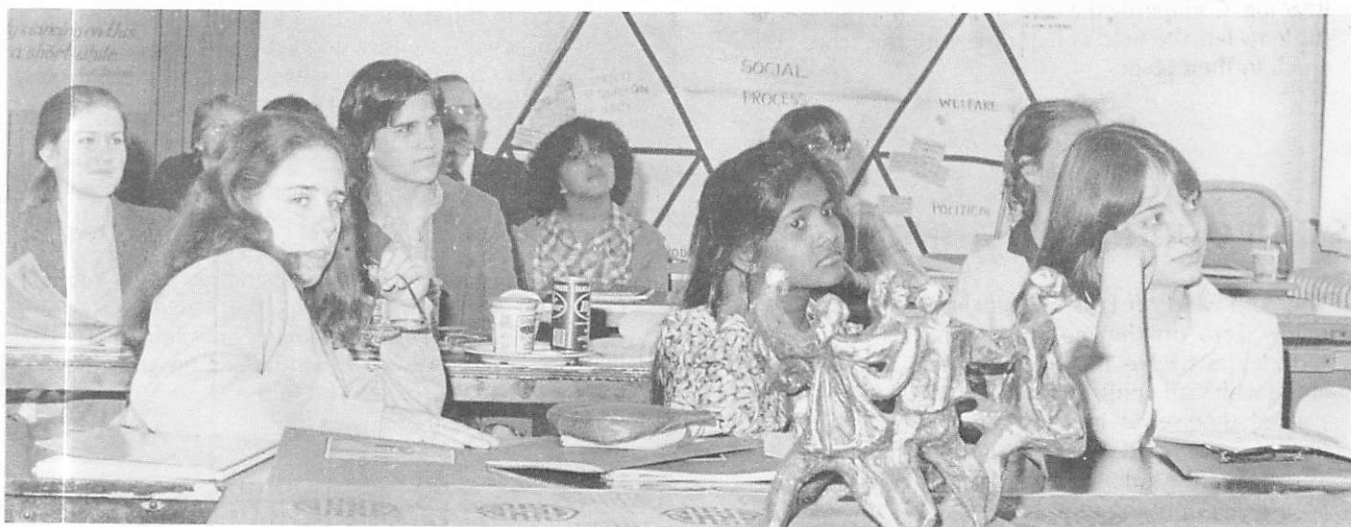


# PHASE ARBITER

## 1981 YOUTH PRESIDIUM — A GREAT TEAM EVENT



*Participants listen to team reports at one of the plenaries.*

The Second Annual Youth Presidium was held on February 13-16 in Chicago. People came together from across the continent to discuss the state of the Youth Revolution, to look at trends and new directions, and to talk about the role of youth in society. By meeting with other youth in this way we understood more clearly the significance of what we are doing in a whole new way. During the Youth Presidium we came up with new ideas and images through workshops, brainstorming, and plenaries.

There were four workshop sessions. In the first, we scanned articles about youth and plotted the main point of the articles on the Social Process Triangle. Then, reflections on what is happening with youth were given by representatives of the different areas. From what we learned from doing these exercises, we decided the five most crucial arenas of concern facing youth today. They are 1) Collapse of Family Structures, 2) Economic Stability, 3) Education for Vocation, 4) Rites of Passage, and 5) Individual Engagement in Society. Then we organized ourselves into five teams. Each team named the key questions that need to be answered and identified, three positive and three negative trends in each arena. In the third session, we brainstormed the options and decided what were

essential elements to each arena. Finally, all of this work was put together in the final session as we wrote the Declaration. All of us experienced these sessions as hard work, but as one youth said, "I don't want to be late because I might miss something."

Besides the workshops, we did many other things together. On Saturday night, February 14, we had different opportunities to celebrate together. Some youth came to the Student House Valentine Party, and either stayed until the end or went to see the movie, "Bridge Over the River Quai." In the second celebration, each team presented a funny skit about the arena they were working on.

The 1981 Youth Presidium closed on Monday morning with the presentation of the "Declaration" and a talk by Sharon Rafos about why the presidium was important. One of her closing remarks was, "I've been addressed by the style of this group this weekend. It's obvious to people you meet that you've made a decision about who you are and what it is you want to do. This team, the people in this room and the members who aren't here, and this declaration will require of all of you your total participation. They will require that you remain steadfast in your decision."

