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i can't relate  
unless  
you affiliate

All LRY federations that wish to be represented on the LRY Board of Trustees are reminded that their deadline of affiliation with LRY is June first.

The reason for having this deadline is to keep tabs on those federations and regional organizations that are active, the affiliation requirements are specified in the LRY Bylaws.

Federations are required to send in 1) proof that they meet the minimum definition of an active fed, three locals, 2) a statement to the effect that the fed is in general sympathy with the purposes of LRY, 3) a list of officers. If the last item is delayed because fed elections are scheduled after June first, the LRY Bylaws provide for an extension of the deadline.

Other information that LRY is seeking from the federations this year includes a complete fed mailing list, a copy of the federation bylaws or constitution, and a report on the fed treasury.

To date only one federation has affiliated with LRY this year, so don't pass me that you's has. Make it you. Responsibility to see that your federation is included as part of LRY this year coming.

If you do not live near a federation, write to LRY to find out how to start one or affiliate directly with LRY.

An up to date list of those federations which have affiliated by press time will be printed in the next People Soup.

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FLASH-(Nonsense News Network)- JOHN DOE HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED!! The American symbol of the average man was last seen signing a check in a Douglas, Mass. Bknc. His average wife Jane Doe, received a ransom note written on pink toilet paper at about 5:30 this afternoon, three hours after her husband apparently disappeared. In the note, the kidnapers, claiming to be members of a subversive organization called the North-western Rhode Island Garden Club, demanded the resignation of President Nixon and 5 tons of high quality beef. When asked for a comment about the demands, the President replied, "To Hell with the everyday American!!" Stay tuned for more information. ---Wendell Finner Newark, DE.

## OUTSIDERS REVIEW

### NORTH STAR CONFERENCE

The following is a report on the North Star Federation Winter Conference. It is composed of excerpts from two separate reports by Barbara Stone and Cynthia Taylor, members of Missouri Valley Federation.

The conference started on Friday night with people arriving... I was amused to find the beginnings of the conference in a tight circle playing bloody knuckles (a card game). Something is wrong, I thought. They ought to be welcoming newcomers and running around like a bunch of happy chickens with their heads off. But one of the first things I had to tell myself, was not to compare this conference to last week's. It was a {different} bunch of people.

There was an exec meeting to decide what would go on for the weekend. After that the board came downstairs and mingled with the peons. There was an orientation. Long and drawn out. Dwelling mostly on the rules and how they would be enforced... I felt like I was being accused and proven guilty, before I had time to break the law. It gave me a rebellious feeling, like I felt when mommy tells me "mustn't" because she says so and if I don't agree, well then get the hell out.

Workshops followed. I really enjoyed {them}. We did a really neat exercise to get to know one another. It had a lot to do with describing a mystery person in terms of a plant, animal, building, taste and various other what-not. Then you guess who the mystery person is, after evaluating  
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### OUR BODIES OURSELVES BANNED FROM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

GILROY, Calif. (LNS) -- The use of the women's health guide, Our Bodies Ourselves, in a high school class in Gilroy, Calif. caused the school trustees to suspend approval of the course.

"It is one of the dirtiest, dirtiest books I've ever read," said one of the trustees.

Our Bodies Ourselves was on the reading list for a course called "Survival For Today." The teacher scheduled to teach the course had taught Home Economics for a long time but the trustees ordered that "Survival for Today be suspended and replaced with "Advanced Foods".

According to the trustees, the book is "contrary to predominant moral values of the taxpayers in the community.... it is a political document and propaganda for socialist leftism."

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U.S. LAGS ON GREAT LAKES CLEANUP

WASHINGTON (CPS/LNS)-- Nearly two years after president Nixon signed a joint agreement with Canada to clean up the Great Lakes, no federal program is yet in operation.

Although Congress has appropriated funds for 115 projects (21% of the U.S. commitment) Nixon has impounded much of the money. In fiscal year 1974, out of \$6 billion allotted for water purification, the Environmental Protection Agency is using only \$3 billion.

