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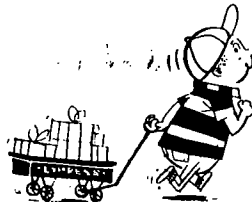
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Notice of sale: Three Continental LRY executives will sell their souls for some personal mail. We are beginning to wonder if we have souls or if we are actually office machines.

Carlotta, Jennifer, Gary

Dear People, I'm feeling really buoyant these days because of the growing that I've done in recent weeks. As a result of the progressions, deteriorations, changes in my interactions and relationships with all the people I know. Thank you, Jack, Grasshopper, Dormouse, Julie, and Moria for your visits, Vernon Streeters and Sharon folks for the time with you that I needed so much, Gary and John for your great (and unexpected!) help and moral support in Amherst.

Love to you all from your long-distance lady in Shangri-La.

Rachel

Dear insect, (grasshopper) Thank again for your hospitality at Christmastime and the time we spent together. love, insect (roach)

Debbie Frankenthaler We'd like for you to join us. We have moved, and gone into the campground business. Call us 912-748-7216 or 9560. We miss you, mom and dad.

Your DUCK is being held captive for ransom. If you ever want to see that Rubber Duck squeak again, then send a gaggleplex of small unmarked kisses to: Ralfie Habersucker Twoe Dominic 15340 Westover Road Elm Grove, Wisconsin 53122

Remember this Randy; if you kiss off, then we'll duck off.

Andy H. and Michel J.- Thank for being at K.C. Hargret (Maggie)

To all LRYers: I'm trying to get a workshop together on poetry for an upcoming O.P. conference. Would any of you beautiful people out there consider sending me any sort of poems you may have written at one time or another? I would appreciate it! It could really help some of you earn those Brownie points!

Love, Mary Beth Heine 508 Fair Oaks Oak Park, Ill. 60302 312-383-4731

Sigrid!!! I lost yours too. Write me. Cranston Snord

K.C. Dick P.- Do your parents still look down? Are they still poopies? I love you all!!! Cranston

To P.F.- Howdy! Heather, Tom, Ev. Bruce, Sometime soon!

Hey everybody... If you feel lost and desolate because your mail box no longer loves you, write us. We are your friendly neighborhood letter writers. We'll send you letters (with hopes that you'll write back) We are feeling unloved by our mailboxes, too. In short, we want to know who you are wherever you are. So, send us a letter (with yer name and address included, of course) and tell us all about you. Send a picture if you have one! We love you. Peace, Dave and Hat and Sue "The letterwriters" 7145 Msade St. Pittsburgh, Pa. 15208 and/or Sue 958 West Jackson St. Painsville, Ohio 44077

To Craig, Mark, Jim, Darbi, Therese, Beth, and Bill. The Last CMF board meeting was one big pan of scrambled eggs (without mushrooms). Teddy Bear

Reaveka from CMF: please send my shirt to me, as I am going crazy without it. My address is 109 Monte Cresta Ave. Oakland, Ca. 94611 I will refund you the postage as soon as I get the shirt. love, Eallie Blattman

Claudia Malven: this is Brian Howard and he sure would like to know where and how you are. Billy Cox died in B.C. in Aug. and I'm in need of an energy transfusion. Please write, sometime. I live with Millie Blackman. B.H. 318 Oak St. Ypsilanti, Mi. 48197

Friends: My new address will be: Lynn Rubinstein c/o Knight/O'Callaghan 134 Broadway Kincardine, Ontario CANADA N0G-2G0

Zorro, where are you? Please write. Give my love to Kev, Laurie, Gayle and all, Greg Hickam 725 Ohio Lawrence, Ks. 66044

Pink Panther, Hey, it was damn good to see you again. Will I see you at De6 Easter? Thought you'd like this. My love to all at the place especially Roadrunner. Uncle Gregg- ie poo strikes again! T.B.A

Janice: Here's to a million and one beautiful things. I wanted to share the holidays but Pam and I never made contact. I'll see you soon but never in Rockford. Love, G. Alexander

Daniel Macfarlane - I wish I knew where you are, I miss you. please write - Kimlin McDaniel 58 South Road Bedford, MA 01730

To Timmer, Been billy lately? Would love to hear from you. Welcome to visit. Bise 48 Sullivan St. Roller Toronto, Ont.

