

Seven long years! Time supposedly flies when you're having fun.

On January 18, the Carnegie Centre celebrated its seventh anniversary with a public "Open House" in the Theatre. Wally Bardysh, the President of the Carnegie Community Centre Association Board, welcomed the few hundred people and acknowledged the feeling of family.. with fights and bickering right along with love and caring.

Newly elected Alderman Carol Taylor remarked on the enormous number of daily patrons being well known in City Hall and that the Centre's continuation and upgrading are definite items for discussion. She extended the Mayor's apology for not attending.

Nancy Jennings, Centre Director, spoke with concern that many of the residents in this area end up here as a place of last refuge, with the vast majority being on assistance of some kind. She said that after contributing to society and having a bad break, people tend to see further trys as being pointless, even worthless. Yet, this community can boast of numerous and div erse talents, skills and expertise.

Nancy spoke of the volunteer program here expanding to include training for jobs and activating peoples' interest in a larger world.

As always, the caution of needing to work together and be as united as possible (minimizing politics and/or personalities) was voiced. reminding all that to do less is to be less than we can be.

Free sandwiches. cookies, cake and coffee relaxed everyone and following the 'official' welcome there was an excellent dinner served at 5:30. At 7:00pm a free dance began with very good music, square dancing and just getting together.

Happy Birthday to us all and especially to Amanda, who was born on the day Carnegie opened in 1980!



Well, the financial workings of the Association (that's us, right?) have been thawed out; thanks to Katherine Galan. When Peter Imm was struck from his position as treasurer of the CCCA, the Gulf & Fraser Credit Union froze all accounts until new signing officers were recognised.

A lot of you, members and users of Carnegie, aren't too concerned over the difficulties of the Board. Yet, the continual bickering and infighting are having an effect - both on the confidence (or lack of) in our direction for the future, and in how people who are normally civil and friendly are becoming cynical and heartlessly watchful.

It is becoming more and more regular for any action or even talk to be suspected of concealing something wrong. Who decides what is best for us? Should such decisions be made without our having a say that won't be ignored? Is there a line or a blank wall? From the "I Ching", the oldest known book in the world:

"Although your values may seem like absolutes..all values are relative. You feel deeply that what you believe and what you do are right. And, in your terms, you are right - but, in their terms, those with whom you disagree are also right. From an objective point of view your views, aims and actions



"Well, if that's not our song it's goddam close!"

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are only a few among many. With out lowering your standards or hedging on your principles, make an effort to meet them half-way."

In the last newsletter, I wrote from the point of view of the majority of those at the Board meetings, failing to give adequate attention to the opposing view. This wasn't fair. I apologise to those who rightly took exception to this, with a small string attached:

Those who were most loud in their indignation were momentarily silenced when a volunteer on the newsletter said that they were just pissed off because someone wrote words too close to the truth, and the truth can hurt. Flack is part and parcel of public office; if you can't stand the heat then get out of the kitchen.

PAUL TAYLOR

# LETTERS

As I wander through Carnegie saying "Hi", smiling at people who smile and say Hi back in a friendly way, I see the real Carnegie: the people in the lounges, in the library, on the 3rd floor; volunteers baking, cooking and selling lowcost, nutritious food. The gym and poolroom are busy with active people. The Learning Centre is active with tutors helping students and the Seniors' dances are fun and filled with happy people. The Cabaret Night has people clapping and stomping to great music. Christmas, New Year's; there is always someone to talk The list goes on and on to. of happy times and souls.

The only unhappy times for me are at Board meetings where as a Board member I hear screaming, swearing, pounding fists and great insults..an ignoring of the community's wishes and even presence in the room.

The community elected me; it is a hard job - I can't change things or find a solution alone. The community who elected me must find the solution to the Carnegie Board and its function at present.

# SHEILA BAXTER

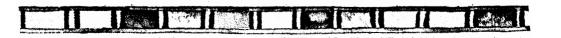
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are in the midst of trying times. The Carnegie Board of Directors is at present overwhelmingly dominated by reactionaries and opportunists.