Canada meanwhile has provided funds for nearly 75% of its \$250 million commitment, is operating 16 new municipal sewage treatment plants and has extended or improved 18 others.

Of the four mutually owned lakes, Lake Erie is the dirtiest, absorbing the wastes of 12 million Americans, mostly from Detroit, Cleveland, Erie and Buffalo.

The city of Niagara Falls pours 85 million gallons of raw sewage every day into the Niagara River just below the Falls, which flows into Lake Ontario, 10 miles downstream. Niagara Falls, Ontario on the other side of the Niagara River, treats and disinfects its sewage and uses it to produce hydro-electric power before releasing it into the river.

# Fed. Ups and Downs

Well, it's spring, and it seems as though LRY as a whole is responding to the change in seasons in much the same way as LRYers do. Two federations that were thought of as dead for many years have poked their way on out, and from the things we've been hearing, several small federations are thinking of consolidating their energies into one new beginning for a new federation. Spring is also the time when LRY brings everything up to date by asking all of the federations that want to be represented at the continental Board of Trustees meeting(s) to file their annual affiliation with the continental office. If you've got some information for this column in the next issue of People Soup, send it in by May 17, or thereabouts.

Lay Shore Federation-- no news

CMF (Central Massachussetts Federation)-- is having a conference on the theme of Communications and Sensitivity, in Harvard MA, May 17-19. CMF elections and consideration of a new constitution will be happening at this conference.

CMF (Central Midwest Federation)-- is holding their annual Spring conference in Evanston, Ill., the weekend of May 10-12. The conference planners are actively seeking out-of-fed'ers to come, they say that this conference is going to be enormous. For more information contact Craig Sieben, 811 Graffield, Evanston, Ill., 60201. CMF is also selling LRY T-shirts as a fundraising project (see advertisement in this issue)

CVF (Connecticut Valley Federation)-- will be having a conference this May on the theme of "Power and Politics". It may be happening the 24-26 of May, there are supposed to be elections and there may be an amendment to the CVF constitution under consideration. For more indefinite information contact David Wolfe, Apt 10-d, Greenwich, CT 06830. (203) 531-8004

DVF (Delaware Valley Federation)-- Cherry Hill conference in Cherry Hill New Jersey, 3-5 of May.

Annual Spring Conference- complete with business meeting and DVF elections- at Camp Cann-edi-on, near York-PA; the weekend of May 17-19. DVF is also organizing a campaign to legalize hitchhiking in Pennsylvania and the United States. For information on the hitchhiking lobby contact Ken Dermota, 801 N. Clinton, York PA 17404. For information on DVF Spring, write Barb Sprengle, Box 65 R.D. #6, York PA 17404.

Down East Federation-- no news

Essex Federation-- which hasn't had an LRY for years, has gotten together with NERO to plan a conference in Eastern Massachusetts, May 17-19. For more information: Tom Gorman, Magnolia St., N. Andover, MA 01845.

ECF (Eastern Canadian Federation)-- has compiled a complete and up to date ECF directory. Sure wish they'd send us a copy. Also a new issue of UNICORN, ECF's literary magazine (not to be confused with their free newspaper, the Pthyng) is also available. For information write Bill Cameron, c/o Unicamp, Honeywood Ontario LON-1H0 (but not until the postal strike is over).

GMAF (Greater Washington Area Federation)-- is looking for concerned LRYers to help keep their fed going for another year. They say they'll be having a special elections conference soon. Bruce Walton, 9816 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Springs MD 20910.

GODARFUL-- spring rally in Mentor OH was April 26-28.

HBF (Hosea Ballou Federation)-- conference with the theme "Skies" in Northfield Vermont. The Conference will vote on a few constitutional amendments aimed at increasing popular involvement in LRY decision-making, copies of the amendments have already been sent to all HBFers. Elections will also be held. The date is May 17-18, and I am told that any interested LRYers from New Hampshire should also attend this conference. Contact: Mark Landon, RFD #2, Jericho, VT 05465.

