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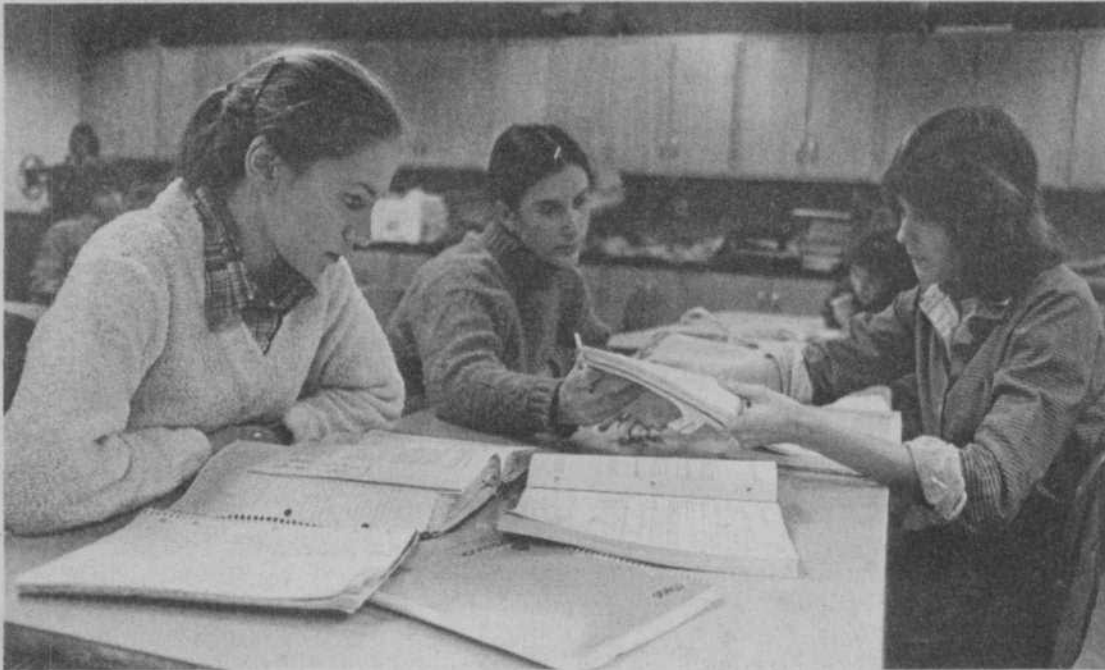


Photo by Dave Shippee.

Como High: Problems after a Year

By Dave Shippee

Students, teachers, administrators and parents have mixed feelings about the new Como Senior High School in St. Paul.

Como is a large school, 1344 students, with a varied curriculum. Housing the usual English, math, social studies, science, foreign language, studio arts, industrial arts, music, and physical education departments, the school also offers classes in humanities, business, interpersonal communications and tutoring.

Como has special education, on-the-job training, and interscholastic athletic programs. And two St. Paul Public School learning centers, auto body repair and China studies, are based in the building.

"We offer all of the college prep courses that all of the schools in the country offer," said Fred Peting, one of the assistant principals at Como. "We have teachers in all those disciplines that are doing a good job putting it all together," he concluded. Peting is acting principal while Principal William Funk is out for knee surgery.

Some Como students and faculty are not as satisfied with the curriculum as their assistant principal. They would like more advanced courses, designed for college-bound students, offered each trimester. Such courses at Como include a two-hour humanities semi-

nar, advanced composition and a social studies class titled Crucial Topics.

Jan Bienhoff, a senior and student council co-president, said, "It's just as hard to get advanced classes (at Como) as it was at Murray." She complained that some courses were offered only once a trimester.

Barb Rexeisen, a senior and editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, the *Como Crier*, said the regular classes do not offer enough challenge. She would like a larger selection of advanced classes, but said, "There hasn't been an overwhelming response to advanced courses."

She said conflicts in scheduling make it difficult to register for advanced classes. Rexeisen suggested that a student committee meet with the administration to help plan the curriculum each year.

"All students need to be required to take a broader spectrum of classes. We ought to push the kids more," said Medora Brown, a home economics teacher.

According to Earl Geisenhoff, a German and humanities teacher, the curriculum at Como is best fitted for lower level students. "Our future leader is not going to receive much challenge at Como," remarked Geisenhoff.

George Yanish, who teaches the only advanced composition class offered this trimes-

ter, retorted, "No comment," when he was asked about the school curriculum.

Some teachers complimented the course work. Roger Bosveld, a geometry teacher and swimming coach, said, "I think we've got the finest math department curriculum in the city." The program is "challenging enough" for those who are eager to learn, explained Bosveld. And if a student "goes beyond what we offer" there are other resources he can take advantage of. One Como student studies math at the University of Minnesota.

Some teachers at Como said the students do not put much effort into their school work. They cannot assign much homework because the students will not do it. They put some of the blame on the school and society in general, but most lands in the laps of parents.

"I allow all sorts of students in (humanities) that can't do what I'm asking others to do," said Geisenhoff. "Some of them both work and participate in sports and they don't have time to study." He said the students' attitudes towards school have their base in society, but "the most important thing to change will be parent participation."

William Teeter, whose son Rick attends Como, said parental support is necessary at

Baker School Developers: Still Undecided

By Catherine Madison

About 75 people and at least one television camera showed up in the City Council chambers March 12, when the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board (City Council members) were supposed to designate a tentative developer for Baker School.

It didn't happen. Instead, a public hearing will be held April 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Park gymnasium, located at Territorial and Cromwell. At that time, developers still in the running will make presentations to the Board, who will also hear HRA staff recommendations.

The chief contenders appear to be Ankeny, Kell, & Associates, an architectural firm who propose commercial use of the school (see February *Bugle*, p. 1) and Environment for Learning (EFL), who would use it to expand their Montessori school. In its February 7 recommendations, the District 12 Council ranked them number one and number four, respectively. Supporters of both sides have since inundated city offices with calls and letters.

Several reasons prompted HRA Executive Director Gary Stout to recommend the delay to the Board. "We did not expect such a response from the community, and additional things are causing some concern," he said at the March 12 meeting. "The school district has asked for a chance to look into the matter. Also, financing is a tremendous problem on all these projects. We don't know how real the commitments are because we have not asked. We need to determine how firm the financing is before we make a recommendation."

Normally the Board, after considering recommendations from both the district council and the HRA staff, designates the tentative developer. The developer then has another 90 days in which to secure financing. This time the financing will have to be secured first.

"The prime rate and the bond market have either gone through the cellar or the ceiling, depending on your point of view," Stout said. "We are requiring more than the usual information."

According to Stout and HRA Project Manager Warren Frost, the school district issue is important only if the Board chooses EFL as developer. The district still owns the east site on which the school is located. Before the HRA was able to advertise the site for sale and development, they set up development controls stating their intention to sell the space for use as housing or commercial office/retail space. If it is used for anything else, Frost said, the school board would have to agree to it before the sale can be completed.

Allegations were made at the District 12 Council meeting March 12 that Frost had mishandled a letter pertaining to this issue. Written by EFL Director Mary Bernard Pabst last July, the letter stated the school's desire to purchase Baker School. Pabst said she gave the letter to Frost, intending it to be delivered to the school board.

"I wasn't even looking for a letter of intent at that time," Frost said. He said he did discuss it with school board officials but the development controls had already been approved, making it useless to forward the letter. Stout, too, said that the school board would not take submissions until the property had been formally advertised.

The order of approved developers was also questioned at the District Council meeting. Although two members allegedly listed EFL as their number one choice, only one such vote appeared on the tally sheet. Since the ballots were destroyed and newly elected members have already taken their seats on the Council, those present decided there

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Town Meeting to Discuss Effects of Rebuilding I-94

Traffic impact on this area resulting from the rebuilding of I-94 in 1981-82 will be discussed at a Town Meeting sponsored by District 12 Community Council on April 9. The public is invited to the 7 p.m. meeting in the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center.

