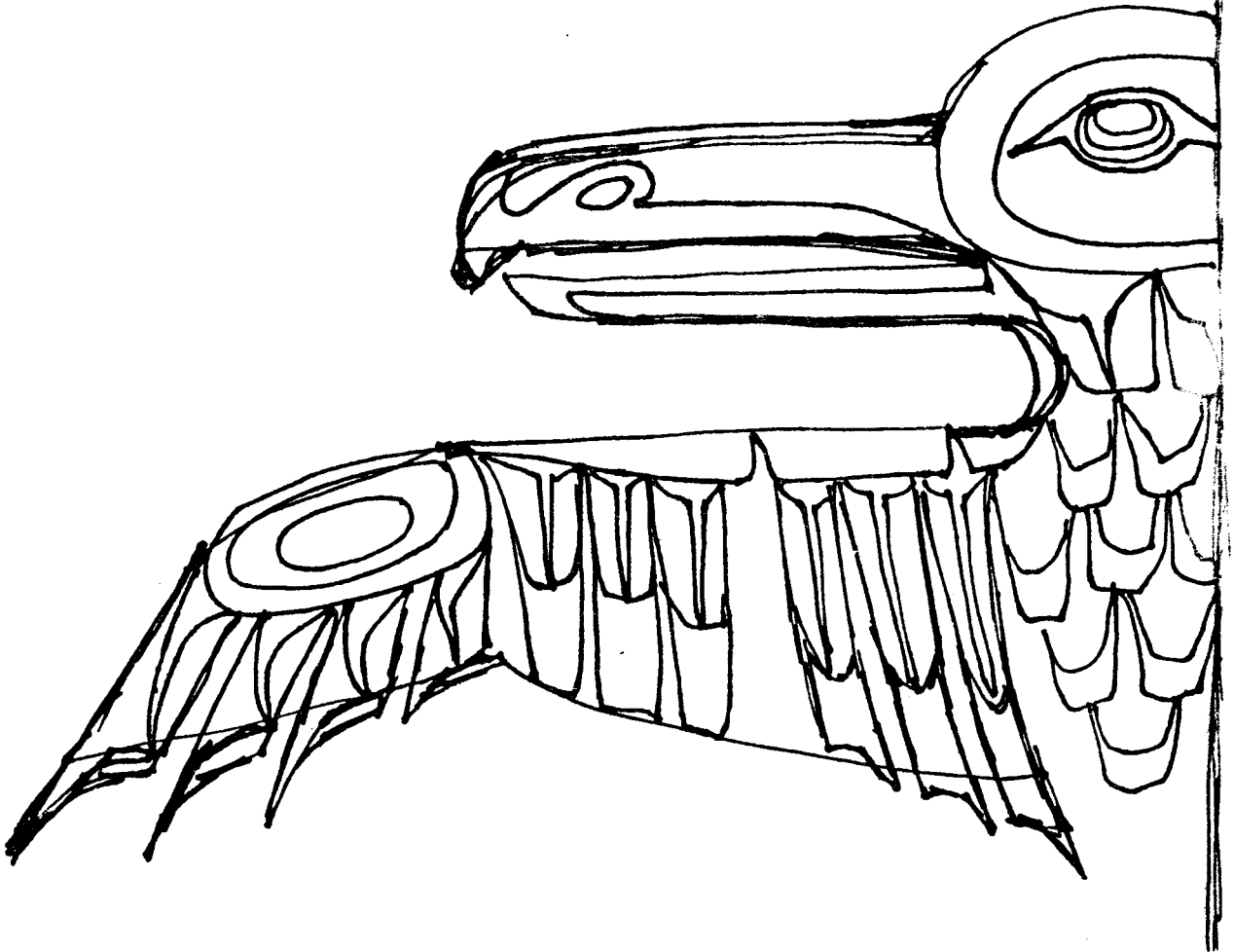


Carnegie

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 15, 1987.

we, THE WILLING, LED BY THE UNKNOWING, ARE DOING THE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE UNGRATEFUL. WE HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR SO LONG WITH SO LITTLE, WE ARE NOW QUALIFIED TO DO ANYTHING WITH NOTHING.



To Mayor Campbell and Members of Council,

You have been hearing some negative things about the Carnegie Community Centre Association. Here are some positive things.

More than 1,900 people use Carnegie every day. Hundreds of volunteers make Carnegie go round. The volunteers contribute over 58,000 person-hours of labour per year. At a minimum wage rate, that's the equivalent of 32 extra full-time staff. It's the volunteers that are the heart of Carnegie, not the Board. No other community centre has this record.

Carnegie hasn't stopped while the Board has been engaged in its navel-gazing. In fact, in the past few months, Carnegie volunteers and members have taken a number of initiatives to broaden the Carnegie program and make it better serve the needs of the community. These initiatives have been taken independently of the Board. -

* Establishment of a Carnegie garden plot in the Strathcona Community Gardens. Spring planting is going on right now. This will supplement individual members' diets, and also contribute to the kitchen program at Carnegie.

* Fund-raising. Members have started a Bingo program that in just three months has raised more than \$8,000 and will soon wipe out the association's debt - a debt that the Board has been unable to deal with.

* Goals for Vancouver: Carnegie members organised a meeting for all downtown eastside residents two weeks ago to participate in this program. Two members of the Vancouver City Planning Commission attended, and acknowledged that the area would not have been well-represented if Carnegie members hadn't gotten involved.

* Oppenheimer Park: Carnegie members took the initiative in re-vitalizing the downtown eastside park planning process. The parks planning committee has now won approval from the Park Board to participate this spring in planning the new Oppenheimer Park Field House.

* The most comprehensive public opinion survey of Carnegie members ever conducted has just been completed by Carnegie members themselves. More than 280 in-depth interviews were taken in March on the subject of the planned \$700,000 renovation program. A public meeting will be held this Sunday, April 5, at 7 p.m. at Carnegie to go into the subject further. All council members are invited.