JAF (Jersey Area Federation)-- is having a conference some place in Northern New Jersey, May 17-19. JAF is trying out a new type of LRY structure starting this conference, or so they tell me. Contact: Paul Bailey, 60 Chestnut St., Milltown, NJ 08850.

LAF- lives! The Long Island Area Federation, which has been inactive for the last four years, is holding a conference at the Three Village Fellowship in E. Setauket, NY. the weekend of May 3-5. All interested Long Island LRYers should contact Leslie Swike, Box 140 RFD #1, Wilderness Rd, St. James, NY 11780.

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LSD (Lower Southern District)-- had a conference and elections. The new president is Richard Marnhout, 1106 Chicerink Park Rd, Nashville, Tenn 37215. The secretary is Linda Trythall, 3902 Tumble Rd., Nashville Tenn 37215. The Secretary has the last name Turlington and if you write to one of the other people you might find out who... why not write a letter anyway and say hey to these people, LSD has not been very involved in LRY continentally in a long time!

MAF (Metropolitan Area Federation)-- A conference is rumored, but no news. Contact new president Kathy Kennedy, 170 Ave. C, New York, New York, 10009.

MOHAWK Federation-- Is showing signs of life for the first time in a year, when they had their last conference. If you'd like to say anything to a struggling federation, write Andy Rabow, 8 Brevity Ct, Binghamton, NY.

MVF (Missouri Valley Federation) Gary Decker suggested the fed name be changed to Cornbelt.--conference May 3-5 in Lincoln, NB. the theme, "Creativity". MVF is also compiling a resource library for use by locals and conference planners all over LRY. It should be ready by this fall.

Rarragansett Federation-- is putting out a free newsletter, The Narry News. NaF is also planning a conference in Providence RI, May 17-19, on the theme of "Liberation". For info about the newsletter contact Carol Powers, 38 Upland Rd., Attleboro MA, 02703. For conference info, contact Eric Daum, 47 Strauthmore Rd, Cranston, RI.

NERO (New England Regional Organization)-- has elected new officers at it's spring conference in Washington, MA. They will take office starting June first, at which several changes de-centralizing the NERO structure will be considered

NSF (North Star Federation)-- no news.

NHF (New Hampshire Federation)-- no news... but did I hear talk of NHF-HDF consolidation?... ??

NFF (Niagara Frontier Federation)-- no news

NSF (Norfolk-Suffolk Federation)--is planning a conf in the Boston Area May 10-12. NSF is looking for an executive committee and thinking about some farout changes in its design\*.

OVF (Ohio Valley Federation)-- spring conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 3-5. Elections

MARC (Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference)-- is rumored to be having a conference in the near future but no one seems to know anything. Contact any one of the following if you'd like to help pull one off: Gabe Noblet, 7 Ashlawn St., Malvern PA 19355, Paul Bailey, 60 Chestnut St., Milltown, NJ, 08850, Larry Freiberg, 22 Merion Pl. Lawrenceville, NJ, Alex Henderson, 4804 S 23rd Rd., Arlington VA 22206, Mandy Wilson, 603 Brandt Ave, New Cumberland, PA, 17070, or Suzy Anderson 516 Cherry Hill Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540... Maybe these people ought to get in touch with each other too

PSWRLRY (Pacific South-West LRY)--No News

PHOENIX Federation--the only fed that looks like it is anywhere close to affiliation- Thanks Rob, but you forgot to say who would be at continental boards...

RMF (Rocky Mountain Federation)--newsletter, the Kitchen Table- a very good publication- elections/leadership training conference May 3-5. For the newsletter, contact Shirley Pingle, 1725 Oneida St, Denver CO, 80220.

