science Department would like to bring the KKK to campus stunned and disgusted us.

President Fleming apologized at the next day's (April 30) commencement exercises for the disturbance at the reception. The Ann Arbor News ran an editorial which derided those who had "disrupted" Kirkpatrick. Significantly, however, Kirkpatrick's speech had not been interrupted. She had not attempted to speak. The choice not to speak, therefore, was her own.

At the commencement ceremonies, demonstrators held balloons reading "Jeane K. Flunks Human Rights," and large signs spelling out "Jeane K: Dr. of Terror." Five-thousand leaflets detailing Kirkpatrick's role in justifying oppression were distributed. While The New York Times reported that most graduates cheered for her, this was not the case. There was a very mixed and heated reception of boos and cheers. Had the University announced that she was receiving a degree prior to the end of classes, there is no doubt but that the anti-Kirkpatrick demonstration would have been larger.

The University Administration's argument, outlined in The Ann Arbor News was that its decision to present Kirkpatrick with an honorary degree was based on her "credentials," and was not therefore a value-laden choice. However, this ignores the underlying ideology upon which Kirkpatrick's policies and actions are based. Kirkpatrick caught the attention of the fledgling Reagan Administration for an essay she wrote in 1978, "Dictatorships and Double Standards," which attacked President Carter's outward promotion of human rights as a foreign policy tool. This essay introduced her now-famous distinction between Third World regimes that are "authoritarian" (our dictators) and those that are "totalitarian" (Soviet-backed dictators). The moral imperative implied in this distinction—the need to transform totalitarian into authoritarian regimes—became a theoretical basis of foreign policy under the Reagan Administration.

As U.N. Ambassador, Kirkpatrick systematically attacked and weakened the United

Nations by urging the U.S. to stop paying its full U.N. dues (which account for 25% of the U.N. budget). The United Nations is the one international body in which developing nations have a vote on global issues, which deliberates on human rights abuses in countries such as South Africa, El Salvador, and Chile, and provides a semblance of democratic debate on vital issues such as disarmament and economic development.

Throughout her career, Kirkpatrick has been charged with racism many times, particularly for her blatant disregard of the plight of Black South Africans. In 1981, for example, Kirkpatrick violated a U.N. mandate and illegally met with white South African military police. In response, the Congressional Black Caucus called for her resignation as U.N. Ambassador, and labeled her policies "a slap in the face of 26 million Black Americans."

Many of the demonstrators at Michigan's commencement exercises said they felt the choice to honor Kirkpatrick with an honorary degree exemplified how the University community's widespread concern about racism is shunned by the University Administration. Many have raised questions about whether conservative elements in the Administration demanded that Kirkpatrick receive an honorary degree to "make up" for the degree U-M granted last year to imprisoned ANC leader Nelson Mandela. (That degree was only granted as a result of much pressure from the Free South Africa movement on campus.)

However, it is difficult to discern the exact rationale for the Kirkpatrick degree since the entire matter was handled secretly by the University Administration. The student nominated by the Michigan Student Assembly for the Honorary Degree Committee, had earlier in the school year been rejected by the Administration. Furthermore, the Administration did not divulge that Kirkpatrick would receive the degree until days before the commencement ceremony and just after publication of the student newspaper, the Michigan Daily, had ended for the semester.

In the waning days of the Reagan Administration, Kirkpatrick's honorary degree reminds us of the influence that right wing extremists wield within our institutions. Indeed, a sign of how far to the right the University Administration has turned, is that Oliver North, ideologically close to Kirkpatrick, received an honorary degree from Jerry Falwell's fundamentalist college on the same weekend that Kirkpatrick received hers from U-M.

Sandra Steingraber is a U-M graduate student in biology and a human rights activist. Ingrid Kock is a U-M graduate and peace activist who recently returned from an internship with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Geneva.

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Riveting South Africa Drama Returns to Ann Arbor Summer Festival

Midwest Premiere: "BOPHA!"

by Susan N. Pollay

Following the celebrated Festival debut of South Africa's Market Theatre Company in 1986, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival returns to the turmoils of South Africa for another riveting, fast-paced drama. Johannesburg's Earth Players will perform the midwest premiere of *Bopha!* a play by Percy Mtwa, in an exclusive two-night Festival engagement, June 28 and 29, at the Power Center.

In *Bopha!* ("arrest"), a Black police sergeant (Aubrey Radebe) persuades his unemployed brother (Aubrey Moalosi Molefe) to join the police force. The third member of the triad is the sergeant's son (Sydney Khumalo), a radical who opposes the brutal status quo. To the disgust of the nephew, the new recruit doggedly struggles to carry out his duties until he can no longer bear the ironies of the notion of "justice" in an unjust society. Finally, even the sergeant breaks down when he is ordered to fire upon a funeral procession attended by his own son.