* More than 300 hot meals are served each week in the Carnegie kitchen. The kitchen has one paid staff member, and the rest of the work of cooking, cleaning and serving is done by volunteers. It's a teaching program. The volunteers are especially proud of the new program of baking cookies. The cookies are nutritious and cheap, and a great favourite in the building. Come on down and enjoy one. They're only 35 cents.

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At its March 31st meeting, City Council rejected an application for a grant to assist the Small Business Incubator proposed by the Downtown East-side Economic Development Society (D.E.E.D.S.). During the debate on this issue there were several questions raised and some statements made.

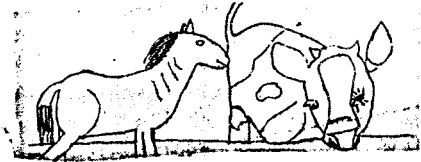
One statement made by Ald. Erickson was, and I quote: "People on welfare are not interested in starting businesses." This is blatantly untrue and, in my opinion, is indicative of a most callous disregard for the poor. Alderman Erickson, I challenge you to come to D.E.E.D.S. and see what is going on there. Furthermore, I would submit to you that in many cases people on welfare are most interested in starting businesses, but lack the resources that the Small Business Incubator would have given them.

The issue of the cost to taxpayers was also raised, so let's look at that. The cost of unemployment will continue to rise, the cost of policing will rise to try and stem the rising crime rate, the cost of social service support will continue to rise, the cost of incarceration in penal institutions will continue to rise, the cost of welfare payments will continue to rise, the

cost of medical care to the homeless and destitute will continue to rise.

Aldermen Erickson, Bellamy, Puil and Davies, I submit to you that your vote to reject the D.E.E.D.S. proposal did not save money for the taxpayers. Your short-sightedness has cost the taxpayers more than if you had supported the D.E.E.D.S. proposal.

DAVID LENZI



Dear Newsletter,

During the heat of political paranoia a few weeks ago, Ald. Ralph Caravetta offered to establish an office in Carnegie; as he said - to literally "move in" and run things for us.

Previous to his recent election as Alderman, Mr. Caravetta was president of the Gastown Businessmen's Association, ran for office under the NPA banner...a business-oriented party best described by Harry Rankin as "The Sacred farm team."

Mister Caravetta's concern for Carnegie 'problems' stems directly from his personal political friendship with DEEDS members and associates who hold a majority of executive posit-

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ions on the Carnegie board.

Mister Caravetta would like to fire the Carnegie staff, move jurisdiction to Parks Bd. and install himself as City Liason - which would simply result in him running the Centre as its new director. In this way, DEEDS could take Carnegie over from within and wield the power of City Hall over us...but, Guess What?

It ain't gonna happen - no way, Ralph! You and your fast-lane politics are on self-destruct. Of course, you could always move to Richmond and open a theme park next to a shopping mall..that might work-

RICHARD POOLEY

C.E.I.C.

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Att. Mr. Tony Seaver

Dear Mr. Seaver;

Further to our correspondence and telephone conversations regarding the implementation of the approved job Development project #7432 RX4, I want to advise you of my conclusions.

You have not complied with the intent of my letter of February 16, 1987 requesting a written outline of the hiring process for project manager.

(although you did provide information about a board resolution). According to the information I have at hand, there is continuing instability in the association - such that would,, in my judgement, impede the effective operation of the project and the productive training and employment of the participants.

Hence, I believe it would be in your best interests to voluntarily withdraw from the sponsorship of the project. While the concept of training embodied in the project is certainly sound, the Commission will not contract with sponsors unable to carry out the mandate of the program. An informed decision to voluntarily withdraw from sponsorship will not prejudice any further applications.

Please inform your project officer, Susan Cathcart about your decision in writing before April 3, 1987.

Yours sincerely,

Rene de Voš
Program Centre Manager.

POETRY

LOVES DYSLEXIAL PANIC

Words,
 Such a lack of,
 When needed.
 Soft sibilant sounds
 to create
 desire,
 All have deserted.
 Wretched words
 Lost,
 in the prevailing
 silence.
 Words lost
 But a poem
 could still be sung
 in sensual surrender,
 Carnal chorus rung
 by my treacherous tongue.
 What words,
 whither, where
 covered, given, gone
 Held, halting, hidden?
 Love,
 Sing we now
 Unsung poem
 Together,
 silent tongues.

Tom Lewis

The Cup

By Claudius Ivan Planidin

Again I give my offering,
 this time to you. My prayer
 is for a moment or two
 we may realize our oneness
 is stronger than the illusion
 of our seperation,
 our oneness is a yoke
 these words bear witness to
 momentarily I hope and
 I hope this engraved cup
 is fit for drinking a toast to you.

In Heat

You sniff me like a pack of dogs
 Tracking a bitch in heat!
 Those puppy-dog eyes, brazenly glued,
 Tearing away at my flesh.
 Vultures! impaling your victim with blades,
 While endless others, screeching, crazed,
 Barely able to cling to a branch
 Snap like a whirlwind of sheets,
 While licking flies taste the wounds
 Of life not lived anymore.

Anita Stevens

...RONIN...

What follows is a critique of S. Ronin's article entitled "Knight Fork"; which appears in this issue of the Newsletter.

Readers of Ronin's article will most likely notice that it is a rather odd mishmash of kindergarten anarchism, condescension (i.e. "Mr. Tora"), Red-baiting and urine-related vulgarities. To top it all off, Ronin ends the piece by stating "I love you Mr. Tora...in spite of yourself." This is likely the most obvious case of unrequited love that I've ever encountered. But seriously folks, it seems that Ronin couldn't come up with a decent ending and resorted to the kind of cosmic blather that was so common in 1967. This is not surprising when we consider that a reactionary is one who harbours the romantic notion that we need to get back to "the good old days."

Ronin writes that the "real currency of a LETSystem is the currency of trust." In the next sentence he states that ".... D.E.E.D.S. is sponsoring the LETSystem research." This makes it obvious, to me at least, that Ronin has had his wires crossed from the start. When setting up a system based on trust, he surely could have found a much more trustworthy sponsor if his scheme really has anything to offer to the community. He rationalizes his choice(?) of sponsors by insinuating that progressive persons

and organizations somehow feel threatened by Deads (this is not a typo). On the contrary: Downtown Eastside rightwingers used to disgust us; now we simply find their incompetence amusing.

