

Budget Cuts Hit Library, Miss Rec Centers

by Diedre Hagstrom

St. Anthony Park residents can expect changes in library services, park and recreation fees, the COMPAS program and tree removal expenses as a result of cuts in the 1982 city budget proposed by councilman George McMahon and adopted Oct. 1 by the City Council. McMahon's budget proposal, which was adopted instead of Mayor Latimer's proposal, trims \$700,000 off the mayor's budget of \$112,657,000 and reduces the city's property tax increase slightly from 13.5% to 12.9%.

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library appears to be the local service hardest hit by the 1982 city budget cuts. The library staff will be reduced from three full time professionals to two and service will be cut from six days to five, according to Marge Addison, assistant librarian. In addition, programming such as story hours will be eliminated.

Kathy Tregilgas expects to remain as head librarian, but Addison has been informed her position has been cut. It is not yet known which day of the week the library will be closed.

Although the new budget will result in reduced hours at six recreation centers and the closing of three centers, programming at St. Anthony Park recreation centers will not be affected, according to Judy Barr, program coordinator for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Costs of using programs, however, will increase, Barr said. "Teams in municipal athletic programs will have increased fees of \$25." Fees now range from \$125 to \$150.

In addition, Barr said, "We're looking at increasing fees for swimming pool use (from \$.50 now to \$.75) and increasing fees for the use of kitchen shelters to cover actual costs in park picnic areas (from \$25 now to \$50)." The Como Park picnic shelter and kitchen facility will be affected.

At South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, Curt Burroughs, recreation director, said, "We don't know yet if we are going to have hockey this winter." He added, however, that "they are making new hockey boards for us. And we will offer open skating."

At Langford Park, recreation director Jerry Esboldt said the hockey program will continue and open skating will be offered as usual.

Although McMahon's budget originally proposed that property owners pay full cost for removal of diseased trees, the City Council decided to assess only a percentage of the cost to the property owner. The percentage has not yet been decided, according to Barr.

Under the new budget the COMPAS art program in recreation centers will be eliminated. "The

city will not have tax dollars or programming contracts with COMPAS," Peg O'Keefe, administrative assistant at COMPAS (Community Programming in Arts and Science) said. Therefore, recreation centers that still want COMPAS services will have to look elsewhere for funding.

The new budget will not affect the police force, McMahon said. "We're not short, and the same level of patrolmen will be maintained."

Lt. Leroy Thielen of police team A-1, which covers the St.

Anthony Park area, agreed. "I am assuming we will maintain the same level of manpower," he said. Thielen added that at the first of the year the number of calls to the team will be evaluated to determine whether the team will be entitled to more manpower.

District 12's operating budget runs on a July 1 to June 30 year, so "Our budget through June 30, 1982, is set," Ann Copeland, District 12 community organizer, said. District 12 has operated on the same amount \$25,000 for several years.

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I-R Targets 4th Ward

by Claudia Lustig

A committee of St. Paul Independent-Republicans has formed to work on electing I-R candidates to the City Council in certain target wards, including ward four, which includes the St. Anthony Park area.

The committee has chosen to concentrate on the council races in four of the city's seven wards, said committee head James Reid. The new ward system "will definitely help us," said Reid. "We're looking at parts of the city where we have enough strength."

Reid, a former resident of the fourth ward area, said the ward appears to be a good site for such an effort. Reid's interest in the ward stems from "my own experience from having lived in the ward and knowing fairly well the area," he said.

The committee will try to reach "independent, swing voters who look at the candidate, not merely the party affiliation," Reid said. In the fourth ward, "The average

education level surpasses that of the rest of the city," said Reid, an indication that the voters are more likely to think independently.

The race in the fourth ward will not be a simple one, however. The new ward boundaries would pit two DFL incumbents, Ron Maddox and George McMahon, against each other, should they both choose to run.

This situation does not bother Reid. "It doesn't look like either one of them is going to say die," said Reid. He pointed out, however, that "They're both DFLers dividing DFL support, which may offer the opportunity for another individual to succeed."

"The DFL as the majority party in the city is undergoing a tremendous struggle," said Reid. "There is a potential for attracting voters away from the DFL, and this applies to any kind of group that is not completely in tune with the DFL," he continued.

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Oberlin Chamber Ensemble, which will perform Nov. 15, (l. to r.) Charles Floyd, Calvin Wiersma, Eugene Carr.

