

Carnegie

NEWSLETTER

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Toward a new strategy

The five-part harmony arrangement members voted for recently will actually turn out to be a two-step, a Tuesday night meeting was told. And Parks Board reps made it clear that they want more of a consensus from members before moving in.

"I ain't here to sell you anything," Commissioner Allan Bennett said. "Somebody said, Social Planning wants you to take over the administration of the Carnegie Centre. It amazed me! I don't want to take on a pack of trouble - why should I?"

In fact, at a meeting in Nov. members voted overwhelmingly for a five-part plan involving Social Planning, Parks, School Board, Libraries and Carnegie Association. An option to go with Parks Board got only six votes. But the meeting was told one body - Parks - would have to run the building.

The Chairman of Parks said, "It's an administrative nightmare to try day-to-day management under a five-part plan."

Sue Harris said that under the Parks Board there would be eternal fights over money for little things like photocopy-

ing or roof repairs... "It'd be a free-for-all... 22 Centres against each other."

"Would Carnegie become 'jock-oriented' with much money for sports and related activities?" - "The needs of the people in this community would be addressed in programs with input and advice from residents. Any fees for programs would be worked out with your Assoc. and ways to fund them worked out."

There was concerned criticism about the lack of advertising by both Parks and the Association Executive - no posters or other means were used to inform the community of this meeting. We are unique in this city and are treated as such now.

Bennett said change would be useless there was some sort of consensus among members of the Centre. "When you decide, let us know."

Inside

EXTRA: Treasurer
AXED!

CENTRE STORY: by ROBERT LEMIEUX
1,000 lb. PIGS in the Jungle!

EDITORIAL

Political parties in Carnegie? I attended the Board meeting on Jan.8, and am becoming very aware of what is happening both before and behind actions at the meeting proper.

Muggs Sigurgeirson, appointed to the Board and immediately made President a few months ago soon showed by her independent thought, not taking a known 'side' on each issue, that it was necessary to remove her. When first appointed, the point of being a member for sixty days was never brought up in the hour-and-a-half debate before she was put on the Board. Her energy wasn't conducive to the 'party line' of a block of members on the Board so this technicality became the only way to stop her participation. Irene Schmidt also came under the gun, but her long-standing activity and low profile saved her from the machinations of this party.

Muggs, assured verbally that there was nothing personal in the actions taken against her, resigned and waited for Jan.8. She was told that she would then be nominated and returned to continue in a "legal" capacity. However, at this meeting, Tony Seaver nominated someone else and the voting was split at 6-6 on all motions to give the members present a say. The Acting President made the deciding vote in this block's favour every time. Even a six year-old could have smelled something

fishy. One side voted at the same time to defeat these motion Perhaps Tony Seaver, Jonn Olldym Dennis McCowan, Harvey Bowers Pat Kendall, Robert Allan and Wally Bardysh should declare their party goals and targets.

To quote Katherine Galan in her resignation: "Politics and personality have no room in our Board, or this Association. Strictly business, which is never produced or put out to the people, who are held in real heavy black blinders."

Muggs is perhaps the most competent and hard-working Board member in a long time; and her being presently barred from holding a position is both a breach of trust and a slap in the face to the future of this Association - both being products of this voting block.

We need people on our Board who will work for the betterment of Carnegie, and not just to further the personal ambitions of a biased few.

PAUL TAYLOR

Do you have a negative income? Our friendly government in Ottawa has made filing a tax return attractive by giving a \$50.00 tax credit for those who don't make any money. If you know anybody like this, tell them to get a T1 (that's tee-one) General form, fill in the zeroes and claim the fifty. See Norm on the 3rd floor for help. Wait a go, bro!

Also, DERA helps with taxes.

LETTERS

Well, we are into a new year but I hope it's not like last year. Even the party for the kids almost turned into a bar-room brawl. One woman in particular felt that her son should be Santa's helper. It took some time to get the problem straightened out as it turned out that Amanda was given the part of being Santa's helper; consequently the party went off with a bang - special thanks to Linda Kenny and Jackie Smith along with all the other adults who volunteered their time and patience for the kids' Xmas party. This was the only part of the holiday that I enjoyed. If the adults would stop and take a lesson from the kids: the kids were here to enjoy themselves, not to create confusion amongst each other. That is what I saw adults doing constantly during this holiday season at the Centre.

