



# The Pine Press

Student Housing Corporation

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## Executive Committee Elections are coming...

Instead of mating in the Spring, us co-ops elect each other to fulfill important roles. Thus the election for our next Executive Committee is coming. The positions on the E.C. are President, Executive Vice-President, Vice-President of Membership, Vice-President of Education, and Corporate Treasurer. These positions begin in May 2002 and last until May 2003.

This year the election will be held at the end of March. All interested candidates must submit a letter of candidacy by February 27, 2002. This letter will be printed in the Pine Press for all to see. Then, an election dinner will be held for all candidates to show off. Ballots will be distributed to the Education

Officer of each house and popular vote will be taken. The winners will be announced March 31, 2002.

So come on!! If you love the cooperative movement, get active! If you are planning to live in the co-ops next year and think you might be interested, contact Erin Wright, the current V.P.E. at Bower with any questions. You can also contact our current E.C. members to ask them about their jobs. See page 6 for contact info.

If you or someone you love is interested submit your letter by FEBRUARY 27, 2002!

You'd better run! Their coming! Oh yeah, all Executive Committee members receive an assessment break each month.

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## Co-op Volleyball is Back!

By: Henrique Bertulani

Due to the good turn out of the games last season, perhaps not in victories, but certainly in game play, there will be another effort to bring co-ops together on a court this Spring. IM West offers permanent practice nets, and their hours are posted on page \_\_\_\_ . Please write down a time you could play and submit it to Henrique at Bower. The main goal

is to get people together so that both sides are teams formed by co-ops and friends. Eventually we see that the only team that can beat us is the varsity women's team themselves. There will be 12 openings for a co-op team, so with enough people we could have representation on the court every day. Jerseys will be supplied by SHC.

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# Fred's Story

Shirley Longacre

May 5, 1942-December 23, 2001

As many of the readers of the Pine Press know, my mom was in a rehabilitation clinic to try to regain strength after a month and a half hospital stay. All of us thought she was getting better-the clinic was even going to let her out for a few hours on Christmas Day to enjoy herself with the family.

My dad and sister drove to East Lansing to give me a ride back home to Union Lake on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 PM. I hadn't come home since December 4<sup>th</sup>, because I thought everything was going to be all right. After all, your parents will last forever, right? My dad had had two heart attacks and stomach cancer, and he was still around. When we got to my sister's house, there was a call from the clinic, asking us to go there as soon as possible. We called my brother, and we drove out to Southfield, where the clinic was located. The entire ride there, we were joking around about her having another episode, and timing it for the first bad driving weather of the winter.

When we pulled into the clinic, there was a police car in the front of the building. We went to the nurse's station, and the policeman was standing there. The nurse took us into a small room with the policeman, and I looked over his shoulder to see what was written on his clipboard-

**Cause of Death: Heart Attack    Victim: Shirley Longacre**

I just started yelling "No! Oh my God! No!" The nurse then tried to explain that she had had a massive heart attack at about 8:15 PM, and they hadn't been able to save her. I felt like scum, because if they hadn't come to East Lansing to pick me up, my Dad and sister could have been there with her. My sister was crying, and apologizing to me for not getting me back faster so I could say goodbye to her-at the same time I was trying to apologize to her. My little brother was just collapsed in his wife's arms, crying his eyes out, and my dad for the first time actually looked like he was sixty years old.

The next two days were among the worst I've ever had to face. Christmas Eve we met with the funeral director, and picked out the coffin and the announcements for the funeral. We planned the funeral for Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. My sister-in-law and sister took care of almost all of the arrangements-calling to set up appointments, letting her friends know what happened, etc. We tried to get through Christmas without tears, for my nephews, and because we knew she would have wanted it that way, but it was hard. My sister-in-law finally "kidnapped" myself and my dad, and took us to the Greektown Casino (my mom and dad used to go to Las Vegas once a year for gambling) at 9 PM at night Christmas Day.

It's been a little over a month now, and I still find myself getting emotional over some things. On December 26<sup>th</sup>, we were going through some pictures for the memory board, and we spent most of the night just grabbing the pictures and remembering the good times that came with them. I still find myself looking at them at times, and remembering. When people I haven't seen in a while ask how my mom is doing, it's a reminder that I will never see her again, and no matter what I do with the rest of my life, she's not going to be there to see it.

