

# Community Whipping Post

## Abolish Racist Prisons

HEAR ABOUT THE STRUGGLE TO ABOLISH RACIST PRISONS! SATURDAY, APRIL 13, McGregor 118, 2 P.M.

The Committee to End the Marion Lockdown (CEML), which has existed for eleven years, is likely the oldest anti-prison activist group in the United States. CEML was founded on, and continues to act upon, three basic principles:

1. That control unit or "super-max" prisons are a barbarity that must be combatted.
2. That the current mass imprisonment binge in the U.S. is a reflection of the racist nature of U.S. society.
3. That only mass activism, people in the streets, can change things and make them more like we want them, more like they ought to be, more like they must become.

On Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m. in McGregor 118, two of the founding members of CEML will come to Antioch to discuss CEML's plans for the Spring. One of the members, Steve Whitman, has participated in some of the major defense efforts of rebelling prisoners in the past thirty years: at Attica (in New York), at Atmore-Holman (in Alabama), and at Pontiac (in Illinois). Whitman is also an internationally known and respected author who has written extensively on the relationship between racism and imprisonment. He will speak on "The Crime of Black Imprisonment".

The other member is Nancy Kurshan. Kurshan was a founding member of the YIPPIES (Youth International Party), an organizer of the 1968 Democratic Convention Protests in Chicago, and a member of both California's and Illinois' anti-prison activist community for many years. She will speak on "The Need to Act: CEML's Upcoming Plans — and Why Antioch Students Should Join the Demonstrations."

Antioch students have recently been educated about and involved in the struggle to free Mumia Abu-

Jamal. These two representatives of CEML will argue that Mumia's case, while absolutely essential, is not an isolated incident nor can it be truly understood out of the context of U.S. society. They will talk about the interrelationship between the racist criminal justice system, political prisoners and control units. Please join us for an educational discussion and a call to an opportunity for action.

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