The concert music for the festive season was horrendous, except for one lone guitar player in the trio. The female vocalist couldn't really sing a note, versus a defunct guitar player who was off key all night long. The only good musician up on stage was held back, because he had to be back-up for the other two. I noticed people leaving, some going home to a two-by-four room to stare at four walls, while others would leave to walk around in the cold

and dampness outside rather than stay and listen to all the racket inside.

There was an attempt to try and dance, because the good guitar player had done a few rock tunes that I had requested.

The place turned into a real flop. Another player singer wanted to get into the act on stage and would not leave. I never bothered staying for the free breakfast - I was totally disappointed by the whole affair. I went back to my little abode and listened to some people trying to sing auld lang syne. Though they never knew all the words to the song, it still was honest entertainment as nobody was complaining.

Again, nobody complained or walked out in a fit of rage like I saw happening daily in the Centre.

D.W. TODD

Costa Rica is the only South American country without an army. It is also the country with the highest standard of living on the continent. Costa Rica proves what protestors against war have been saying all along: no armies = no war = peaceful co-operation = abundance. There is just no substitute for peace on Earth - joy to the world.

A discordant political song

The Carnegie Community Centre Association Board is again operating with a full compliment of members sitting. Due to resignations of reps., only thirteen of the fifteen positions were filled.

Several motions put forward to affect a selection process whereby association members in the room would have a say in the appointments were defeated. These motions included: 1) to have all members present vote on the nominees; 2) to have the Board vote on accepting persons nominated by the members; 3) and to have an open ballot instead of a secret one.

On each motion, the 6-6 tie was broken by the Acting President, Wally Bardysh. The final balloting was done with the process being nomination of candidates by the Board, and the casting of votes by a secret ballot. There was discussion on all of these motion and long-standing members in the audience asked for the right to aid in the selection. This, however, was said to be allegedly unconstitutional.

The nominees for the two vacancies were Muggs Sigurgairson, Bill Beacon, Katherine Galan, GM McLeod and Tom Kolvisko. The new members are Katherine Galan and GM McLeod.

After coming to full strength the next task was to elect an executive for the positions of President, Vice-President and Director-at-large. These pos-

itions are now chaired by Wally Bardysh, Tony Seaver and Jonn Olldym, respectively.

By PAUL TAYLOR

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MEMBERSHIP:

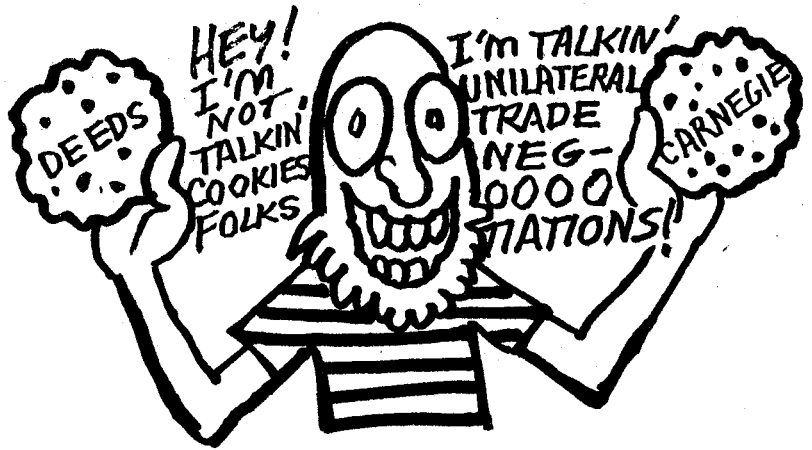


The case for taste

By PAUL TAYLOR

"to bake or

not to bake?"



"Cookies!?! " drooled the Cookie Monster.

Volunteer help in the kitchen has been bitten by the bug and they've started baking very high quality chocolate chip, peanut butter and oatmeal cookies. This is good for the finances of the kitchen as baked here the cost is from 12¢ to 17¢ each and the selling price is an acceptable 35¢. The cookies from DEEDS, although equal in quality, cost 25¢ each wholesale. When the Association temporarily turned its financial administration over to the City staff, until it could afford to pay its own bookkeeper, Nancy Jennings decided in good faith to have these eager volunteers go for it and make all cookies on the premises.