Sahili Federation no news

Sam (Southern Appalachian Mountains)-- The new SAM president is Stuart Turner, 1005 Currituck, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Sam NEWT -no news

SMF (South Middlesex Federation)--conference at the first parish church of Lexington, May 3-5, Elections and Radical Revision of the federation \*.

SEAFOAM (Sun Earth Air/Freedom of All Minds)-- rally in Austin TX, April 26-28

SEAFOAM and (I think) TOAK federations are no longer a program of South West Unitarian-Universalist Conference (the adult UU district- SWUUC) but are now organizations in their own right. SEAFOAM is reportedly working to achieve affiliate status with SWUUC.

Starr King Federation--new social actions contact: Celeste Hall, 130 Fountain Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

SUNCO Federation--Elections in Orlando FL May 17-18. Considering changing its executive committee structure from pres/sec/treas to a committee of equal directors. Contact Emmy Dennis, 331 Florida Ave, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312.

HOT AND LUKEWARM RUMORS-- \* SMF&NSF are thinking of merging -to become the Federation for an American Revolution and Obtaining Universal Togetherness.

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the description... Next we did some things that I think were taken from the "Values Clarification" book. They were much too structured. The group wasn't allowed to take it's own course; if we began to do things that weren't in the book, we were scolded. About 1:00 everyone was nodding out.

Saturday morning found the execs... serving cold, hot cereal for breakfast. More good workshops. Everyone stood in the middle of the floor. The leader asked questions for the group to respond to. "If you are more like a student, go to that side of the room. If you are more like a teacher, go to the other side of the room." It was good to see how people thought about different things. The only question that everyone was in agreement on was "which do you like better: patent leather or suede leather?"

After a bland lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (but good conversation)... People from the American Association of the Blind (correct?) came to share themselves. It was great. They were very interesting and interested. I learned a lot.

Now comes the sad part, at this point things started to go down hill. People started to play cards and other things that have little relevance to a conference... We pulled ourselves through a gloomy Saturday afternoon... I was sad. I was bored. I didn't know what to do with myself. Later, I found out no else knew (what to do) either.

Supper was a bowl full of vegetarian soup. (People) gobbled down the meal while others were still waiting in line. This did not add community to the conference. Many starving conferees threw away their money on frozen pies because the meals did not satisfy their hunger.

More nothing followed. Much later... an attempt was made at trying to get things rolling. A sensitivity session was started... It made me feel good just to know that there was something going on besides playing cards.

Around midnight, Cyndi and I got to do a worship service. We wanted to bring community and a peaceful feeling to the conference.

Sunday morning, I was amazed at how well people helped with cleanup. I helped too and missed breakfast. On the completion of cleanup, a wonderful event occurred: the group sat and evaluated the conference. I hope discussion of this sort will soon be started at the end of MVF conferences.

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The college is a free school; no grades, no schedules except those you work out with fellow students and teachers. The college is governed by an open meeting, students at Springtree are student-members, participating in community government, work and living. Tuition, room and board for a semester is \$600 + one day of work in the kitchen per week. Fall semester is September 2 - December 13. Springtree is affiliated with Campus-Free College, 466 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, MA 02215. For further information write: Evelyn, Springtree Community College, Route 2, Box 50-A-1, Scottsville, Virginia 24590.

CLRY (Continental LRY- The Boston continental office of Liberal Religious Youth) An advisors handbook, a camps and conferences directory, as well as excerpts from this and a past issue of People Soup, are being sent to all known LRY local groups and to all Unitarian-Universalist churches in the U.S. and Canada.

The Mailing will also include information about the LRY clearinghouse project, Continental Conference, Annual Affiliations.

In the past, many LRY groups have not received other packet mailings because LRY did not have their mailing addresses and was forced to mail an extra copy to the nearest Unitarian-Universalist church and hope that it would get passed along. In many cases this did not work, so if your local group is not already on our mailing list, keep a sharp eye out on the nearest UU church and send us the name of a contact person for future mailings.