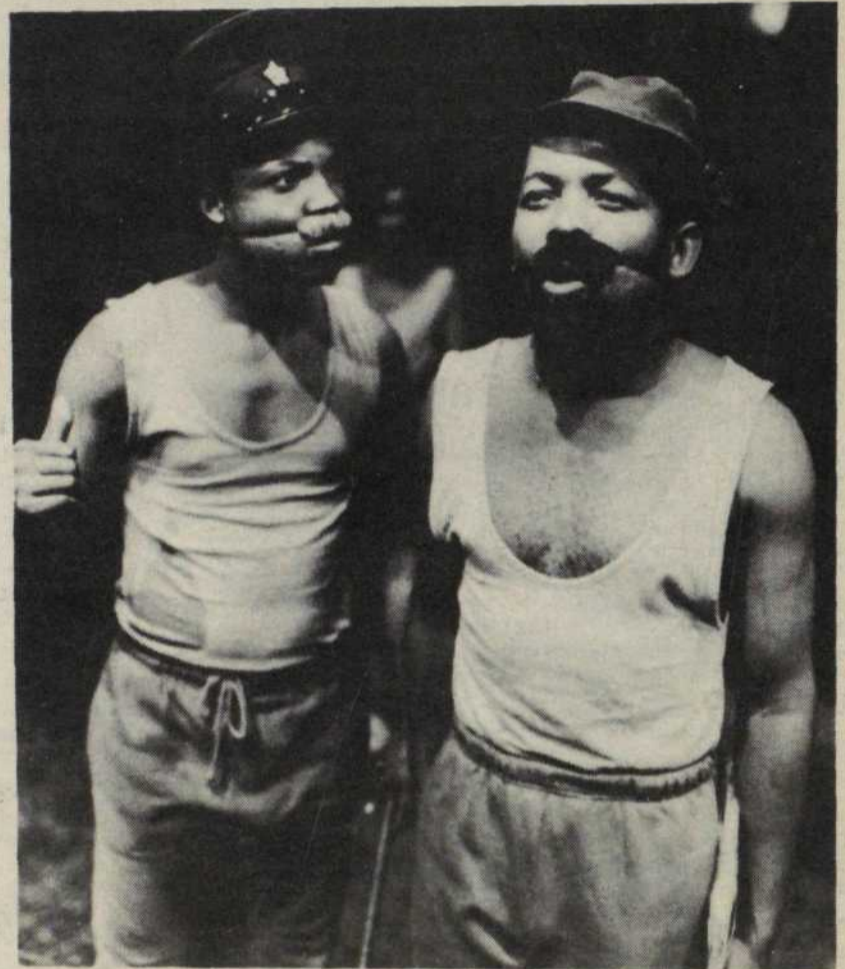
Playwright Percy Mtwa offers acute insights into why Black South Africans have joined the police: it is one of the very few avenues of escape from the rigorous pass laws, which allows some measure of official personhood to a Black resident, but at tremendous personal cost.

Bopha! succeeds as theatre not because it confronts a current political crisis but because it entertains, brilliantly. When *Bopha!* played to full houses at the 1986 Edinburgh Festival and last year at the Los Angeles Theatre Festival, the production was praised for its "sheer theatricality." Singled out was the powerful acting of the cast, whose vibrant singing of traditional African music, energetic dancing, bristling comedy, and outrageous caricatures make the playwright's point with stunning urgency.

Percy Mtwa, author and director of *Bopha!* is 30 years old. Born in Watville, Benoni, he studied as a poet and painter before forming a singing group called "Percy and the Maestros." In 1979, a successful audition for Gison Kente, the head of a Black theatre company, resulted in a role as a singer and dancer in "Mama and the Load," which toured extensively throughout South Africa and played at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg. It was during this tour that Mtwa's friendship with another member of the cast, Mbongeni Ngema, began and that initial ideas for "Woza Albert" were conceived. "Woza Albert" went on to become a smash hit that took actor and playwright Percy Mtwa to the Edinburgh Festival, London, and Berlin, and on American and Australian tours.

Mtwa made his directorial debut with *Bopha!*, which won the Fringe First Award at the 1986 Edinburgh Festival. Since last year, he has been a Resident Director at the Market Theatre of Johannesburg.

The Earth Players were founded by Percy Mtwa and Mbongeni Ngema in 1980. In South Africa's black townships, there are no theatres. Performances take place in community halls, churches, cinemas, and classrooms—venues that do not provide conditions necessary for professional performances. Out of this environment, The Earth Players join a growing number of Black companies that keep theatre alive while providing work for talented actors in the townships.



Above are (left to right) Sydney Khumalo and Aubrey Moalosi Molefe from the Earth Players of Johannesburg production of *BOPHA!* conceived and directed by Percy Mtwa. *BOPHA!* will be presented at the Power Center on June 28 and 29.

The Market Theatre Company, founded in 1974 by Barney Simon and Mannie Manim, has won an international reputation for productions of work by notable South African playwrights, including Athol Fugard, Elsa Joubert, and Percy Mtwa. The company is fully integrated and refuses to receive government subsidy. Its policy is to present exciting, relevant theatre, to encourage the

work of South African writers, directors, and actors, and to present the best of contemporary and classic plays from around the world.

Tickets to *Bopha!* and other Summer Festival performances may be purchased at the Michigan Union Ticket Office and all Ticket Master locations. To order tickets by phone, call (313) 763-TKTS.

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FORMAT—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 (including all committee meetings). Also, all locations are in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted.

