

Symposium

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lyn and Paul of TNT crew of Hoedads stayed through the week and planned to share the symposium information when they returned.

On the issue of women speakers, coordinator Guru Raj Singh said he was "extremely embarrassed" about the imbalance of the sexes. But, "this was not an oversight or a neglect on our part," he explained. Many women were invited to speak: Margaret Mead, Gloria Steinam, Mother Teresa, Erica Jong, but none had accepted for one reason or another.

Feminist feelings were

smoothed in part by a specially conceded hour-long speech by Patricia Sun, a popular psychic healer from Berkeley. Theodore Roszak shared his workshop time with Sun, and Rolling Thunder's wife Eva spoke impromptu on the role of women in Native American societies.

Opening night, Buckminster Fuller gave a candlelit speech at an elegantly served banquet. Steaming plates of millet, miso, acorn squash, spring salad and bran muffins were served with fragrant herbal tea for a total cost of 58 cents a person, organizers

announced. This was nearly 50 per cent cut in the originally planned minimum of \$1 cost per plate, thanks to donations from the community.

Attending the banquet were greater Vancouver mayors, city councils, university, labor and business leaders, provincial cabinet ministers, judges and federal parliamentary representatives as well as representatives of many major religions.

Devoted to the New Age movement, the Vancouver 3HO (Healthy, Happy and Holy) Foundation said they worked all year to

organize the symposium.

"We have gone deeply into debt," said Guru Raj Singh. "In order to make the New Age happen, we all have to humble ourselves to make sacrifices." Singh is also editor of a monthly magazine, "New Directions," published by Golden Temple Enterprises. More on the symposium can be heard by contacting Singh.

Swathed and turbaned in white, the 3HO adherents are followers of Yogi Bhaan, master of kundalini yoga, the "yoga of awareness." The University was one of the first schools in the nation to

offer kundalini yoga for PE credit. The classes here are usually full.

University kundalini instructor Sat Kirpal Singh attended the World Symposium over the first weekend and said he "thought it was going well."

The 3HO Foundation plans to have another symposium in Toronto, Canada, in April of 1978. The foundation proposes to beam it live via satellite to major cities around the world, projecting on giant video screens at both ends of the circuit.

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nificant indication that the New Age is dawning without drama, Spangler continued.

"It is not something really new. It has been here all along — lodged in our hearts. We used to think of the future as other than what is known. But creation is not a clock unwinding. It is a continual process of unfolding, of becoming more of what it is.

"Dawn can be looked at in two ways: as a change of night and day or as a turning of something that is always there. The New Age is a turning into, a reaffirming of the process of human emergence in the context of planetary emergence."

Author Theodore Roszak ("Where the Wasteland Ends," "The Making of the Counter Culture," and "The Unfinished Animal") sees the New Age developing out of the roots of the self.

When do you first become a person? he asks.

"When you first feel the weight of outrage at being pressed into something you are not? When you realize how little of that uniqueness of yours you have salvaged? Yet you know there is an authentic you somewhere deep inside. You have felt the crisis of legitimization of authority.

"The political truth of today is there is no longer shelter in mass revolution or rebellion. The revolt of the masses has within it the revolt of the people against massification... faces that have been squeezed into facelessness.

"The recognition of personal

sanity is too strong to stay long submerged in any collective consciousness. Instead of a movement, we have a shifting mosaic of individual liberation... the vision of the Utopian garden where our species can flourish and where the secret of the bond is the specificity of each of our characters.

Roszak referred to meetings such as the symposium as "therapeutic companionship. Here and now people want to be recognized and confirmed. So we turn to others and in them find ourselves."

Buckminster Fuller, architect and designer, 81-year-old and a "realized" being, also spoke of a new identity.

"After millions of years of separation and in-breeding, we are coming back together again. What a wonderful thing is going on here now in North America; the great cross-breeding of men coming back into the general man. Humanity really is coming together. We've developed the capacity to get around the world, to bring humanity back into a new image.

"Man is not the vegetable he eats, nor the water he drinks, nor the gases he breathes. Man is pure abstract pattern, integrity made visible to other men by man-tuneable frequency relays of complexly interlocking but reciprocally accommodating patterns — representing every patterning principle of universe cohering as the comprehensive integrity of pattern associabilities at

mid-spectrum ranges whose comprehensively and synergetically surprising results are known to men uniquely as "individual" man.

