Notes from FEE

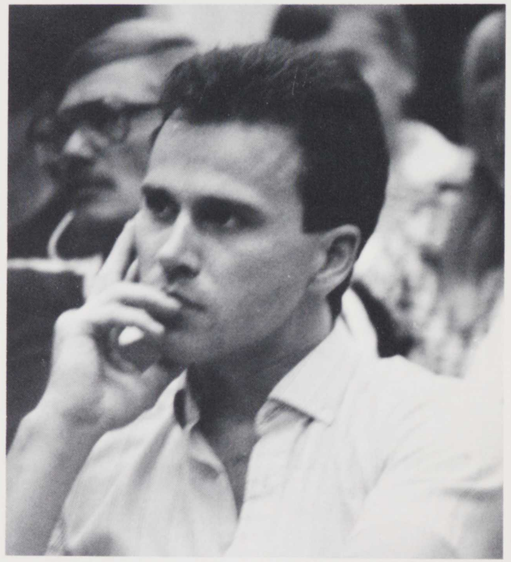
This newsletter, sent to *The Freeman* mailing list five or six times a year, tells of meetings, books, and other activities. In addition to these and other announcements of interest to friends, *Notes* carries brief messages about the methods of freedom. A reply envelope invites the placement of orders and affords an opportunity for anyone wishing to extend financial support to FEE.

Books

Articles appearing in *The Freeman* often serve as an introduction to scholarly books on the philosophy of freedom. The freedom movement depends upon such literature, presenting the in-depth case for the free market, private property, limited government system.

Our annual catalogue, *A Literature of Freedom*, presents books available from FEE—works of others as well as our own publications. The list includes well over 100 titles, ranging from Bastiat's readable classic on *The Law* to the monumental *Human Action* by Ludwig von Mises.

Featured in the catalogue are special introductory book sets and *Freeman* binders, as well as bound volumes, audio and video cassettes, and special discounts on our most popular paperbacks.



Seminars

The method of self-improvement in the understanding and practice of freedom includes thoughtful reading and writing on these matters. Also important is discussion and sharing with others who have similar interests and concerns. Such is the purpose of FEE-sponsored seminars, not only at the Foundation's headquarters in Irvington-on-Hudson, but also at numerous other locations around the country.

Each summer FEE schedules week-long sessions to explore the essentials of the free society with teachers, students, and business and professional people. Over 100 participants each year from various states and from abroad make their way to FEE to attend these programs. Staff members take part in lectures, discussion groups, and informal conversations. Guest speakers and specialists discuss topics such as classical liberalism, mercantilism, competition, monopoly, monetary policy, recessions, entrepreneurship, and environmental problems.

In addition to the week-long sessions, shorter seminars are scheduled in Irvington and other locations. These range from evening-long supper seminars to two-day weekend seminars, with speakers and discussion leaders supplied by FEE.

Student Programs

The Foundation encourages and welcomes the opportunity to participate in on-campus programs of lectures, discussions, and class presentations on economic, political, and moral aspects of freedom. The aim is not to "convert" students, but to broaden their understanding. *The Freeman* and other reading materials are made available to students and teachers interested in further exploring the freedom philosophy.

Seminars for Undergraduates

Weekend seminars are held at FEE each spring for selected students from colleges across the nation. These programs offer a concentrated exposure and full discussion of the principles underlying the free market, private property, limited government system.

Speech and Debate

Over 100,000 high school students compete in speech and debate every year. They are drawn to debate competition by a keen interest in current events and public policy issues. For many years FEE has prepared free-market research materials on debate topics and makes them available to interested teachers and students.

Personal Correspondence

An important help to FEE are the calls and letters from friends asking questions and offering comments about our work and related activities. These stimulate the thought and research required for an appropriate response. And in such correspondence often are the seeds from which eventually come articles and books worthy of publication.

Library Resources

Over the years, FEE has acquired an impressive collection of books, including many classics in the fields of economics, history, and philosophy. This collection recently was augmented by the personal collections of Henry Hazlitt and the late Lawrence Fertig.

In addition to the books, there are extensive vertical files of resources and reference materials on various persons, organizations, and freedom-related subjects.

Financial Support

Since FEE is dedicated to the rationale of voluntarism — freedom of choice and willing exchange — we rely on the theories we expound for our financing. All of us concentrate on understanding and explaining the freedom philosophy, confident that such support as is deserved will be forthcoming. We leave the initiative where it belongs: (1) with us in the pursuit of educational efforts and (2) with the owners of funds and their evaluation of what we do.

We invite your comments about our work — how we may improve and advance our efforts. We're also interested in your work in behalf of freedom — we view the task of sustaining liberty as one which requires partners, and we hope you will enter into such a partnership with us.

Presently, there are about 10,000 individuals, firms, and foundations who, on their own initiative, send annual contributions ranging from a few dollars to several thousand dollars. Such contributions play an essential role in advancing liberty and, unless designated for a particular FEE program, are carefully allocated among our educational activities. We neither solicit nor accept any form of government funding.

Beyond these immediate contributions to our ongoing programs are the final tributes to liberty through bequests.

For information about our deferred giving program, please contact The Foundation.

(Contributions to FEE are deductible for income tax purposes.)