★ Old Photographs

District 12 residents with old photographs which show significant events in city or neighborhood history, views of sections of the city or individual buildings, or old photos of family or community life are asked to contact the Ramsey County Historical Society.

The Society has a grant from the St. Paul Foundation to assemble a collection of St. Paul photographs. It is particularly interested in pictures which might be in private collections and not usually available to the public. Photographs should be clear and in focus, well-lighted with average contrast and in good condition.

Anyone with photos and possible interest should call Gary Phelps or Jim Fridley at 222-0701.

★ On the Cover

District 12 Council approved with reservations the proposal of M-M Development Company to build an office building and warehouse space on and west of the Kasota/280 Interchange, south of Kasota and north of the railroad tracks. Approval was given subject to M-M's agreement to preserve the pond that is partially on the site. Port Authority bonds will finance the development.

★ Task Forces Delegated

Five members of the District 12 Council have agreed to serve on Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) Task Forces for the coming year. Jerry Rinehart will be delegate to the Residential and Economic Development Task Force with Stewart McIntosh as alternate. Gale Frost will be delegate to Community Facilities and Phyllis Nelson will be delegate to Street and Utilities.

Task Forces review the CIB projects from all over the city that fall within the different task force guidelines and rate them. These ratings are sent to the City CIB Committee for final ranking before the budget is submitted to City Council.

Robert Winter, project manager for Minnesota Department of Transportation, will show slides of the projected work and will answer questions. One side of I-94 will be closed each year beginning in the Spring of 1981 with the west-bound lanes. The east-bound lanes will be closed and reconstructed in 1982.

The department would like suggestions from residents about ways the traffic routing will affect the neighborhoods and how the impact can be lightened.

★ Meetings Coming Up

(All meetings are open to the public and are held at 2380 Hampden Avenue unless otherwise indicated.)

March 26 — Human Services Committee - 7 p.m.

April 3 — Physical Committee - call the office (646-8884) for time of meeting.

April 7 — Residential Parking Permit Meeting - 7 p.m. United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth. Sponsored by St. Anthony Park Assn. for input by residents into guidelines for a one-year experimental residential permit parking program.

April 9 — Town Meeting - 7 p.m. - South St. Anthony Park Playground Building, Cromwell Avenue and Territorial Road (See Agenda above.)

April 18, 19 — 8 p.m. "Those Who Favor Fire" Murray Auditorium.

April 20 — 2 p.m. "Those Who Favor Fire" Murray Auditorium.

April 22 — Recycling pickup south of Como

April 23 — Human Services Committee - call the office (646-8884) for time of meeting.

April 24 — Recycling pickup north of Como

April 24, 25, 26 — 8 p.m. "Those Who Favor Fire" Murray Auditorium.

April 29 — 7:30 p.m. Mike Hazard leads tape and talk forum on cable TV.

★ Public Hearing

The HRA Board has scheduled a public hearing on the redevelopment of Baker School for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, in the gymnasium of the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center. See *Bugle* story on page 1.

Following the presentation, the City Council sitting as the HRA Board will be present for a public hearing on the Baker School at 7:30 p.m.

Changes in the District 12 bylaws presented at the joint meeting of the St. Anthony Park Association and the Community Council in January will be voted on. Additional changes in the bylaws will be presented for initial review. Interested residents should contact the District 12 office for a copy of the proposed revisions.

★ Agenda for Town Meeting

7 p.m. Vote on Bylaw Changes
Presentation of additional bylaw revisions
7:05 p.m. MNDOT discussion of I-94 rebuilding, Robert Winter, Project Manager
7:30 p.m. Adjourn for Baker School Hearing

★ Quickies

The Environmental Assessment Worksheet on the St. Paul Energy Park was withdrawn by the City. Additional information is being gathered to answer some of the noise, traffic, and pollution questions raised by the surrounding District Councils.

The Council has asked the City to apply to the State for a use deed for two years on the property up for tax auction in the interchange west of 280 and south of Kasota in order to determine best use of the land.



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was no way to check the validity of the rankings. Instead, they passed a vote of confidence saying they had performed properly and without fraud.

In an hour and a half discussion about the process used to rank the developers, delegate Ray Bryan said he felt the HRA staff had not allowed enough time for a full discussion of the issues. He suggested the Council withdraw its recommendations until

the financial reports requested by the staff were submitted. No such action was taken.

Delegate Greg Haley pointed out that the proposals were available at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the recommendations were made. In conducting that meeting, he also mentioned two or three times that the vote approving the ranking order did not have to be taken that night, he said.

Council delegate Kathy Clark, expressing concern that the needs of area residents were being overlooked, said 34 of 38 people she spoke to supported the Council's actions. About 50 individuals agreed to send cards acknowledging support to the HRA, and a petition to that effect was also circulated. On the other side, about 90 people signed a petition supporting the choice of EFL as developer. Bryan also circulated a personal letter stating his support for EFL.

Dick Schoen of Abbey Associates (number three in the Council's rankings) later said he was "pretty disgusted with the whole thing" and was thinking about dropping out. In a letter to HRA Board member Dave Hozza, he congratulated the Council for their considerations and found no fault in their proceedings. He said he believed the competitive selection process was fair and superior to other methods and that it was imperative that

community participation not be compromised.

Of the other prospective developers, Robert Wardin (number two) said he will probably make a presentation at the April 9 meeting. Gus Donhowe of St. Anthony Park Associates (number five) said his group would "most likely not" appear before the Board to make another presentation; Wallace Orfield Jr., (number six) also said he doubted he would try again.



PARK PEOPLE

'Have You Hugged Your Attorney Today', *Judge*

By L. Scott Lerner

Charles A. Flinn Sr. was sworn into the District Court bench in Windom, Minnesota in December of 1936 at the age of 39—43 years later his son, Charles A. Flinn Jr., was sworn into the Ramsey District Court bench. Now Flinn has two pairs of shoes to fill, those of his father, who served for 31 years, and those of his predecessor, Judge Ronald Hachey.

Flinn is the first judge selected under a new Minnesota system in which a committee narrows down the applicants, interviews them and recommends a few to Governor Quie. In this case there were 40 applicants, 10 to 15 were interviewed and five recommended to the Governor. "I would like to say that they knew what they were doing," Flinn throws in with a grin.

"When I get up at that court, I realize my practice was very narrow compared to what comes through that court. It's phenomenal. My mouth is continually going 'huh,' but it's very challenging," says Flinn.

"You've got to do the best you can... And I think more so than when in law. The things you were doing there did not have such an immediate impact. I have to make very quick decisions, and they're supposed to be right... So I suffer along with it."

Minnesota has ten district courts and 72 judges presiding over them. They handle civil cases involving over \$7000, gross misdemeanors and felonies. Cases involving the Pollution Control Agency, for example, are brought to the district court. It is a trial court—Minnesota's only appellate court is the state Supreme Court.

Most district court cases have juries, who are exclusive fact finders, according to Flinn. "In a civil trial with jury, the judge is kind of the referee between the lawyers, to be sure only the right evidence is presented," he says. The judge makes the jury selection and the lawyers are allowed to strike two. In civil cases, the plaintiff usually has the choice of judge or jury.