At the Board meeting, however, she was accused of acting in bad faith for not putting the matter before the full Board and letting the decision be made there.

Having a little power seems to go to some peoples' heads.

In a demonstration of this, Tony Seaver cried, "It's not fair!" We should have been consulted before such a unilateral decision was made." Tora tried to put the matter back in perspective by saying that the idea was just to give those who wanted to do it a chance to exercise their skills and bake cookies..that the cooks and kitchen staff know what works. that it was not and should not be seen as an underhanded attack on the authority of the Board.

Had this been presented solely as a point of principle, then point taken. However, as the issue of unilateral decision making was being voiced by Tony, he started to elaborate on the selling points of the

DEEDS product at the same time "Uniform quality, availability and the percentage of mark-up" It sounded odd coming from the

Promises in motion

same person who, at the last meeting, wanted to reduce the value of volunteer tickets from 35¢ to 20¢ to help "stop the money loss in the Centre". For a person who seems to only be here once or twice a month, it must be difficult to make decisions that will affect peoples' daily lives in a way that you can't feel yourself.

It's fair that people sitting on the Board make decisions that will be of benefit to the members and patrons of Carnegie, and not for the personal interests of the individual directors.

establishing the truth.

Almost all other community centres in Greater Vancouver customarily close for at least a few days over the Xmas season. Some for as long as six days (due to lack of attendance, I guess). Not so at the Carnegie. Open everyday, open all night, dinners, breakfast, kids' parties, New Year's Eve dance, volunteers everywhere, decorations, music and a fantastic Soltice celebration to begin the whole affair and welcome the Light. No wonder that the Carnegie Community Centre is recognised and even envied as the most dynamic and vital "Living Room" in the entire lower Mainland.

Muggs Sigurgeirson again was recognised as a great lady. Working to find and implement practical ways of fund-raising for the beleaguered finances of the CCCA, Muggs has successfully started a Moonlight Madness Bingo event running every Monday night from 11-2 at Star Bingo, 887 E.Hastings.

The licence was transferred from 401 Main St. to the new location and the first try netted \$750.00. This is the kind of weekly affair that is so desperately needed to help form a solid foundation of Association income.

As outlined in previous issues of the paper, the monthly shortfall in operating costs had reached alarming proportions - as much as \$3,000 per month being spent to conduct the business and social work of the membership. That's \$3000 more than what was made!

The licence permitting operation of a Bingo event here expired on Dec.31, 1986. The Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society, D.E.Y.A.S., has applied for a licence and should receive it from B.C. Lotteries Branch in a few weeks..this will mean continuation of Bingo on Wednesday nights as usual.

So! Until this starts again, or twice a week at least once a month, try your luck at both places!

PAUL TAYLOR

A NIGHTMARE

By FRANK H. PARKER

Make sure that you're a person of high calibre before you ever think of receiving good treatment from any hospital.

A personal friend of mine, Joe Boucher, had a heart attack on Dec.23 at 5am Upon arriving at the hospital, after making some transfers, he was told to take a seat... that there were others ahead of him.

After several attempts at waving a written notice from his Doctor, saying that he had a case history of heart trouble it was not until a passing nurse stopped and read it that his condition was realized as serious. It was no problem acquiring treatment after that and he was put into intensive care immediately.

The problem is not how much treatment they eventually give, but why the hell should you have to suffer for a group of untouchables whose job is to help the sick, not harass them.

And this was not the first time that Joe had had trouble with hospitals. I already understood where he was coming from; we swapped stories about seeing others who were more prominent in the community get treatment far superior to what many others receive.

Beware of getting sick at anytime and being put into a hospital. You'll soon find that those smiling faces of the doctors and nurses are solely for the purpose of depleting the rich man's pocket. Make sure that you have something of value with you because the money will talk, not just you alone. "'Tis sad to say but true, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer everyday."

What this all boils down to, going to almost any hospital, is like a 'Catch 22': put up, shut up, or leave.