Ronin writes that "...petty marxians always have been a dangerous irritant and embarrassment to anarchists." He seems to think (this is pretty opaque stuff, after all) that Tora is a Marxist. Tora, in fact, has not read Marx. Nor does he consider himself a Marxist.

The kind of shoddy positivist trash that comes from Ronin's pen is very much in style in Vancouver these days. Perhaps he thinks he's some kind of Non-Partisan Anarchist.

By SAM SNOBELEN



"Heavens, he's not worrying about his money, he's worrying about money itself." *fil*

Carnegie APRIL 19-26 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK

Sunday-April 19th. Kids Easter Party Oppenheimer Park late morning.
 Sunday-April 19th. Easter Sunday Dinner, and Dance with the annual second hand rose parade 2:P.M.
 Monday-April 20th. Seniors Dance, with prizes for Volunteers 6:30:P.M. Theatre.
 Tuesday-April 21st. Volunteer Dinner:
 Roast Beef, spears of asparagus, mandarin salad, and apple crisp desert
 Entertainment by Tom Lewis, Carl, and Buddy.
 Presentation of Certificate and Volunteer pins.
 Wednesday-April 22nd. Bus trip and picnic, to Queen Elizabeth Park leaves Carnegie Centre at 10:A.M. in the morning.
 Wednesday- April 22nd. Special General Meeting Theatre 7:P.M.
 Thursday- April 23rd. Volunteer Party:
 Entertainment by the Free Spirit Music Guild Theatre 7:P.M.-9:30:P.M.
 Friday-April 24th. Johnny Bear a world class snooker player, will give a demonstration of his skills and talent on second floor at 1:P.M.
 Saturday-April 25th-26th. Starting at 12:P.M. Dave Muskego Memorial Tournament Pool Room second floor, Membership required.
 Tickets at info \$5.00
 Saturday-April 25th. Stage 401. Prizes for Volunteers Entertainment, by Count on Country Band 7:P.M.-12:P.M. Theatre.
 Sunday-April 26th. Music Guild Concert 6:P.M.-10:P.M. Theatre.

from pg.2

* The Learning Centre: Adults are learning how to read and write. Last week, they went to a province-wide Literacy Conference organized by the Secretary of State's Department. Our members made a vivid impression on teachers from all over B.C. They took part in workshops and gave talks. The Carnegie program was hailed as the only example of a successful, working, community-based literacy program in the province, and our students and tutors were considered "resource people" at the conference.

These are just a few of the new things that are going on at Carnegie. This is the positive side. Carnegie is a unique institution, and it needs a unique status with the City to foster these creative efforts. Please don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

Delivered by Sheila Baxter (Board mbr.)

VOLUNTEER

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

In the army they used to say: "I want three volunteers - you, you and you"...but it's not that way any more.

Community volunteers do it because they want to - not because pays them or recruits them, or forces them in any way.

Everyone has his or her reasons to volunteer. Some are retired and just want to be active doing some kind of useful and, hopefully, interesting work. Others are sometimes more idealistic and for some, volunteer community work becomes a philosophy, almost a religion in a way.

Straight society (the bureaucratic jungle) values volunteer work mainly as a way of bringing alienated people back into the workforce. It doesn't recognise volunteerism as a valid alternative to paid work in the system. Of course government, business and the media have no other alternative but to praise volunteers - it's a motherhood issue - something no-one can disagree with without looking like a blue meany; so the establishment pays lip service to volunteer work, while at the same time considering it a "hobby" - something nice little old ladies do in their spare time.

Only the most experienced, grassroots volunteers, who've been at it for years, see vol-

unteer community work as the way of the future. When automation has taken paid work out of the hands of the individual, they say, people will still get together to do things for themselves and their community. That's why there is such a grudging, formalised recognition paid to volunteers by society.

It seems like socialism, almost communism, to have a lot of people happily working for nothing - no wages. Society doesn't quite trust the idea of people working at things they believe in, without bosses and managers. People who are concerned about ethics & creative fulfillment & community service - working without pay seems almost subversive - but they can't deny its value. It just presents the average wage slave with a contradiction - a moral dilemma that is temporarily solved by believing volunteer work is just a hobby, something

you do in your spare time, while you're trying to get that fantastic paying job working for Jimmy Pattison, conning people into buying things they don't need and can't afford - the good old nine to five official job that makes you a worthwhile person!

I think it's about time community volunteers got free bus passes and a lot of other practical benefits from the govt.

under attack

By PAUL TAYLOR

East Ender,
Letters to the Editor

Paul R Taylor, Editor,
Carnegie Newsletter.

RE: E.E. article - April 2

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter to Mayor Campbell and City Council. It was written and delivered to City Hall the day after the March 31st meeting of this city's highest elected body.

Your Honour and respected Members of Council,

At City Council on Tuesday, March 31st, the actions of Ald. Caravetta appalled me and seemed to continuously impugn the dignity of yourselves and the public. He displayed an arrogant and over-bearing manner when he began to question Mr. Max Beck, Director of Social Planning. At one point, after Mr. Beck reminded him of an earlier attempt to explain a situation, Caravetta jeered with the Carnegie Board members that he supports and on cue said, "You'd better start telling the truth, mister."

This manner and attitude of almost rabid support or condemnation of differing opinions, using half-truths and scanty info has already been displayed at Carnegie Centre. When Caravetta caught the end of a public meeting, offering residents input to the Goals for Vancouver Survey, he said:

for trashing

- "This is all COPE. It's worthless." There were over sixty people in the room and he based this statement on the presence of Ms. Jean Swanson, employed by the City at Town Planning.

- "The senior staff is responsible for all your problems." This is the line of the voting majority on the board, who blame the staff when the members don't endorse their actions.

- "The senior staff get 86.6% of your budget in salaries." He repeated this four times, as if repetition made it more true. Senior staff means six or seven people, and simple arithmetic shows that he thinks they get over \$100,000 EACH!!!