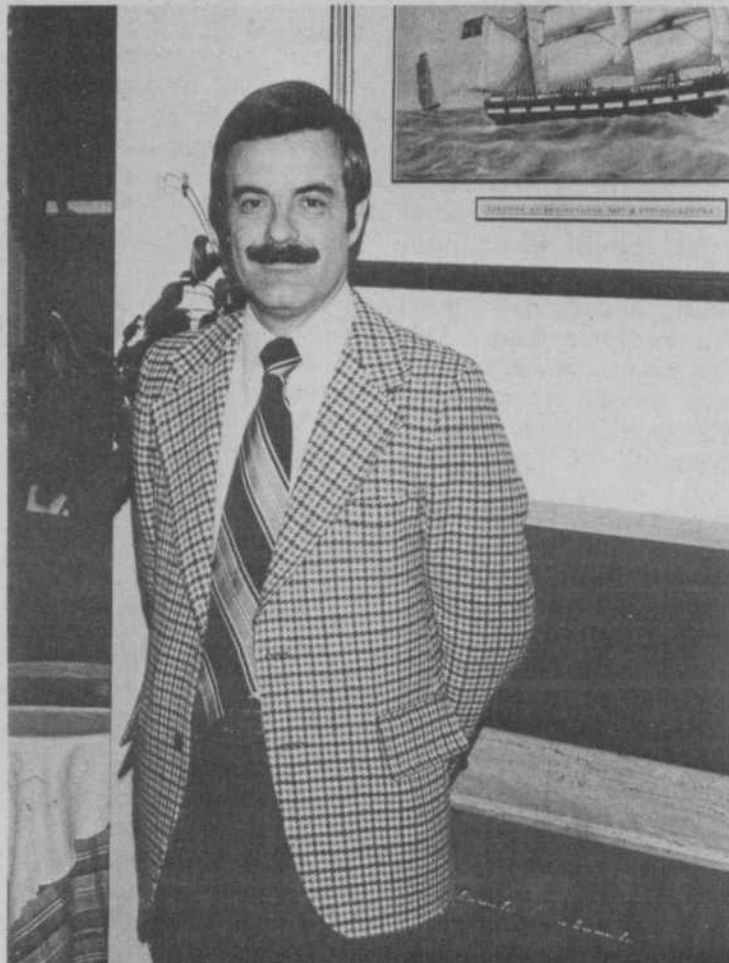


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He feels that all the cases coming in to him deserve the best attention he can give them, whether they involve a lady who broke her ankle on a sidewalk, like one of Flinn's previous cases, or armed robbery, rape or murder, like the ones he may get now that he is on the criminal bench. The judges rotate between criminal and civil courts—Flinn stepped into former Judge Hachey's schedule. The well-publicized Prairie Island Nuclear Plant case went to Judge Flinn. He will decide whether or not to allow an appeal.

Relatively short, stocky, Flinn walked into a room for 39 years just like the rest of us. Now, when he walks into a room—a courtroom at least—everyone rises. "I'm still Charlie Flinn though," says the new Ramsey District Court Judge leaning back into a well-stuffed chair, with his feet up, under a big green fern and just to the left of a 77 year old bay window. Yes, still Charlie Flinn.

"A few Sundays ago this friendly neighborhood district court judge was in charge of hotdogs and concessions for Winter Sports Day." Flinn is equally associated with the St. Anthony Park Association Ju-

ly 4th Celebration. He was chairman of the event the year before last, controlling \$3000.

"This area acts much like small town. We all have very strong ties here. It's the easiest place to get someone to help. We all, on the other hand, go our own ways in the city... We all lead a small town life here and we also lead a metropolitan life. It's the best of all possible worlds."

The Flinn family has its own Park history. Judy Flinn, daughter of Gale and Elaine Frost, grew up down the block from her current house, "second on the right," informs the Judge. Her grandfather, Harry Frost, according to Flinn, swung on a porch swing behind the Flinn house with Grace Brown in 1906. A few generations later, 12 year old Charlie, 11 year old Lizzie and 4 year old Allan trample on the same grounds.

The Park responded to Charlie's appointment with enthusiasm and well wishes. "I can't say how much it means to see people take the time to make a phone call to wish me well. I guess I appreciate the support people have given me, saying things like, 'Don't worry, it will work out.'"

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District 12 Makes Good Grassroots Decisions

These are cynical days when even neighbors question other neighbors' motives, when we believe that decisions are arrived at arbitrarily rather than discussed, turned over and over again, and made. We drive down Larpentour one day and there are rows of shrubbery, and the next day the junipers, arborvitae and hemlock have been replaced by "Plants, Inc."—trim, manmade brick. Somehow we feel left out. It seems as though we are never asked our opinion. Corporations determine the price of electricity, oil; they determine the kind of home we live in; government determines our tax rate, our interest rate. All we are left with is our monthly payments.

And yet, some people who have been plagued with centralized decision making have seen the light and are doing everything they can to keep the community more than involved. People like Greg Haley, Sherm Eagles, Ann Copeland and Bill Huestis—members of our community council—have spent much of their time helping the neighborhood keep in touch with issues that matter. They have asked us for our opinions and helped the City Council to make the best decisions for the neighborhood. As a result of the careful consideration District 12 members have given these issues, the City Council listens to us. Our District Council is not detached; they are our neighbors and they are accessible. Before they evaluated the proposals presented for the renovation of Baker School, they asked us for our opinion. They made sure the *Bugle* reported on all the proposals and announced the meeting dates. They made the best decision, one that reflects the desires and needs of our neighborhoods. A grass roots decision.

We must curb our cynicism if we are to maintain the influence we have gained in city politics. When we feel the Community Council has not made the best decision, we should offer a dissenting opinion. Letters making false accusations, phone calls maligning the Council destroy the process. I would rather be able to walk into an open meeting at 2380 Hampden and say my piece even if my ideas are not adopted than have to sit back and wait and see what "they" do next.

P.M.R.

Bugle Dates for May Issue:

Park Press Board Meeting: March 27, 5:30 p.m. Sidedoor of the Muffuletta.
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Don't Be a Tube Boob

T.V. as a medium designed for the biggest audience possible has had a built-in bias against the local and the small. Anything small in any sense—ethnic minorities, unpopular politics, handicapped people, age groups, intellectual pursuits, and weird hobbies as well as the plain demographics of place—has been normally edited out as having too special an interest. What's worse, if we want a T.V. as free as the press, in the face of the extreme cost of newer media production and the limited outlets for anything made outside the system, those individuals and institutions who have been denied access to the system have had no way to change it.

Until recently, that is. Portable video technologies, micro computers and cable have combined to create the atmosphere of great expectations for a new T.V. The cable will work in exactly the same way and for the same reasons the community newspapers have cut into and added to the major dailies. First, local businesses will be able to take advantage of cheap ads, which will support production of locally produced programs. Second, we will see and hear many new faces and voices on our screens, the faces of those who felt and feel their story is being left out of the big papers and broadcasting. This is the inevitable decentralization and democratization of our most used and abused medium.

Having led you this far into thinking T.V. is about to be freer, I'm sorry to report I have to warn you the public's interest is only going to be met if the public shows interest. As passive as we are front of the mysterious tube, this is a hard job. What can we do?

Here are a few things I think "should." The *Bugle* should have some of its stories carried on the news channels. The library should have a viewing area. The schools, K-Ph.D., and the Community Council should be computerized and connected to the institutional network. Film in the Cities should be a programmer and a drop. Park people should be part of the community access corporation which is being organized in St. Paul (Joe Landsberger, 647-5227).

People should also know the Community Planning Organization (291-7848) has the time and the \$12,000 it needs to produce a study of the economics of alternative

forms of ownership of the cable system in St. Paul. Initiated by citizens interested in a cooperatively owned cable system (Neal Gosman, 224-9645), this study should add a new aura to our cable decision. Every one should think about it.

The contract we sign will be for 15 years, so the time to do the right thing is now. To get involved call Ann Copeland, (District 12, 646-8884) the Minnesota Cable Communications Board, (296-2545) City Council, (Larry Winans/298-4646). Or visit St. Paul's only public videocenter in the Lexington Library, (292-6336). Don't be a tube boob. Tune in the cable fable or it'll turn into the cable cabal.

