



## monthly news of the cooperative community

### TRANSCRIPTS FROM NASCO CONFERENCES NOW AVAILABLE

NASCO organized, with local groups as hosts and planners, six conferences in 1971. Write us in Ann Arbor and we will send out what reports interest you (if you can afford .50 \$ each, it would help cover costs).

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOST</u>
FRONTENAC (Minn.)	NEW STYLES OF COOPERATION	March 5-7	Council for Student Co-op Devel.
WASHINGTON, D.C.	STUDENT CO-OP HOUSING & FEDERAL FINANCING	April 1 -- 4	NASCO/USYC Co-op Project
MADISON	CO-OPS AND COOPERATION	April 16-18	Madison Assoc. of Student Co-ops
AUSTIN	COME TOGETHER	April 30 -- May 2	Inter Co-op Council at U. Of Texas
BERKELEY	THE GREAT TOAD LANE REVIVAL	May 14 -- 16	Univ. Student's Co-op Association
TORONTO	ON COMMUNITY AND CONSCIENCE	Oct. 20 -- 23	Neill-Wycik Co-op College

### TAXES AND CANADIAN CO-OPS

A well-fought lobbying effort in Parliament brought defeat -- and thereby victory to the co-ops -- of a 25 year old tax provision. Until earlier this month, Canadian co-ops were taxed '3% of capital employed' --- meaning that major financial losses (or gains) has no relevance to the amount of taxation. Under the threat of seeing this 3% raised to a back-breaking 5% (while expanding to bring Credit Unions under the same scheme) co-op supporters in Canada gave Parliament a few eye-opening (and educational) sessions on co-ops which resulted in erasing the **capital employed tax** altogether.

### FOOD NEWS: Co-ops, Conspiracies, and Buying Clubs

- . . . . 35 Food Co-op Conspiracies comprising the **Neighborhood Food Conspiracy** have joined **Associated Cooperatives** (a large warehouse and wholesaler of, by, and for coops). *Berkeley, Ca.*
- . . . . Maryland Bread and Justice organization to be assisting depressed urban areas in starting their own Buying Club Co-ops. (Ted Malone, 1010 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20850).
- . . . . Michigan Food Co-ops (numbering up to 20) are trying to get-it-together to set up central warehousing and a bulk ordering system.
- . . . . the NASCO Food Co-op Manual is expected to be ready in early February. Matthew Reich (Student Union Food Co-op in Boston) will be doing some travelling in early January in conjunction with the manual.
- . . . . **Co-op From Farm to Table:** An organizing format being followed more and more frequently is that of integrating (sometimes merging) several community co-op projects so that each operation becomes supportive only of its brother and sister co-ops. Madison, Wis., is setting a good example --- as **Common Market Food Co-op, Mifflin Street Grocery, Whole Earth Co-op, Nature's Bakery Co-op, Sunflower Kitchen Co-op, and friends** combine orders and mutually owned transportation and support each other by working and buying together.

### GETTING OUT FROM UNDER : New Co-ops Underway

Several **new** groups contacted us this month about organizing student housing co-ops. If you know people in these areas that are, or could, be interested in co-ops put them in touch:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lyle R. Hurst<br/>Student Housing &amp; Consumers Affairs Comm.<br/>Southern Illinois University<br/>Edwardsville, Illinois 62025</li> <li>3. Doug Lochman or Joanne Greene<br/>Boston University Student Union<br/>Office of Cultural Affairs<br/>775 Commonwealth Ave.<br/>Boston, Massachusetts 02215</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Bruce Rector<br/>s.a.s.s., inc.<br/>B-4 Student Center<br/>Ball State University<br/>Muncie, Indiana 47308</li> <li>4. Linda Rankin<br/>Assistant to the Master<br/>Calumet Co-op College<br/>York University<br/>4700 Keele St.<br/>Toronto, Ontario</li> </ol> |
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**WHERE THE RED TAPE BEGINS.** . . . .copies of the annual **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance** (by the office of the President of the U.S.) can be had for \$7.25 by writing the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C.