Like it or lump it!

All snooker players, get ready! The first big tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 17 and the \$5.00 entry fee will let you compete for \$100.00 (1st), \$50.00 (2nd) and \$25.00 (3rd). A valid membership card is required and play begins at 11:00am.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to AL WILSON, brother of the pen - born sometime in January - who always makes birthday cards for everyone else and special banners for special events, but usually gets overlooked himself... May he escape the Mardi Gras madness and survive to defend the ladies forever.



My first trip to the jungle began as an innocent quest for work. I met some friends in Quito, capital of Ecuador, who had a pig farm and needed someone to put a small lumber mill together. Why not? It was raining in Quito and I was running out of music gigs so off I went to the jungle.

The next day my guide (who had never been there either) and my self started out with a crude, hand written map. Around noon we reached the desert valley below the city but, as usual, the buses were few and far between, so we hitched rides with truckers.

From the foot of the last chain of mountains, we climbed steadily until late afternoon and were higher than Quito (9,000ft); the temperature was just above freezing. The vista was phenomenal! Alpine meadows, glacial lakes, and rainbow trout. Yup! Rainbow in the Andes. We started down the eastern

slope through mountains covered with rain clouds and reached the river drawn on the map. We were still 3000ft up in rolling hills and trees as far as you could see, then rain. Let's talk about rain! It came down in buckets, torrents, cats and dogs. The two-foot wide trail was kneedeep and mud on mud in mud. There were a few huts and fewer people, and when asking directions we were always told, "No problem, just down the trail, real close, man."

And how we struggled, or better yet swam down the muddy slope. We came to a side creek with a waterfall barring our way - the trail went in and came out the other side - and the river was so loud we couldn't hear each other. On the equator, there's no twilight, so when the sun goes down it goes down! Instant black...

Conflict with harsh realities

Peter Imm, new treasurer for the Association, had his position challenged by Katherine Galan, volunteer clerk/bookkeeper. As Peter to give the Finance report, he was asked to respond to allegations of misuse of funds and consciously acting contrary to existing Board policies. The Board called for a "quasi-judicial session" on the following night.

The first point was the receipt by Peter of \$2.30 for busfare which he failed to show transfers for. He responded that he'd forgotten to get them and then repaid the money at the meeting. The Board moved to evoke a "mild censure" for this discrepancy.

Next was the matter of Peter having \$2.85 in change from a purchase and returning only the receipt, then reimbursing it over a period of three weeks. Peter responded that the change was in his room - Tony Seaver affirmed that Peter had had trouble getting access "around that time" - and the lack of facts prompted the dismissal of this point.

The third allegation was about Peter allowing two cheques to go out with only two signatures each, instead of the three required by Board policy. Peter responded that a bank worker had mentioned that two were enough, so when he got back to the office Katherine asked him for her holiday pay (when she was being paid) and only two signers were present in the building. He said that Katherine appeared anxious to get her cheque so he allowed it to be made bearing only two signatures. Katherine said that when cashing it, she was questioned about the blank line and told that she would have to pay a \$12.00 service charge if the bank didn't honour it. Peter was aware of the Board policy but chose to do it this way.. "To help a person out who had the money coming to her" (Tora); "To consciously go against Board policy" (Robert Allen). At this point, a motion of non-confidence was made but tabled until the fourth allegation was discussed. It involved Peter getting from the clerk/bookkeeper's box in the communications room and "hanging on to it" (bank statements) for an undue length of time; then making marks on and disfiguring invoices before they had been seen by the clerk. Peter responded that he'd gotten the Assoc. business mail and statements addressed to the former clerk/bookkeeper. He pointed out that the names on the invoices were not his and said that he didn't know how the markings had gotten there.

The motion of non-confidence was again brought up, and six voted for it, four against, with one abstention and neither the President, Peter nor Katherine voting. One member was absent. Peter has been asked to resign. Comments made by those present: "Peter is human and made some petty mistakes with change. He tried to do someone a favour and is being crucified for it."

"The Board should be aware that the severity of this action leaves each of them open to the same treatment."

"The Carnegie needs this to stop any further misuse or abuse of funds. We have to start now."