The most opportunistic and least hairy member of the board undoubtedly is more interested in improving his reputation amongst the reactionaries and opportunists who now dominate City Hall than in working for and with the general membership of the Carnegie Community Centre Association. This man and his flunkies have screamed to the media that the Association's financial sky was falling while exerting virtually no effort to actually improve our financial situation. They have prevented the membership from taking part in the election of direct-They have joined together ors. to eject from the executive committee one of the two members of that committee who are not in the habit of patronizing Ralph Caravetta's pasta joint.

To rid itself of these folks, the membership must vote them out at the first possible chance and must refuse to vote them back in during the years to come.

SAM SNOBELEN



# **Coping with the high risks**

So, what do you think of drinking and driving? "Oh, no," you say; "Hold it!" before you look away. I know: you've heard this over and over, but there seems to be a lot of alarm still. The penalties for drinking and driving are getting more severe all the time, yet there has been very little about 'why' of this event.

I won't bother telling the horror stories or consequences as there's proof enough in hospitals, wheelchairs and cemetaries; and still no-one knows what to do!

Understandably, no-one wants to legislate or enforce very severe penalties, but, for our own (everybody's) protection, some positive steps will have to be taken in the prevention of drinking and driving.

One of the biggest problems is, of course, that in today's society cars are second nature. The way of this country and its southern neighbour is the need for recklessness in very ordinary, dull lives. Like the Robert Johnson quote, "blues that walk like a man, so spit him in the eye". Drivers seem to take their own lives in their own hands, but no-one in their right mind would intentionally risk another person's life: no-one would want to hit someone; no-one wants to be in an accident - no-one wants the

guilt and an accident is the last thing on anyone's mind. People just want to party, never mind worry. So people drink and drive anyway and "never mind the law".

On one hand, one friend was telling me that his sister was severely injured by a drunken driver and his rage was absolute..he was thinking in terms of severe punishment. On the other hand, another friend said that he'd been caught drinking and driving but hadn't injured



himself or anyone else., but his licence was revoked for a year with a two thousand dollar fine. He and I both know that he might have buggered up worse .. he didn't but still part of his life is ruined. The famous line "it wouldn't happen to me, so why should I worry about the guilt?"



Guilt is a hard thing Guilt is a nard the for most people to face and, unfortunately, most don't;

they block it from their minds. If people (cont. pg.17)



This is to explain honestly to people on paper, so if they have anything to say or do, have the stamina to come to me face on; do not send anyone else to do it. Also, if you really care and have love for the people or plain humanity, including yourself, you will understand that the Blind must now see.

I was re-elected to the Board of Directors, to help and work for the People. Some may think and say what they wish, as I am only doing and working toward what I think is right and proper principle of the fact: for us to get back to a happy bandwagon and stop this 'BS' around town and further make our Status a great reunion of Compatibility and Grace.

Yes, that is right, some feel hurt and crippled because of what I done - please open your eyes and get your mind working and sit down with me and talk to me on every matter you wish. I shall allow anyone to document what I say or witness it. I have no fear or remorse.

Only my heart cries and my mind is trying to reach you. We are all poor; that doesn't mean the poor shall hoodwink or cheat the poor - to reiterate - steal, misuse, misappropriate or whatever name you wish to call it.

In plain writing, Policies were put forward in this building by a great many of you and some have had the audacity to abuse them. I would say the Principle was "The Policy was Robbed."

Thank you for taking the time to read it, and thank you for taking a second thought, it you will or may.

# KATHERINE GALAN

PS: No matter how much you may hate me, I'll still continue doing what I'm quite sure is right for the People, for the Association, for Carnegie, for me, for all Community Members.

by Claudius Ivan Planidin

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# THE KEY MAKER

He makes gold keys to open sealed doors. Like the great ones before him deftly he moves his wrist, the heavy door creaks slowly wide and we behold a new world in which to live and move and have our being.

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Last week we had a small meeting upstairs regarding the Strathcona Gardens. Earth Love.

So you go down to the garden, you borrow a hoe or some other such digging tool: you forget all the personal and public problems. You learn which grows where, when and how and you grow food and flowers.