Oberlin Alums Await Arts Forum Concert

by Marjorie DeBoer

When the Music from Oberlin Chamber Ensemble performs at the second Music in the Park concert Nov. 15, Lillian and Louis Keller of 1340 Keston St. plan to be in the audience.

The Kellers, both in their 90s, are 1914 and 1915 graduates of Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio, and Louis Keller subsequently taught there for nine years. They are proud of their school, particularly Oberlin Music Conservatory, from which the Chamber Ensemble is drawn.

The Ensemble performers are Charles Floyd, piano, Calvin

Wiersma, violin, and Eugene Carr, cello. Wiersma and Carr are seniors in music performance at Oberlin while Floyd is an Oberlin graduate in piano and theory who has returned to the Conservatory as the first recipient of the Amoco Corporation grant internship in ensemble performance.

The trio was formed in 1980 to acquaint audiences outside the Oberlin area with the quality of music at the conservatory. Last year the ensemble gave 30 performances in 16 states in the East and Midwest, including a concert at Macalester College in St. Paul. This year's itinerary will

include tours to the South and Far West as well as a recital at the New York Public Library.

The Chamber Ensemble will perform the music of Haydn, Beethoven, Brahms and Kodaly. The concert, sponsored by COMPAS and the St. Anthony Parks Arts Forum, is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, at the United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are available at Micawber's, the Bibelot shop or at the door. Season tickets may still be purchased at reduced rates for the five remaining concerts of the season.

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Residents Favor Permit Parking; District Council Urges Continuation

Successes, problems, and the future of permit parking were discussed at the District 12 Council meeting on Oct. 14.

The area bounded by Como Avenue, Cleveland Avenue, and the city limits has been one of two pilot areas in St. Paul to test the system for one year. By buying a \$5 permit, residents were permitted to park on streets all day. Visitors and special events permits were also available.

The District 12 Council, Department of Public Works, and City Council will all evaluate the program and make recommendations.

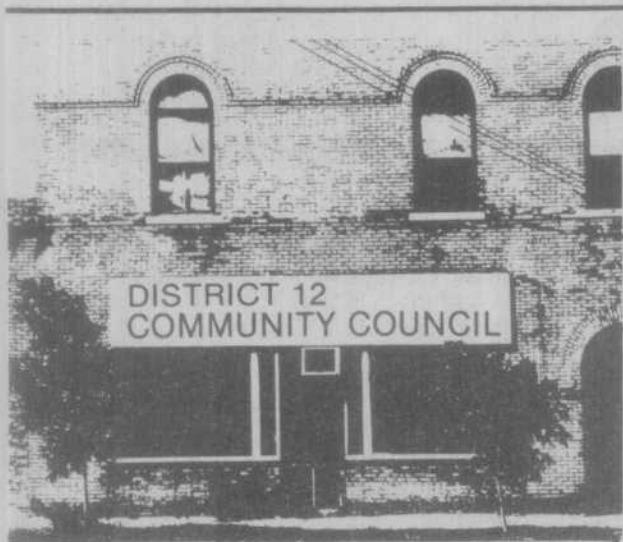
The District 12 Council has received letters and telephone comments from residents. The majority were favorable and asked that the program be continued. Those not in favor stressed the lack of enforcement and the unfairness of being asked to pay to park on their own street.

Several who were in favor of continuing the program asked that permits be available in the neighborhood on a continuing basis, that stickers contain the household address, that number of permits per household be limited, and that enforcement be increased.

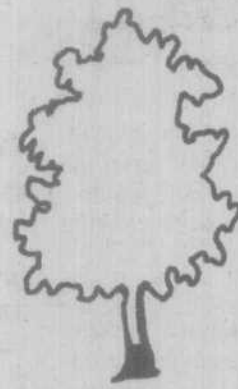
The District Council voted to request City Council to continue the permit parking system now in effect. A summary of comments and letters received by the District Council will be sent to City Council and the Department of Public Works for use in the final evaluation of the program.

Councilman George McMahon, who was present at the meeting, said that it may be possible to renew the permits by mail next year.

He also said DPW will conduct a telephone survey of residents in the area to sample feelings about permit parking. The survey will be done on nights and weekends in order to get a good cross-section of responses. McMahon said survey results will be given to the District Council for discussion.