Michael Hazard, a volunteer organizer for Metro Public Interest Cable, will show videotapes shot in the Park and a sampler of tapes from all over the country at a Park forum on cable in District 12 Community Council office, April 29, 7:30 p.m.

—Michael Hazard
Former *Bugle* editor

Letters



to the Editor

Council Chose Well

As a member of the District 12 Community Council who participated in the ranking of the proposals to develop the Baker School sites I would like to make the following comments on the Council's action: the Council made its choice based on considerations of the quality and energy-efficiency of design, the needs of the neighborhood and the soundness of financial backing. The Council acted without bias toward or against any of the potential developers. The procedures followed were fair and they facilitated Council members in making a well-informed decision.

As a resident of South St. Anthony Park who cares about the future of my neighborhood and the needs of my neighbors, I feel strongly that the Council chose well and chose correctly.

Becky Hall Noble
887 Raymond Avenue



Kindergarten Round-Up

By Mary Mergenthal

The annual Kindergarten Round-up for children who will be attending kindergarten next fall and their parents will be held on Tuesday, April 29, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. Registration will be held from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the multipurpose room.

At the Round-Up children are pre-registered for class and given an opportunity to become acquainted with the school. Parents also have a chance to meet staff and teachers and to have questions answered.

The Round-up is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park School P.T.S.A. Organizers of the Round-up are Mary Mergenthal and Judy Sperbeck. Parents may call Mrs. Sperbeck at 645-6090 for more information.

To be eligible for fall kindergarten, children must reach their fifth birthday on or before September 1, 1980.

Also at Chelsea Heights

Kindergarten Roundup will be held at Chelsea Heights School on April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

If you have a child who will be 5 by September 1, 1980 please contact the school (489-1323) so that you can register and be a part of this Roundup.

Spring Story Hour

Youngsters aged 6 to 60 are invited to attend the Spring Story Hour at *Micawbers* on Saturday, April 5, at 2:00 p.m. Jill Smith, famed for her story reading and puppetry, will read a selection of favorites. Over sixty? Attend anyway. Lie about your age!

Bugle Directors Wanted

The *Bugle* Board of Directors Nominating Committee will present candidates nominated for three Board of Directors vacancies at the Park Press, Inc. annual meeting. We urge all neighbors who would be interested in nominating themselves or others to call Bill Teeter at 645-1829.



Photo by Steve Dzubyay.

Park Knew He Was a Winner

By Lorraine Baker

Although the nomination was made without his knowledge, W. Andrew Boss, president of the St. Anthony Park State Bank, has been presented a Jefferson Award by the American Institute for Public Service. This institute works with local organizations and cities throughout the country to recognize individuals whose efforts are beneficial to others.

The award was given to Boss at a luncheon held at the Normandy Inn in Minneapolis on Friday, March 7. Winning this local award automatically qualifies Boss as a nominee who will participate in a national competition for five Jefferson Awards to be held in the next several months.

Don Dwight, director, vice president and publisher of the *Minneapolis Star* and Arley Bjella who is board chairman

Fire to Blaze Again

By Dee Marks

Those Who Favor Fire, a new play by SAP writer-in-residence Marisha Chamberlain for the COMPAS/St. Paul History Theater opens on April 18 for a two-week run in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood, the setting for the play's action.

Those Who Favor Fire will be performed at 8:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 18-19; Thursday-Saturday, April 24-26 and Sunday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Murray Junior High School auditorium, 1450 Grantham Street, St. Paul.

Those Who Favor Fire is set at the turn of the century at Stryker Seminary and various other locales in St. Anthony Park.

of Lutheran Brotherhood, Inc., and also president of the Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce presented six awards jointly; the *Star* and the Chamber are co-sponsors of the Jefferson Award Program in the Twin Cities' area.

Boss helped to found the St. Anthony Park *Bugle* and sponsors the St. Anthony Park Festival. He works with the COMPAS Program and sits on the Arts Council. He has

been on the St. Paul Council of Arts and Sciences, the Citizens' League, and the Enablers (a youth service organization). He was an original incorporator and board member in Working Opportunities for Women and served youth from the Twin Cities at the Wilson Center in Faribault. He was also cited because of the involvement by St. Anthony Park Bank in helping minorities in the Twin City Area.

Arts Forum Canvases Neighborhood

By Beryle Williams

What was your favorite arts event presented through the Intersection program or by Intersection artists this past year? If you had your choice, what type of artist (visual, musician, dancer, writer) would you hire to work within the community to initiate and facilitate arts' activities? Did you feel any of these events connected, in helpful ways, to community needs, issues? Are you familiar with the program?

These are the kinds of questions the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum Board and steering committee members will be asking their neighbors through the questionnaires distributed throughout the neighborhood in the next few weeks. As planned, the questionnaires and drop boxes to receive them will be available at local places of business and other localities such as the library and churches by April 1. They will also be mailed to the approximately 260 season ticket holders of the Music in the Park series, all of whom, by virtue of this purchase, are (optional) members of the Arts Forum.

St. Anthony Park is one of three St. Paul communities served by the Intersection program. Directors of the program have expressed a need for extended funding in order to maintain the program at the same level of activity and competence that has been achieved through a successful first year. The Mott Foundation grant was authorized with the understanding that each community would gradually take on more responsibility for its own promotion of the program, providing not only volunteer community support but an increasing percentage of the financial backing through proceeds from events, local foundation and other funding. The Arts Forum is encouraging additional arts patronage from such sources in order to continue with quality programming for the Park.

Alternatively, a cut-back in programming and/or artists working within the community may be necessary. The Arts Forum steering committee is hoping that community response, through the questionnaires, will help in directing it toward an accurate assessment and thereby toward maintaining and improving the program.

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Landscaping Ideas

By Jill Geisenhoff

With warm weather just around the corner, it's time to think about spring planting. Would you like to improve the appearance of your yard with some new landscaping ideas? Do you know how to properly use plants, shrubs and trees to accentuate the design of your home? Would you like suggestions for building retaining walls, walkways and fences? Are you concerned about proper drainage and grading techniques? Would you like to open your home to the outdoors with a patio or deck?

These questions and many more will be answered at the free seminar entitled "Landscaping Our Older Neighborhood." The seminar is sponsored by the Home Improvement Center and Community Education. It will be held Tuesday evening, April 7, 1980 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

A landscaping design plan can be accomplished in a variety of ways ranging from a complete do-it-yourself design to choosing the services of a landscape architect to best fit your needs.

The seminar will be conducted by two landscaping architects. Peter Olin, head of the landscape architecture department at the University of Minnesota will speak about the steps in the design process. Mr. Olin is familiar with the St. Anthony Park community and will address landscaping issues unique to our neighborhood with its winding streets and irregular terrain.

Robert Hemming, a residential landscape architect, will speak about materials, techniques and designs appropriate for an established neighborhood. He will address common problems that arise when landscaping a yard.

The program will begin with a presentation and a slide show from both architects. An informal workshop will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 at which time Mr. Olin and Mr. Hemming will answer your questions. For further information please contact Mary Warpeha at 644-6990.

Townhomes Approved

By Mollie Hoben

A plan to construct 60 solar townhomes on a five and one-half acre site in South St. Anthony Park has been approved by the St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

The plan was the unanimous first choice of the District 12 Community Council after reviewing four proposals for development of the site which lies north and east of Seal highrise. The developer is Greenspan, Inc., a subsidiary of University Avenue architectural firm, Hammel Green and Abrahamson.

Greenspan's proposal is for a "condominium ownership project," with family occupancy encouraged. Thirty-four of the units will have three bedrooms and den. Prices are expected to range from \$60,000-75,000.