"This is a kangaroo court and almost a witchhunt."

"Peter is trying to learn how to best do his new job and shouldn't be treated like a criminal."

"It is exactly this kind of thing that has split the membership into those who don't care and those who don't care any more."

By PAUL TAYLOR

The cost of power to MANY OF US

At the meeting last night concerning "allegations" against someone, I found myself thinking in terms of misuse of talents, gifts and energy. In the larger picture, the Association Board says: "Come in and do what you can"; in reality it's "Come in, we will use you, we will cheapen what work you offer, and we will discard and discredit you after we get what we want."

I think of many people whose dignity has been "charged" (in ways not much less than criminal court) with incompetence, which means by someone else's standards..by certain Assoc. board members' standards. Volunteers' talents and energies are misused in subtle ways, their gifts of work are taken for granted and they are demoralized, which is the philosophy that anyone can do the job and probably better, but who is pointing the finger?

This is a comparison of the cheapening of people's talent; i.e. the association board, i.e. volunteers; someone is always standing accused..meaning taken for granted or misused. There it is again. Misuse.

I really don't want to give definite examples, but I have seen time and time again, a few members on the board 'lord-ing it over others', having the final say in everything, bringing people before 'the court', of making decisions and passing judgement and then bringing the issue before the Board!

I am saying what everyone has been feeling - Powerless..with no voice.

People, for a couple of years have tried in vain to say to certain Board members: "Stop misusing the position and stop misusing other peoples' gifts." But unfortunately, our pleas have fallen on deaf ears and the misuse of peoples' talents goes on.

NEST WEEK...
"The BEST AND WORST!"
OF
"A CARNEGIE CENTRE
BOARD MEETING!"

1987

1988?

I WAS ONLY
17 YRS OLD,
When I
Came TO
This Meeting!

I DON'T KNOW!
??????

MAY I
SPEAK
PLEASE!

TO BE
CONTINUED:
1989?

R-wing

L-wing

OUT OF
ORDER

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WHO SAID WE
HAVE TO COME BACK

Again

WHAT?

By

US

Okay, so how about the injury to the patrons of Carnegie? Because the Board decides to drag itself through its own "crap", everyone has to face the consequences.

An example many people bear witness to is the bad feelings and bitterness between Board members, and witness of seeming hatred between same: hatred of different political sides and viewpoints and affecting almost everyone in a negative, demoralizing way. We are all witnesses, albeit reluctant.

I will say I am not alone in my feelings and I have heard time and time again from staff to patrons to volunteers: "Something has to be done, this has to stop! The association board "might" be able to do the job, but their way of doing it, if they're doing it, is horrible and the effect on everyone is unhealthy.

I think some members of the Association Board should stop practicing power for the sake of 'lording it over others' and listen to the "no voice". Soon!

By DAVE McCONNELL

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ART BY TORA



We approached the inside of the falls where the water had carved out a hollow, and lit up some inspiration. We couldn't go back so it was crawling on hands and knees.

Lo and behold - a light - about 200 yds. down the trail. We got within 50 yds. of it and ran into another river. They never told us the farm was on an island!

No one could hear our shouts over the noise of the rivers, but the dogs over there knew we had arrived. They protected the pigs against whatever, but those suckers weighed over 1,000 lbs. and were bigger than the black bears in the region. Yes, bears in South America, and an equal match for the wild cats in the neighbourhood: the jags, panthers and such. No problem. And snakes..well, pigs eat snakes too!

Anyway, the acute hearing of the dogs soon told our friends of our arrival and they came

down to the river's edge. Strung across the river was a small $3/8$ strand of steel wire and a carriage on the other side (of course). We got it over to our side and they pulled us over across the river, sack by sack and one by one.

In the few days on the farm, I saw more giant pigs than you could shake a stick at, but the beauty of the jungle had captured me. The incredible variety of flora and fauna was mind staggering. Split Philodendrons wrapping themselves around anything, growing or not. Orchids jutting out of every conceivable nook and cranny in the trees, the smell of new and old plant life, born and dying. The jungle, it seemed, grew as you watched it and sometimes you could actually hear it grow.