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Help Green Tree Grow

District 12's Green Tree is growing. Five hundred dollars was contributed in October to bring the total fund to \$1109. This will pay for replanting 9 of the 119 trees on public property lost to the tornado in June. Total replanting will cost \$14,280. If you can help Green Tree grow, send your check to District 12 Green Tree project, 2380 Hampden Ave., St. Paul 55114. All contributions are tax deductible.

Composting Project Seen as Model

If you feel you are being "watched" when dumping leaves at Bayless and Robbins, you are! The city of St. Paul, the state of Minnesota and other U.S. communities are keeping an eye on District 12's neighborhood composting project to see if it can be used as a model.

A pilot program funded by a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency grant, this project will be used to demonstrate how volunteer efforts by citizens can reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills by turning yard and garden waste into compost. This soil-enriching material can then be used in the community.

Brian Pap has been hired by District 12 to work with citizens, schools, or groups wanting to learn more about composting practices. He will be arranging for backyard and neighborhood demonstration sites.

Over 12 tons of waste is generated in the residential area of District 12 each year, and over two tons of that in spring, summer, and fall is yard waste. Using this valuable plant material in the neighborhood reduces need for additional landfill space and for trucks to haul it there.

Ramsey County currently has no landfills and must pay to have its waste buried in landfills in Anoka and Dakota Counties. Space there will be filled by 1984.

DO YOU KNOW?

If you have to scramble to cross the street at Carter and Como avenues before the light changes, the fault may be your own. You didn't push the CROSS button.

When pedestrians push the cross button, the light is programmed for 15 seconds more than when it is tripped by cars in the street. Don Sobania, St. Paul traffic division, said that when the new light is in operation at Como/Doswell, pedestrians should still push the cross button in order to gain extra time for crossing.

Unexpected City Recommendations Cause Delay in Housing Plan Review

Unexpected differences in recommendations made by city staff from those made by the District 12 housing task force have caused the District 12 housing plan to be returned for further discussion.

The physical committee will review the differences at its Nov. 5 meeting at 5 p.m. in the District 12 office.

Major differences concern recommendations for use of vacant land on Hoyt street, Luther Place, Commonwealth Avenue, and Fifield Place.

Emotions ranging from annoyance to outright anger were expressed by delegates to the citywide task force meeting on Oct. 15 because of the unexpected recommendations on the district plans scheduled for discussion that evening. Task force members had not been told that a land development committee made up of staff from the Department of Planning and Economic Development would review each district housing plan and comment on it.

District representatives had only two days to review this staff report on their plans. They had had no opportunity to read and review the other district plans prior to arriving at the meeting where the plans were to be discussed.

As a result, the citywide task force voted to delay the whole process for 45 days while staff recommendations are sent to district councils for review and comment.

Residents who would like to see the staff report on the District 12 housing plan should call 646-8884.

Traffic Light Celebration Planned

Bands, balloons, and ballyhoo are being bandied about as ideas for a community celebration on Dec. 5 when the new traffic light on Como and Doswell will be in operation.

A ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments for everyone are also planned. Watch this space next month for details.

Curbside Leaf Pick-up, Nov. 7

A volunteer cadre of residents and Job Corps members will pick up bagged leaves on Saturday, Nov. 7 in District 12. Anyone unable to get their leaves to the composting site at Robbins and Bayless streets should have them in bags at the curb by 9 a.m.

Since the city will not be doing the special leaf pickup this year, the District 12 Council is organizing the neighborhood effort as part of its composting project. Because the north and south St. Anthony Park area generates so many leaves, everyone who possibly can take their own leaves to the site is asked to do so. The volunteer pickup will occur only on Nov. 7.

Five District 12 volunteers and 25 Job Corps volunteers have distributed flyers to all households describing the leaf composting project.

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Park People

by Penelope Burke

Barbara Lukermann's office radiates organization and efficiency, two qualities that have contributed a good deal to her success as a planner. The square room from which she conducts her own land-use planning consulting practice, is lit by desk-top lighting, has an eskimo art print on the wall and a button stating "not everybody can live upstream" on the cork board over her typewriter.

Although she is a planner by profession, Lukermann said "I haven't had a master plan for my life. I received very important encouragement to be what I want and to do what I want. My parents, teachers, Fred (her husband, a geography professor and dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Minnesota) all encouraged me and were pleased with my achievements. It gave me freedom to decide and created an internal pressure to do well—as well as tremendous satisfaction with a good job."