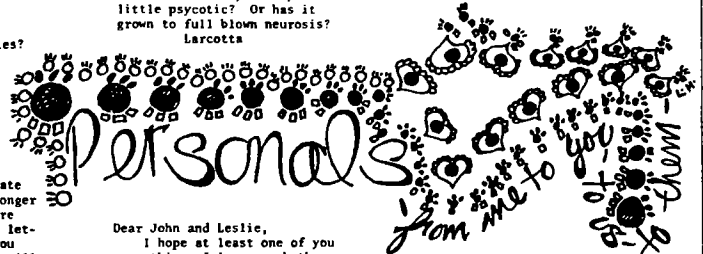
Hello to Aaron, Gusie, and Bill. Please write. Aaron, I've still got your hat.

Love, 48 Sullivan St. Toronto, Ont. Canada

K.C. - I need you. Cranston.

Kris in Mariland. I lost your address, of course. Cranston

Bong, Since when were you only a little psychotic? Or has it grown to full blown neurosis? Larcotta



Dear John and Leslie, I hope at least one of you sees this. I love you both muchly and appreciate all you did for me at you-know-where involving you-know-who. I miss you and still need you. Please write. Love, Karen Lee 300 Howard St. Northboro, Ma. 01532

Hey kids! Anybody interested in a fun filled (well maybe) summer living in Cambridge, Ma.? Some of us people renting apartments here will want to sublet then this summer. Nothing definite till May, but write for more info.

Much love, Cathy 6 Ashburton Pl. Cambridge, Ma. 02139

Say something heavy, Craig! love, Laurie

other churches may have better kitchen facilities, bathrooms stereos, pianos, etc., but ours still has the most acoustical hathroom around! : u.c.w. brookfield, wis.

lauren- pluto misses you very much. (he also misses julie and Carrie.) as he grows into adulthood, he keeps asking me when you are going to tell him about the dogs and the bears. your loving friend, t.g.f.t.

If anyone who attended the CVF December conference in Amherst would like a mailing list from that conference, please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Ted Altenberg, 2668 Albany Ave. W. Hartford, Ct. 06117



Richard C. Holt:

I believe I have your stuff which you lost at C.M.T. Fall Conference. Please write me so I know where to send it. Mark van Rooijen 2515 Starkweather Rockford, Illinois 61107

Meglee, shhhhhhhhh..... your Rachell

Lia McKoo, I love you and miss you please write me. Rachell 5800 Lake Murray Blvd. #17 Lake Mesa, Ca. 92041

Eyore, Because you've always wanted a personal of your very own. You and Weds and loony are great! Love, Embee

NOTICE TO: Sir Clifton James Witherfield III and Randy of P.O. Box 1 in Oswego, Illinois 60543

Rick of DeBenneville, Hey, Thanks for the help when I needed it. Am getting it in gear. Will write soon. Take care and give my love to all at Evergreen Greg.

Jeff: I have lost your address, which I need desperately. What is it? Hazel

Doug, thanks for the note, and the happiness it brought me. Thanks for the thought. Also thanks for the joy you have brought to me and my life. Greg

For D.A. I miss you. I never stopped missing you. Lady

Carol Lashof: I don't know if you remember me, but I rode the school bus with you to Lab School eons ago. Saw yer name in an old People Soup and thought I'd say Hi. Luv, Penny Stauffer 264 Gil Blas Rd. Danville, Ca. 94526 (I moved)

The tequila kid, or Mamma God sometimes referred to as Liz. Well, it's cheaper than calling. See you soon. The haven't yet decided which kid I'll be kid. (Trenchcoaters unite?) (you too, mona!) (Luv you all)

Morton. Things got screwed up at Lexington but I still care. I even voted for you. Please don't be mad, my hair needs you, too. I'm thinking about your advice. When you suggested it I was hurt Please consider how I feel. Remember- I am not involved, so don't jump to conclusions. Take care Love, Karen

Mark Pooche: Hi cutie, sorry I haven't written. It seems I lost your address, so here's mine Please write me. kris Schuler c/o Sandy Spring Friends School Norwood R.D. Sandy Spring, Md.

