

De Chardin

Would you pay \$5 to learn how to discover what incomparable thing you have which the whole world needs and wants? On four thursday nights (Feb. 17,24; Mar. 2,4) from 8pm to 10pm at Grace Episcopal church in Georgetown(1041 Wisconsin Ave., below M. St.)there will be a course which will unfold the mysteries of our planet and help you to choose for yourself a satisfying, creative role in our evolutionary journey. The course will pivot on the thought of Teilhard De Chardin. Leading the course will be the Rev. C. Blayne Colmore, APC, Member of the American Teilhard De Chardin Association, Inc. In announcing the course, the Rev. Jo C. Tartt, the rector of Grace church, said the \$5 registration fee is negotiable for those who feel they cannot afford it if they contact him prior to February 17. (333-7100)

Earth Works

Earth Works began last September as an outlet where Washington area craftspeople could sell their wares. Since that time the shop in the Community Building at 1724 20th Street, N.W., has grown to meet the needs of the free community by adding other merchandise to its shelves while still keeping its low prices.

Earth Works is operated by two members of D.C.'s gay community, Kathy Hopwood and Deacon, and this is reflected in the selection of gay newspapers, gay magazines and gay jewelry available there. There are also women's publications and back-to-the-land literature.

A new showcase was recently was recently added to serve Washington's smokers: hundreds of pipes, bongs, imported rolling papers and other smoking accessories are on sale at non-rip-off prices. Rolling papers as low as ten cents a pack (or free if you say "high") will keep many a street freak from trudging down to Georgetown to be ripped-off by the culture vultures.

There's also freaky comix at Earth Works and patches for your clothes (with a seamstress right across the hall to sew them on for you) and over twenty-five different scents of incense to tickle your olfactories.

There's even waterbeds for sixteen dollars (if you're willing to wait three weeks for delivery).

But the real reasons for Earth Works existence are still the craftspeople who display their handmade wares there. The crafts are left at Earth Works on consignment and over 150 craftspeople have displayed their handiwork since September. There's sandcasted and sculptured candies, handtooled leather belts and watchbands, macrame belts, pottery and ceramics, jewelry and beadwork, silk-screened T-shirts and other clothing, and wooden bookcases.

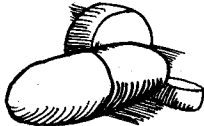
"We're always looking for new craftspeople to supply us with things to sell," an Earth Works person told Quicksilver. "We try to give the craftspeople a chance to sell their wares at a fair price, as opposed to Georgetown shops where both the craftspeople and the customers are ripped off.

Earth Works also sells local movement papers, including Quicksilver Times, in bulk and coordinates the Free Book Exchange, a plan whereby the printed word can be recycled by donating old books to the Exchange and taking other books for free.

So far, Earth Works has been just about breaking even, and that's what it's designed to do. "We don't have to make any profit and as long as we can pay the rent without losing too much money, we're happy."

In the meantime, craftspeople have a friendly place to show their handiwork and community people have an alternative to Georgetown.

Earth Works is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 8pm and on Saturday until 6. Their phone # is 387-6688.



MCHR

National MCHHR held a semi-annual convention in Lexington, Kentucky in October 1971, which focused on local issues of strip mining and black lung disease. Accordingly, strong emphasis was placed on occupational health at the convention. Workshops were held on this topic as well as Prison health, the National Health Plan, Medical Aid to Indochina, Woman's health, sickle cell anemia, lead poisoning and organizing in schools. National MCHHR overwhelmingly agreed that membership should include not only health professionals but all health consumers and community people who are struggling to change the health care system. D.C. MCHHR must concentrate on community issues as well as national concerns.

Cops on hot seat

"To me an indecent act is..." Walter R. Bishop, Washington's Moral Division Inspector paused for a moment and then he mumbled defiantly, "I know it when I see it." And so went the testimony in the January 25 pre-trial hearing in Superior Court on the constitutionality of the city's "Lewd, Obscene or Indecent Acts" statute.

Ninety-eight to 99% of all persons arrested under the statute are gay men. Bishop and Lt. George Richards, commander of the Prostitution, Perversion and Obscenity branch of the Morals Division had been subpoenaed, by defense attorneys for the nine gay men arrested Dec. 9 in a downtown movie arcade, in order to establish that homosexuals are harassed by the law.

"Experience has shown that there is more homosexual activity in the men's rest rooms" as compared to the women's, answered Richards when asked why his department only monitored the men's rest rooms.

Up until now the statute has been interpreted and enforced differently from vice squad cop to cop. When pressed by Judge Hallack to define an indecent act, Richards sputtered out, "Any act which tends to arouse."

The judge's clincher question-- "How do you know who's a pervert?" "It's not just an easy matter of spotting a pervert," admitted Richards. "I wish there was some easy way. I wish there was a sign or something they carried."



TET

The Association of Vietnamese Patriots in Canada is sponsoring a celebration of the Vietnamese New Year (TET) and of the fourth anniversary of the TET offensive will be held in Montreal.

Date: Saturday Feb. 19, 1972 at 7:30 p.m.

Place: Grand Amphitheatre Principal Building, University of Montreal, Montreal

Program:

7:30-8:30p.m.: Small buffet (some Vietnamese food, cakes, tea, coffee, ...)
8:30-9:00p.m.: Speech & Messages
9:00-10:00p.m.: Liberation songs and dances performed by the AVPC
10:00-11:00p.m.: Film (hopefully, the film would be "Hero Nguyen Van Troi" or "Smoke")



Pam Kills

PAM, the aerosol spray for non-stick cooking, has claimed another victim: Cary Smith, 16 of 32 Plymouth Ave., Mill Valley, a student at Tam High.

The spray is apparently being used by people really desperate for a high. This is the second time we have recorded a death from this space-age shit.

It's wierd enough to spray this stuff all over your pots and pans, but whatever you do, don't inhale it! It's beginning to look like too often the only trip you'll get out of it is a trip to the morgue.



On the inside at Earth Works