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OBJECTIVIST CLUB FORMED

The "Auburn University Students of Objectivism" is presently awaiting official accreditation from Auburn University. The club currently has over 25 members and has already held several programs designed to introduce Objectivism, such as debates and taped lecture series.

This quarter, the club will be featuring a four part videotaped lecture series, "Introduction to Objectivism" by Leonard Peikoff.

For more information contact Dipesh Shah at (205) 826-2500, or write to :

Students of Objectivism
PO Box 2426
Auburn, AL 36831

PAUL JACOB IS FREE !

Paul Jacob was released from prison on November 27. Paul spent 5 months in prison in support of the principle of individual liberty.

Paul reports that his spirits are high, that the supposed animosity towards draft resisters did not surface (if it exists at all) and that he plans to continue the fight.

Alan Lindsay reports that Senate Bill 424 is currently in the Armed Services Committee. If this bill becomes law draft notices will go out in a matter of weeks. Call or write your Congressmen and Senators now!

MONACHELLI ON TV

Following his successful campaign for Birmingham city council, Frank Monachelli appeared on "Public Comment", an open commentary segment on Channel 13 - Birmingham. Frank's comment focused on the new taxicab regulations proposed for the city of Birmingham.

Monachelli lashed out at the City Council for spending taxpayers' money to hire a biased consultant who provided the Council with predetermined recommendations that would harm the taxpayer while helping monopolize cab service in Birmingham.

Monachelli attacked the city council for being a rubber stamp for special interest politics and summarized his own position by saying that the proposed regulation would be "one more loss of liberty for the people of Birmingham."

The comment ran four times a day for the week of November 18-22. When a story appeared that the Federal Trade Commission was investigating the situation, Monachelli's comment was put back on the air for the week of December 2-6.

IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Police will begin "seizing" unregistered bicycles here in an attempt to curtail thefts.

AD CAMPAIGN, CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Perry Willis, National Director of the Libertarian Party, has announced a design contest in conjunction with a television advertising campaign. Libertarians are being urged to submit 30- and 60-second commercial scripts by March 1, 1986.

Television has always been an excellent outreach tool for libertarians. The purpose of these ads will be to get people to call the Party's toll free 800-number. It will also make ballot access petitioning easier and give some support to Libertarian candidates in 1986.

Money is already being raised and put into a special account for this advertising campaign. Hired professional consultants and new National Chairman Jim Turney, who has a background in audio visuals, will guide this project to help insure its success.

Scripts consisting of words to be spoken and backgrounds to be seen should be submitted to L.P. Headquarters 7887 Katy Fwy #385, Houston, TX 77024.

CAMPAIGN TECHNIQUES SEMINAR

Jim Hedbor will lead a libertarian campaign seminar in Jacksonville, Florida on March 8-9. Jim has used innovative and practical ideas such as "debating" a life-size cardboard cut-out of his opponent who had refused to debate him. These techniques have helped establish Jim's home state of Vermont as a Libertarian stronghold.

To attend, contact Nick Dunbar at (904) 389-8478 or write P.O. Box 51594, Jacksonville, FL 32240. This seminar should be well worth the \$45 price tag!

EDITORIAL

Well, with "tax reform", Gramm-Rudman, and a libertarian (Jim Miller) in charge of the budget, it looks like there is no need for a Libertarian party, right?

Wrong! "Tax reform" and Gramm-Rudman are clever tactics used by Congress to prevent a Constitutional Convention from being called while at the same time raising millions in campaign funds.

Milton Friedman, a Nobel Prize winning economist and a libertarian said (correctly) that "tax reform is a fantasy. It does not have the chance of the proverbial snowball. It would deprive members of Congress of a major source of campaign funds."

Tax reform is nothing more than a bidding war between special interest groups deciding who gets to keep their deductions and who does not. There is no reason to expect that a bill requiring a balanced budget will result in anything but tax increases and more broken promises.

Only two more states are needed to call a Constitutional Convention, we're that close! Tax reform and Gramm-Rudman are measures to short-circuit the people's efforts for a real reform. These measures do nothing to lessen the REAL burden of Government -- the amount of resources it takes from American citizens.

The Democrats' own latest public opinion survey indicates that "neither party is appealing to middle class voters" and that "many middle class voters are turned off by the Democrats' emphasis on fairness." Maybe they are more interested in rights -- such as the right to keep their own property?

"They (the voters) are demanding new leadership to fill the vacuum we are entering .. right now, they don't know whether leadership for the future is going to come from the Democrats or the Republicans." Who could blame them? Why would they expect things to change?

Future leadership must come from libertarians and the Libertarian Party!

ALABAMA LIBERTY is pleased to announce its 1986 ...

LETTERS OF LIBERTY CONTEST

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- 1st Prize : \$50.00 and
a one year subscription to Reason Magazine;
- 2nd Prize : \$25.00 and
a one year subscription to Reason Magazine;
- 3rd Prize : a one year subscription to Reason Magazine.

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"LETTERS OF LIBERTY CONTEST"
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WATCHDOG UPDATE

The "Taxpayers' Defense Fund" continues to enjoy success and publicity as a watchdog over the activities of Alabama's state officials. Jim Zeigler, the unpaid legal counsel to TDF, appears to be gearing up for a campaign for State Attorney General.

The TDF brought suit against the State Retirement System and succeeded in prohibiting newly elected officials from joining the system. The Fund lost an Ethics Commission complaint against legal advisor Ken Wallis, who admitted to being guilty of using state resources for campaign purposes.

The Fund also lost a suit against the special session of the legislature. The judges hearing the case had received a \$10,000 raise during that same special session!

quotable quotes

■ The great ambition professed by public school managers is, of course, education for citizenship and self-government, which harks back to Jefferson's historic call for "general education to enable every man to judge for himself what will secure or endanger his freedom." What the public schools practice with remorseless proficiency, however, is the prevention of citizenship and the stifling of self-government. When 58 percent of the thirteen-year-olds tested by the National Assessment for Educational Progress think it is against the law to start a third party in America, we are dealing not with a sad educational failure but with a remarkably subtle success.

—Walter Karp
Harper's, June 1985



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