PLEASE READ THESE ARTICLES.

People Soup is free to everyone on our mailing list. HOWEVER, there are a lot of people on the list who are not in LRY anymore, or are organizations that for some reason just ended up receiving the Soup.

In the next issue of People Soup there will be an insert to tell all people that we know are fifteen or older and to all organizations, that unless they notify us, we will be removing their name from our lists.

Although some people have told us that they want to receive People Soup until "hell freezes over", we haven't kept track of who you are, so you'll just have to tell us again. Please don't be shocked if you get this in your next soup.

ADDRESS CONNECTION REQUESTED!!!!

Previously you would have seen these three words on the cover below your address. Due to the increase in postage rates LRY can no longer afford this luxury of having the post office make corrections. So from now on, we will be depending on you to tell us when you move, or of any mistakes there are in your address.

Please if the address on the cover is wrong, LET US KNOW!!! That way, you will get your soup and we won't get any poorer.



The December People Soup was based on the themes of social action, youth power and responsibility. That wasn't the result of the executive committee sending out requests. Rather, that the material we received led us those themes. Reflected in that issue are the attitudes and concerns of the individuals who sent in their material.

In every issue of People Soup, there is space devoted to social action. Locals, sometimes, take on projects within their communities. Conferences have workshops to raise awareness of one subject or another. Discussions on what individuals think are heard. And to end many of these conversations is the phrase about talking a lot and doing little.

Obviously, there is an inconsistency in some people's energy and motivation. There are people who will rant and rave about an issue, participate in consciousness raising, then say that they are too busy with surviving the world as it is. These people need to set their priorities and spend their time and energy accordingly.

Each individual has different goals they hope to achieve through LRY. Each individual has different ideas about the purpose of LRY. But the continental organization of LRY does not exist for social change. Directives from the LRY Board of Trustees to the Executive Committee are concerned with providing services for LRYers. Programs are to help individuals to do what they want to do. No one dictates what LRYers must do. LRY is what its members make it.

If a person accepts that LRY is an organization to help individuals do what they want to do, then it is the individuals' responsibility to set their goals according to their priorities. If social action is important to you, then you must involve your local. It is not the purpose of the organization.



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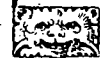
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WITH CORRECTIONS, MY NAME AND ADDRESS READ AS FOLLOW-

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ZIP - very important -



The LRY summer camps and conferences guide will be published in the April issue of People Soup.

If you know of a camp or conference that you think should be in the guide, send the name of the camp or conference, theme, cost, and contact person to us by March 31st. No information received after that date can be published.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER GRADUATION ?

After 12 years of schooling, for many people a little bit of living can be a far more valuable growth experience than college would be. You want stretch, live on your own, travel, take a job, or become an LRY exec? Admirable and valid. All of them. If you are in this space, you have our best wishes and an invitation to come visit sometime. But for others, you know what you want and think that a college with freedom might help you get it. It is you that we might serve.

Goddard is a small experimental college in Vermont. We want people who feel ready for further study, people who have self motivation, self direction, independence, initiative, and creativity. For you we have a program that involves:

- * self determined programming; we have no required classes.
- * evaluated study; we don't use grades, instead we use evaluations written by yourself and your instructors.
- * fieldwork; we recognize that experience can often be the best teacher. Each student does at least two non-resident field terms.
- * cooperative living; many students live in our small coed cooking dorms, where the people in the dorms buy and cook their food.
- * diverse program strength; in addition to a general liberal arts curriculum, we offer specialized programs. Our Social Ecology Program has recently received national attention.