1 Wednesday

Exhibit: "Dolls": 16 Hands Mon-Thurs 11 am to 6 pm, Fri 11 am to 8 pm and Sat 10 am to 6 pm. 119 W. Washington. Exhibit featuring four contemporary dollmakers runs through June 25. 761-1110

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center 12 noon, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). Learn about WCC and how you can join our work in helping women help themselves. Call to sign up. 761-9475 or 994-9100

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

Meeting: Pesticide Task Force: Ecology Center 7:30 pm. Strategy session to support family farmers, decreased pesticide use, and safe food. Call Mike Garfield for location. 761-3186

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

2 Thursday

Discussion Series: Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Justin Schwartz will speak on U.S. Foreign Policy. 668-6771

Kamikaze/Transcending: Performance Network 8:30 pm, 408 W. Washington. An Intersect

Theater Dance Company Production. Powerful tale of humans on the path from pre-life to transcendence. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 students). 663-0681

3 Friday

Back to Back: People Dancing-Whitley Setrakian and Dancers & Jazz Dance Theater 8 pm, Lydia Mendelssohn Theater, U-M campus. Joining the dancers on stage will be Ann Arbor musicians, Mr. B (Mark Braun) and Dick Siegel. Tickets are available at the door and in advance at First Position Dancewear and Dance Theater Studio in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$10; students and seniors, \$8. 668-8397

Gay Men's Coffee House: "Brothers" 8 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. 763-4186

Kamikaze/Transcending: Performance Network 8:30 pm (see 2 Thurs)

4 Saturday

Kamikaze/Transcending: Performance Network 8:30 pm (see 2 Thurs)

Special Discussion: The Detroit Institute of Arts 2 pm, DIA's S230 Gallery, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. In conjunction with the "Jan Dibbets" exhibition, George Tysh, Asst. Curator of Ed., discusses the first American retrospective of this significant Dutch Artist. 833-1858 or 833-9759

5 Sunday

Sunday at Three: Detroit Institute of Arts 3 pm, DIA's Schwartz Graphic Arts Galleries, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. June Nelson, author of Harry Bertoia: Printmaker, discusses selected works from "Harry Bertoia Monotypes." 833-1858 or 833-9759

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm, Michigan Union. 930-2959

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

6 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm, Canterbury House, 218 N. Division. 665-0606

7 Tuesday

Demonstration: "Stay in Lansing" 2 pm. State Capitol Building, Lansing. Demonstration for jobs and justice. A "tent city" will be constructed on the Capitol grounds. 965-0074

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show: Gay Liberation 6 pm, 88.3 FM, WCBN. 763-3501 or 763-4186

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Comm. (LaGROC) 8:30 pm, 3100 Mich. Union. 763-4186

8 Wednesday

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: LASC 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

El Salvador Film Month: MSA's Peace and Justice Committee 9 pm, MLB Auditorium 3. Revolution or Death—a suspenseful film with a historical background and footage from 1979 and 1980. Includes interviews with Archbishop Romero and leaders of the popular revolutionary movements. 763-3241

9 Thursday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center 6 pm (see 1 Wed)

"The Flats": Performance Network Thurs-Sat 8 pm, Sun 6:30 pm. 408 W. Washington. Drama set in Northern Ireland, in the summer of 1969. Residents of a working class Belfast ghetto are faced with the preliminary explosions of the modern day "troubles." Tickets \$8 (\$6 Students & Seniors). Runs through June 26. 663-0681

Just Desserts: Women's Crisis Center 5:30 to 8 pm. Fundraising reception for women lawyers, therapists and friends in the community. Refreshments provided. \$20 donation requested. Call Women's Crisis Center for location and reservations. 761-9475 or 994-9100

10 Friday

T-Shirt Design Contest: WCC Deadline for entries for the WCC t-shirt contest. The winner will receive a free t-shirt and \$20. Bring in your t-shirt design to Women's Crisis Center, 306 N. Division. 761-9475 or 994-9100

11 Saturday

Films: Alternative Action MLB Auditorium 3. 8 pm, "Baby It's You"—sixties teenage romance. 10 pm, "Lianna"—a married woman pursues a relationship with a female professor. \$2.50 single, \$3.50 double.

12 Sunday

Open House and Brunch: New Jewish Agenda Middle East Committee 11 am -2 pm, 2208 Packard. We are seeking new members to join us in our work for peace and justice. Drop in to meet us, learn about our activities, and discuss the current situation. 434-7432

Car Wash: School of Metaphysics 11 am-6 pm, First of America

parking lot, 3030 Carpenter at Packard. Fundraising event for non-profit service and educational organization. Fee to be determined. 482-9600

Community Potluck: WCC 12 noon-3 pm, Women's Crisis Center, 306 N. Division (Lawrence St. entrance of St. Andrew's Church). All women are welcome to attend this potluck celebrating the women of our community. 761-9475 or 994-9100

LINES-New Writing: Detroit Institute of Arts 3 pm, DIA's Holley Rm., 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Paul Lichter, poet and literary journalist; and Joel Oppenheimer, poet and author of Poetry, The Ecology of the Soul and New Spaces: Poems 1975-1983, read from their works. \$3 gen. admission. 833-1858 or 833-9759

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 5 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

13 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

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

El Salvador Film Month: MSA's Peace and Justice Committee 7:30 pm, MLB Aud.3 In the Name of the People—a first hand account of a U.S. film crew's six-week stay with guerilla forces, the FLMN-FDR, which offers a portrait of daily life and constant war in El Salvador. 763-3241

14 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show: Gay Liberation 6 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