- "I'm going to come in here and clean house." Carnegie is not a bar in need of a deluded 'bouncer'. Carnegie works extremely well except for the obstruction and distrust caused by the current voting majority on the board.

the Will of Members

The petition, a copy of which the Mayor received, has been signed by over 250 members, demanding the dissolution of the present board and an immediate election. Contrast this statement of the will of the membership with the 50-60 who originally voted at the Annual General Meeting last

June. The vast majority of members are disgusted with the continual attacks on staff and actions to stop or disrupt positive ideas of the membership.

Alderman Caravetta has proposed himself as the Aldermanic liason to Carnegie. Please, Please, Please...don't inflict this person on this Centre!!! He works in this area, but as an owner of a hotel that was responsible for evictions during Expo 86. Many here know that and will not challenge him or even attend meetings where he will speak. If, as he has said, he "sets up his office IN Carnegie", then this Centre will degenerate into a political football instead of continuing as the living room of the Downtown Eastside.

The Special General Meeting will occur on Wed., April 22, and a new, more representative body will be installed. Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R Taylor

submitted - not published

I am sending it to your paper after reading the front page story in the April 2 edition. Mr. Caravetta has made common cause with the current voting majority on the Carnegie Board, who seem to be engaged in an ongoing attempt to disrupt the operation of this Centre. Before the "rookie" Alderman began his attack on Mr. Beck, the president of the board - Wally Bardysh - made an extremely

negative and disparaging report on the activities and programs here. Mr. Bardysh has no phone and has his address listed as 450 Powell; the centre of Oppenheimer Park. He is in the Carnegie Centre only when he has been tracked down and told over and over that he must come in and perform some duty or assume responsibility as Pres. The assumption of many members/users is that he must get his information from some cloudy crystal ball.



The heading on the story referred to is also misleading. A "Probe" brings a criminal investigation to mind, but the recommendations of the Director of Social Planning state only 'to research different forums of representative bodies and find the best one for Carnegie.

DANGER

As the current voting majority has almost completely lost the support and trust of the members/users, perhaps this was desired. Personal attacks, disruption and destruction of new initiatives, allegations of dishonesty...have all served to cause a workable format to be in danger of being scrapped.

If City Council wishes to placate Alderman Caravetta, he may very well be inflicted on the Carnegie Community Centre. Mr. Caravetta has had virtually no input into the most successful community centre in Canada. He states that he grew up down here, but in the five years that I've been in Carnegie, almost daily, he has not been here even once to my knowledge. Suddenly he talks as though he has lived in the building, with a repeated citation of a volunteer being his babysitter when he was a child. The politically apropos statement

Gimme a Break !!

that he doesn't want Carnegie to go to the Parks Board is a bandwagon jump to be in rapport with the vast majority of members/users. If Carnegie is put under the auspices of Parks it will become one of 22 community centres administered by them. The money budgeted for here will simply be added to Parks' funds, and expended according to need. The present methods for acquiring sums from Parks involve very efficient lobbying by people who never had to worry where their next meal is coming from; whether they will have any money left for the last two weeks of every month; if their children will be taken away from them because they are too poor to feed them properly...

Mr. Caravetta seems to see Carnegie as an ideal setting for his playing "Cops and robbers".."cowboys and Indians"..

"NPA and COPE". Carnegie will die an agonizing death if it becomes another political football.

This Centre runs extremely well, but the Executive of the board has seen fit to cause negative publicity to reach the fore over allegations couched in misinformation, half-truths and even outright lies. The only dissatisfaction with the staff employed by Social Planning is in the minds of the current president Wally Bardysh, vice-president Tony Seavers and Director-at-Large Jonn Olldym. (Correction:



Seavers, seeing the writing on the wall after a petition bearing over 250 signatures of members was presented, resigned.) The will of the members is to stop this process of maligning staff, circulating rumours of malfeasance and growing dissatisfaction.

As Editor of the Newsletter I receive one minor complaint for every twenty instances of praise and even admiration for the tremendous work the staff does here.

Selling off a family

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY.

By PAUL TAYLOR

The difficulties at Carnegie have received much attention in the last few months. Much has been negative due to the same person/people feeding certain writers and TV personnel a line alleging criminal behaviour on the part of the senior staff. This has been done using scanty information, misinformation and even outright lies.

Following is a synopsis of a twenty-page report, with seven pages of documentation, that I compiled for an attorney. Each respected member of City Council has one, as well as the Director of Social Planning, Max Beck. To whit:

First, Muggs

- the first point was on how Muggs Sigurgeirson was coerced into resigning for not having her membership 60 days prior to her becoming president; a verbal promise made by Tony Seavers and Wally Bardysh to get past the technical problem by her stepping down and then being nominated and appointed with their support; the promise becoming hot air as they band together and appoint MacLeod.

then, Irene

- Irene Schmidt was accused of "fraudently" sitting on the Bd. after it was discovered that she'd purchased her card 18 days after the deadline.

Sheila

- Sheila Baxter was accused of a similar 'offence' but a check showed that she had been a member for more than three years.

and Peter

- Peter Imm was forced to resign as treasurer after one month because of \$2.30 in busfare; slow repayment of \$2.80 in change; approving a cheque to his accuser for holiday pay with only two signatures instead of the three required by policy; for making marks on bank statements and getting mail other than what was supposedly his and not getting said mail directly to the bookkeeper. The "quasi-judicial inquiry" that occurred around these matters was completely against the Constitution and Robert's Rules of Order and the Society's Act. The motion of non-confidence was made by

Harvey Bowers, who came out strongly on the sacredness of directors following Board Policies. When he was President, Harvey was getting paid cash for running fundraising dances, directly against Board Policy.

- The members interested came to a Board meeting to hopefully assist in the selection of new directors (vacant seats). The three motions put up asked for nomination, and an open ballot with all members present voting

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but each was defeated. The tally was 6-6 and Bardysh stopped each motion, breaking the tie for defeat. The resulting format was only the directors nominating and then voting in a secret ballot. Katherine Galan and MacLeod became directors.