All of this is within the framework of concern for the whole person. We see effective development as being a process which involves far more than abstract knowledge. We are looking for the creative, involved person. It is not too late to apply for September. If you would like more information: please write David G. White, associate director of recruitment, (former South Chicago area trustee of CBF)

A-52 Goddard College
Plainfield, Vermont 05667



Goddard College, of course, admits students without regard to race, sex, creed, or ethnic origin.

BIOFEEDBACK MONITOR SYSTEM

Dear People,

I felt a great deal of maliciousness, coldness and just plain meanness from what seemed at times, everyone at the Cherry Hill conference. I am not paranoid. I love myself and have awareness that there are other people who love me. Yet, I've felt very depressed, lonely, and crabby at this and many recent conferences.

I have had it explained to me that I have no empathy for the feelings of others. I definitely know that for a long time I had little or no empathy for others' feelings, yet I know that I've grown. The bullshit trip that I get from a lot of LRY people is being cast as a crazy, obnoxious guy, who has no human feeling, and deserves to be treated as a cartoon character instead of a human being capable of being hurt. I don't need that.

I realize that in certain LRY circles it's something I have built myself into, but it shouldn't be a role I should constantly feel I have to build myself out of.

I am very upset, extremely disillusioned and in many ways at the end of my rope. I want to know what I can do about this whole scene. I want to communicate. I want to reach out much more than I've recently felt the opportunity or ability to do. I want some much needed insight and caring. I definitely do not need what's been going on.

Please communicate, anyone with a heart.

Aaron Brown
65-14 Parsons Blvd.
Flushing, N.Y. 11365

We're here. Where are you?

The Clearinghouse catalog #1, fall '75 has been out for a while and the Clearinghouse committee is now collecting information for the spring catalog. We'll need articles, names, addresses and self-descriptions, but that's a whole other article. (see next issue)

One thing we'd like to include in the spring catalog is a list of all the LRY-type cooperative living communities that we can find. We know of about five in the Boston, MA area and one in southern California. The type of house we're looking for is composed of LRYers, ex-LRYers, friends of LRYers, etc., who are living together in a cooperative situation, usually away from their nuclear family. We'd like to set up some sort of communication network, so that people living this way across the continent can share and help each other.



We'd like to list the names of people living together, the address of the residence, and anything you'd like to tell us about how you all got together, what your purposes are as a group, what problems you've had, what do you like about living in a group, what suggestions you have for other groups in the same situation, what are the people in your group into, what you think of your city, LRY, the world situation, etc., etc. It would be nice if you could estimate the time you expect the house to last. If you have a potential house and want more people, this would be a great place to advertise. Write soon!

The next catalog (like the first) will go out only to people who are listed in it. For information on how to get a copy of the fall catalog and how to get into the spring one, either look in the next Soup or write to:
Clearinghouse
25 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108

Dear People Soup,

I'm writing this letter to stop any unnecessary panic about Senate Bill No. 1 (S.1) that was the subject of the article in December's issue titled, "Can 1984 Be Legislated?" The answer is no. S.1 is given no chance of passage through Congress according to most legislative authorities. Also, S.1 is nothing new. Every couple of years or so, a few reactionary Senators and Representatives get together and introduce this type of bill. It is a common occurrence that few ever pay attention to. (It should be noted that Senator Bayh is not a reactionary by any means. He originally supported the bill because it reduced the penalty for possession of marijuana when he later discovered what the rest of the bill was about, he immediately withdrew support.)

Even if the bill managed to pass the liberal Congress (an incredible feat), and President Ford's advisors allowed him to commit one of the greatest political blunders of the century by signing it, the Supreme Court would be certain to strike it down as unconstitutional. And the citizens of this country are not so complacent that they would cooperate with such a law. The United States is not in such a precarious position as your article makes it out to be. S.1 is just the result of a few right wing legislators blowing off a little steam, which is actually a sign that our political system is healthy.

Peace,
Geoff Gavett
-900 F. St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20052

P.S. You would be surprised at some of the bills the radical left has introduced.