There are many people who I owe thanks for helping me out. I called my housemate Kara the night of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and asked if, on Christmas Eve, she could go to the dry-cleaners, pick up my suit, and Fed-Ex it to me for the funeral. Jeremy, Maxim, Kyle, Nicole and Joe, all of whom went out of their way to make sure I was all right when I came back. The people at Caesarland, where I work, for covering for me and sending flowers to the service. My friends Jeff and Laura, who kidnapped me on New Year's Eve, and refused to let me stay home and mope.

I would like to close this article with the poem my sister and sister-in-law chose for the funeral announcements:

God looked around his garden,  
And he found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon  
this earth,  
and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you,  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's Garden must be  
beautiful,  
Cause he always takes the best.

It broke our hearts to lose you  
But you didn't go alone,  
for part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.

## Co-op Schedule of Events....

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS :

Next Meeting: February 11, 2002 @ 7:30 pm

### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Next Meeting: February 6, 2002

Contact Mary Sturbaum with any ?s

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Rescheduled Meeting: February 5, 2002 @ 9:00pm @ Bower.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Next Meeting: February 13, 2002 @ Orion. Pine Press submissions are due then.

### P.D. COMMITTEE:

Next Meeting: February 6, 2002 @ 7:00pm at Atlantis.

### OTHER

If you have an important date, let us know! E-mail [pinepress@hotmail.com](mailto:pinepress@hotmail.com).



## Theatre Events

By: Fred Longacre  
(A disclaimer: I am a member of the Bath Community Theatre Guild, and Icarus Falling, a Board Member of the Lansing Civic Players, and have produced a show at Riverwalk)

One of the nice things about living in the Lansing/ East Lansing area, is the wide variety of theatrical events. Almost every weekend, there is at least one performance going on somewhere in the area.

At Riverwalk Theatre, the play *Twelfth Night*, by William Shakespeare, will be performed on February 7-10th, and 14th-17th. Show times for this are 7pm on Thursday, 8pm on Friday and Saturday, and 2 pm on Sunday. Also, if you are interested in trying out for a show, Riverwalk will be having auditions for the play *Equus* on February 17th and 18th at 7pm. For more information, call the office at 482-5700. A warning, though, auditioning for this: one or two roles require full nudity on stage.

The Icarus Falling Theatre

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## ECO WANTS YOUR HELP!

By: Liisa Bergmann

Hello, I am a co-coordinator of ECO, MSU's only student environmental activism group. Currently, we are working on several campaigns, including getting MSU to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions (the emissions that cause global warming). We work as closely as possible with the housing co-operative network, and would like to ask for your help especially in this campaign. Right now, the world faces an increasing risk from droughts, floods, cyclones, and infectious diseases—all problems driven by global warming and climate change. Early warning signs are plain to see: chunks of the polar icecaps have melted and broken off, and in the last five years, the West Nile Virus (a tropical disease) has been found across New York state, in Pennsylvania and even most recently in Michigan. Global climate change will affect every corner of world unless a LOT more is done to solve the problem. When President Bush came into office he pulled the US out of United Nations negotiations addressing climate change, even though with only 4% of the world's population, the US emits 25% of the world's carbon dioxide,

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## Next best thing to the Yellow Pages...

Atlantis	207 Bogue	337-2762
Bower	127 Whitehills	351-4490
Elsworth	711 W. Grand River	337-3236
Ferency	146 Collingwood	332-0846
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Hedrick	140 Collingwood	332-0844
Miles	152 Collingwood	337-3990
New Community	425 Ann	351-3820
Orion	501 M.A.C.	332-2517
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Phoenix	239 Oakhill	351-3713
Raft Hill	420 Evergreen	337-2977
Shadowood	505 M.A.C.	332-3844
Toad Lane	415 Ann	332-3973



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one of the main greenhouse gases. Now the rest of the UN has moved on and forged a treaty to reduce greenhouse gas emissions worldwide, without the participation of the US, despite that we create a disproportionately huge percentage of those emissions.

