

# Radical Group Supports Liberation Of All People

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The "Principles of Unity" of the Alliance for Radical Change (ARC) state: "We support the liberation of all peoples at home and abroad. Therefore, we oppose all manifestations of racism, sexism and imperialism. To this end, we will work cooperatively on programs of political education and action."

These may sound like broad, lofty goals, but the members of ARC, a radical student group which formed here in September, believe there are numerous issues related to Stanford which fit within those principles.

"It's not really difficult to look around and find things which demonstrate American imperialism and which also show how Stanford is

linked to that imperialism," according to ARC member Chris Gray, a junior. "Issues just fall into our lap."

## Protest Marine Recruiting

ARC's first public effort at finding an issue which students here could relate to was its demonstration against Marine Corps recruiting at the Placement Center in October. Although the group only has about 40 active members, 150 persons took part in the demonstration.

While ARC member Dianne Doggett, a senior, thinks "we got a good turn-out at the Marine demonstration," she says "the group as a whole takes it for granted that students are apathetic. We just have to take small strides toward educating people and teaching them what's going

on," she adds.

Next quarter, ARC hopes to take such strides in two principle areas: continued efforts to bring South Vietnamese journalist Ngyuen Huu Thai here as an ASSU guest professor and opposition to a Communication Department contract to provide research for a communications satellite for Iran.

## 'Subtle' Issues

Doggett admits that "the issues we're dealing with now are a little more subtle than the Vietnam War was. These are things that your good left-liberals can't really get into," she says. Issues such as the Iranian research contract are "just a little less blatant to the student body as a whole" than were the major "causes" of the 60s, Doggett adds.

Consequently, she says ARC is "trying to make students aware of some of the injustices they are suffering, like tuition hikes and housing." Gray says some ARC members were among those who campaigned against the Big Game Bonfire last month. "We're trying to pick issues that students can relate to and that we can build some momentum behind," Doggett says.

ARC member Jim Regan, who also heads the Committee to Bring Thai to Stanford, says the group is seeking to "tread the line between being labeled a radical clique out on the fringe on the one hand, and avoiding political ideas as we see them, even though they may not be well received at first."

## On-Going Organization

According to Doggett, the idea for ARC "came out during the [United Stanford Employees] strike last spring. Students who worked on the strike and members of the Committee to Invite Thai to Stanford decided that there should be an on-going organization, rather than having people get together from time to time for one project or another."

Regan says ARC members "expected a slow, critical and sometimes apathetic response."

"It was kind of a pleasant surprise at the beginning of the quarter when we got started to see that there were so many students willing to commit themselves on a regular basis to the sort of radical education which hasn't gone on here for several years," Regan remarks.

ARC will have "a good base to work from next quarter," according to Regan. In addition to the efforts in Thai's behalf and in opposition to the Communication Department contract, ARC expects to sponsor a film series.

"The purposes of the series," Doggett says, "would be to raise money and to help educate people." ARC members John Levitt and Cindy Kiliott, a junior, will also teach an undergraduate speech, "An Introduction to Marxism."



KEEPING STANFORD IN LINE—Members of the Alliance for Radical Change plan projects for next quarter to express their dissatisfaction with racism, sexism and imperialism. The group met on Tuesday to discuss efforts to bring Nguyen Huu Thai to Stanford and to protest the Communication Department's cooperation with Iran.

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