

Community of the Left Bulletin

Organization:

* The Stanford Community of the Left is a campus-wide co-ordinating organization. It's basic purposes are: to help existing and future radical organizations to co-ordinate their activities; to provide means of communication between these organizations and the campus community; to provide means of communication between these organizations and the campus community; to provide organizational structure for those people not presently acting within established groups; to allow a much broader community to participate in making decisions, and in planning and executing activities.

The Steering Committee consists of one representative from each campus residence, one representative from each existing organization of the left, and one representative from each group of people (ten or more) of the left--students, faculty, staff, non-students, etc.

Each participating organization will decide what person will decide what person will represent it at any particular steering committee meeting. Campus representatives will likewise be chosen by those members of the Stanford Community of the Left in each residence. If there is only one member in a residence, he will be the representative. If there is no member in a residence, then the Steering Committee will try to recruit one to serve as representative.

The autonomy of the participating organizations is in no way to be compromised. The Community of the Left may approve a project (formally at Steering Committee meetings, informally at General meetings) and decide to support it. Or it may decide not to support it, but it has no authority to veto or publicly to disapprove any project of any member organization. The membership, mailing and telephone lists are to be freely available to all participating organizations.

Each representative of a residence has the responsibility to keep his residence informed of projects and activities. "

Organizers' Comment:

The statement above shows that the Community of the Left has an organizing plan that, when put into action, can provide optimum co-ordination of action and communication of ideas. So far, organization has been on an "ad hoc" basis, and people have been insufficiently notified of meetings, thus causing dissatisfaction with the whole project. We believe very strongly that the basic Community of the Left idea is sound and valuable, therefore we hope that a bit of organization now will facilitate its growth into a real community of the left. We feel that the issues concerning the left speak for themselves--they just need to be communicated.

*Typographical error(that has something to say about over-organizing!)