An increase in single-family, owner-occupied housing in South St. Anthony is a community priority, according to Sherman Eagles, District 12 Council delegate. Eagles estimates that currently close to half the housing in South St. Anthony is rental property.

Two previous development plans for the site have failed for lack of financing. However, Perry Bolin, Greenspan vice president, says his firm is optimistic about obtaining FHA-insured, low-interest mortgages, using a funding program known as Tandem Financing.

Bolin hopes to have financing arranged by early June and to start marketing the townhomes at that time. Construction would begin in the fall, with some occupancy by early 1981.

The proposed townhomes are designed to be energy efficient and to make use of both passive and active solar energy. All units would have maximum windows on the south side and active liquid solar collectors for hot water. In addition the units are designed so that active solar systems for domestic heating can be added later as they become cost effective.

The proposal is an attempt "to address housing needs people will have in the future," Bolin said. "Greenspan is eager to demonstrate that low energy use housing is available and affordable in St. Paul."

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Parking Meeting

By Greg Haley

A neighborhood meeting will be held at the St. Anthony Park Congregational Church on Monday evening April 7, at 7 p.m. to discuss the details of a proposed Residential Permit Parking Ordinance in an area west of the Saint Paul campus.

The City Council's Public Works Committee has recommended that the Council adopt a citywide ordinance which would allow interested neighborhoods to create a permit parking area by petitioning 51 percent of the landowners in that area. Permit parking would allow resident auto owners to park on the street without restriction. Nonresidents, such as students and employees of neighboring institutions, would have to obey the posted restrictions.

The City Council has asked the Public Works Department to work with two neighborhoods to study the implementation of a one year trial program. The two areas are William Mitchell College of Law where there is not enough off street parking for its students and the St. Paul

campus of the University of Minnesota where there is ample off street parking for students in the Fairgrounds lot.

St. Paul city staff wants St. Anthony Park residents to make recommendations on the following topics at the meeting: the boundaries of the permit parking area, the cost (if any) for resident and visitor permits, the procedure for dissemination of permits, limitations on the number of permits given, how churches and similar facilities in the area are to be handled, and what restrictions would be placed on nonresidents (no parking, one or two hour parking, hours of the day and days of the week restrictions apply, etc). The city also wants to know if parking can be banned on narrow Cleveland Avenue once the ordinance is enacted.

The area surveyed by residents in 1977 extended from Cleveland west to Chelmsford, and from Dudley south to Como. If you wish to provide input, please come to the meeting at 2129 Commonwealth.

Trees Transformed into Dreams

By Boyd Christenson

"Are you two brothers?"

"No, we are not."

This question and corresponding answer are very common to Mel Salmi and Bill Purcell, owners of a construction partnership, the *Transformed Tree*, at 2239 Carter Avenue in St. Anthony Park (behind Bridgman's).

Salmi, originally from Cloquet, Minnesota, and Purcell, from New Jersey, started working for Wayne Jastremski, who originated the *Transformed Tree*, while attending the University of Minnesota three years ago.

In January of 1979 they bought the business from Jastremski and formed their present partnership. Since that time they have been transforming St. Anthony Park homes and businesses into more desirable dwellings with their self-taught construction skills.

"We may have even made a mistake or two," joked Purcell. However, the quality of their work is shown by how most new business is received—referrals from former customers.

As general contractors, they present bids on home and commercial remodeling and cabinet making contracts. They do no architectural work but work very closely

with their customer's architects.

Most work comes as a result of people's needs in expanding or updating homes and businesses. "Everyone has energy efficiency in mind today," said Salmi. Many St. Anthony residents have told them they would rather remodel their older homes and stay in the Park than move out and build new homes.

High interest rates and limited money supply have actually helped the *Transformed Tree*. Purcell said there is more available for remodeling a house than there is for building a new one.

The *Transformed Tree* has undertaken some major projects in the Park. Large additions to

the George Copa and Earl Kline home have been made, as well as the remodeling of the *Bibelot* and *Hardware Hank*.

Including themselves, there are four people employed by the *Transformed Tree*. With continued growth they have plans to hire one more person.

The present shop is also becoming too small. "One of the cabinets we are working on would be too big to get out of the shop when completed, so we are having to build it at the site," said Purcell.

Both said St. Anthony Park is a very pleasant and unique area—a small town within the big city. They hope a new shop location can be found in the vicinity of their present site.



Neighborhood home expanded by the *Transformed Tree*. Photo by Steve Dzabay.

April, 1980

St. Anthony Park Association



Edited by Ann Bulger, 645-2329.

April Meeting: Landscaping Our Neighborhood

Peter Olin, Chairman of Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota, and Robert Hemming, a practicing Landscape Architect, will discuss "Landscaping our Older Neighborhood" at the April meeting of the St. Anthony Park Association. The 7 p.m. program will follow a 6 o'clock dinner at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School on Tuesday, April 8.

Olga Hallberg will call Association members by April 4 for reservations for another Kiki Gore dinner. Call David and Linda Maschwitz, 646-8530, by April 7 to cancel or add reservations. If not cancelled 24 hours ahead, reservations must be paid for. Child care is provided for those under 10. Call Joanne Rohricht, 645-6043, if you need a ride.

Nominating Committee to Select Officers

The Nominating Committee has begun to look for candidates for office for the St. Anthony Park Association. Committee members are: Judy Flinn, chairperson, Nowel Leitzke, Kathy Wellington and Wayne Hanson. If you wish to nominate yourself or anyone else, call Judy Flinn, 646-0439.

Board to Hold All Fools' Meeting!

No fooling, the St. Anthony Park Association Board will meet on April 1, All Fools' Day, at the home of Jim Christenson, 2345 Doswell, at 7:30 p.m. Seriously, all members are asked to attend.

Panel Discusses Secondary Curriculum

A panel discussion on curriculum in the neighborhood secondary schools was held at the March 11 Association meeting, in conjunction with the P.T.S.A.s from St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High, and Como Park Senior High. Dick Phillips, a Murray and Webster parent, gave an opening statement and discussion-starter, "Do our Neighborhood Schools Prepare Today's Students for Tomorrow's World?" Warren Gore, Murray parent and Como faculty spouse, was the moderator. He limited speakers' times and fielded questions from the audience of 150 with his usual charm and aplomb. Assistant Principal Fred Peting, German and humanities teacher Earl Geisenhoff, and Senior Liz Dailey, represented Como. Murray was spoken for by Principal Vern Kenyon, math teacher John Scholten, and ninth-grader Camille Krinke. Many ideas were brought up, from the need to challenge students to the best of their ability, to the value of Latin or auto mechanics in the curriculum. The stimulating discussion was cut short by the 8:00 time limit.

Home Improvement Center Changes Schedule

The Home Improvement Center has offered assistance to do-it-yourselfers, as well as those needing referrals for reliable contractors, since its opening in September. Services are free of charge.

Those desiring assistance may call Mary Warpeha, 644-6990, evenings, for tips, referrals and literature. The Center has temporarily discontinued Saturday morning sessions at the desk donated by the St. Anthony Park Bank.

Permit Parking Meeting on April 7

Do you have parking restrictions by your house? Would you like a permit to park your car there without being ticketed? Are you willing to pay for this permit? Do you think there should be guest permits for your visitors? These and other questions will be discussed by a representative from the city Public Works Department at a meeting on Monday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (Congregational). All residents are welcome. For further information, call Greg Haley, 644-0811.

Mayor to Speak at May Meeting

Mayor George Latimer will be the speaker at the May 13 Association meeting. Circle the date on your calendar now!

Calendar

March 26 - 30 — Registration at Langford for baseball and softball.

April 1 — 7:30 p.m.: St. Anthony Park Association Board - 2345 Doswell.