That experience set the tone for many more that I was fortunate to encounter in the incredibly diverse continent down under the southern cross.

POETRY

LAST RUN

by Claudius Ivan Planidin

The Engineer, he called himself
smiling sharply.

Each person is his own train
I can derail, detour or reroute
at any time, he tooted.



THE POET'S TASK

by Claudius Ivan Planidin

If language
is culture,
is communication,
is universe,
is everything,
it's urgent
I listen
to the words I use.

But this politician whose power
has always been connection slick
stops cold when faced with a mirror
reflecting back his life's tracks.

Has this ramrodder from way back
been crossing his own grave living
a life half-dead?
he whispers teeth whistling.

Speechless now, his hands cold,
the mirror trembles his face an answer
The Engineer has made his last run.

My Child

(for sweetpea)

Anita Stevens

embracing you
feeling the oneness
synchronization of our breathing
make me want to love you for the rest of our lives,
and, knowing, that we are separate, and yet, symbiotic
till the day that you will say,
"Mother, you have helped to guide me along the untrodden
path. You have given me strength. Now, I must take the
reins and leave you, knowing, that when my belly is
swollen with the likeness of you, we will still be one."

Profit from experience

By TORA

B.C.'s new premier says welfare recipients should work twenty hours a week for their cheque - and a writer in our last newsletter expressed the opinion that "living on welfare as an integral part of your personal philosophy is only defensible in a bar where everyone listening is just as drunk as you, and deep thinking is not expected.

Well, I don't really care what anyone says about it, because I know for a fact that every individual has the right to choose their own path in life - even if the system refuses to recognize the value of that path.

It seems to me that the major hypocrisy of capitalism is that its stated objective - providing everyone with the opportunity to live the good life - is contradicted by its obvious result - destroying the environment with pollution and ending the world with nuclear war.

Paid jobs require individuals to sell their time and energy to already wealthy employers who use their skills to amass even more money and social power, which most of them habitually abuse. Money and making it has become an obsession..obscuring the real values of life.

When paid work has become

unethical in a corrupt system, then unpaid voluntary work of one's own choosing may be the only real contribution that one individual can make toward a healthy, peaceful planet. Working voluntarily without pay according to one's own perception of right and wrong, makes it necessary to draw on welfare for basic life support. Of course, if you refuse to do a "job search" because you're already working for nothing at

something you believe in, Welfare workers will try to remove even the minimum food and shelter allowance necessary to sustain your existence. They did this to me twice already..I'm not stupid..I get the message.

Capitalism knows its primary enemy to be the person who performs ethical work of their own choice even without pay - because if everyone was this idealistic we'd all have to live on welfare and universal socialism would be the result. So welfare workers naturally feel their duty to the system requires them to discourage ethical non-profit work motivations in anyone - even to the point of forcing them to live in the street and scavenge for food in garbage cans.

That's how ethical capitalism really is.

HUMOROUS IRONIES! sort of...

Void and stress.

So I looked for emotional commitment and tranquility but what I got was confusion and resentment.

So I looked for charity and warmth and what I got, what we all got, is life in a fish bowl; and it's kind of hard to be a productive, caring, warm human being - living inside a damn boarded-up, tightened-up, un-lit, hidden away, cold fish bowl.

And so it's hard to care much about yourself when nobody cares much about each other and not to be left out;

if you do care about yourself at all, everyone will especially not like you at all, whoever you are.

So, what we got is void and stress living like captives in a fish bowl, and we can't escape because there's no alternative living escape place.

We don't like each other at all. We refuse to feel sorry for ourselves or others. We despise compassion, but, cheer up! (to the clatter of drums) - we refuse to compromise this, our promising situation...

Is this what people mean when they say, "One of life's little ironies".

By DAVE McCONNELL

This is in retaliation to Fed-Up's article in the last issue. People do know who you wrote about, so how come the gutless one did not sign it?

Did you ever stop to think that maybe some people are fed up with you Fed-Up?

You are giving her the Grace of being noticed, when you wrote the most unadulterated garbage; she is a merit unto herself.

If your mother and father didn't make you - who did? They must be very special in God's eyes when they put no claim on you.