The people at the garden wander around in their own space, together and content. And there are, Believe It or Not, no conflicts - no evil instigations - no jealousies and no people bashing.

a real garden.

a rich garden..

just like life can and should be!

By DAVE McCONNELL

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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. #4-9 EAST HASTINGS, VANCOUVER. V6A 1M9 Tel. 682-0931

# IT'S GOOD TO BE FREE

The rose is so pretty and free It don't want nothin' but love The water in the ocean is so calm on a nice day I wish I could be that way But in this world there are many things. I desire I wish I was a bird flying in free air I know I can't be but only in my mind anything is possible I will bloom full of happiness like that rose so no matter where I go Like the bird I shall spread my wings Like the rose I shall spread my beauty.



### THE BUSINESSMAN'S DAY

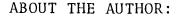
Before I face the day I have a coffee and a cigarette. It helps me to stay calm. I often wonder why.

In the businessman's world there is tension. Because I am a salesman at times I am afraid.

Sometimes in the day I can't wait for my coffeebreak. I go to a café and take out my cigarettes.

# A MOMENT IN THE NIGHT

The night is long and the stars are out I hear the music. But there is none around. Where is the sound coming from? I cannot answer. The stars are dancing in the heavens. Sometimes I feel afraid But for what I cannot answer that I don't want to go to bed. I might lose the sense of nature It is beautiful to feel awake. This is a special moment I don't want to lose.



I met him outside of London Drugs on Broadway and purchased a book called "My Poetry" from him. Mr. Alexander is almost a quadrapalegic, unable to walk and with limited use of his hands. Please forward any correspondence to:

Mr. Raymond Alexander, 1167 Forge Walk, Van.B.C., V6H 3R1

At the moment, Carnegie politics are only power-plays by a self-appointed and self-serving executive of right wingers.

A group of similarily motivated people had a one vote edge (Wally Bardysh's vote) - and by refusing to allow the membership to decide who would represent them. Bardysh, as "acting president", parlayed that one vote into a presidency for himself and a voting majority for his political friends.

In my opinion, a closed group of power-mongering, small minded, selfish people are now using the Board's executive power to force their own right-wing, business oriented ideas on the community.

The executive committee's voting block of Bardysh, Seaver Olldym, Bowers, Galan, MeLeod, Bowers, Allan and Kendal are literally running Carnegie's reputation into the dirt, shattering everyone they can in the process and manufacturing one crisis after another...clearly, they are digging their own graves, politically.

In my opinion, Seaver and Martin Baker and the whole NPA-Socred D.E.E.D.S. American Dream connection are the guiding influence behind the scene - but I'm sure that we will be able to avoid going down with them and survive to bury them and others like them.

They stink of self-interest, authoritarianism, and a kind of misplaced elitism built on double standards. They represent the "Might is Right" school of red-neck vigilanteeism that is destroying the world's chances to renew itself. I think their motivations are politically evil and like all evil things, they will finally be recognized and shunned by a membership who are beginning to realize how much they want to have truthfulness and positive humanitarian action in Carnegie politics.

If you have attended any Board meetings lately, it should be clear by now who is responsible and caring and who is just manipulating for power under a smokescreen of confusion and misinformation.