Meeting: Amnesty International Group 61. 7:30 pm, Michigan Union, check at desk for room. Letter writing and other activities to free prisoners of conscience and protect human rights around the world. 761-1628

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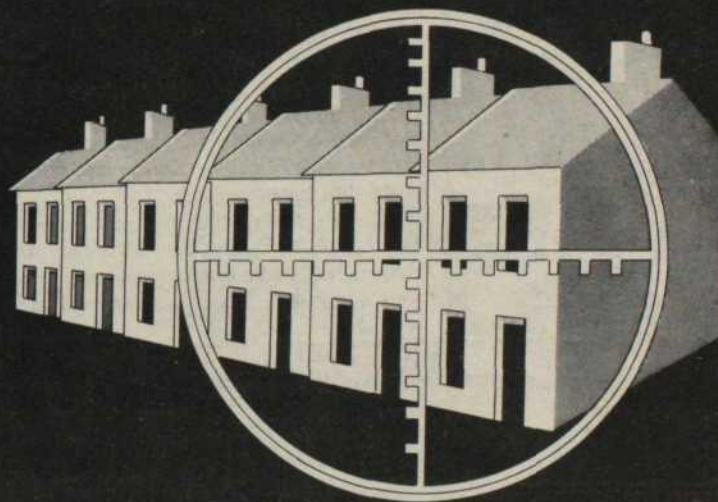
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Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 8:30 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

15 Wednesday

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Pesticide Task Force: Ecology Center 7:30 pm, 417 Detroit St. This 3-year-old task force is planning ways to develop a unified pesticide control policy for the city, university, and public schools, and to encourage alternatives to pesticides in the home. 761-3186

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16 Thursday

Discussion Series: Solidarity 7:30 pm, Guild House, 802 Monroe. Alan Wald speaks on Racism and National Oppression. 668-6771

El Salvador Film Month: MSA's Peace and Justice Committee 7:30 pm, MLB Aud. 3. And That Is Why the State Is To Blame—a film about the state of human rights in El Salvador, and one woman who sacrificed her life in defense of those rights. 763-3241

17 Friday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center 12 noon (see 1 Wed)

"Dreams—The Journey Within": School of Metaphysics 7:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Interpret the language of symbols in your dreams. 482-9600

Gay Men's Coffee House: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 3 Fri)

Lecture: Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear

Disarmament (WAND) 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Ann Arbor Public Library, 343 S. Fifth. Calien Lewis, Executive Director of National WAND, will speak about the importance of the peaceful resolution of conflict in the home and in the world. 761-1718

18 Saturday

Lesbian-Gay Pride Day: Gay Liberation Lesbian-Gay Pride Week starts with an Ecumenical Service, 10:00 am; music, 11:30 am; rally, 12 noon; march, 12:30 pm; and open mike & entertainment, 1:30-5 pm. All events at the Federal Plaza, Liberty at Fifth Ave. 994-5403 or 763-4186

19 Sunday

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 5 Sun)

Sunday at Three: Detroit Institute of Arts 3 pm, DIA's Textile Galleries, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Carol Bier, Associate Curator of Eastern Hemisphere Collections at The Textile Museum, Washington, D.C. Topic: "Woven Persian Textiles from the 16th to 19th centuries." 833-1858 or 833-9759

"Creative Visualization": School of Metaphysics 4:30 pm, 719 W. Michigan, Ypsilanti. Learn to use and apply visualization to gain more control over your life. 482-9600

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

20 Monday

Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Workshops: Gay Liberation 7 & 8:30 pm, Michigan Union, second floor. 994-5403 or 763-4186

"Your Body Is the Reflection of Your Mind": Blossom Lecture Series 7:30 pm, Blossom Foods Cafe, 396 W. Washington. Teacher and Asst. Director of the School of Metaphysics, Nadine Gausden, will discuss the mind and body connection. \$3 minimum donation. 482-9600

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

21 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show: Gay Liberation 6 pm (see 7 Tues)

Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Workshops: Gay Liberation 7 & 8:30 pm (see 20 Mon)

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 8:30 pm (see 7 Tues)

22 Wednesday

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Workshops: Gay Liberation 7 and 8:30 pm (see 20 Mon)

Memorial Vigil: Gay Liberation 10 pm, Regents Plaza, North of Michigan Union. 994-5403 or 763-4186

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation (see 1 Wed)

23 Thursday

Benefit Concert: United Farm Workers' Support Group 8 pm, The Ark, 637 S. Main. Proceeds will go to building a pesticide-residue testing laboratory in California. This project is an essential component of the current Grape Boycott. The show features Maxton Bay, Percy "Mr. Bones" Danforth, and Cory Dolgon. Tickets \$6. 761-2509

25 Saturday

Volunteer Information Session: Women's Crisis Center. Call for time (see 1 Wed)

Ann Arbor Summer Festival Gala Garden Party, Rackham Building (U-M campus); Count Basie Orchestra, Power Center. Tickets available at the Michigan Union or by phone, 763-TKTS. For event times call 747-2278.

