

FREE U CENTER FINDS PROSPECTIVE LOCATION

by ~~Mark~~ Porat & Fred Nelson

The groups and individuals involved in finding a location for a Free University Center are studying the feasibility of renovating the ground floor and basement of a vacant store at Hamilton and Emerson for use on a 3-year lease basis. The building is the most likely site because of its prime location in downtown Palo Alto, convenient to homes and other activity centers; its cost (\$750 monthly - 9¢ per square foot, a third of the going rate in the area) and its flexibility - large and uncluttered, amenable to the movable partitioning necessary for multiple-purpose activities.

The proposed space breakdown would place the coffee house, wholesale food project and arts and crafts sales area (including window display) on the ground floor, with the printing operation and crafts production areas in the basement. Storage and lockers will be provided for craftsmen working and selling on the premises. The layout will allow for apprenticeship and learning use, and other projects - this building is for the Free U community and should stay as flexible as the community.

After detailed plans are completed, funds will be sought from the Free U or other sources for renovation and activation of the building, and responsibility for operating expenses - rent, utilities and insurance - will be allocated according to the percentage of total space occupied by various projects and artists. Work space costs for individual artists should be extremely low, especially in areas used by more than one person. Part of the total rent may be met by charging a percentage on sales in the store by artists of our community not using the production areas - like the MPFU Store is doing now. No conflict with the existing store is foreseen.

Because of cost and location problems a large-scale dance and entertainment center will be sought specially.

The building's activities will feed one another, and will provide a warm, creative center for people to work, gather and grow.

We need help, ideas, and especially commitment from artists who are seriously interested in work space, rented individually, or shared. The Center committee is meeting 7:30 pm on Friday, February 23, in the basement of Lytton House, 305 Lytton. All interested persons should attend; this place is for you. Prior to this, a proposed building layout, inspired by previous meetings, will be mailed to interested persons and be made available in the MPFU Store.

We need definite word from artists who want space at 9¢ a foot, or less, if shared. This is a no-profit thing, but we need serious occupancy in order to operate. Rent, is less, proportionate to the number of persons sharing the same area. For instance, one jeweler occupying 500 ft. would pay \$45, two sharing would pay \$22.50 each, and so on.

Bring in your ideas and criticisms, your time and enthusiasm, and love, lots of it. Comments, questions or commitments should be left with Mark Porat at the Store or with Fred Nelson, 941-2187.

The Editor of THE FREE YOU is building a hopefully comprehensive file of groups, organizations, and individuals who are doing things which are interesting or are in any way related to the various activities of the MFU. If you know of any groups which carry on activities that you feel are interesting or worthwhile please forward details to the Editor (1061 El Camino Menlo Park 94025)

A PICNIC! Y'all Come

If the weather is as good March 3rd as it is the minute I am writing this notice, we will have a picnic at Portola State Park, Sunday, March 3rd. Cars leaving back of Free U Store at high noon.

THE PARTS PILE: Auto Parts Wholesale

Anyone needing automobile parts or accessories should contact Tom Reidy at the MFU Store. We can use the Store resale card to purchase parts at wholesale prices IF the dealer approves. This has been set up with Simpson Buick only, but I believe there will be little problem in getting others to do so. However there has to be a need before I can do it.

All purchases will go thru the MFU Store and we will charge sales tax only.

All dealings will be strictly cash up front.

The average discount will be from 25% to 40% off retail depending.

A New "UNDISCOVERED SELF"

by Norm White

A new section has been formed to meet Wednesday evenings, beginning immediately.

If man is an onion, we will try to peel away as many layers as we can to know ourselves better. Goals are honesty and openness in expressing our feelings and recognition of game-playing behavior. Course content will be about one-third sensory awareness, one-third dyad encounter, and one-third T-group encounter.

Call 225-0351 no later than Feb. 26 (first meeting will be Feb. 21) to inquire about joining this course; it will meet 8 pm on Wednesdays in San Jose--about 30 min. from Palo Alto.

SCORE starts Speaker's Bureau

by Jackie Griffith

The SCORE desk at Stanford (MFU's front organization) has been working to find speakers for local or campus groups, using the Free U and the Stanford community as a pool. Jeff Browning has arranged for political discussions in dormitories (to be expanded next Quarter), the United Campus Ministry has begun to get speakers for churches, and a debate on the McCarthy issue has been organized by the Stanford Community of the Left and the Stanford Committee for McCarthy. Speakers asked for are often politically oriented, but groups also want to hear about other aspects of youth culture - sensory awareness, for example. People needing speakers, and people wishing to speak, should call SCORE at 321-2300, x4341.

Here are some (very) tentative suggestions for possible course titles/topics for the Spring Quarter. If you feel you might be interested in teaching any of them (or any other seminar you can dream up), please contact the Curriculum Coordinator at 854 5905 or 328-4941:

EDWARD ALBEE'S VISION OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

(or) TINY LYNDON

LOVE'S BODY--A STUDY OF NORMAN O. BROWN

BOB DYLAN & OTHER FOLK AS CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGIANS

SELF ACTUALIZATION--A STUDY OF THE WORKS OF ABRAHAM MASLOW

HIP COOKING

MOUNTAIN DINNERS--FOR FEAS ING & JOY