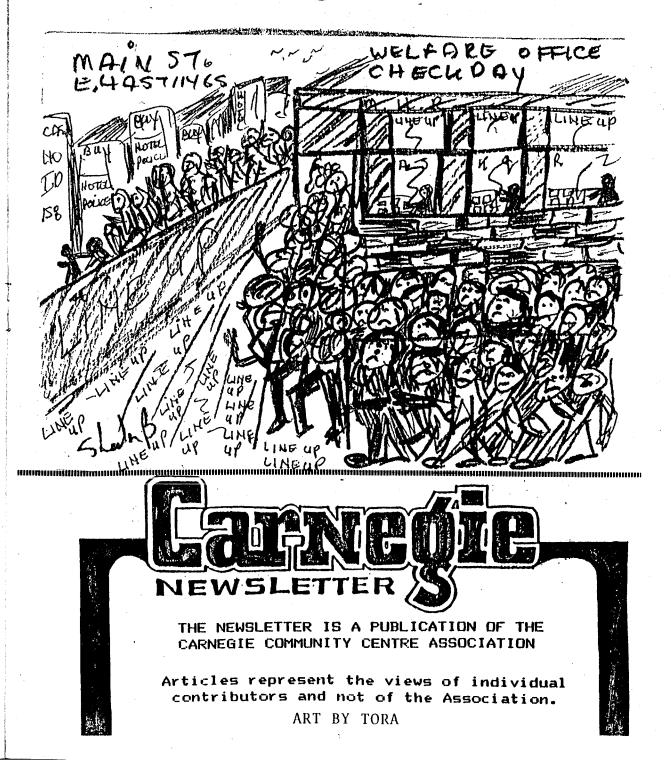
Remember who your friends are when it comes time to vote for a new board in June. If the present executive retain their power, Carnegie will coninue to be poisoned by sick minds in political ways.

If the side that is with the people - acting intelligently and humanely on their behalf wins a majority, then politics can become a positive process. The sun might come up, unexpectedly for a change, on a community centre that really deserves a break.

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# ""How wretchedly inadequate

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# belief – in an afterlife.



Throughout South America lies an archaelogical paradise.

Among many, I had the chance to visit one of the most impressive at Chan Chan, situated on the coast 10km from Trullijo in Peru. It's about the size of the island of Montreal and has hundreds of deteriorating pyramids that look like inverted beehives.

When the warrior tribe that later became the Incas were slowly conquering a land mass that spread from Chile to Columbia, Chan Chan was one of the last holdouts in Peru. At that time, when people died and were buried, assorted artifacts were laid out with their bodies to help them in the next life. Pottery, food and chichias or "tomb beads".

Archaeologists have uncovered only a fraction of these artifacts but have already filled museums all over the world.

I first came across these beads when I was in the Mercado in Otavallo, Equador; ceramic. turquoise, silver, gold and the mysterious conical quartzes. Scientists are still disagreeing as to how the artists - who at that time, presumably, did not have the technology - drilled through natural quartz. The thing is, these stones are #8 on the hardness scale and the diamond is #9! (If you figure it out. let the world know... you'll be the leading authority ...who's going to give you a hard time?!).

My ever-faithful companion Pamela and I set up our hammock and stayed in the coastal village near the ruins and waited for night. The authorities have double standards about the beads. If the locals are caught in possession of them, they're fined or jailed...(the beads come under the protection of

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the National Treasure Act - in short, Don't Touch). The tourists are simply ripped off and the beads are sold back to whoever. Everyone uses them to sell to tourists and make a living.

Anyway, when the sun goes down, the locals go to work. After our meal on the beach, we saw a procession of fires and lights going through the ruins. The "pot hunters". as they are called, were busy digging up artifacts. Around midnight a knock on the door came and one of the successful entrepreneurs showed us his new-found wares of the evening. We bought in bulk and spent the days making necklaces and enjoying the simple life.

After a month we had collected enough jewellry to bring to other cities and sell, usually to Europeans. A necklace from the ruins can be bought for as little as 10 or 15 dollars. In lima. it could be sold for up to \$40 U.S.

This is just one of the ways a gypsy learns how to support himself on a shoe-string budget. The people we met who were doing the same kind of travelling always had contacts and experiences in the same line as ourselves. So we had a never ending source of people to see and places to go. This is what you really call "networking", a sharing of information that, when on or off the road, is invaluable: a source of communication with others and yourself.

# By ROBERT LEMIEUX

Carnegie Centre is Canada's most successful community centre.

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The concerns, problems, ambitions and hope for a better future - increased funding and programs/ services - need to be looked at and talked about. Plans of action must be made and started now.

Carnegie members have some important decisions to make.