April 7 — 7:00 p.m.: Meeting on parking permits - St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

April 8 — 6:00 p.m.: StAPA Dinner - 7:00 p.m.: "Landscaping Our Older Neighborhood" - St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

April 9 — 7:00 p.m.: District 12 Town Meeting - South St. Anthony Recreation Center

April 21 — League of Women Voters - home of Rita Stenson, 1091 Montana, 488-2592.

April 22 — Recycling pickup - Southwest of Como Avenue.

April 24 — Recycling pickup - Northeast of Como Avenue.



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Goodman Speaks

Ellen Goodman, columnist and author, will speak on "Turning Points" at the Minneapolis YWCA Urban Center on April 2. Her 5:30 talk will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. Tickets are \$10 (tax deductible) and proceeds will go to the Continuing Education for Women Scholarship Fund.

The French Play

Les Amis du Theatre, directed by Georgette Lobbe-Pfannkuch invites the neighborhood to an informal "entretien" with reknowned flutist Jean-Pierre Rampal on Monday, March 24 at 5:30 p.m. in Old Main, Bridgman Hall at Hamline University.

On April 19 and 20 Les Amis du Theatre will present three one act plays: *La Lettre Chargee*, by Labiche, *La Paix Chez Soi*, by Courteline and a *Scene a Quatre*, by Ionesco. For further information please call, 645-3784 or 646-1674.

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COMO HIGH: PROBLEMS AFTER A YEAR, Continued from page 1

the school. "It has become a situation where the school administrators and teachers have to demand it (homework and studying) or the kids aren't going to do it."

Other parents believe their support is of utmost importance. "The lack of academic involvement too often comes from the absence of parents—not motivating kids from the home, seldom showing up at school and not maintaining rapport with either the teachers or administration," said Warren Gore, whose daughter will start tenth grade at Como next year. "We've got to readjust our priorities or school will become a no-man's land."

Almost everyone at Como agrees that the students get along exceptionally well.

Maureen Fischer, a senior, said the first trimester she "almost had to meet somebody" because she did not know anyone in her classes. Now, "I get along with almost everyone I've met," she exclaimed.



Barb Rexelsen, senior: "I think there should be more advanced courses offered."

Don Casanova, a senior from Murray, and Steve Obitz, a 16-year-old from Washington, said they expected fights when they started school, but they have since been proved wrong. Instead they have made friends.

Virginia Durand, a school counselor for students with last initials A through G, said

"the students have really done an excellent job of integration."

Jack Pearson, who teaches biology, conservation and taxidermy, agrees with Durand. "The student body really has melted together very well," he said.

Most people at Como admit there are discipline problems, but they assess the situation differently. The major problems are smoking, skipping classes, and hanging out in the halls.

One of Pearson's gripes is over the "undesignated smoking areas" behind the school.

Brown is discouraged with the administration's leniency towards smoking behind the school also. She mentioned the "rigid smoking perimeters" enforced at Murray—no smoking in the building or on the school grounds.

Richard Ashe, an assistant principal, explained, "In light

'Ye Old School Store Is Now Open'

by Jill Rinehart

The fifth graders at St. Anthony Park Elementary School learned the real meaning of the word shares this year. They sold 233 shares (each worth 50 cents) to 67 share holders, which totaled \$117.50.

They began the store by arranging for Judge Flinn (their attorney) to come in and discuss the matter of starting a corporation. He told them about electing a board of directors, selling shares and electing officers.

Mrs. Rossi, one of the fifth grade teachers, decided to continue the store from last year even though it hadn't been completely successful.

The purpose of the store is for the students to learn about business through real life experience, instead of reading about it. That was the original reason, but now it serves as a useful store for the students at the school.

The students did all of the cleaning, scheduling and planning in the months of November-December. They divided into committees, some of which include: schedule, advertising, decoration, naming, location and responsibility. Both classes got together one afternoon and they nominated people for the board of directors. When that

was completed, they got the nominees' names dittoed and they voted. Voters got as many votes as shares they had bought. Students applied for the jobs of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary by filling out applications for the position that he or she wanted.

"I liked the idea that on Valentine's Day we put ribbons and hearts on the bears, and sent them to the buyer's secret admirer. My friend bought one for her kid sister," said Amy Monson, a fifth grader.

Mark Buraglio and Paul Gore are in charge of ordering supplies. By determining which items sold best the previous month or so, they decide what to order.

On March 11, *Ye Old School*

Store had its grand opening, even though it had really been open for more than two months. Many parents stopped by to see how the store was run. Every 15 minutes, one of the clerks would go out into the hall and ring a bell and say, "Ye Old School is now open."

Even though every single one of the fifth graders helped in the store somehow, I am sorry that I cannot print all of their names except for the officers and the board of directors: President-Colin Dailey, Vice President-Charlie Warnken, Treasurer-Matthew Hausman, Secretary-Katrina Miller. Board of Directors: Ara Bulbulian, Kristie Chally, Paul Diedrich, Willie Fields, Tim Genia, Stefi Lefko, Mike McKay, Katrina Miller, Aaron Rantapaa, Jenifer Scanlon.



Parents stop by to see how the store is run. Photo by Steve Dzuby.

of the many smokers, it's best to have it (smoking) in a particular area where we can attempt to control it."

Trisha McGovern, a junior, feels the administration should go a step further. Como



Richard Ashe, assistant principal: "The school always will have persons who are defiant to authority."

"should have a smoking lounge so the bathrooms aren't so gross." Her opinion is that the disciplinary practices are "way too strict."

Absences and skipping classes are a great concern with some faculty and students. Geisenhoff said the absence rate is "phenomenal." According to the German teacher "good" students miss one and two weeks a trimester.

"There are so many people out in the halls all day," said Bienhoff. "A student is not called down to the office until after the student gets five skip slips." She said discipline "was a problem at Murray (and) it's a problem here." She suggested that parents get together "from all the neighborhoods" to help find solutions to the problems.

"If they're staying away from class maybe some of the teachers aren't doing their jobs," said David Manninen, a woodshop teacher. "Kids will ditch another class or come out of study hall to come and work (in the shop)," he said. Manninen does not think discipline is a big problem at Como.

There is "so little" discipline to deal with, said Bosveld. "In every school you're going to have problems," he continued.

According to students and faculty the drug problem at Como is no worse than it is among the rest of the teenage population in the city. Fifteen Como students were arrested on Feb. 26 and 27, 1979 for selling drugs.

School nurse, Dorothea Hagen, said, "We don't have any more or less drugs" at Como

than the other high schools in the United States.

"I think anywhere you go you're going to find it," said Fischer in reference to drugs at school.

Kathy Benning, a junior, does not think the drug bust at Como will alleviate the problem. "To have an effect...you have to get to the source. You have to bust the top man."

The school building has been a concern among the people at Como. It has been under construction for over a year. Now everything is finished except the pool area and some minor repairs like painting. It is a massive gray and white building with a maze of hallways, many classrooms and not so many windows.

Geisenhoff does not like his classroom. "It's a regular dungeon—not a window in the place." He said it gets stuffy and he "can't stand being in a place so drab and dull."

Pearson does not like his classroom, either. He said it is supposed to be a new science complex, but a lot of the chairs, tables and equipment are old. "It's like taking a shower and a shave and putting your Saturday work clothes on and then going to church."

Manninen likes his shop room, but said, "I don't like the spread out building....you



Medora Brown, home economics teacher: "Discipline is not punishment—that is where parents and teachers get bogged down."

don't get to know the other teachers."

"It's kind of an exciting room," said Brown about her home economics room. But she is "desperately anxious to have it cleaned" and said it needs new furniture.

Peting likes most of the school facilities. He said Como has a "fantastic industrial arts program" with five separate shops. The school has a "fantastic" music layout and phy-

sical education facilities. It has a football field, wrestling room, three large art rooms and "all brand new" science rooms.