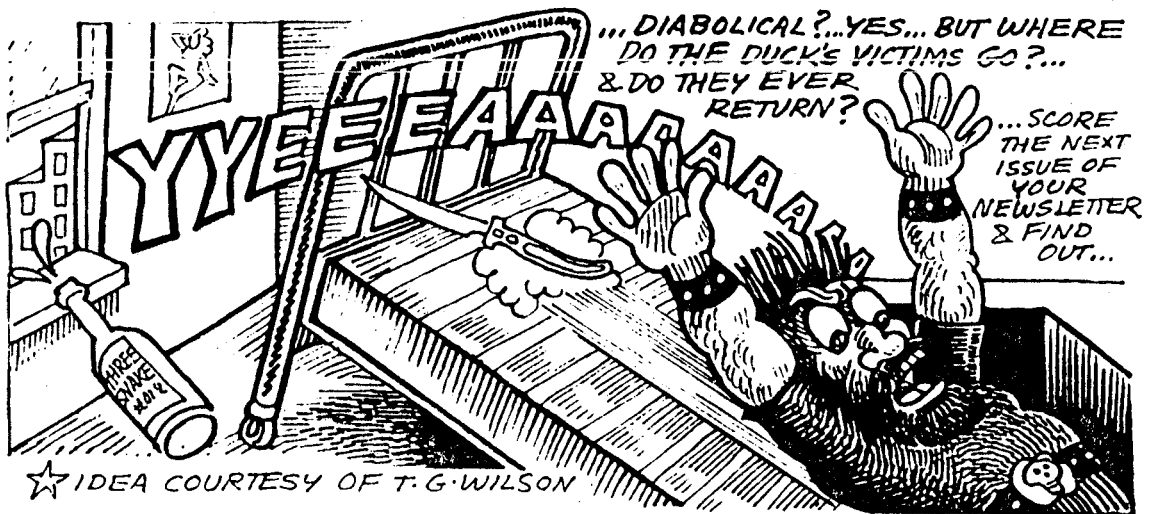
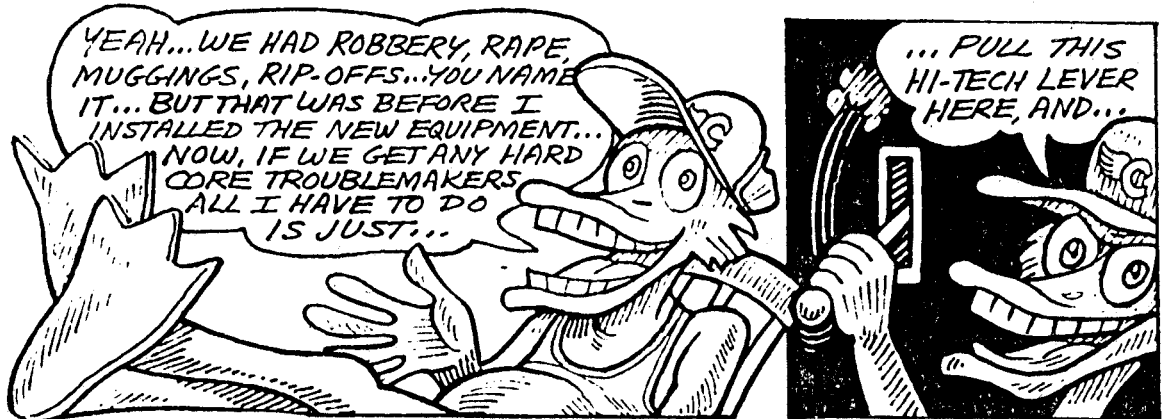
I was led to believe this paper was to be used and respected as a paper of the people

So far they have done very, very well so please do not degrade the newsletter by not printing names, as one's life may be hell in Limbo. Your eyes may be windows, but your brain is the stopper.

I am not "fed-up".

KATHERINE GALAN

The advertising rates for the Newsletter are currently \$15 for a quarter page, \$25 a half page and \$50 a full page. Anyone who can use a few bucks can earn a 20% commission for selling ads. (The 20% means \$3, \$5 or \$10 depending on which size ad space you sell.



your work

Just about everybody at Carnegie knows that without the work of the volunteers here, the Centre wouldn't be able to deliver half the programs and services it provides for the people of this neighbourhood. I was amazed at how much energy people put into doing things for \$2.40 a day in coffee tickets. Why?? This is the question I'm trying to answer in the research I've been doing here for my masters thesis in anthropology.