\$70,000 lost in grant fiasco

- a grant from CEIC was awarded to the Learning Centre for a manager and five tutor-trainees to learn and develop skills to help illiterate adults to learn to read and write. This grant was for \$70,000. Normal hiring procedure was to reward the position of manager to the best qualified applicant and that person being selected by a simple majority vote of the hiring committee. The president Bardysh, radically altered this procedure to make only a consensus vote (unanimous) be acceptable for hiring anyone. Ms. Linda Forsythe had come out far ahead of her nearest competitor for manager. Bardysh, upon investigation, had allegedly made unsuccessful advances toward Ms. Forsythe; had allegedly put her initials on his tutor volunteer card to get coffee tickets; had allegedly made further unsuccessful advances toward another woman who then applied for an info job and hadn't even been given an interview until she threatened to take the Association (i.e. Bardysh) to Labour Relations. Because of his frustration/inferiority complex Bardysh decided to block Ms. Forsythe from this job. CEIC was made aware of this selective stupidity and finally asked the Association to voluntarily withdraw its application. The grant is not coming.

select few - ha!

- it was discovered, again through investigation, that the President(Bardysh), Vice-president(Seavers) and Director-at-Large(Olldym) and MacLeod had each purchased his membership after the deadline, with MacLeod getting his the SAME DAY as his appointment, The same people who had forced Ms. Sigurgeirson to resign for being 'illegal' were as in violation, but refused to follow the Rules that they insisted others follow. MacLeod must have told the Executive that he had no card when they approached him to be chosen, but he was deemed acceptable since he would support them.

big lie technique

- after MacLeod stonewalled the hiring of Ms. Forsythe, presumably on the orders of the Executive, both Bardysh & Seavers went to a Learning Centre meeting and said that it had been Sheila Baxter who had done the deed.

selective stupidity

- Dennis McCowan, who had found that Irene was invalid as a director, somehow missed seeing Seavers' name on the same page, just four names above Ms. Schmidt's. His was the loudest voice in the campaign to eliminate as many of the directors not voting as the Executive voted. McCowan then applied for one of the five tutor trainee positions, but

before that had made comments, suggestions and aided in the structuring of the Personnel Committee. He was made aware that as a director this was not legal or fair; that being recorded as abstaining on subsequent votes pertaining to this did not excuse him from being ethically bound to void all input to the process of personnel and hiring policy. He continued to do so anyway. The consensus procedure in hiring had stopped the one person who could have made comments on McCowan's difficulties in keeping students that he was to tutor. Several have threatened to stop coming if he was assigned to them.

new strategy

- a group of members/users with the acronym FOCUS (Friends of Carnegie Users Society) was formed to do the work of Carnegie that the Board just did not do (i.e. the Executive and supporters on it). FOCUS held public meetings to get community ideas and input on: CRAB and the Main St. overpass, knives, the



FOCUS

proposed fieldhouse at Oppenheimer Park, and most relevant to Carnegie a meeting and week long survey on how to best utilise the \$700,000 allocated by the City for renovations. A second important public meeting gave residents their first input into the Goals for Vancouver Survey. FOCUS helpers also transferred the Bingo licence to Star Bingo and have raised almost \$10,000 to date. The work and anxiety are periodically praised by the Exec. but they have done virtually nothing to cancel the debt. An ongoing frustration for the co-ordinator is to track down the Executive signing officers for cheques that must be taken to pay for keeping this event alive. Losing this fundraiser could be blamed then on Carnegie, but would be the fault of the persistent irresponsibility of the Executive.

8 - Ball

- Bardysh and Seavers then began to schedule Personnel and then Board meetings at exactly the same time as the public meetings, knowing that the Brd. members opposed to their action had committed themselves to the public gatherings. This



let the eight directors attending, with their 'officialdom', decide how to ruin credibility; allowed them to pass motions without dissent or even scrutiny. Motions included firing Nancy Jennings and any other staff person who didn't meet the 'standards' of the eight directors so voting; to kill the Newsletter by stopping payment for printing; to take the Bingo money and use it instead to hire a lawyer to sue FOCUS! To further ensure that anyone opposed to this arrogance could not attend, the meeting was conducted "In Camera" - only Board members allowed - but Alderman Caravetta was there. The agenda for this meeting, held subsequent to the March 5th debacle, had been passed on the 5th, but motions voted on were not made concerning anything on the accepted agenda. Board members not supportive of the Executive didn't receive any notice of what would be voted on; they didn't even get copies of the minutes.

whitewash

A conduct rule makes distribution or public disclosure of "In Camera" minutes mandatory within 24 hours. That was almost a month ago, and nothing on paper has appeared. I had expected some whitewashed version to appear, even if only to gull naive readers, but nothing. - similar to this point is a missing section in minutes of a previous meeting, when Tora asked that a statement of his be entered word-for-word. It was a comment on the Executive

wanting a financial report prepared by Peter Imm read and accepted just after they had engineered a "non-confidence" vote on his ability to BE Treasurer! The statement -gone. The Executive wants any image of themselves to be one of competency and responsibility; covering up mistakes, manipulation of rules and their hidden agenda with high-sounding words. Simply put: "The end justifies the means."

"We Know!"

- the Director of Social Planning asked for five minutes on the agenda of the March Board mtg. but was refused; the script for Executive behaviour had already been written and rehearsed about many of the contentions listed above.

- This meeting (March 5th) saw members turning out in unprecedented numbers to question the executive and their cronies on these exposed manipulations. They saw the President try to refuse recognition of speakers; not have anyone but directors speak; employ "broad interpretations" of plain Constitutional Rules; and threaten to clear the room - with the police, if necessary. Then Mr. Beck of Social Planning was supposed to see them as upright, concerned citizens trying to "get on with business" until stymied by "Ultra-left radicals".

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- Alderman Caravetta was nominated to be liason for Carnegie and City Council by a

person whom he'd kicked out of his building; he later said that he'd be glad to set up his office IN CARNEGIE!!! At City Council on March 31st, Caravetta tried to drag Nancy Jennings' name through the mud even after he'd been told that personnel matters weren't to be discussed. His line of attack was identical with that of the Executive of our Board.