It is a major global injustice that developing countries that have emitted relatively no greenhouse gases over the course of history also do not have the resources to predict or address the consequences of global climate change.

Even though our federal government is failing to address this problem, we as students can do something about it. We are the reason why MSU, a huge institution, exists. In ECO, we are working to get MSU to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, and we are working with students at other universities across Michigan and the midwest so that they can get their schools to do the same. Together we can make a huge reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Michigan and we can set an example for other institutions in the state and for the rest of the country.

Please cut out and fill out the included postcard. Better yet, make photocopies at the SHC office and get everyone in your co-op to fill out a copy as well. Your printed name, student #, pilot email and phone number are necessary. Also, if you're interested in having fun, meeting lots of other students here at MSU and across the state and country, creating a ruckus and working towards a good cause, then check the

volunteer box, because getting more involved in ECO is the thing for you. Even just one hour per week is helpful and exciting. (If you do check the box, you will receive usually only one email per week an occasional phone call.)

Finally, we are hosting a midwest conference on getting our universities to reduce their contributions to global warming, called **"Turn Down the Heat: Students Creating a Cure for Climate Change."** It is the weekend of Feb 15-17. It will be lots of fun--there is a free party if you register by Feb 1; there will be plenty of opportunities to learn about global climate change and grass roots organizing (so this conference is for you even if you feel inexperienced!); attendance at the conference is something unique to put on your resume; and Julia Butterfly Hill will be speaking--she is the woman who lived in a 1000-year-old redwood tree for over 2 years to save its life. In order to register, either email [eco@msu.edu](mailto:eco@msu.edu) by Feb 1 with "MSU" in the subject line and your full name and phone number in the body, or just write "CONF" on your postcard and we'll register you.

Postcards can be returned to Liisa Bergmann at Montie House Co-Op, 548 MAC Ave. Feel free to call me if you have any questions at 402-9706.

While there is plenty to get involved in between now and then, we're having our next meeting on Wednesday, at 7:45 pm in the Illinois Room on the 3rd Floor of the Student Union.



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Company will be performing the play *Elsinore Follies*, by Bill Warnock, on February 14th-16th, and 22nd-23rd at 8pm in the Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner Street in Old Town. Tickets are \$10 at the door. This comedy answers the question about what was really going on in the mind of the people in Hamlet (and the answer is LUST!!!). In awareness of full disclosure--I'm playing the role of a gay Norwegian.

The Lansing Civic Players will be doing the comedy play *The Man Who Came to Dinner* on February 22nd-24th, and March 1-3rd at the new Hannah Center, 810 Abbott Road in East Lansing. Show times are 8pm Friday and Saturday, 2pm on Sunday. LCP will be holding auditions for the musical *Company* on February 3rd and 4th. The Sunday audition will be at 2pm, and the Monday one will be at 7pm. For more information, call the LCP office at 484-9115.

Bath Community Theatre Guild will be performing the play *The Deadly Game*, on February 22nd, 23rd, March 1st and 2nd at the James Couzens Auditorium in Bath. Show times are at 8pm and tickets are \$8. Bath will also be holding auditions for the Arthur Miller play *The Crucible* on February 25th and 26th at 7pm.

To understand and reduce Michigan State University's contribution to global warming, I ask the MSU Administration:

- ✓ To annually perform and publish audits of greenhouse gas emissions by Michigan State University.
- ✓ To include in these annual audits the quantification of greenhouse gases emitted over the life cycle of products used on campus.
- ✓ To reduce greenhouse gas emissions a full (i.e. non-normalized) 20% by 2020, using the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the 2003 calendar year as a baseline.
- ✓ That the creation of greenhouse gas sinks not be counted as reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.
- ✓ That no nuclear energy is not used as an energy source.

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## Valentine Recipes

By: Crystal Solosky

### Gingerbread:

Perfect for the co-oper on the go...

#### Ingredients:

1 & 1/2 cups all purpose flour

3/4 tsp ground cinnamon

3/4 tsp ground ginger

1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/2 cup shortening

1/4 cup packed brown sugar

1 egg

1/2 cup light molasses

#### Directions:

**1**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9x1.5 inch round baking pan.

**2**

In a bowl combine flour, cinnamon, ginger, baking powder and baking soda. Set aside.