## LETTERS

Dear People far and wide -

It never ceases to amaze me when two people with different experiences in the same area connect, especially if it's strange, obscure or esoteric. I'm sure you all have experienced this intensely enlightening discovery, simply because most friendships are based here.

We can learn alot by sharing our ideas, experiments, together, as we are a vast collage of energies and interests. And possibly do this through PEOPLE SOUP in forms of a column or question - a reader writes in an answer). Maybe someone wants to keep crows out of their garden and doesn't know how or how to find out. The paper would be a way of finding out - as well as exposing this information to others. (The answer, hang up aluminum pie plates around your garden.) Or perhaps someone who's into music could show us a special tuning of their - an artist could tell us about a really obscure artist they would like to share. It could go into things like politics - what we can do to help the union workers, what is being done in prison reform, urban renewal - maybe some info about recycling and nuclear plants as threats.

You see, there is so much we need to know but don't know where to look, so much to do but don't know how to approach it, as much as we need some exposure to those things other people enjoy or are working towards - even for our own enrichment. Keeping pieces of knowledge to ourselves is a waste of energy in that it can't become a part of a shared consciousness. We are the resources, not the product or the source.

Any thoughts on this would be vastly appreciated.

Love,

Sheila Collins

Dear People Soup,

In the March issue the article "The Night They Raided Uni's" was funny, but Laura Gottshall left out one important thing; the moral of the story which is: In small towns and even in big cities always have your fellowship president or adult type church contact notify the local police that you will be using the building so that the police will not do you any favors (and they really are) by looking for prowlers and vandals. Also lock all doors if possible and turn out lights when you go to bed. Above all don't do anything illegal. Big Brother is watching.

Karen Baker (North Star)

April 10, 1974

Dear Timmer,

It's illegal and unethical to copy sheet music. You can be charged under copyright laws, and that has been known to happen to all kinds of people. This letter is being sent to People Soup for publication to protect anyone it might occur. To publish any sort of collections of sheet music, one must pay royalties to the concerns who control the copyrights - this can easily run into hundreds of dollars or more. As a union member and LRYer I must beg that no-one copy by any means, mechanically or electrically any piece of protected music for any reason. I know this is heavy-handed, but the unions were formed to protect the interests of performers and composers rights and income, and it is not a good thing to do.

Yours in friendship and music  
Stephen R. Nilcox

(Regarding article in last issue entitled "Attention all Guitar and Music Enthusiasts")

Dear People Soup

I liked the article in #4 called Fed.Ups and Downs. perhaps it shall be a monthly thing, I hope so. BUT! with all the feds being abbreviated, I didn't know what ones they were or where they were from, who would guess that HBF means Hosea Ballou and from Vermont? If people are to learn about LRY happenings all over the country, at least let us know where these happenings are happening.

Please keep on producing Soup. It is a gourmet's delight for us knowledge hungry LRYers. Thanks to you folks, my warts have cleared, I can play guitar and my I.Q. has increased 50%.

thanks loads,  
Drew Derby.

Dear? Editors:

So you want something to write about, huh? Well, you've got it! HBF is sick of being listed as "no news is good news". BULLSHIT. The Hosea Ballou Federation is news. At the beginning of March, HBF held their winter LDC. We discussed business, decided a radical constitution change is needed, elected a second director, balanced the books, held workshops, and had a good time, too.

HBF is a fed that most LRYers could learn a lot from. Contrary to popular belief, HBF is strong and growing. Most of the LRYers in HBF are new to the game, and can still get into trust excersises, sensitivity workshops, and games of Wink. Liz Ferry, our fearless leader, is great.

Ever feel like you were losing faith in LRY? Ever wonder where the real LRY goals were hiding? Has the thought that you've outgrown LRY been wandering around in you're mind lately? Then come to HBF May conference (May 17 - 19) and gain some faith in LRY!

Love,  
Ben Alexander  
HBF Director  
375 South Union Street  
Burlington, VT 05401

P.S. Think HBF, think Vermont!



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