26 Sunday

Meeting: Homeless Action Committee 6 pm (see 5 Sun)

Lesbian-Gay Pride Statewide March & Rally. March, 12 noon, from Detroit Art Institute, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. Rally, 1 pm, Kennedy Square. 763-4186 or 548-5833

Sunday at Three: Detroit Institute of Arts 3 pm, DIA's Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. William Rauhauser, Professor of the History of Photography, Center for Creative Studies, discusses selected works from "Margaret Bourke-White: A Retrospective." 833-1858 or 833-9759

Tracy Lee and the Leonards: Performance Network 7 & 9 pm, 408 W. Washington. Tracy Lee Komarmy presents the first public showing of her theater work. Combines music, movement, and humor to transcend the boundaries of traditional theatre. Tickets are \$6 & \$8. 663-0681

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Kathleen Segar: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Power Center (see 25 Sat)

27 Monday

Open House for Lesbians & Gay Men: Integrity 8:45 pm (see 6 Mon)

Latin American Dance: Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Lydia Mendelssohn Theater (see 25 Sat)

28 Tuesday

Lesbian-Gay Radio Show: Gay Liberation 6 pm (see 7 Tuesday)

Meeting: Lesbian & Gay Rights Organizing Committee (LaGROC) 8:30 pm (see 7 Tues)

BOPHA!: Ann Arbor Summer Festival. Earth Players of

Johannesburg's Midwest premier, Power Center. (see 25 Sat)

29 Wednesday

Meeting: Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

Meeting: Bread For The World/Hunger Task Force 7:30 pm, Christian Memorial Church, 730 Tappan. Discussion of domestic and international hunger issues along with legislative updates. 487-9058 or 663-1870

Lesbian-Gay Men's Music: Gay Liberation 8 pm (see 1 Wed)

BOPHA!: Ann Arbor Summer Festival (see 25 Sat)

30 Thursday

Discussion Series: Solidarity Kim Moody speaks on Socialism and the Labor Movement. (see 16 Thurs)

Beyond Therapy: Performance Network Thurs-Sat 8 pm, Sun 6:30 pm, 408 W. Washington. In Christopher Durang's wild comedy, a macho and sexually impotent male psychiatrist and a female colleague bumble through the analysis of a particularly difficult love triangle. \$8 (\$6 Students & Seniors). Runs through July 17. 663-0681

Latin American Dance: Ann Arbor Summer Festival, Lydia Mendelssohn Theater (see 25 Sat)

Monthly meeting: Washtenaw County Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament (WAND) 7:30 pm, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1679 Broadway. Helen Weingarten, Asst. Professor at U-M's School of Social Work, discusses the uses of conflict resolution on personal, organizational and international levels. 761-1718.



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In the upcoming months AGENDA intends to focus more closely on environmental and human rights topics, both locally and globally. Now that it is summertime and social paradigms are being contemplated over lemonade, what is to be our agenda for the future? AGENDA welcomes greater community participation in shaping future issues and in providing feedback on past and present issues. Now's a perfect time to get involved!

VOLUNTEERS: As always, AGENDA is seeking volunteers. Please call if you can help distribute the paper at the end of the month, if you can assist with fundraising, or if you have bookkeeping computer skills to lend. AGENDA also needs writers and reporters. If you'd like to talk to us about ideas for stories or are willing to take a reporting assignment, please call us! We are particularly in need of writers and reporters to cover cultural events.

Community Resource Directory: The directory is an excellent tool for networking. AGENDA now has a circulation of 20,000. For a minimum fee, groups can greatly increase their public visibility. CRD entries for July are due June 15.

ADVERTISING: AGENDA is now seeking to increase its non-business display advertising. Display ads are the regular advertisements of various

sizes that you see throughout AGENDA. AGENDA ads can work for community organizations in many ways, e.g., recruitment of new members, publicity for upcoming events, highlighting an issue, advertising job openings, advertising items for sale, or announcing meetings. The deadline for camera-ready ads is the 23rd of each month. Please reserve space by the 15th. AGENDA also offers art production services. Write or call for an advertising rate card. We are also seeking ad representatives to work for AGENDA. Call if interested!

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Why subscribe to a "free" newspaper? AGENDA is your print medium. Most of its articles are written by its readers. Like public radio or television, AGENDA must rely on community support. If you have read and like AGENDA, consider subscribing. By taking out a \$15/year subscription you can support AGENDA while increasing its readership. Send a gift subscription to a friend who has moved away from Ann Arbor! (See page 11 for details and order form.)

Deadlines for July edition: June 10: News and feature first draft. June 15: Calendar & Community Resource Directory listings.

AGENDA, 202 E. Washington #512, Ann Arbor, MI 48104, 996-8018.

Lesbian-Gay Pride Week Proclamation Issued

We invite all members of the community to attend the Lesbian-Gay Pride Week events listed in this month's Calendar. Ann Arbor Mayor Gerald Jernigan has issued a Pride Week Proclamation, one of several since the first, which was put forward in Ann Arbor in 1972. That Proclamation was, as far as we know, the first issued by a governing body in the United States. Jerry DeGriek and Jim Toy supplied the text. For information about Pride Week, please call 994-5403 or 763-4186.