\* Who should run Carnegie? The Parks Board is considering taking over, but members have said that they much prefer a plan including Parks, Libraries, Social Planning, School Board and the Carnegie Association. City Hall will make the final decision, so how do we convince the Council? Who to see, what plan, composed with whom and with which people or agencies?

\* City Hall is talking about "re-allocating" money. How do we ensure that Carnegie can maintain its standards and increase its services?

\* Oppenheimer Park. Summer is coming and the kids in the Downtown Eastside are looking forward to outdoor play. How do we get them the programs that they need?

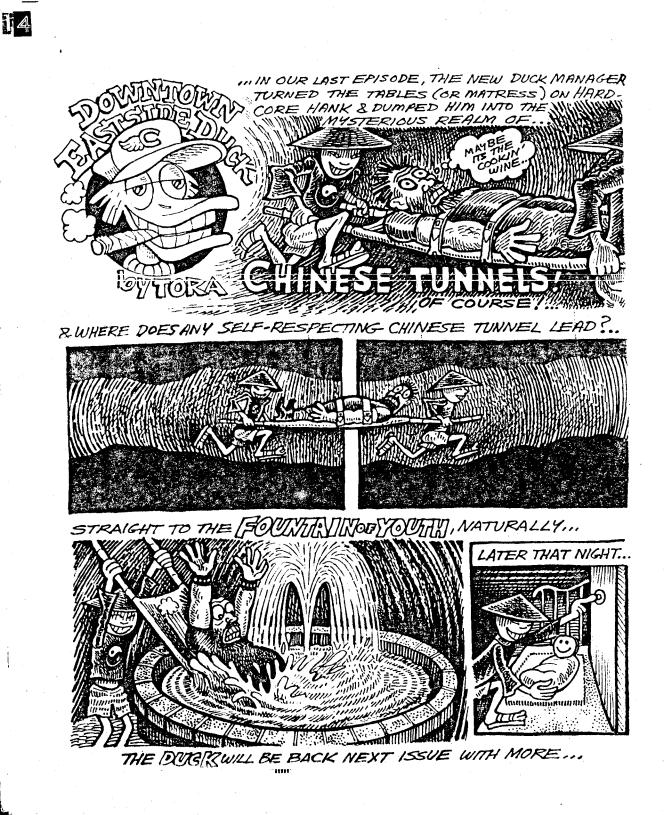
\* More money is needed for our programs and the success of the Star Bingo events is a beginning. Who, what, when, where and why of fund-raising.

\* Volunteers are the life-blood of Carnegie. How can jobtraining and the need for more volunteers and work be met?

We must speak with a strong, united voice if we are to solve these and other problems. Help keep out Spirit Alive! Friends of Carnegie Users' Society (FOCUS) is an independent group of members who want to help through discussion of issues and by taking action to solve problems.

The above was circulated in Carnegie last week and the first meeting was held in the Theatre on Sunday, February 1. As this is being written, Sunday is two days away, but as you read, Sunday was yesterday at best. Ask around for information.

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LITERACY TRAINING MANAGER:
 - to design, implement and evaluate 5 trainees
      in courses and work experience in adult literacy.
    - this includes financial management, classroom teaching
                                                             and co-ordination with other centres.
    REQUIREMENTS: - teaching experience
                  - accounting
    - work in literacy and with disadvantaged people
           Six (6) months
    TERM:
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      as well as work experience in tutoring adults in
      literacy/English as a second language
    REQUIREMENTS: - Grade 12 or equivalent
                  - interest in adult literacy
     - minimum 24 weeks unemployed
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# VALUES HAVEN'T CHANGED

When one has been put in the position of authority, the individual has not earned his or her new status. Time after time you hear people expounding, "I have earned my position through painstakingly hard endurance."

In one part they are right in expressing their opinion, yet when you, as an observer; look closer, you will see that trust is not solely determined by style but by the feeling of confidence you inspire in those who put you in that position. But again, we must go back to square one - you wouldn't be in a position for anything if you hadn't been put there in the first place.

I am in a position of trust that is unequal to the trust given at the Carnegie Centre right now; it requires more than what Carnegie may ever give, but I have to be firm to maintain my own standards. We all have to be firm and do away with double standards.