This was just after Bardysh gave a negative and untrue report on Carnegie calling a report of the Director a "whitewash", labelling members/users as "rent-a-card, staff-bought radicals" and then joining with his cronies to jeer and slam Council members and City employees. Caravetta was their "hit man", using his absolute privilege as an official to slam sane Council members, the Director of Social Planning and the Director of Carnegie.

hidden Agenda

And then he has the gall to promote D.E.E.D.S. when the Executive of Carnegie Board are directors and employees of D.E.E.D.S.



sure glad we didn't step in it!



TO: Wally Bardysh, Tony Seaver, Jonn Olldym March 23, 1987.
RE: Carnegie Newsletter Finance

It has come to my attention that the issue of the Newsletter, published on March 1, 1987, has not been paid for. The invoice was given to Wally Garcia, bookkeeper, and he drew up a cheque for \$141.24 to be signed when you three dropped in. He then told me that after you had come and signed all cheques waiting, the cheque for Budget Printing had been left unsigned. The information was relayed to me after returning from Budget, having just left the issue for March 15 to be printed. This second invoice, for \$117.70, brings the total to \$258.94.

Speculation, cum guessing, as to why has been included in a letter to Max Beck, asking him to put the Carnegie Newsletter account under the administration of the City staff - citing your irresponsible actions and general unavailability.

At the initial meeting of the 'Editorial Review' group, I was dismayed that, besides you three and me, you thought it either apropos or necessary to have MacLeod present to engage in irrelevant talk and moronic criticism of typos, etc., etc. I was sincere when I said that I trusted you, yet the incident about Lenzi's letter - which you said you had already seen - made me wonder. The libelous statements were fairly obvious, but I wanted to observe the kind of objective integrity with which you would review the contents of submissions. Saying, "We won't touch any letters" hardly excuses you from passing as good a letter containing sufficient libel to cost the Association thousands of dollars.

I have had to, again, take a loan to pay Budget - \$258.94 - and will exchange the receipt for a cheque made payable to me for this amount. The money donated by PLURA (\$1,000) and the ad revenue are for paying to keep the Carnegie Newsletter alive. The truth about your actions to ruin, destroy, disrupt, confuse and create fear in this Centre will not be stopped by such sleazy manipulation of assigned duties. TO HAVE NO VOICE IS TO HAVE NO POWER. You will not take the voice of the people of this Centre away.

cc: Max Beck, Nancy Jennings,
Gordon Campbell

PAUL TAYLOR, Editor
Carnegie Newsletter

- Truth hurts. So; the Exec. make themselves the signing officers on the Newsletter account and reconstitute the Editorial Review process. I asked to see the guidelines in

writing, as well as the minutes in which they were ratified. I was told to find them but in the meantime I would have to TRUST these people to be fair and unbiased. They

would "just make suggestions and edit out libel...". Before this, the chief of all Executive planning - Seavers - told me that: "If we don't like it, we won't pay for it."

Truth

The front-page story 'review -éd' was still in first-draft form, but was the result of an investigation of this Exec. & some cronies' membership cards i.e. purchase dates. The only story in the paper, not written until two days later, was a commentary on an article appearing in the Vancouver Sun that day. Seavers gave his version of Carnegie difficulties, blaming "ultra-left radicals" for everything and trying to make brownie points by calling himself a "non-partisan moderate". My comments? "...hysterical and paranoid.."

hurts

The third issue from this point was taken to Budget and the guy there said that "someone from Carnegie came in and told us not to print anymore Newsletters because the Exec. aren't going to pay for them." The loan needed to pay for the issue in your hands will bring the total owed to over \$550.

motives

Nothing of this was said to me, but as Editor I thought I would be the 'first to know'. Similarly, when critical editorials first began in November I asked members of the Exec. to respond with backup for

their actions and some answers for the many valid questions asked. At first; "It's in its second draft"; then "I'm answering that today and you'll have it first thing tomorrow." Then, at the Editorial Review "Why is easy." (no elaboration) and "We don't like the tone of your editorials."



So far: the Executive and their few supporters have concealed their invalid status while attacking others for the same thing; forced one person off the board while slandering another; going against all rules of proper conduct for a "non-confidence" vote on a treasurer; bugging normal hiring procedures to stop the best person from getting a job and then losing the entire grant; stopping funding for the Newsletter; being made aware of conflicts-of-interest but continuing to act anyway; eliminating dissent and scrutiny by having meetings at the same time as important public meetings on the future of this Centre; slandering Nancy J.; having Alderman Caravetta be a "parrot" for their misinformation; power-tripping with police investigations on any point of business; and refusing to acknowledge the will of almost three hundred members and call a new election.

SPRINGBOARD POLITICS

(ALL HE NEEDS IS A LITTLE LEVERAGE)



Now comes the speculation as to Why? Why would Tony Seavers, after authoring all this dissent and manipulation, resign? Muggs and Irene were maligned according to plan, Peter was removed as treasurer and the hiring set up to have only people politically acceptable getting jobs, McCowan was almost assured of getting a trainee salary. MacLeod had

done his best to stop normal hiring to be done, MacLeod's membership had been gotten through the protest over every one else's membership by a "broad interpretation" of the Constitution, the Editorial Review thing had given him the 'right' to kill the News-letter (truth hurts, eh).

having secret meetings at the same time as public meetings had gotten motions passed that would have been rightly condemned but with 'official' Board sanction, he had a voice on Council through Caravetta and the City had had to divorce itself from the Association, and finally he was set to try to have only himself and his cronies speak on behalf of the Downtown Eastside. Resigning at 10:02 pm had ensured the disruption of all finances of the committees, since he was the acting Treasurer. The success of the Star Bingo would grind to a halt, the Newsletter would strangle with no money, the credibility of Carnegie Board was shot to hell...everything was great!

My guess is that the current rise in the awareness of the membership was a little too right to deal with. Time makes people forget, and the Annual General Meeting is in June for another year of politicking. (read manipulation).