## INTER CO-OP COOPERATION MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN AUSTIN

As a short-term solution, several co-op groups have decided to use one bank exclusively in the hope of increasing the bank's responsiveness to their requests. Others students are working, concurrently, on chartering a credit union . . . or, alternatively, opening up the one that now serves only faculty.

In other Austin co-op news (where there are now 25 co-op houses): (a) the Gas Co-op has now started selling oil, accessories, and car parts (out of the Student Union); (b) the University Co-op bookstore is being asked to expand their heretofore narrow vision and conservative institutional policies in conjunction with other local co-op activities; (c) the I.C.C. has pulled together money enough for a full-time Executive Secretary -- bringing up the less-than subsistence wage a little by showing weekly films.

### CONFERENCES: We know of these now . . . others coming up as we hear about them :

January 18,19 or 20: **Topic:** workshops for and about student co-op management

**Place:** United Co-ops of Ontario, Weston (near Toronto), Ontario

**Contact:** Peter Tratscha or Glenn Greer  
Roxburghe College, Apt 103 Guelph Campus Cooperative  
305 Wharncliffe Rd N Box 1150  
London 72, Ontario Guelph, Ontario

January 31 -- Feb 3: **Topic:** Communications and Co-op Management

**Place:** the Cooperative College of Canada (ex-Western Co-op College)

**Contact:** (restricted to 30 participants, cost \$160)

note: seminar leaders are  
Drs. Frank Groves and R.Vilstrup  
from the Univ. of Wisconsin

The Registrar, Co-op College of Canada  
141 - 105th Street  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (ph: 306-373-0474)

February 22 -- 24: **Topic:** Cooperatives and other Businesses serving People with Limited Resources

**Place:** New Orleans, Louisiana

**Contact:** Paul Mohr, Extension Service, US Dep't Agriculture  
Washington D.C. 20250

April 27 -- 30: **Topic:** Co-op Organization in Low Income Areas

**Place:** St. Louis, Missouri

**Contact:** National Institute for Co-op and Economic Development  
Robert Moses, 1601 Fuitvale Ave.; Oakland, California 94601

### COOPERATIVES AND THE UNIVERSITY DEGREE . . . an emerging reality!

Besides co-op coursework conventionally available, (largely through Agricultural Extension offices) new efforts at developing university curriculum are gaining ground. We urge **YOU** to work locally to get co-op history, economics, and philosophy, et.al., into your local curriculum. These 'institutional' developments are happening now:

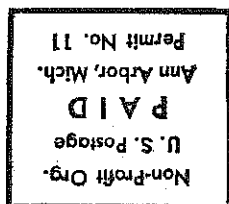
- a. (reopened in 1971, accredited since 1945) **Rochdale Institute**  
Sol Shaviro  
465 Grand Street  
New York, N.Y. 10002
- b. **University Center for Co-ops**  
Dr. Frank Groves  
Ag. Econ. Department  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin 53706
- c. **University Without Walls**  
Morgan State College Program  
----- **Housing Specialist Institute Program**  
(of Foundation for Cooperative Housing)  
Hillen and Coldspring  
Baltimore, Maryland

### CO-OP EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**Study Report:** NASCO is completing a Study Report on co-op education and training which, as one of its chapters, will identify resource people and places. The study is giving us the perspective, and the time, to determine the best organizational approach to co-op promotion. It was funded (\$5000) by the Cooperative Foundation in St. Paul. Hopefully, local training programs (that were anticipated for last Fall) will be organized and coordinated during upcoming months.

**Dec. JOURNAL Snowed Under:** Work on the Study Report, the first NASCO Brochure, office reorganization (as the New York office has now moved back to Ann Arbor), the 'Holiday Season', . . . combined with the fact that the **Education Journal** is one of the more complex issues . . . means that the December **Journal of the New Harbinger** has been snowed in until January. (our apologies ---- with a sigh of relief from your workers in Ann Arbor.)

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