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Artists' Co-op & MFU Center Planned

by Bob "Culley" Cullenbine

A group of MFU craftsmen, artists, and philosophers have now formed and are working together to create a Free University Center. Plans now call for a large structure or several major structures to house a producers' co-operative, large class lecture area, food store, open media room, nursery school, print shop and dance hall. Much of the floorspace will serve multiple functions. The Center will be financed by a percentage of sales or a fixed monthly rental from the craftsmen and artists who would work there. Each craftsman will have his own work and sales area as well as studio space and lockers for part-time member artists. We now have about eight people actively working on this project. And with eight more who really want it--like enough to work on it--we can do it.

This Center will be a thing of beauty and warmth for our whole community as well as a source of income for the member craftsmen. It could become a vortex of creative power. Our vision of the Center is growing and changing constantly. Can you help? What are your ideas? We need ideas, workers, lumber, paint, criticism, support, opposition and love. Call Bob Cullenbine at 326-8104.

Notice: FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The February General Meeting of the MFU has been scheduled:

Who: Open to all members of the MFU.

What: The AGENDA is located on page 3, inside.

When: Starts, theoretically, at 7:00pm, on Sunday evening, February 4th.

Where: 114 Nathhorst, Portola Valley. This is one block (either way, Nathhorst intersects both roads) from the curve/corner where Alpine Rd. becomes Protola Rd. Its about a fifteen minute drive from the MFU Store in Menlo Park.

If you have room for riders: Please stop by the Store (1061 El Camino) and see if anyone needs a ride.

If you need a ride: Please go to the Store; please be there no later than 6:40pm.

Explosions

by John Shippee

Professor Robert C. North of the "other university" is offering a one-session course entitled "Forum on Explosions" (see catalog #96). This course will meet at 2:00, February 4, upstairs in Tresidder Union. This course, as a special event, will be open to the public as well as Free U and SCORE (the sponsoring organization) membership. If you are interested in the connection between the current population and technological explosions and the (possibly) impending international ones, you are invited to attend.

MFU members may present their membership cards and receive the 15% discount on piazza at MARIE'S PIAZZA PARLOR, 1039 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (three doors south of MFU Store).

YOU IS THE FREE U

by Larry Tesler, Ellen Natowitz and Jim Warren

The MFU is organized as a participatory democracy; every member may attend and vote at the monthly General Meeting and at the weekly Coordinating Committee meeting. However, fewer than 5% of the membership attend these meetings, and even fewer really get involved in discussions and in decision-making. As a result, the participatory nature of our university is somewhat weakened.

It may be that the "other 900" are not interested in participation. Possibly, most everyone is too busy with other activities. However, it is also possible that many of our members are not aware of the means by which they can participate in the Free U.

The only way that our democracy can progress from illusion to reality is if you play an active role in the work that is to be done and the decisions that are to be made. Then, we may be able to escape the fate of most other democracies--the evolution of in-groups and power structures governing an apathetic constituency.

Among the important activities through which you can participate in MFU are:

- ★ Clerical work: typing, tallying; making maps, directories, and schedules; seeking locations for cooperative stores, classes, celebrations; etc.
 - ★ Teaching classes, seminars, and workshops.
 - ★ Attending courses offered by other members
 - ★ Auditing the financial records and books of cooperatives
 - ★ Working on cooperative activities: the MFU Store, the Food Thing, Nirvana (coffee house), Santa's workshop (arts and crafts producers), the printing facility, the Free You Newsletter, dance hall, etc.
 - ★ Attending Coordinating Committee and General Meetings; think and cast your considered vote on the issues presented
 - ★ Tending the MFU Store for two to four hours once or twice a week (especially Thursday and Saturday evenings, and all day Sundays)
 - ★ The Free You: submitting articles and writings for publication, typing, layout, collating, stapling, addressing, tying
 - ★ Catalog: arranging instructors, meeting places; typing, layout; artwork; printing
 - ★ Tending the Headquarters phones and registration desk (in the rear room of the MFU Store)
 - ★ Helping in print shop
 - ★ Artwork for the catalogs and The Free You: signs, posters, good cartoons
 - ★ Decorating the various Free U facilities
- If you are turned on to any of these things, call or drop in at Headquarters, and ask to have your name, phone, and any ideas you may have added to our Volunteer List. Our organism functions best when every organ comprising it contributes its abilities to the Whole.

ERROR: Please Note

In the Winter Quarter Catalog Supplement No. 1, in issue II,2 of THE FREE YOU, Jere Allen's phone number under "New Sections and Courses" was incorrectly listed as 327-7764. Her correct phone number is 322-7764.