Walter Heiges

# EDGE CURRICULUM

## STUDENTS SCORE SCHOLASTIC SUCCESS

The Student House scored great corporate and individual victories at school this past term. Out of 27 students, 19 improved their grades and perfect scores were achieved by Jenny Mann and Beth Hamje. Using a Quality Point System in which 6.0 is the highest possible score and -2.0 is the lowest, 17 had greater than 4.0, 21 greater than 3.0, and all were over 2.0. The greatest overall improvement honors went to Lori Haman with Sandy Lanphear and Angela Boone also scoring well in this category. Math and reading level were upgraded 11 levels, with Shari Blackledge moving up five levels in math and Elena Harper one level each in Math and Reading. Comparing the year with a football game, the students left the field at half time with the score very much in their favor.

## E.G. "ROUGH IT?" ON LINCOLN TREK

The cold wind off Lake Michigan took temperatures below zero on the morning of Abraham Lincoln's birthday as twelve 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade children, along with Carl Ennis, Sharon Wells and Michelle Jinks packed themselves into the old blue van. Warnings like, "Do not stand or lean against the side door," and "Boys, if you're going to climb up on the sleeping bags, do not step into the food box" rang out as we pulled out into the traffic on Lake Shore Drive.

We had been told that even though a snow storm had come through two days before, the highways would be clear for our Heritage Excursion to Springfield and St. Louis. Within an hour we noticed the appearance of icy patches and the slowing of traffic. Nine hours later (to make a long story short) a weary and rather tense group pulled into Springfield saying, "No way can we go on to St. Louis (where we were to stay for the night).

Being old hands at Town Meeting circuiting, Carl and Sharon headed to the nearest Holiday Inn and learned, "yes, we will donate to you two rooms." "O, yes, we can make it fine, all the children have sleeping bags and can sleep on the floor, if necessary."

After an exciting evening of exploring the "Holidome" and a good night's sleep, we set out on the second day to discover Lincoln's home, office, tomb, etc.

We were amazed at the great courage that it took to lead the country and free the slaves, especially when we realized that Abraham Lincoln was just an ordinary person like us who liked wrestling, reading, and tall hats.

We had great fun on this trip and everyone agreed it should be an annual event. Maybe, even, we could "inkind" the Holiday Inn and the McDonald's food again next year.

## PHASE I TREK WEBS CLUSTERS

During January and prior to the Presidium, eight Phase I faculty and seven youth from the Student House and Clusters visited 14 houses in North America where there are youth. The visits were great events. One of the highlights in each visit was the evening in which we focused on the Journey of Phase I. As Area:New York Cluster News reports: "Everyone had fun swapping stories and remembering the thrill and the pain of being in Phase I."

The Trek provided a great opportunity to talk to adults working with youth and with youth themselves about what is going on with youth today. Interviews were held during the day and then a youth workshop was held in which trends, conflicts and images were identified as they show up in each location. After each of these workshops, we went out for a celebration which usually featured pizza of all types, shapes, makes--good and bad, but regardless of the pizza, a great time was had by all. Sports events marked some visits, like bowling in Kansas City and volleyball in Houston.

The final session focused on preparation for the Youth Presidium as well as reviewing the activities of the clusters. There seems to be many questions that are being asked about how youth can be effectively engaged, both in society and in the clusters.

## WHY I CAME TO ACADEMY

*"Nearly five years ago, I first heard of the ICA and had the opportunity to meet Rev. Kang, who was the head of ICA in Korea...I thought the ICA was a group of social workers....I wanted to learn English conversation so much....I joined the Global Language School in the Seoul House....I found I used my time adequately and completely and was very attracted to the methods....gradually I learned that the ICA was not social workers....Rev. Kang insisted that I must acknowledge the globality....now I'm here and will do my best to master living English, study the methods and stewardship of the ICA."*

Young Ah Choo

*"I am a university student in Korea but quit my studies provisionally with my father's encouragement...I had to learn and experience the United States of America....I came to the Institute especially because the idea and methodology is so deep and useful for one's life....I couldn't understand the Institute well because the life in this house seems very hard to me....So I want to understand the movement."*

Hye Kyung Kang

# ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Eskimos in polar regions  
Where it is always winter  
Penguins waddling in tuxedos  
Where it is always winter.