Lukermann, who lives at 2211 Folwell, grew up in Yorkshire, England, during the Second World War. She remembers carrying a gas mask to school, but obeyed the air raid sirens only the first six months and thereafter stayed in bed. Lukermann also remembers Churchill's speeches. "If Churchill was going to have something to say on the 9 p.m. news, everybody listened to the radio."

Lukermann was one of 18 women to be accepted to read geography at Cambridge University. After graduating from Girton College there with a B.A. in geography, Lukermann taught for two years in a girls' boarding school. That experience, combined with a summer session at McGill University in Toronto, convinced her to apply for a Fulbright Scholarship. She came to the University of Minnesota to study geography with John Borchert in the early 1950s.

Since 1957 Lukermann has been a practicing planner. For three years she worked for the Chicago firm of Carl Gardner and its Minneapolis partner firm, Thorshov-Cerny. She was the only woman on the seven-person staff and specialized in land-use planning.

In 1960 Lukermann helped found Midwest Planning and Research. As an owner, she was able to work six-hour days when her children were small.

Looking back on that time, Lukermann said, "My husband expected me to continue doing what I wanted to and decide for myself. His attitude was one of unspoken expectation that I continue to have a career. Having two children in eighteen months meant that providing child care was sometimes a problem, but owning my own business and working six hours a day made it possible for me to combine the two."

In 1976 Lukermann became one of four citizen members of the 12-member Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. That same year Lukermann became president of the Minnesota

mainland China, representing the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on the University of Minnesota team accompanying President McGrath. The team worked on protocol agreements with the Chinese Academy of Science to determine the nature of future research exchanges.

Lukermann had first travelled to China as a member of an American Institute of Certified Planners planning delegation in 1979. The three-week trip was "the first contact between Chinese and American urban planners," she said.

Reflecting on her career, Lukermann said the only thing she



Barbara Luckerman. Photo by Penelope Burke.

Chapter of the American Institute of Planners as well as a member of the organization's national board of governors.

Presently Lukermann's projects include helping the St. Paul YMCA determine whether to "revitalize or keep the downtown branch," and recommending new branch locations to Twin City Federal.

A local project on which Lukermann recently worked is a housing study in District 12.

Lukermann returned a short time ago from a second trip to

would do differently would be to take a more organized approach to a career in the area of public planning.

Lukermann, who has experienced flexibility in her career, said that job flexibility is very important for women.

"We've got to go a ways to create an environment that does three things for women: lets them have a career, family and pursue their interests."

Lukermann has managed all three.

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Students Test Selves on Isabella Ropes

by Ann Bulger

"When I got to the first platform, I got real scared and wanted to come down. I almost started to cry. I was so scared. Finally I decided I would go on, and I'm glad I did!"

These were the sentiments of a typical student from St. Anthony Park Elementary School after trying the new ropes course at the Environmental Learning Center near Isabella, Minnesota. The course consists of a series of ropes and bridges of increasing levels of difficulty 20 feet above the ground.

Safety equipment, carabiners, slings, and strong cables ensured that no one would get hurt, but there were plenty of scary feelings as the youngsters inched their way across the course to the climax, a ride down the zip line toward Flathorn Lake.

When the students recorded "memorable moments" of the October Isabella trip, several referred to the ropes course.

"It was so high off the ground, and there was hardly any room for your feet. The postman's walk was the most terrifying—I could feel it swaying in the wind."

"The ropes were very scary, because I'm afraid of heights. But when I think back about it, it was really a lot of fun."

"At first I was frightened to death. Then I started walking up it. I loved it! It was very daring and challenging to me—and very enjoyable—especially the fright of being up so high in the air and the feeling of falling."



A St. Anthony Park Elementary School student takes the "postman's walk" between parallel wires 20 feet above the ground at the Environmental Learning Center. Photo by Paul Stegmeir.

Every student in the ropes class made it through the entire course and achieved a real feeling of accomplishment. The cold rain and wind added to the challenge. Julie Allyn, sixth-grader, was the first to attempt the course.

"First I had ropes. It was fun!! First of all, I was really scared!! But once I got going and got up there it was fun!! When I was on the burma bridge, I jumped up and down and wiggled it. And then I went down the zip line ...wheeee!! crash!! It was great,

even though I got really wet in the rain."