Everyone agrees that Como has had a successful interscholastic athletic program this year. The wrestling team and girls' swimming team were Twin City champions. And the varsity hockey and boys' ski teams finished second in the city.

"I've never had a bunch of kids work so hard in my life," said Bosveld in regard to his swimming team.

Obitz, a guard and defensive end for the varsity football



Mike Sorenson, senior: "It was really a mess here for a while, but now it's fine...really going good." Photos by Dave Shippee.

team, complimented the "young, building program at Como. "We've had a pretty successful sports program with the merger of the two schools."

"We've had a great year athletically," remarked Mrs. Hagen.

Almost everybody is optimistic about the new school despite all the problems this year.

It has been a "shake-down cruise at Como this year," said Mrs. Durand. "After this year has passed...we'll have a better handle on all the students. We'll know each other—we'll know what to expect."

Ashe's general impression of Como is good, but he said, "Where we have some weaknesses we're going to try to work them out with students, staff and the community."

"Como has made a name for itself that any other school wouldn't have made in the same situation," concluded Ms. Fischer in regard to sports, student relationships, dances and other activities.



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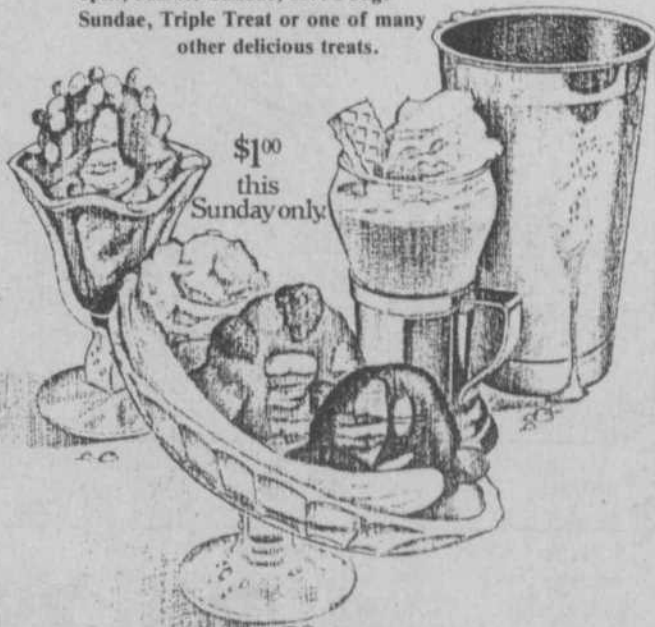
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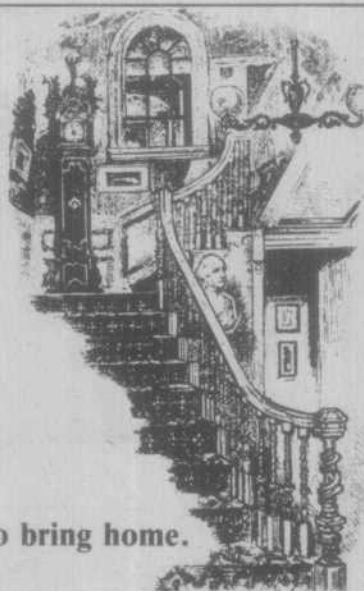
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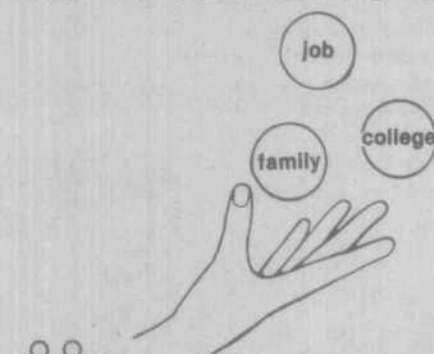
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'You Get to Have Fun' at Latchkey

By Dave Shippee

This year Community Education employees at St. Anthony Park School can brag about their Latchkey program.

"It's an excellent program. The community really benefits," said Bernie Lancette, the Community Education Coordinator.

"If Latchkey can continue with a wide variety of activities that take the children away from the school and we can continue with the parents' support, I think Latchkey is very, very good," remarked Steve Jorgenson, Extended Day Coordinator.

Latchkey, also called The Extended Day Program, is a day care service for SAP school children with working parents. The program provides supervised activities for kids in grades kindergarten through sixth before and after school.

Latchkey has found a permanent home in room 106.

Jorgenson reports he hasn't had any problems with money this school year and he doesn't foresee any in the future. Latchkey lost a considerable amount of money last year. His solution to maintaining a balanced budget is that the staff simply does not spend any more than they have. The program is entirely tuition supported.

Charles Weldin, principal of SAP school, discussed other areas in which Latchkey has shown improvement over last year. "I have not had complaints from parents this year." According to Weldin there has been no damage to school property either. "I don't think Community Ed and Latchkey have ever been in as good a shape as they are now."

The smooth operation of the program may be attributed to an entirely new Latchkey staff. In addition to Bernie and Steve, Julie Erlitz, Extended Day Kindergarten Teacher; Peggy Hilbur, Head Teacher Intern; Lisa Daniels and Karen Howe, Team Leaders, have all been hired since August, 1979. Jorgenson said his staff does a "lot with the kids and they do it wholeheartedly."

At SAP school the adults are not the only ones talking about Latchkey.

Jeff, a kindergartener, said he would rather be at Latchkey after school than at home be-



Bernie Lancette, Community Education coordinator.

cause "you get to have fun" at Latchkey.

Melissa, an eight-year-old, said she has made a lot of friends at Latchkey. She said she liked to play with the gerbils and slide on the hill in the back of the school. "It's a real lot of fun and stuff."

Almost everybody said enthusiastic things about the Extended Day Program, but nine-year-old Ray voiced another opinion. Latchkey is "pretty bad because they don't have very much (for us) to do," said he.

Thirty-three kids are enrolled in Latchkey this month. The activities provided by the program ranged from eating breakfast to roller skating. The cost is from \$1.75 to \$7.50 per day depending upon the length of time the child participates in the program.

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Wells—A Hummer

By Catherine Terwilliger

Linda Wells walks slowly in and around the 30 or so softball players, always intent on this woman's throwing arm, that one's position in fielding a grounder. Her expression softens for an instant as she yells encouragement: "That's it, that's it..."

Wells has been at the University of Minnesota for eight years; since 1977 she has been head coach for both volleyball and fastpitch softball. The teams have thrived. In 1978, volleyball brought home a Big Ten championship; softball ranked third in the nation—the highest ever achieved by a Minnesota women's team.

Come summer Wells heads for the Hummers—the St. Louis Hummers of the Women's International Professional Softball League. She begins her second season as catcher/coach this June; the fast-pitch team placed second in the World Series last summer after posting a 66-26 record.

When fall rolls around, Wells rolls back to her Carl Street home, and the cycle repeats as University volleyball practice picks up.

Things were different in 1972.

Day Care Open House

Celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" at the Community Child Care Center's open house, Wednesday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Center is located in the Commonwealth Terrace Cooperative's Community Center, 1250 Fifield Avenue.

Community Child Care is a multi-cultural day care center reaching to share the needs of young children with the larger community. The week of April 6 has been declared the "Week of the Young Child," and Community Child Care extends an open invitation to *Bugle* readers to celebrate this special week at its art fair open house.

The Center welcomes children from outside the Terrace community and it is a convenient location for St. Anthony Park residents. The Center is open year-round and enrolls children ages 2½ through 6 during the school year and ages 2½ through 8 during the summer. Come celebrate and see the Center in action.

For further information contact Nancy McAfee at 645-9924 or 646-7526.



"When I came here," said Wells with a smile, "it was anybody who came out made the team, like flip a coin for who plays what position. The big road trip then was to Duluth."