It's not always winter here  
It's just a season of the year  
When blankets of snow cover the land  
When bundles of clothes cover us all  
When winter seems so long and dull.

But when you're in the winter season  
Think of Eskimos in polar regions  
Where it is always winter.

Mark Rebstock

## WATER SPORTS ARE IN THIS YEAR

David Blackledge, a 9th grader assigned to the Detroit House, has been very active and successful in swimming this year. He entered a local swimming competition and won the 50, 100, and 200 meter events. Congratulations, David.

Heidi Sharp and Ruth Gibson, 10th graders in Philadelphia, are both on the swim team at Girls High. In Orlando, all three youth, Cari Boivin, Liz Reese, and Ian Grow participate in rowing. Ian is the coxswain on the crew, who sets the pace of the oarsmen and guides the boat. Their High School crew was national champs last year.

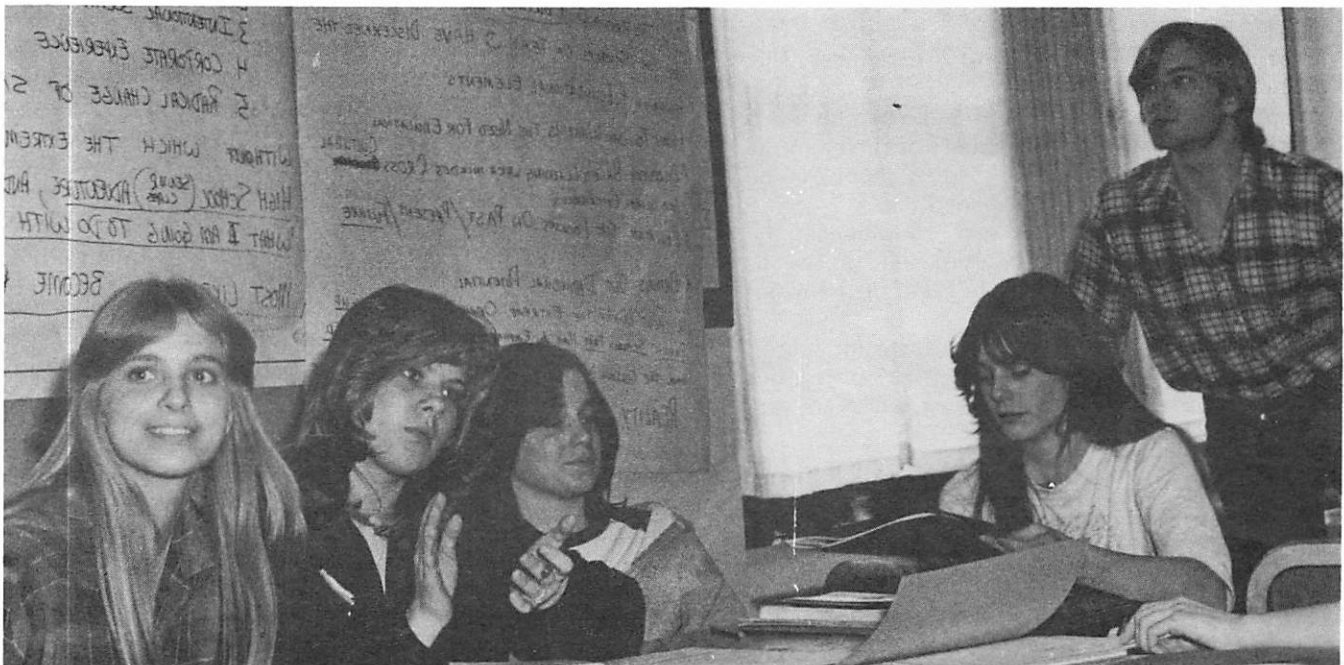
## YOUTH CLUSTER SONG

Tune: (Consider Yourself)

Remember the Past, it's great  
Along with the trips, it was lots of fun  
With miracles, we did it  
And now, we're on our way again  
When we look around, we see  
CYFs by you and me  
And now Phase I's news is orbiting  
And the Jerks are in the house  
The CYFs were great  
Now we're coming home, can't wait  
The Student House, the summer camps, overseas  
The future's ours - can't you see!