The ropes add a new dimension to the ELC course, which also offers classes in trees, geology, soil ecology, water velocity, edible plants, small mammals, and many others.

As Julie said, "Isabella is an example of where understanding the things about you can bring peace into your life. I'm at least ten times smarter than when I came there."



(Written by students from St. Anthony Park Elementary School during their week at the Environmental Learning Center near Isabella, Minn.)

"This Place"
by Cari Peterson, grade 5

There's a carpet of moss
And evergreen trees.
There's crystal-clear water
And lily pads green.
A red squirrel climbs,
And a woodpecker pecks.
The winds softly blow,
And the times slowly change.

"A Special Place"
By Heidi Bremer, grade 5

This is a special place!!!
Where trees grow,
Where plants are low,
Where trees are high,
Almost touching the sky.
Where leaves fall,
And bugs crawl.
Where animals walk,
And people talk.
Where the beavers chew the
branches off,
Where the moss is moist and
very soft.
Where the plants grow,
And the rapids flow.
Where the sun is bright,
But not at night.
This is a special place!!!

"My Place"
by Terryell Gray, grade 6

My place is down by the edge of
the lake.
It's a quiet place, the only sound
you can hear
Is the soft sound of the water.
My place to an ant is like an acre
of grass
And tall...tall...tall trees.
If you were a bird, you'd come
And land on the water next to
my place.
If it ever was raining,
You could come in to my place,
And you would be protected.
The place I'm in is nice and
warm,
And I would not like anyone to
destroy it.



HEADWINDS

by James Wesley Brogan

Everybody has an inflation story. Mine occurred on a Tuesday recently, when Jacob and I set out in the Honda for the Country Store on Lexington Avenue. We had shopped there once or twice previously and come away with the feeling we had saved some money. That's not to say we did, only that it seemed like we did. The place is set up with lots of cardboard showing, to give a convincing illusion of bargain prices.

We get out the door for \$44.00. Not bad, I guess, for four bags full of groceries. Let's see: two big cans of baked beans, three cans of tuna, a box of corn flakes, two lemons, and some other stuff I can't remember. A can of pear pieces.

I am just putting the bags in the back of the car when I notice a southeast Asian family walking up to me with their grocery cart in front of them. There are two men, both rather small with angular faces, a stocky woman, a girl of about ten, and a little boy sitting in the cart like Jacob.

"Ah, sir....," the elder man says, and before I know it, we're talking about the kids. Their boy is about the same age as mine. It takes me a minute or two to realize that they're asking me to help them. It seems that they expected \$10 more than they got back in change from the cashier. Their English isn't very good, but I get the idea. The store is huge and automated and they feel like a big American machine has just run over them and taken their money. I feel the same way myself at least once a week.

I'm not an expert at reading faces, but I see in their eyes a look of fright and bewilderment which reminds me of a deer when it finds itself too close to the freeway. They show me what they bought and the sales ticket with everything listed and priced.

I don't know about you, but I can rarely make head or tail of cash-register print-outs. If I don't catch the mistake as the cashier punches it in, it's too late. I can't tell baked beans from celery.

As it happens, this store uses a computerized check-out system, the kind where the cashier rubs the label across a window on the countertop and the computer prints the item and price. I can see that these people, according to the computer, at least, bought a little over \$36 worth of groceries, \$25 of which has been paid with food stamps, and the rest of it with a \$20 bill.

Since they had expected their food stamps to cover everything they bought except the four rolls of toilet paper and two cans of cat food—which they hold up for me—they can't understand why so much was taken out of their \$20 bill. The toilet paper and the cat food only come to \$1.71.

I can't really figure it out, either, but agree to go back into the store with them and act as their mediator. I don't know anything, but at least English is my native language. We walk up to the customer service counter and make our case as well as we can. The ladies there are exceptionally polite and helpful, and immediately call over the cashier who had checked these people through.

The cashier remembers them clearly. She says they thought they had \$35 worth of food stamps, when in fact, they gave her only \$25. She had explained to them at the time that the rest would have to come out of the twenty, even though the goods did qualify as food stamp items.

That sounds good enough for me, and I turn around to explain it to the people again. They needed \$35; they only had \$25 in food stamps. They nod their heads, but they look lost and slightly ill because of what they are hearing. It crosses my mind that they may feel as if I've sold them out. I am an American, after all, and maybe I look to them like one more snapping-roller in the business machine.