OTHER NEWS: Regrettably, ABC has dropped "HeartBeat," which had introduced the first openly-lesbian regular character on prime-time television. The Hartford Courant has reported that although "Dynasty" began featuring a gay male character several years ago, prime time had refrained from offering a lesbian soap star in a weekly show, thus testifying to the double burden that lesbians bear: being homosexual and being female. ABC has offered no reason for its action; we urge our readers to protest by writing to ABC Programming, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

The Kellogg Company has determined that their Nut & Honey television commercials do not encourage anti-gay violence. Chicago's Coalition Against Media/Marketing Prejudice (CAMMP) has protested the decision. The controversy centers around an advertisement in which the words "Nut & Honey," the name of a Kellogg's breakfast cereal, are mistakenly heard as "Nothin, honey." In one of several situations portrayed in the ad, guns are drawn against a cook when hungry cowboys think he has called them "honey." Kellogg's has stated that the would be eaters are upset because the cook has told them there is no food for breakfast.

GAY LIBERATION'S PURPOSE is to provide information, counseling, and related social services

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES include a Hotline: Crisis Intervention, Peer Counseling, Referral. **Education:** Workshops and Conferences on lesbian and gay male concerns, with an emphasis on how people in the "helping professions" and "teaching professions" can work positively with lesbian and gay male clients, patients, students. **Speakers Bureau:** Phone for information. **Human & Civil Rights:** Information and referral to help people under discrimination because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation or because of their presumed "cross-gender" characteristics; lobbying for human and civil rights. **Community Organizing:** Information and assistance in organizing groups, setting goals, addressing conflict, linking with other groups and resources.

MEETINGS, Membership, Organizational Structure: Our meetings vary according to purpose; we do most of our work in sub-committees (Counseling, Groupwork, Education, Civil Rights). Call for time and place. Gay Liberation includes U-M students, staff, and faculty, and people from the larger community. We have a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At present we have approximately 50 members. We're a registered non-profit organization.

Gay Liberation, c/o 4117 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, info: 763-4186; hotline: 662-1977.

LASC Co-Sponsors Brian Willson Visit

CURRENT NEWS: The Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC) recently co-sponsored the protest of the decision by U-M to grant an honorary degree to Jeane Kirkpatrick. LASC members and others carried signs and balloons into the stadium during commencement exercises, denouncing Kirkpatrick as a "Doctor of Terror." LASC will continue to protest the presence of those who commit crimes against humanity.

Most recently, on May 15, LASC co-sponsored the visit of Brian Willson, Vietnam veteran and peace activist. Willson spoke to over 200 people in Ann Arbor about the policies of oppression perpetrated by our government on people of color around the world. Willson's Ann Arbor visit was part of a national tour to raise funds for the newly established Center for the Practice of Non-Violence (see article about Willson's talk on page one).

PURPOSE: LASC is a nonprofit group dedicated

to supporting the legitimate aspirations of Latin American peoples to self-determination. Its goals are to increase awareness here about contemporary realities in Latin America and the U.S. role in the region. Because current U.S. foreign policy perpetuates violence and injustice, LASC acts as a community of concerned citizens to pressure our government to change its military, political, and economic policies toward Latin America.

MEETINGS: This summer, LASC is working to increase its membership. All are welcome to join in our meetings, Wednesdays at 8 pm in Room 2435 Mason Hall. The first, third, and fifth meetings of the month will be devoted to the study of Latin American issues. Examples include: the Puerto Rican independence movement, the role of the U.S. in political debate within Nicaragua, and the effect of U.S. militarization of Honduras. At the second

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and fourth meetings we will conduct regular LASC business. Information about weekly activities can be obtained by visiting or calling the LASC office. The office is normally staffed from 12 to 2 pm on weekdays, and messages can be left on the an-

swering machine at all other times.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: LASC sponsors educational events such as films, slide shows, and speakers. The outreach committee provides speakers for University and high school classes as well as for other groups interested in Latin American issues. If you would like somebody to

speaking, contact us at 665-8438. The LASC newsletter *La Palabra* reaches about 800 subscribers. It contains a summary of our activities and updates on the news from Latin America.

Latin American Solidarity Committee (LASC), 4120 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 665-8438.

Sun/Father Journal Begins Publication

The *Sun/Father Journal*, a new Ann Arbor literary magazine, has chosen this year's season of growth and renewal to begin production of its cross-cultural, progressive, yet non-ideologically-based publication.

Last month saw much activity by men on men's issues in the Ann Arbor-Detroit area. For example, Robert Bly, a leading American poet and social observer, gave a workshop at Oakland Community College on "Power and Purpose in the Male Psyche." Over 120 men from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Chicago, Ohio, and Canada assembled in Detroit to discuss men's issues. Through fairy tales, poetry, music, and discussion, all who attended came to a greater realization of what it means to be a man in the 1980's.

PURPOSE: The Journal will feature writing on men's issues by men who sincerely desire equality between the sexes on all levels of society, but who are suspicious of conventional feminism's denigration of masculinity. Most progressives associate "patriarchal" culture with much that is wrong with our society. Rape, the arms race, and imperialism are all attributed to masculine leadership, which has become synonymous with oppression. The *Sun/Father Journal* takes a decidedly more positive, yet progressive, outlook on masculinity and the teachings of those great men from whom we are descended. True masculinity, free of outside influence, is inherently inspirational, gentle, and outwardly rather than selfishly

directed. The journal will aim, not only to answer the questions posed by traditional feminism, but to raise questions of our own in a non-polarized, no-pressure literary environment where all ideas and inspiration can receive a hearing.