**3**

In a large bowl beat shortening with an electric mixer on high for 30 seconds. Add brown sugar, beat till fluffy. Add egg and molasses, beat additional minute. Add dry mixture and 1/2 cup water alternately to beaten mixture. Pour batter into pan.

**4**

Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes or till a wooden toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 30 minutes on a wire rack.

### Lemon Sauce:

#### Ingredients:

1/2 cup water

1/4 cup sugar

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1/4 tsp shredded lemon peel

1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 tsp butter

### Directions

**1**

In a small saucepan combine water, sugar, cornstarch, lemon peel and lemon juice.

**2**

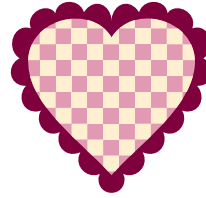
Cook and stir till thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more.

**3**

Remove from heat, stir in butter till melted.

**4**

Serve warm over ginger bread and enjoy!



## Ten Ways to Lower Your Rent

1. Keep Windows and doors closed when the heat is on.
2. Turn lights and TVs off when you leave the room.
3. If a toilet, shower, and/or faucets are leaking, please notify your house maintenance officer of the SHC office at 355-8313.
4. Weatherproof your houses' windows.
5. Only wash full loads of laundry.
6. Close Fridge/ Freezer doors.
7. Turn off computers
8. Don't use personal appliances (against city code!!!).
9. Keep heat at a minimum by using blankets and sweaters.
10. Encourage others to do the same!!



# Pinecone kisses from heaven!

Pinecone kisses to all my valentines at bower!  
Love, erin w.

A get well pinecone to our V.P. of Membership,  
Amber Bardon. Oh sweetie, you didn't need  
that silly appendix anyway!

A sympathetic pinecone to Fred at Elsworth.  
You have been through a lot these past few  
months, thanks for sharing your journey with us.

Need a quick pinecone for your honey? Use the  
valentine insert!!

## Horoscopes

July 29, 2001

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):**  
The EPA has registered your  
room as a toxic waste dump.

By: Madame DeFarge

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Please consider doing  
something to improve your-  
self-learn a new language,  
take up singing, brush your  
teeth!

**Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22):**  
Do you ever wonder about  
the mysteries of time and  
space? Don't strain your-  
self-right now you still need  
to master the mysteries of  
crayons.

**Gemini (May 21- June 21):**  
When you try to pick up girls  
at the bar, telling them that  
you're a hero is good, telling  
them that you're a superhero  
is bad.

**Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22):**  
You are scaring your house-  
mates by talking to your  
imaginary friends.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22):**  
One day you'll look back on  
today and laugh- no, actu-  
ally I'll look back on today  
and laugh- you'll look back  
on today and twitch a little  
bit.

**Scorpio (Oct 23- Nov 21):**  
I'm sorry, but while it's tech-  
nically correct, please stop  
telling your friends that you  
have a four wheeler. A bike  
with training wheels doesn't  
count.

**Leo (July 23-Aug22):**  
Why? Why not.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21):** Those things full of  
paper in your backpack are  
called books- try to use them  
once in a while.

**Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 19):** Today make a fort of  
couch cushions, you'll need  
it.

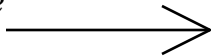
**Aquarius (Jan 20- Feb 18):**  
Scientists say that humanity  
shares 99% of our DNA with  
chimpanzees. For Aquarius,  
it is just a little more.

**Pisces (Feb 19- March 20):**  
You know, there is a connec-  
tion between all living  
things. Molecules that make  
up chlorophyll are similar to  
hemoglobin. This means  
that at least on one level ( for  
some of us, it's several lev-  
els), you are an eggplant.

**If today is your birthday:**  
Many people care about you  
-or at least want to make sure  
you're not around them. Do  
them a favor-stay inside to-  
day.

*Remember to submit  
your letters of candidacy  
for the Spring Election  
by Feb. 27, 2002.*

*The more the merrier!  
Call these guys for ad-  
vice*



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