Dear Friends,

This is a very difficult letter for me to write, and yet I am writing it in the hope that it will allay some misunderstandings. I have decided to resign my position as a member of the executive committee, and by the time you read this, I will be back home in Ontario, and my successor, Gary Decker, will be busily at work in Boston.

I am thankful to say that my reasons for leaving are not based on poor relationships with the other committee members. We have learned alot together and have given of ourselves in times of both joy and sorrow. We have tried to be honest with each other and if it had not been for their support, I would never have been able to reach the decision I have. I will dearly miss the people I have lived and worked with so hard for the past four months.

When I decided to run for office last August I had some very definite personal goals in mind. Many of them have been fulfilled but many others, I have decided, cannot be fulfilled by staying and working for LRY.

Unfortunately, much of my commitment to LRY as an organization has dwindled. My job as Director of Business Affairs, has dealt very little with the idealist and creative side of the organization that I have been involved with for over four years. It has become for me, in many ways, just a job, like any other job which I might have. It is not the easiest thing to work with this attitude in an overcrowded office and living in a cockroach infested apartment. It is neither of these things alone which make the situation unhealthy, but rather a combination of the feeling that I am just a glorified book-keeper without the usual benefits that go along with such a job.

I feel that to continue with this attitude for the next six months would be detrimental to LRY, to the people I work with, and to myself. To continue on in this way would be dragging out an experience that was worthwhile for a time, and I do not wish to leave LRY with a cynical and negative attitude which seems to be inevitable under the circumstances.

Like so many other LRYers I have found that it is time to move on. It is time to continue my growth process which was nurtured in LRY, but can no longer be continued within its limits and structure.

I have spent the last eight months working for LRY in Boston, and I guess that I'm pretty tired. I feel very, very good about the work that I have done in the past and have no regrets. It was good for a time, and in many ways, still is, but it can no longer give me enough energy to keep going.

I have spent a great deal of time trying to listen to my heart, and to allow my inner feelings to emerge. At this point in my life my gut level reaction is that it's time to leave the LRY experience behind me for awhile.

I wish I could have written a personal letter to each of the people who have meant so much to me during the past four years. I am not saying good-bye to any of you as individuals, but to the group as a whole.

There are so many things that I could say, so many feelings I could express, but for now at least, I feel strong, awakened, and excited about the future. Thanks so much for all your collective and individual support. It will never be forgotten, nor forsaken.

with love, and in the spirit of growth,

Lynn Rubinstein
February, 1976

IMPRESSIONS ON A FRESH TACO



My name is Gary. I'm the new kid on the executive committee. A week or so ago I was informed that I had been appointed. Well, I was really excited and I packed all my belongings into Gruntcakes, my car, and after an overnight stay in Springfield, Illinois, I began a straight thru 29 hour journey. I had a lot of time to think about what I was getting into in between adding oil to little Grunt's leaky engine and jogging around rest areas to stay awake.

I thought about how nice it will be to finally be living away from home with a group of my peers. Being able to talk with people on a deeper level than I usually do with acquaintances and family. I thought about riding my bicycle thru Boston. I avoided thinking about the frustrating office work, meetings with the UUAers, daily subway rides and all the other things that comprise a typical work day of an LRY exec.

So what do I think of now after a couple of days of adjustment to the life I'm going to be living until September? I wonder when I am going to get a chance to make that assortment of parts in the corner back into my bicycle. I feel that the relationships in our apartment are rather surface and I want to change that, especially with Carlotta and Jennifer.

I find myself wishing that Lynn would leave so I could move into her room and wishing she would stay because I'll miss her alot, both at the office and at home. I wonder will this year bring me energy or frustration, knowledge or resentment. I have high hopes for my success, but the hard part is to retain these goals after the initial enthusiasm fades, and thru the setbacks, upset and never-ending work load.

Well, it looks like its going to be a pretty heavy job, dealing with personal communication, honesty of feelings, piles of office work, The Big City, overpriced apartments and everything else. But I want to do all this, not because I'm a masochist but because I feel I've sheltered myself too much. I need to be challenged into exploring my capabilities to find out what I can do and what I want to do. I'm such a mystery to myself. I wonder if I'm going to clarify my questions in this experience or just go crazy. I've just got to keep reminding myself that it's much better than the void of indecision that I was in before this happened to me. Now I have something to prove to myself that I am alive.