CONTRIBUTORS: We welcome writing of men from all walks of life and of all opinions, energy, and sexual persuasion. Housing and child custody discrimination; masculine leadership and the Ancient Wisdom; relationships; the truth about God the Father; and the hidden agenda of the war on child abuse are some possible subjects. All men who send their essays, fiction, or poetry will receive a free copy of the *Sun/Father Journal*, whether their work appears in it or not. Send contributions to Jeff Zeth at:

Sun/Father Journal, P.O. Box 1995, Ann Arbor, MI 48106, 769-5665.

WAND Speakers to Address Peaceful Conflict Resolution

Helen Weingarten, assistant professor in the School of Social Work at the U-M, will speak at the next WAND meeting, June 12, 1988. Ms. Weingarten will discuss conflict resolution as it pertains to our everyday lives. She will discuss how constructive conflict resolution can be a successful tool whether it is on a personal, organizational or international level. Doors open at 7 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Calien Lewis, Executive Director of National WAND, will speak at the Ann Arbor Public Library on Friday, June 17, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Calien will discuss the importance of the peaceful resolution of conflict in the home and in the world; an end to violence. Calien, most recently has been

the Executive Director of the Family Crisis Shelter in Portland, Maine, a program for battered women and children. This talk is being sponsored by WAND and The Domestic Violence Project. Admission is FREE. For more information please call 761-1718.

WAND'S GOALS are to educate ourselves and the public about the dangers of continued nuclear arms buildup, to influence our Congressional representatives by informed lobbying, and to empower people, especially women, personally and politically.

WAND MEETINGS are held the 2nd Sunday night of the month at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

(note new location) 1679 Broadway, Ann Arbor. New members are always welcome. Call our Information Hotline at 761-1718 for a message announcing important lobbying information, meeting times, and upcoming events. Our Speaker's Bureau provides trained speakers who will address groups, classes, and public forums and rallies on a variety of issues. Contact Tobi Hanna-Davies at 662-7869.

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

WHE-AC Addresses the Causes of Hunger

This past year, the World Hunger Education-Action Committee (WHE-AC) has organized many fundraising activities on the U-M campus. \$8,000 was raised in the annual Oxfam fast in Ann Arbor. Fifty percent of this money went to Oxfam America for international projects and fifty percent went to local hunger organizations, such as The Shelter Association of Ann Arbor, the East Side Emergency Center, Mt. Nebo Resource Center, and Operation Help Inc.

WHE-AC held a benefit concert in March where JUICE, a local band, donated an evening's performance, raising \$500 for Oxfam America. WHE-AC also had a bucket drive which raised

about \$1,000 for Tools for Peace and Justice, one of Oxfam America's projects. WHE-AC members have worked in the soup kitchen at the First Congregational Church, and during this spring and summer, members will have a table set up at the farmer's market every Saturday morning from 9 am to 12 pm to distribute information about Oxfam America.

WHE-AC's CURRENT PLANS include outlining the fall agenda. One of the proposed ideas is the adoption of a development project in Asia, through the Overseas Development Network.

WHE-AC IS A CAMPUS-BASED GROUP made up of students and non-students dedicated to examining the causes of hunger in the world and working towards its solutions. WHE-AC has been active for the past five years. It supports Oxfam America, which is an international agency that funds self help development projects and disaster relief in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. If you are interested in working with WHE-AC or would like to learn more about us, feel free to attend a meeting. Meeting times for the summer will be posted on room 4202 Michigan Union. Call 663-4301 for more information.

World Hunger Education-Action Committee (WHE-AC), 4202 Michigan Union, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, 663-4301.

PROFILE

PLO

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political tendencies present in the Palestinian political community.

The formation of the PLO was the outcome of a series of circumstances, including the forced displacement of the Palestinian people from their lands (primarily in 1948 and 1967); the inability of post-colonial, politically backward Arab regimes to effectively mobilize and sustain resistance against the Zionist intrusion into Palestine; and the recognition of the need for leadership in the Palestinian struggle for national liberation and human rights in the lands from which they were displaced.

The Palestine National Charter, adopted in 1964, outlined the general principles and ideas of the Palestinian political program. At this time a vision was proposed of a democratic secular polity for Palestine in which sectarian or racial influences would play no part. Both Zionism and Arab nationalism were rejected as possible bases for the future Palestinian state. Underlying this vision was the acceptance of the existence of the two communities in the same land, one Palestinian Arab—the other Israeli Jewish. This vision was not one consisting of two separate and hostile communities, but of persons whose individual rights were primary and equal. This posed the challenge to both Israeli Jews and Palestinian Arabs to accept coexistence on the basis of full equality.

The legitimacy of the PLO, as of any institution or government, lies in its program and in its ability to carry out that program. The PLO only obtained its present status, that of the sole representative of the Palestinians, through the demonstration of its intentions and capabilities to

the Palestinian people. Toward this end, the PLO has undertaken to mobilize and consolidate Palestinian communities by supporting these communities materially, politically, and economically. The PLO has assisted Palestinian communities in ways such as: helping to raise their rate of employment, placing students at institutions of higher learning in host countries, staffing educational establishments, and enhancing Palestinian cultural and economic growth.

The PLO derives recognition, legitimacy and support from Palestinian communities around the world. Because of this, the international community recognizes the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Today, the PLO has 95 offices and embassies throughout the world (many of which enjoy full diplomatic status) including a Permanent Observer-Mission to the United Nations.