.....
- left/right; no
RIGHT! WRONG; yes

In closing, I would like to say that Carnegie is like a home to me and hundreds of others. To sit and watch it become a ridiculous laugh because of some secret political agenda or philosophy isn't tolerable. To perceive that Carnegie is just a means to an end for the present Executive, with not enough going for it on its own merits for them to

even come here more than is necessary for carrying out their long-range plan..this offends my sense of rightness.

The present Executive and their 'supporters': WALLY BARDYSH, TONY SEAVERS, JONN OLLDYM, HARVEY BOWERS, GREY MACLEOD, DENNIS MCCOWAN, PAT KENDAL, ROBERT ALLEN, RALPH CARAVETTA, DAVID LENZI.

Leverage

Before resigning, Mr. Seavers admitted that he is quite agreeable to using the Carnegie Community Centre Association Board as a political springboard. The dark side of this analogy: when one bounces on a springboard, it necessarily crushes whatever is underneath. In this case, the hundreds and thousands of poverty-stricken residents who use Carnegie as their living room seem to be a pebble on the path.

To conclude, the plan of the Executive and their few supporters (i.e. Alderman Caravetta) is not conducive to the survival of the Carnegie Community Centre as a vital and unique social entity. Support for this contention should be made known to the Mayor, City Council, Social Planning, the Parks Board, and all media in the public domain. Thank you.

PaulR Taylor, Editor,
Carnegie Newsletter.

WEEK

in recognition of the fact that they are breaking new ground for the work ethic, showing the way into a future where all work will be voluntary, creative, worthwhile, satisfying and providing a really necessary service to a community built on trust, co-operation and mutual respect.

Is that too much to ask?

TORA

hood such as ours, the benefit this volunteer work has achieved is overwhelming! If it was not for Norm's idea, and Conrad Colin and Norm's work, none of these people, living below the poverty line, would have received one penny of what the government owed them.

Three volunteers, working for nothing, created \$110,000 worth of buying power for poor people - a totally awesome accomplishment!

VOLUNTEERS CREATE CASH FLOW

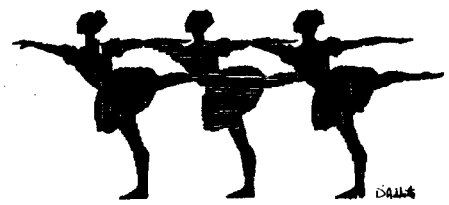
Everyone whose income is low enough not to be taxed is entitled to receive a \$50 cash "tax credit" from the government - but to get it they must fill in and mail an income tax form.

A lot of people in our community need help filling out these forms and Norm Mitchell, a Learning Centre volunteer, started performing this service for those who needed it on the 3rd floor.

Soon he was joined by volunteers Conrad Eberle & Colin Yardley, who worked together with Norm to fill out a total of 2,200 tax credit forms!

At \$50 per form, this represents \$110,000 brought into the neighbourhood by the dedicated efforts of only three Carnegie Volunteers!

In a low income neighbour-



Goddess Descendant

He did not see her properly when he passed her in the street. The anomaly she bore past him was lost to the context of revelation. When he dreamed of her that night she was clothed in the culture she only walks through, calling back those of her children still lost to her power, as it happens, so perhaps it is cruel to begrudge him the woman of his dreams while yet he sleeps.

Steven Belkin



KNIGHT FORK

By SEBASTIAN RONIN

In his less-than-brilliant analysis of the LETSystem, Mr. Tora makes the assertion that I might be "an innocent pawn in the D.E.E.D.S. gameplan." In my opinion, this is a flimsy and naive grasp for some kind of tactical slur on the part of Mr. Tora. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know exactly where I sit. From this perch my vision of the political terrain and those upon it is quite clear. As a mistaken "pawn" I would like to take this opportunity to lay out the following knight fork.

The first option of the fork is visible; it is this article. It is no more than furthering the educational process that has already been put into play. Specifically, this refers to the LETSystem. However, I would also like to address D.E.E.D.S.' initiative for Community Economic Development (CED) and some elements of Mr. Tora's sanctimonious dribble concerning, what he seems to think, are monopolistic virtues of the so-called 'left'.

Contrary to Mr. Tora's misguided and pious spleen, a LET System does, in effect, tend towards a computerised Potlatch. I have not stated that a LET System "is" a Potlatch or even "is like" a Potlatch. In that it "tends towards" a Potlatch,

the social and technological conditions that exist are taken into consideration while retaining the principle of sharing the wealth. For a LET System, a computer-as-tool would act to record transactions that people engage in. Mr. Tora's concern over computer "simulations" and "calculations" are unfounded. His techno-phobias are his problem and no one need allow themselves to be guilted into taking his rabid projections.

A LETSystem would make it possible for Downtown Eastsiders to engage in local economic activity (mind you, only those who are willing and able to work, thereby automatically excluding the state-subsidized revolutionaries) through the motive of being obligated to their community. A local currency would tap some of the human capital (such a nasty word, isn't it) that is presently not being utilized, not because people have nothing to offer, but simply because there is insufficient cash circulating in the community. It is possible to exchange services and goods on a limited scale without the medium of federal bucks, as the example of "traditional" societies makes so clear. The real currency of a LETSystem is the currency of trust.

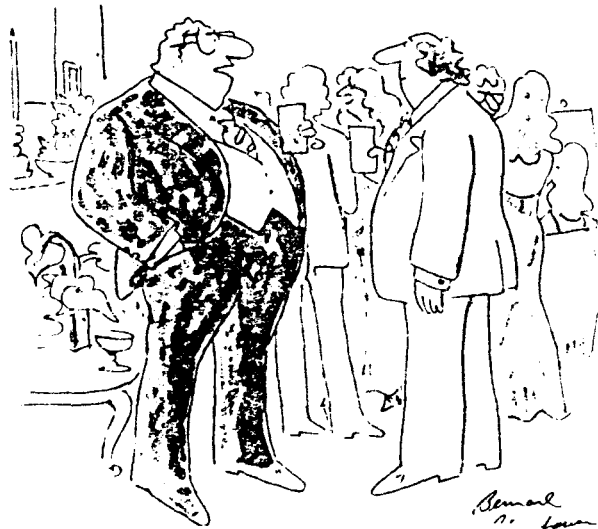
Yes, D.E.E.D.S. is sponsoring the LETSystem research. As such, a LETSystem would be an adjunct of D.E.E.D.S. initiative to introduce CED to the Downtown Eastside. The economic motive for CED is simply that those in the community who choose to, should have access to the opportunity of assuming responsibility for creating their own livelihood. Not only does this process for local initiatives apply to individuals, but also to communities. In a nutshell, this is what D.E.E.D.S. proposes to introduce to the Downtown Eastside. Is it really such a conspiratorial onslaught to assume responsibility for one's life? It comes as no great surprise that D.E.E.D.S. is seen as such a threat by those politically-correct shiners in the community who can't cope.