Send all consolances and condolences to:
Gary Decker Sanity Fund
c/o LRY
25 Beacon St.
Boston-Mass.
02108

Gary Decker



Connecting to stuff and stuff you should connect to, like books. Two especially good ones are The Last Whole Earth Catalog and the Whole Earth Epilog, both of which contain a tremendous amount of information. Even if you never use much of it, what you do will be worth what it costs. For instance, the Epilog mentions a book by Matteo Casola called Successful Mass Cookery and Volume Feeding. It costs \$10.75 but it looks like it might be very good for conference cooks (new or old). Or, The Vegetarian Epicure by Anna Thomas which is a terrific book. I've tasted some of the recipes and they are really delicious.

There are lots of good fiction books around too. Dune by Frank Herbert, J.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings. Browse in your local bookstores and libraries, you'll be amazed at all the neat things they have.

There are a lot of other things to connect to besides just books. But I don't think I should be the person writing about them. Why don't you contribute articles on what you're into now or were into, and what's done you good.

To close I would like to try to make some connections to myself.

I'm 20 years old. I've been in LRY for six years. I enjoy mathematics, movies, messing around, munching, meeting interesting people, and a lot of things that don't begin with an M. I would like to meet and/or correspond with some person or persons who also enjoy mathematics and things like that. I should also mention that I am male, a dilettante in most things, and hopefully, not completely uneducatable.

Eryk Vershen
1102-A N. Jamestown Rd.
Decatur, Georgia 30033

Dear People Soup,

I am sliding out of LRY this year along with several friends. We thank you for what you have given us but we feel we must criticize some of the faults that caused our departure. To begin with, LRY is basically an ineffective organization. We stay up till the early hours of the morn discussing world problems and social evils, but then we are too tired to combat them. Our excuse is that "we must build our own strength before moving on." The problem is that we are gathering no strength, no momentum, no force at all. This is merely an excuse for our inactivity. In actuality, no one cares enough to do anything at all. We go to conferences for social reasons, i.e. they're fun. They build your ego and sustain some sort of fairy-world atmosphere. We isolate ourselves from the real world. We create this artificial emotional high, and then we go home and count the days until our next conference. We only serve ourselves. I have never seen any section of LRY be it local, fed, or regional organization actually devote time to anything that wasn't directly related to LRY. And yet we condescendingly speak of the fellow students in our schools as unaware, and tell them they can't possibly understand, it's too "cosmic" etc. We are always raising our consciousness, but once it is raised we do nothing.

Another problem is that LRY seems to attract the lowest common denominator of human beings. Our ranks are filled with people who can't really cope outside, so they return to this buffer-zone. It is a loving atmosphere, but it is too contrived. Anyone can survive when he is surrounded by people who share his views or are too lazy to argue with him.

However, I am not really being fair. I have benefited from this atmosphere, this warmth that is generated at conferences. I have learned a lot here about myself and about other people, but we can't allow ourselves to remain so isolated. We rationalize our inactivity in social causes with logic to the effect of "if we create a loving atmosphere here, it is like lighting a candle. Each person goes out of here with her tiny beacon, and she can pass on this light until the whole world is illuminated." Hmmmm. Sounds rather idealistic. Something more concrete is needed. Instead of merely

providing workshops on hunger in America, we should be working to alleviate it. We are constantly trying to solve injustices by talking, when action is needed.

We have become too passive, too weak. We wonder why we are dwindling in number and I think this is the reason. We have become so apathetic. So has the American society on the whole though, so perhaps this explains our predicament. Maybe we are tired and need a rejuvenation period before we go on. During the 60's, LRY membership was much greater than it is now, and I believe it was this action that swelled our ranks.