One accepts the honour, at the same time knowing that you have to be more than realistic or materialistic to keep it -- irrespective of personal feelings toward anyone or group. Holding such a trust, you must abide by the rules of those who have bestowed it. Yet, to achieve anything at all, I and everyone have to "Keep hanging in there!"

The problem of power is nothing more than the clash of ideas that various zealots try to implement. feeling that they are better suited for whatever position is up for grabs.

The problems this world has are not new. They've been around for a long, long time. So what the hell can you or I do to make any difference? Others have tried before you or I. When the lines of communication are opened, just maybe we'll get somewhere. Who the hell can contribute anything worthwhile? People always want to talk. which is fine, but they should get their one-act plays together first. Change the record or damn the record. One-note wonders are a dime-a-dozen.

By FRANK H. PARKER

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In Seclusion

Am I the only one who feels so deeply? Anita Stevens Am I the only one who loves so deeply? Am I the only one wanting more? Am I the only one wanting you so badly I look for traces of you to keep my sanity? Broken promises are betrayals.



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FROM REV. C. NORMAN TUCKER'S ORATION RE: ANDREW CARNEGIE

(He saw the steel baron's philosophy as a promise and prophecy of a better age that is yet to come, when man will feel that it is a crime to die rich.)

That riches are not a possession but a trust, to be used for the good of others; that they (the rich) are not owners but the stewards of their belongings. And that the pressing necessities of people and communities are to be legitimately supplied by the overflowing coffers of the affluent.

Andrew Carnegie said that buildings are the garments of a city, but the true value of them is determined by the noble uses to which they are put. I think he would be very pleased by the way we use Carnegie. jog your mind/

Carnegie Centre is more than a place; it is a state of mind with a big heart. Our heartbeat gets stronger as we grow older, the blood of our Carne-

gie heart is the blood of a committed Carnegie Family of Volunteers, staff, patrons and an extended family that includes First United Church, D.E.R.A., Vancouver Community College, S.F.U., Social Planning Dept., Van. Public Library and the many people at City Hall who help us daily.

We may not have money, but our heart and our labours have seeded: Crab Beach, Crabtree Corners, D.E.Y.A.S., the closing of the Hastings St. Liquor Store and the most dynamic, energetic, educational, social, recreational and cultural centre in Canada.

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The World Health Organisation announced a cure for leprosy in 1982. The cure consists of pills to be taken over a sixmonth period. Early treatment is required to prevent the bacteria from running its course. We can cure one child with a gift of \$150.00 or \$25. a month over six months.

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faced up to their guilt, there would probably be a lot less drinking and driving. But people in this society brush off guilt as unnecessary. By looking away from their own guilt, they don't have to face the consequences of a guilty conscience. A guilty conscience, in many ways, is healthy; to use a worn cliche' "a new door to aware ness". Get through the guilt, find what caused it and why you evade it, and "get on back to the other side". If people would stand up to their own guilt, they'd probably leave the wheel alone or think twice about being stupid.

People could learn to say, """Who are they to risk theirs or others' lives through drinking and driving carelessness for any reason!

By DAVE McCONNELL





Board/Staff/Volunteer/Senior "WORKSHOP"

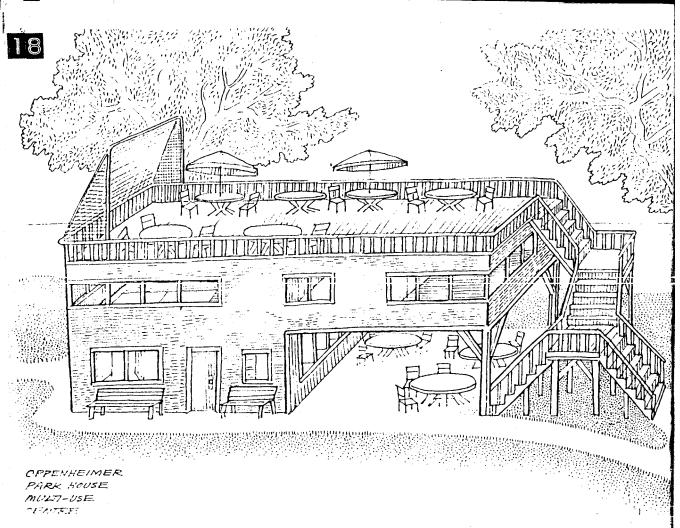
The night of Tuesday the 27th of January, we had the third in a series of workshops designed to de.l with concerns and problem, in the operation of Carnegie Centre. Facilitating or acting as chair person was Larry Anderson.