Mr. Tora rambles on by saying that a LETSystem "would only result in a competitive interaction of abstract economic forces which power-motivated people in our community could use with great efficiency to dominate and control those who are humbler, more generous and forgiving than themselves." Right. Gimme a break, please! Far be it for me and my supporters to want to compete with the neighbourhood bully who already exists and does

such a fine job at following through on Mr. Tora's concerns.

Having been subjected to some of Mr. Tora's spiritual meanderings, it reinforces my opinion that local "leftists" are blind to their own political futility and irrelevance. Historically, petty marxians always have been a dangerous irritant and embarrassment to anarchists. In my mind's eye, negativity and fear masquerading as spirituality constitute nothing more than spiritual bullshit. It is that quality that oozes from those who are busy pissing into the spiritual wind and mistaking the spray flying back in their faces for enlightenment.

I love you Mr. Tora...in spite of yourself.



Samuel
"It's the same in my business—feast or famine."

Ten after two...the magical hour to many individuals. Why? The time in the film industry is magical.

..time stops,

How fortunate that he was born in a modern hospital with both compassion and an excellent nursing staff - as, it was the New Westminster nursing staff; as, it was during the New Westminster nursing strike - and over-crowding! The year..1985.

Ten.after.two - time stops in the film industry; time stops...

(ten after two; Bogart lights a cigarette, blows smoke lazily in the air.....)

Change chains: autistic behaviour..chains and lock-up DO NOT WORK. Using sexual puberty as a scapegoat. Damage done, answering yessir, nosir three bags full sir! The culprit says, "No, I was not at the scene of the crime when it happened."

Strike..stroke..struck.. like a duck being born into a suburbia culture, the limits on living, there from day one.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

As the Association is embroiled in internal controversy, as an effective working relationship between the Association and the City no longer exists, and as the turmoil is taking up major amounts of staff time and resources, the Director of Social Planning recommends:

- A. THAT the Council suspend the working relationship with the Carnegie Community Centre Association.
- B. THAT Council request the Director of Social Planning conduct a review of the operations of the Society and the relationship to the Centre and the City.
- C. THAT the Director of Social Planning consult with Council in the selection of members for a five-person review panel.
- D. THAT such review be conducted with broad consultation in the local community as outlined in this report.
- E. THAT interim operating arrangements (or alternate arrangements) be made for the continuation of major programs operated by the Association.
- F. THAT Council authorise expenditures up to \$6,000 for this review to include a resource person, meeting expenses and minor expenses for panel members; source to be Contingency Rs.
- G. THAT the Carnegie Community Centre Association Society be asked to co-operate with this review.
- H. THAT upon completion of the review, the results be reported to the Neighbourhood, Cultural and Community Services Committee and to all affected parties in the community.

The Vancouver Sun, Tuesday, April 7, 1987

To the Members of
Carnegie Centre,
401 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 2T7

Take Notice that a SPECIAL
GENERAL MEETING OF THE
CCCA will TAKE PLACE ON:
Wednesday, April 22, 1987,
7 p.m.

AT: Carnegie Community
Centre Theatre
401 Main Street
VANCOUVER, B.C. V6A 2T7
665-2220

and at that meeting the following is proposed as a special resolution:

THAT ALL 15 DIRECTORS OF THE CARNEGIE COMMUNITY CENTRE ASSOCIATION BOARD BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND THAT IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER AN ELECTION BE HELD TO ELECT 15 NEW DIRECTORS UNTIL THE SOCIETY'S NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PURSUANT TO SECTION 31 OF THE SOCIETY'S ACT.

IRENE SCHMIDT
Meeting called by
IRENE SCHMIDT
Corresponding Secretary



OK-CARNEGIE'S LATEST ANNUAL UNREHEARSED SURVEY SHOWS A LOT OF PEOPLE STILL DONT KNOW THEIR LEFT FROM THEIR RIGHT, AY? ... SO WE TAPED UP THIS GIANT NEWSPRINT TO THE WALL AS USUAL & GOT OUR CARNEGIE CRAYONS GOING FOR ANOTHER MASS EXPERIMENT IN SELF-HYPNOSIS -- OR MAYBE GRASSROOTS ACADEMIC OVERKILL UH... BUT, DONT FORGET TO VOTE... OK?

RIGHT

CONSERVATIVE
COMPETITIVE
LEGALIZED
EFFICIENT
ORDINARY
TACTICAL
SERIOUS
AMBITIOUS
MONEY MAKING
BUSINESSLIKE
COMPUTERIZED
CLEAN LIVING
ELITIST
POWER TRIPPING
TECHNICAL
FORMAL
MENTAL
BUREAUCRATIC
STEREOTYPED
MILITARISTIC



LEFT

RADICAL
CO-OPERATIVE
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ILLEGAL
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THE GREAT T-SHIRT CONTEST

A softball team is being born from the ashes and will bear the name of Fire-Birds!

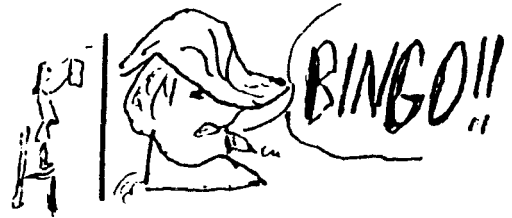
What is needed is an emblem for the team of a fire-bird in various colours: wines, reds, greys, blues and blacks.

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