Enough...
This letter is simply an explanation to a lot of friends. I was filled with energy for LRY two years ago during my first conferences. I was elected a fed director and I did that, and now I think I should leave. I haven't followed the typical format. I'm not 18 and graduating from high school, and I'm not telling of my departure at a worship service the way I should to milk all possible emotion out of it. I am simply leaving because I'm tired of devoting my time to people who just sap my strength without giving me anything substantial in return. I am tired of the games, of people supposedly loving one another, but actually trampling over each other's feelings. But I'm still leaving with a warm feeling for the people I've met, the ones who really do care instead of just mouthing the words. And it is these people I want to thank for some of the beautiful experiences in my life.

Love,
Amy Voorhees
East Greenwich, R.I.

Readers...
responses to
these letters are
encouraged

The following letters were printed in the letters to the editor column in the February 15 issue of the UU World

Dear Madam:

I quote from the December 1975 issue of People Soup: "...no one is strong or united enough to challenge the people who control the wealth and institutions of this country: the banks, the corporations, and handful of rich white men. I see how they exploit people all over the world for their own profit...I see the handful of people making a profit off our pain...also that they will not voluntarily give up control...Let then the struggle and resistance begin. Against exploitation, competition, school, the corporate giant...This flame is the burning of my soul...Let it spread like a prairie fire."

That is the message of the first page. The last page ends with the caption, in large letters, "The end of life in America."

In the middle of the paper, above a cartoon which shows two feet in modish boots, captioned "Kick-Ass," an editorial explains that "LRY is one of the few places where (the) idea is not only accepted, but encouraged," that "many times it becomes necessary for youth to ignore, or even at some times, reject the ideas and values of adults, which they have been accepting by blind faith all of their lives." (Those poor, pitiful adults!)

I showed this copy of People Soup to a college student whose head is screwed on straight and asked for his appraisal. It was "Sick and subversive."

I suggest that our UUA leadership see that the healthy and loyal be afforded promotion, too. And I ask, What sort of image should we be presenting to the public and to our youth?

Very truly yours,
Prescott B. Wintersteen
First Parish
Milton, Mass.

In the preceding letter, Mr. Wintersteen makes an unfair case against People Soup. The quotes that he uses are taken out of their original context. If you cut words out of Newsweek magazine and paste them together as a sentence, that sentence is not a statement made by Newsweek.

For those people who do not have a copy of the December People Soup to refer to, I will clarify those excerpts. The themes of that issue are social action, youth power and responsibility. The first excerpt is from the cover article, which sets the theme for the issue. Indeed, on the last page there is a caption "The end of life in America" but, Mr. Wintersteen fails to note that the last page is an explanation of Senate Bill 1 and the injustices that could occur if it becomes law. "The end of life in America" emphasizes that many constitutional freedoms could be sacrificed if S.1 is passed, in its present form. The cartoon, he writes of, is actually positioned below a paragraph subtitled, "Those Big Bad People At Continental" It is a sarcastic remark having no relevance to the idea that "many times it becomes necessary for youth to ignore or, even at some times, reject the ideas and values of adults, which they have been accepting by blind faith all their lives." The following sentence reads, "I do not mean to say that youth are rejecting adults; but rather that we are learning to accept that we are mature enough to take more responsibility for our own lives."

Does Mr. Wintersteen feel that the questioning and discovering one does on his/her own is not a necessary part of developing as a whole and thinking person? I fail to see how he has arrived at his judgement. I also question what his definition of "loyal and healthy" is? I have always been accused of having a sound and healthy mind and body. Perhaps, his college friend's head is screwed on straight. But what is straight? Finally, I must say that neither LRY or People Soup's purpose is to present an image to the public or ourselves.

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Dear Soup:

I must say that in looking through your recent issues that I have noticed an astonishing lack of graphics which results in large expanses of unbroken print, greatly reducing the readability of your paper. I would imagine that this pictorial deficit also makes it very frustrating for those persons who lay out the pages for printing. I think that individual LRVers should show enough responsibility to send in graphics to make their own paper more interesting and fun to read. (black ink on white paper or b&w photos only, please.)

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