It's becoming more and more obvious that there will never again be as many jobs as there were ten or twenty years ago. In fact, as time goes on, it

seems likely that the number of jobs will get smaller as the number of people seeking them will increase. But just because people are unemployed doesn't mean they are out of work. That's pretty clear here at Carnegie.

The vast majority of volunteers that I've talked to so far don't have paid jobs, but the work they do is very important in keeping this Centre going. That's a lesson the politicians have learned well. They talk about jobs, jobs, at the same time as they cut back services to the people. They get away because they know that volunteers will pick up a lot of the slack. Volunteer work is not only important in Carnegie, but in Canadian society as a whole.

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DERA OBJECTIVES

1. To KEEP OURSELVES INFORMED about the life of our community.
2. To EDUCATE OURSELVES about ways of improving the life of our community.
3. TO ACT COLLECTIVELY to bring about the changes necessary for improving the life of our community.
4. To CO-OPERATE FREELY and HONESTLY, with organisations and people willing to assist us.
5. To EXPOSE and PUBLICIZE the inadequacies we discover in the laws, regulations and services enacted and provided for us.
6. To FIGHT the indifference and the corruption we experience or we become aware of.
7. To PURSUE our objectives in a spirit of good will and unity.

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Architects of reform

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A Carnegie petition asking for action on the sale of Three Snakes cooking wine played a big part in getting five local storekeepers hauled on the carpet at City Hall.

The five are being asked to show cause "why their business licenses should not be suspended or revoked."

A lot of other people got

on the bandwagon but it was a petition, started by Tom Lewis, and signed by several hundred people - supported by the Newsletter - which got action.

Thanks to all the signers.

No date has yet been set for the show cause hearing - but the Newsletter will keep on top of the story.

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Dear Mr. Lewis:

• ROBERT HENRY

Sale of Chinese Cooking Wine

I wish to advise you of the attached extract from the minutes of the Vancouver City Council meeting held on January 6, 1987, dealing with the attached City Manager's report dated January 2, 1987, with regard to the above matter.

The receipt of this letter, although encouraging, is not what we asked for in our petition. Although the Council has acted in good faith and towards the betterment of this situation, we, the people, have still not had our say at a Community Issues Meeting.

Further, our petition asked for the complete removal of these harmful goods from the Downtown Eastside.

I do not mind and one rather expects politicians such as Ericson and Davies to jump on the band wagon for publicity's

sake, but they should listen to the voice of the people and their own social agencies before going off in the wrong direction.

Cooking wines should be under the direction of the Liquor Control Board and these companies should pay their share of taxes like any distillery.

If it should take six pounds of huff-puff for one pound of good, we are all in danger of being blown away.

By TOM LEWIS

On Sunday, January 18th, a very special event will take place at Carnegie. In part, to remember and honour those people who had the guts and stamina to fight for converting the vacant Carnegie Library into the Carnegie Community Centre.

The doors first opened on Jan.20, 1980. People had created a vital and award-winning concept: a place to live and grow!

This Sunday, from 2-4, a celebration in the Theatre will include display tables and participants of all programs and groups of the Centre - 'showing-off' so to speak.

Please come and join in thanking each other. Victory is sweet.

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A lot of research has been done on paid work and the people who do it. So far, not much interest has been shown in volunteer work and volunteers, except on how to get more to do more. (This is called recruiting and motivating).

The research I'm doing at Carnegie is about how volunteer work fits into the way people make a living and the way they live. I've completed about fifty questionnaires so far, but there are still a lot of volunteers out there who haven't done one. If you're interested, I can be contacted at the Learning Centre, on the third floor - Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

By JEFF SOMMERS



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

The information pamphlet put out each week by People Mover Service - listing opportunities for employment - and part of Work Information Service Centre is available at the front desk.

If they have all been taken, these valuable lists are also there for the asking at all Manpower offices.

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