Even though rapid growth of the program has made it less personal, Wells maintains a close relationship with her athletes. "Sensitivity to others is the most important thing I try to coach in. There's got to be a give-and-take, a respect for each other's feelings. That's how I deal with the team."

"I've got to get people to redefine trying, to realize that what they've thought of as trying is perhaps a mediocre standard. I want them to realize that they can live in a standard of excellence...success is in the striving."

Wells, 30, enjoys the St. Anthony Park area. "I go running down by the shops at Milton Square, then through the St. Paul Campus," she says. "I really like it here." Wells may stay as long as she is at the U. Her record suggests that that will be some time, and her enthusiasm assures it: "The joy is not any different now than as a child...the challenge to do is there."

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Spring Carnival Planned

By Martha Saul

The parishioners of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, who reside in a widespread area which includes St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and Roseville, in an effort to renew and revitalize community spirit within the parish, are planning and pro-

moting a spring carnival.

Many Lauderdale and Park people are involved in this project including Nick Mayers who is rounding up door prizes and Carol Mayers who is postmistress in charge of the Parcel Post Booth. Margaret Dynan is heading up the Craft Boutique with Lil Flaherty.

Lois and Bob Marrinan are responsible for the raffle tickets. Raffle prizes include a color TV, a Polaroid camera and a \$50 gift certificate for the *Blue Horse* restaurant.

Tora Enesvedt and John and Paul Hueg are also on the list of willing workers.

Ann Bulger and the senior high CCD group are in charge of setting up chores and will run the Beat the Goalie game.

Carol and Joe Sadowski are lining up the Bingo workers and equipment.

John Labalestra of the *Lido* is lending his expertise to the food booth.

The carnival is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, noon to 4 p.m., at Corpus Christi School, County Road B and Fairview Avenue.

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Music in the Park

By Mary Jane Munson

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Sharon Isbin, classical guitarist from Minneapolis who has achieved an international reputation since her 1974 European tour at age seventeen, will share the fourth program of the *Music in the Park* series with Julia Bogorad, principal flutist of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and Julie Himmelstrup, pianist and

The recital, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 27, (originally scheduled for 8:00 p.m.) at the United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue, is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Arts Forum in conjunction with COMPAS/Intersection, funded by the Mott Foundation.

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Free Easter Egg Hunt

Langford Recreation Center will co-sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt Program "free" along with the Hamline American Legion Post No. 418 for Langford area children ages 10 years old and under on Thursday, April 3, beginning at 4 p.m.

Area kids can sign up for baseball (grades 4-9); softball (grades 4-12); co-rec softball (grades 7-12); nearball (grade 3-ball pitched underhand); t-ball (grade 2 and under) and kickball (grade 2 and under).

Registration forms are available at Langford from April 1 to April 30.



By Florence Chambers

Did you know that by returning your census questionnaire to your local Census Bureau you can reduce taxes? Local government aids and revenue sharing funds are computed based on the population count. The City Council is hoping for a complete count of all Falcon Heights residents so that they will get 100% of local government aids and revenue sharing. In fact, population is a factor in determining our tax base as well, so a concentrated effort in returning the census report

will be of great assistance in running your city government.

Even single students attending the University and living within Falcon Heights should make sure they are counted, especially those living in dorms that do not get the census forms sent to them. This includes residents living in

apartments. The census begins on April 1.

The recently organized Falconeers Senior Citizen Club, sponsored by the City of Falcon Heights, has been very successful. The Falconeers meet the second and fourth Monday of each month from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Falcon Heights United Church of

Christ. Anyone interested is welcome. For more information call 644-5050 or 645-2656.

Bleachers have been ordered for the Community Park (Cleveland and Roselawn) and should be in place before the ball season begins. Also the City is in the process of planning a summer recreation program.



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He Doesn't Fool Around

By Catherine Madison

Drinking coffee in his warm, bright kitchen at 1032 Cromwell Avenue, Kenneth Olson jokes easily about near misses. "Lots of 'em," he admits, smiling.

On the road, his hands on the wheel of a rig some 13½ feet high and 45 feet long, one would guess it is no joking matter. Anyone who has driven more than 4,100,000 miles without a single accident in 41 years as a truck driver doesn't fool around.

No fender benders, folks. No going in the ditch on a snowy day. Not that he doesn't encounter some excitement once in a while. Back in 1946, for instance, he stopped his truck when he noticed a house burning by the side of the road. He rescued a baby girl from her crib while the mother and a neighbor stood screaming out-

side. It's tough trying to find a crib in a strange, smoke-filled house, he says quietly.

He likes his job. "You're not tied down in a building someplace. I like to be outdoors, seeing things," he says. "It's entirely different from punching a clock. Sometimes when we're done with our shifts, we'll sit around for an hour or so and have coffee and talk. When you punch a clock, when that bell rings, all you see is legs and lunchboxes flying out the door."

Ken has been driving a truck since he was 14 or 15 and a car since he was 9 or 10 when he used to make trips to the dump for his dad's garage business in Kandiyohi, Minnesota. He is 57 now and has been driving for Murphy Motor Freight Lines for 30 years.

His record has not been ignored. The Minnesota Motor

Transport Association named him Minnesota Driver of the Year (1980) in February, and he will be vying for Driver of the Nation in October. His wife, Lucille, proudly shows his plaques and awards. Most of his work clothes are free, purchased with credits earned by accumulating safety points.

He has his enemies, of course—ice, wind, and North Dakota grain haulers among them—and his pet peeves. He is disturbed by the increasing number of small cars, most of which are driven by people who don't realize he has an 18-foot-long blind spot. He also is sometimes upset by inconsiderate drivers who don't dim their headlights, causing the reflections in his large mirrors to blind him temporarily.

"Sometimes I wish I could stop them and ask how they would like it if someone shined a flashlight in their eyes while they were trying to do their jobs," he said.

He usually drives at night, going to work just before midnight and working for 15 hours, only 10 of which can be spent driving. Although Murphy operates in 16 states, Ken has some seniority and usually chooses runs to North Dakota. The loads he hauls vary from package freight to sugar.

The job has changed some over the years, Ken says. Computers allow companies to pinpoint shipments, roads are better and wider, and trailers can be switched in 30 minutes. The driver does not have to supervise unloading, change tires, or fix engines. And better wages mean stopping at good eating places rather than the old "greasy spoons," although room to park a rig is still the first consideration.

Not all the changes are good. Ken mentions the outrageous fuel prices as well as deregulation, which he feels would threaten road safety by encouraging companies to take shortcuts on vehicle maintenance. If rates are slashed in order to be competitive, he says, common carriers could no longer afford to maintain the quality they have now. He is proud of his employers for the concern they show for their vehicles as well as for their employees.

Ken plans to keep driving as long as he stays "strong-minded and physically fit," which he claims every driver needs to be. On Sundays, his day off, he'll continue to pursue his favorite leisure activities—fishing and, not surprisingly, going for walks.

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Budas buys a block of tickets, Community Education supplies a bus to and from Northrop for the production and Park residents in turn buy tickets for production and bus from Steve, making it possible for all those interested to attend in a group. Ticket purchasers gather at the United Church of Christ one hour before performance time for a brief synopsis of the ballet, a description of some aspect of the ballet in general. The pas-de-deux (dance by two) or partnering is Steve's specific subject for this performance.

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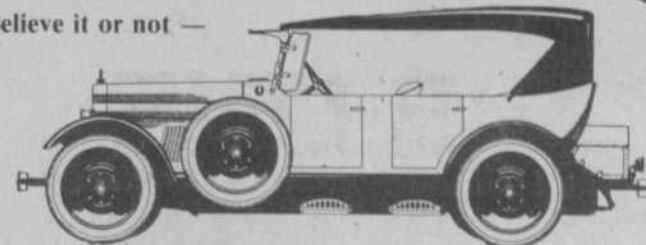
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