The recognition the PLO receives from Palestinians is manifest in numerous ways. Almost every Palestinian organization (political, militant, cultural, social) in the occupied lands, in Arab countries, in socialist countries, and in Europe and the Americas, has openly voiced support for or worked within the PLO. Several

polls have been taken in the West Bank and Gaza by Palestinian, Israeli, and American organizations, that have consistently revealed approval ratings for the PLO in the 90 percentile.

In Lebanon, the PLO was able, despite enormous odds, to organize a Palestinian community of approximately 400,000 residents. Palestinians formed an embryonic Palestinian society in Lebanon, free from the constraints of either Israeli occupation or total control by the host government. The success of this experience prompted Israel to see it as a challenge, and to attempt its destruction.

In the Occupied West Bank & Gaza, the leaders and participants of the current uprising have openly and defiantly demonstrated their recognition of the PLO while heeding its call for action. The involvement of virtually the entire Palestinian population in the uprising clearly illustrates the effectiveness of the PLO's leadership (even from the underground).

Middle East peace proposals are often brought forward which ignore or by-pass the PLO as if it never existed, thus dismissing the political evolution of the Palestinian people, and their ability to speak on their own behalf. The right must be respected of any national community to democratically choose its representatives and for those representatives to engage in dialogue with other world leaders. The Palestinians have chosen for their representatives, the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Steve Ghannam is an U-M graduate student in the School of Architecture and a member of the Palestine Solidarity Committee.

WAGING PEACE

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Willson helped organize the Veterans Peace Action Teams to do reconstruction work in the Nicaraguan war zones.

Willson later organized the Nuremberg Action group, which conducts an ongoing protest vigil at the Concord Naval Station, approximately 20 miles east of San Francisco. Willson watched the trains go by, each car with 'Explosive A' written across it. "I wept," Willson said, "... because I could translate each boxcar into the amount of people that would be killed in Central America."

Willson said that the publicity from his accident has brought attention to his quest for "unconditional peace." "There is a military madness barreling out of control, barreling over people. We all have our tracks and our trains. You can define the trains any way you like, but nobody is going to stop the trains but us," stated Willson.

Willson was present in Sapoa, Nicaragua in March of this year for the signing of the cease fire agreement between the Sandinistas and contras, and participated in the release of Nicaraguan political prisoners. In Nicaragua, President Daniel

Ortega awarded him the highest civilian honor, the Medal of the Order of Augusto Sandino. "Brian Willson has sacrificed his legs, destroyed by the aggressive policy of the United States Government," Daniel Ortega said as he awarded the medal. "He lost his legs, but not his conviction, his spirit or his morals. He is an example of heroism and of the dignity of the American people."

This award is normally reserved for heads of state. Willson, only the seventh recipient of the award, was told by Nicaraguan Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto that Willson was considered the head of state of conscience of the U.S. people.

Willson's Ann Arbor visit was part of a national tour of eight major cities. It was sponsored by several local peace groups, including the Latin American Solidarity Committee, Rackham Student Government, and the Alternative Career Center. Willson's future plans include building a U.S. Citizens Peace Mission in Managua, and organizing a Citizens Peace Force to "actively oppose U.S. militarism and to move towards a nonviolent society."

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THE VICTORIES

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propaganda. It also would have been necessary to form a coalition with other concerned community groups. Because rent stabilization was perceived as a threat to local economic interests, most local groups found themselves with a divided constituency. Thus throughout the campaign most other groups; including churches, groups working with the poor, and other politically progressive organizations shied away from the issue.

The Victories

Tenants must count up the victories of this campaign and move on toward solidifying the tenant constituency and the control it wields in this city. Though the rent stabilization ordinance lost at the polls, the campaign forced voters to examine and discuss the issue of affordable housing in a way they had not done for a decade. Campaign

volunteers went door-to-door in nearly every apartment complex in the city and listened to tenants' problems and fears about being forced out of Ann Arbor by high rents. The issue, normally only discussed at the dining room table, became part of city politics.

Future Directions in Housing Issues

Tenants must continue to play an active role in housing issues, such as housing code enforcement, low-income housing projects and the chronic problems of high rents and displacement. City Council is now dominated by Republicans who need to be held accountable to the needs of the community. The U-M should likewise be pressured to provide more housing for the people it brings to Ann Arbor. Rent Stabilization campaign workers continue to meet at the Guild House, first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 pm.

Claudia Green & Moe Fitzsimons are U-M graduates and tenant activists.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Marital Rape Outlawed in Michigan

On May 17, the Michigan State Senate, following the precedent set earlier this year by the Michigan House of Representatives, voted unanimously to outlaw marital rape. Stricken from State of Michigan Criminal Sexual Conduct Statute was Section 5201, which reads, "A person does not commit sexual assault under this act if the victim is his or her legal spouse, unless the couple are living apart and one of them has filed for separate maintenance or divorce." The amended statute will take effect once it is signed by Governor Blanchard.

The enactment of this legislation represents the culmination of two and a half years of local and statewide organizing, which originated in Ann Arbor. Organizer Sue McGee stated, "This is a pioneering landmark in the State of Michigan..."

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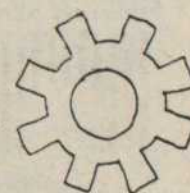
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