"Only through relationships with otherness can self learn of principles; only by discovery of the relationships existing between self and otherness does inspiration to employ principles objectively occur. There is nothing in self per se, or in otherness per se, that predicts the interrelatedness behaviors and their successively unique characteristics. Only from realization of the significance of otherness can it be learned further that only by earnest commitment to others does self become inadvertently behaviorally advantaged to effect even greater commitment to others... while on the other hand all self-seeking induces only ever greater self loss."

Spangler warns also of the dangers of "involution. We must be careful we do not fall inward into ourselves and become like black holes in the universe."

"The real Symposium on Humanity is not here," he gestured to the audience. "It is out there. The

important dialogue is not among us of like mind, but between us and the people we don't want to dialogue with for one reason or another.

"Implicit in my understanding the culture of the New Age will not be monolithic, it will be polythitic — synergic — where the sum will be greater than the parts."

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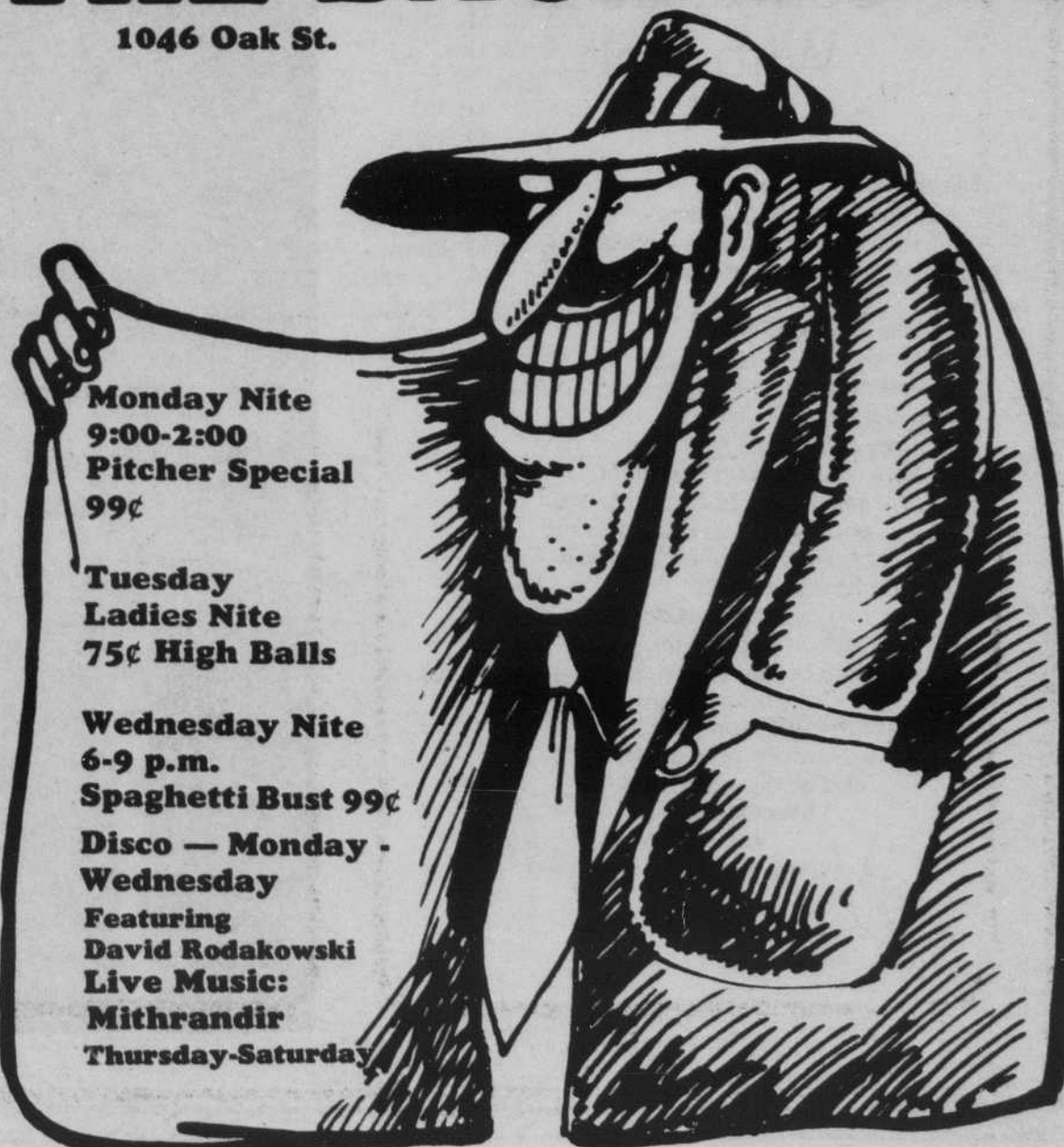
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