## JOURNEY TO THE EAST

The transformation of the third floor is a metamorphosis from meeting space, work space, business area and game room to one large stage, prop room, costume room, actors' workshop and dance and martial arts rehearsal space. All 35 members of the Student House and faculty are part of this living theatre as the preparations go on for the production of *Journey to the East*. Three groups of students plan and work on the production: Producers, designers and actors. First showing of the play will be March 21, 1981. This production is the annual *Great Event* for the Student House and is the vehicle that calls forth the creativity of each individual.



Just a minute. This needs a man's point of view!  
A SCENE FROM THE PRESIDUIM



# NEWS FROM YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD

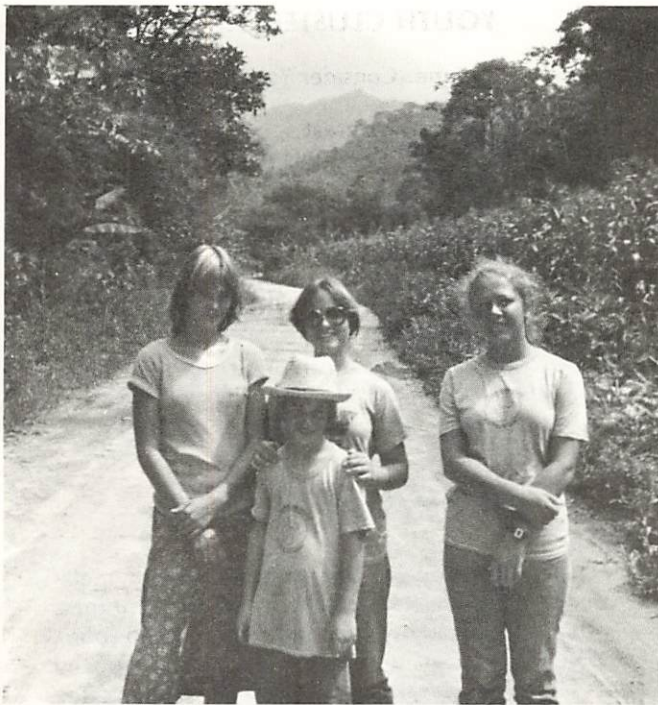


Photo taken at Christmas in Bananeiras: Linda Duffy, Greta & Ben Hanson, and Louanne Lachman.

## EXCERPTS OF A LETTER FROM AZPITIA

Down south at this time of year it is summer. That means it's hot here.

We participate in village events and meetings along with the villagers. The village school teachers enjoy the times we come to teach English in the school, but the local students are very undisciplined.

The Regional Consult was very educational. The people who attended were surprised to see us participating. The language is not one of the major blocks anymore.

There are many activities to participate in; soccer, volleyball, swimming and exploring-that's one of our favorites, along with the celebrations, which are very tiring at times.

We often go to Lima to work on development. On discontinuity, Robert went to a fairly modern village named Canete, while Randall went to the beach and came back like a common fried tomato. That just about clears our minds. With much concern to the Youth who care.

Robert B. Allan  
Randall C. White

## REPORT FROM FIRST BI-CONTINENTAL YOUTH CLUSTER COUNCIL

Youth from NAME and Europe met in Rome from January 2-4, 1981. The major thrust of the council was the CYF including how to market it, and building the timeline that would result in CYF happening in Rome, Frankfurt and Madrid. Also held in the timeline is the project work by the Bayad youth.

In the document produced by the Council is a song (see page 3) and a story.

A third product came out of a conversation held on "Cluster Learnings" and a few of these are seen below:

Quarter accomplishments:

- correspondence courses  
languages being learned  
include Arabic, German,
- places visited include  
England, Cairo (pyramids),  
Rome, Venice and Florence
- worked in other villages
- cleaned chicken coop

Cluster learnings:

- sometimes you get on each  
other's nerves
- you have a lot of responsibility
- its better to stick together
- its possible to get along  
with adults (give a little  
on both sides).
- get along by myself (washing  
clothes by hand)
- shouldn't send people to a  
"dead project"
- check out school possibilities  
before sending folks

Advice for youth assigned here next yr:

- don't forget your studies
- try and get them done quickly  
work out schedule for study/work
- bring lots of English books
- buy clothes before coming to Europe
- don't forget your passport
- bring extra cash for  
presents (earn it)

How a year abroad is a demonstration  
to all Youth:

- it demonstrates self-sufficiency
- youth getting along without parents  
and making it
- youth working together  
and cooperating
- youth and adults can get along

# ONE CORPORATE THRUST FOR THE WORLD