After much itemizing, the out come included: roles and responsibilities of various positions in the Centre - from the Director to Board members and patrons. The many items discussed included: Process of Policy development, volunteer tickets, records, committees, Board goals, funds and other related subjects. Then aslook was taken at suggestions and recomendations; 'brainstorming for solutions".

Improving communications was high on the list of priority issues, as well as the enforcement of rules and who makes them. However, the most impressive thing about the workshop was the atmosphere of trust that was created amongst Board, staff and all present.

The Newsletter will be covering crucial issues in future.

By ROBERT LEMIEUX



Above is an artist's conception of what funds could be used for in Oppenheimer Park. The present building is inadequate and suggested changes have been made to serve the park's patrons better. Mike Haycock has been working with the youth using this facility as best he could, but hopes to make a presentation to the Parks Board in the early spring. In 1986, \$75,000 was approved for the park - \$72,000 for lighting the baseball area. Speculation is that it won't be used for this, as only 'scrub teams' play there.

Anyone more interested in Oppenheimer's future, please, write to Carnegie Newsletter or see Mike at 320 Alexander St.

Me

I am like an eagle My brother the bear Strong and alone has not slipped I run like water his genetic timing chain, Never changing, like a stone. Has kept his fur coat. I cry like the creek Remaining mute Yet like a spring I rebound while I have gathered Like an eagle, I shriek language and intelligence; As I get whirled right around cloth cover.. I lead my life in a new direction But in our denseness No longer surrounded by love and in the darkness of the caves protection. of our minds -Alone in the world I soar high We both hunker down up above, in common programmed fear I am the predator, the eagle; from the Mastadon's thunderous You, the prey and the dove. tread.. I am like an eagle God loves my simple brother Strong and alone, who has kept his station... But the eagle does change Forgive us our defective DNA. And so does the stone.

Taiya Bartley

Tom Lewis

CHEMICAL CORRUPTION

A poem written in the sand washed away to the sea, and no-one saw the poem there and no-one knows how it goes, but it lives on in soul and in song.. the unknown. Children sing it! adult children sometimes sing it! The unknown poem has something to do with hope, for now and the future the mystery is for us to figure out <u>how</u> to achieve the goal of -----creating hope, creating life. the how is the unknown! ------near a pebble! Dave McConnell

# CAN HE DANCE?

Date:January 25, 1987Time:2:00pm - 5:00pmPlace:Carnegie TheatreActivity:Ballroom Dancing

Scene: A caring, responsible father and his twenty month-old son are seated in the Theatre. They are obviously enjoying the music and dancing. The father wants to guide the child along the dance floor. Word is that they're not allowed; reason being that the child might get hurt.

Question: What do you say? Anita Stevens Grocers approached TORONTO - The Ontario government has asked grocery store owners to stop selling cooking wines to minors. Consumer Minister Monte Kwinter said he was reviewing whether such pro-

ducts should be available in stores.

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A ceramics teacher is needed for "The Door is Open", a dropin centre at 373 E.Cordova. It is operated by Catholic Family Services at 150 Robson St.

If you or someone you know is interested, then call Alice Arcey or Roy McIntyre. Phone 669-0498 for the Cordova address or 683-0281 for the agency on Robson. The Seniors held their elections on Tuesday the 27th, and the outcome seems to say that the membership is very satisfied. The hard work done by last year's executive has been enough to have the entire group RE-elected!

President - Pat Kendall Vice-president - Norm Mark Secretary/Treasurer - Mike Lynn

