DISABILITY DAY

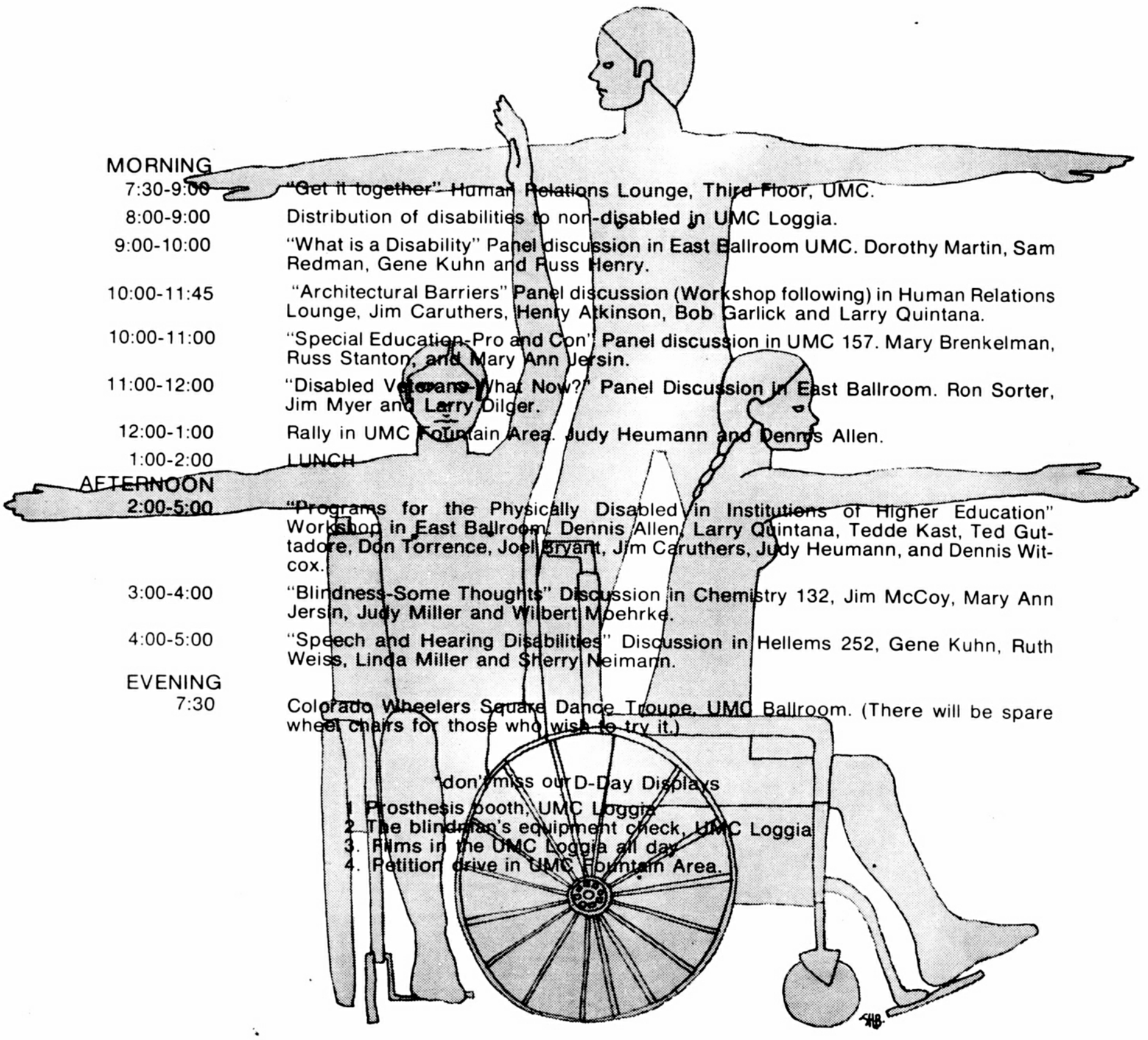
TODAY, WEDNESDAY' APRIL 18

Today is Disability Day. Today many events and activities will take place at C.U. which are intended as a means for people to learn more about people who happen to have a physical impairment, how they cope with a culture which often ignores their essential humanity, and the battles that are being fought every day as people with physical disabilities strive for rights grounded in citizenry and the fact that disabled people have ability—not just disability. Along with the people coming in from around the state and nation, we, the D-Day Steering Committee, invite all of you to come to our panel discussions, workshops, rally, films, and displays.

When Judy Heumann and several hundred other disabled people marched 3 miles on the White House last May asking that the physically disabled be written into the 1964 Civil Rights Act, there was a reason. When Jim Mayer, a double amputee back from Nam, angrily petitioned the President not to cut funds to disabled veterans, there was a reason. And as President Nixon vetoed bills which support vocational rehabilitation, Libraries for the Blind, physical therapy schools, and newer legislation which would provide opportunities for the severely disabled, there remains a reason.

For until the basic needs and rights of the physically disabled for education, employment, use of university and community facilities, and the assumption and integration of the physically disabled into all facets of the community are realized, a totally unnecessary caveat to de facto segration of the physically disabled remains and must be answered. Disability Day in itself may not be the answer. But, as we all come together and experience ourselves and each other as people on D-Day, questions can be and will be asked. The answers will follow.

AGENDA



MORNING

7:30-9:00 "Get it together" Human Relations Lounge, Third Floor, UMC.

8:00-9:00 Distribution of disabilities to non-disabled in UMC Loggia.

9:00-10:00 "What is a Disability" Panel discussion in East Ballroom UMC. Dorothy Martin, Sam Redman, Gene Kuhn and Russ Henry.

10:00-11:45 "Architectural Barriers" Panel discussion (Workshop following) in Human Relations Lounge, Jim Caruthers, Henry Atkinson, Bob Garlick and Larry Quintana.

10:00-11:00 "Special Education-Pro and Con" Panel discussion in UMC 157. Mary Brenkelman, Russ Stanton, and Mary Ann Jersin.

11:00-12:00 "Disabled Veterans-What Now?" Panel Discussion in East Ballroom. Ron Sorter, Jim Myer and Larry Dilger.

12:00-1:00 Rally in UMC Fountain Area. Judy Heumann and Dennis Allen.

1:00-2:00 LUNCH

AFTERNOON

2:00-5:00 "Programs for the Physically Disabled in Institutions of Higher Education" Workshop in East Ballroom. Dennis Allen, Larry Quintana, Tedde Kast, Ted Guttadore, Don Torrence, Joel Bryant, Jim Caruthers, Judy Heumann, and Dennis Witcox.

3:00-4:00 "Blindness-Some Thoughts" Discussion in Chemistry 132, Jim McCoy, Mary Ann Jersin, Judy Miller and Wilbert Moehrke.

4:00-5:00 "Speech and Hearing Disabilities" Discussion in Hellems 252, Gene Kuhn, Ruth Weiss, Linda Miller and Sherry Neimann.

EVENING

7:30 Colorado Wheelers Square Dance Troupe, UMC Ballroom. (There will be spare wheel chairs for those who wish to try it.)

don't miss our D-Day Displays

1. Prosthesis booth, UMC Loggia
2. The blindman's equipment check, UMC Loggia
3. Films in the UMC Loggia all day
4. Petition drive in UMC Fountain Area.