Zen and the Art of Ordinariness

by Susan Barker

My old college classmate Hank (class of '69) isn't going to let himself be hoodwinked by those who sing the praises of the average Joe.

While journalist Studs Terkel celebrates unsung Americans and NBC's Real People treats its non-celebrity subjects like members of some newly discovered and exotic tribe, Hank diagnoses ordinariness as the great affliction of our own once-promising generation now gone astray. Every time his alumni magazine arrives, Hank reads the news of former classmates—teachers, lawyers, scientists, government and business professionals, doctors, housewives—like a kind of casualty report, the best and the brightest having fallen in the battle against anonymity, traditional choices and apathy. In a word, we have *sold out*.

Hank, the reporter with a respected Midwestern daily newspaper, still remembers the sense of great promise we carried with

us 12 years ago upon graduation. Then we rushed from our Midwestern liberal-arts college charged with the zeal and activist fire that would usher in a New Age free of war, poverty, racism, injustice and unreason. Like hot-house flowers carefully preened on years of education and advantage, we would be torchbearers bringing light to a darkened Vietnam-era world. We were none other than extraordinary, this class of young people who'd scored high on College Boards, and traveled in Europe, and read widely in classical subjects.

Hell for us would be to find ourselves trapped in a prefab Colonial with an eagle decoration over the door. (Unthinkable.) It was a heady and turbulent time.

Whenever Hank stops to visit, I get the feeling he'd come to measure our continuing fall. Sitting on the couch, he lets his eyes glance swiftly around the room as he reads our goods like a barometer of ordinariness. Middle class, bourgeois, his eyes blink in outrage.

What distress he must feel remembering my old idealism-charged past: How my husband once turned down medical school for a crack at the Peace Corps; how he fought his draft board for conscientious-objector status and counseled draftees; how we lived for a brief time in a multi-family commune dedicated to sharing in a neighborhood where we would organize needed services for the poor; how I traded my Villager woolens to a clothes bank for a pair of corduroys; how I once put aside writing for teaching the handicapped.

And, Hank, too, has his own memories. In college, he joked (in dead seriousness) about wanting to write the Great American Novel—something that would make an important statement. Now in his mid-30s, Hank has also fallen short. Though his reporting has won respect and prizes, his contempt is not reserved exclusively for others.

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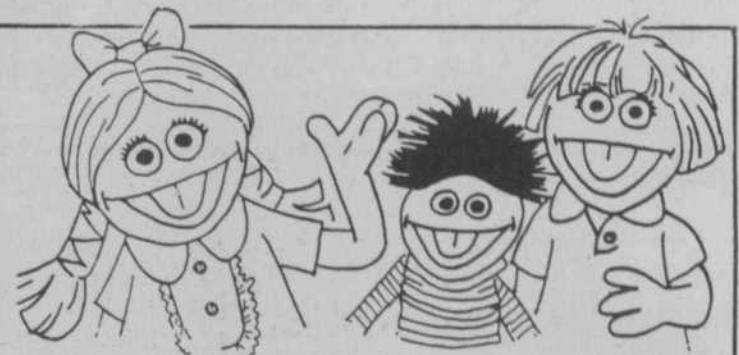
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Park Bugle 6

Co-op Success Brings Change, Raises Philosophical Questions

by Mollie Hoben

The St. Anthony Park co-operative grocery opened for business nine years ago in a neighborhood grocery storefront at 1435 Cleveland Ave., and a year later Green Grass co-operative grocery opened at 928 Raymond Ave., also in a tired old store front. Both began with some dedicated volunteers and little capital.

In the years that followed both stores, at one time or another, came dangerously close to going under. Yet today the two co-ops, now merged into one organization, not only have survived but are well-established stores with a membership of 1500 households and sales volume this year of close to \$1 million.

About 25 employees, most of them part-time, work in the

stores, cashiering and coordinating the activities of members, who are expected to contribute three hours of work monthly.

It's a far cry from the early days when it seemed as if everyone knew everyone else, all work was done by volunteers, inventories were small, and daily sales of \$50-\$60 were something to get excited about.

Judy Rosenblatt was the co-op's first warehouse coordinator, a task she still performs. She remembers making trips to the warehouse to pick up the co-op's weekly order and being able to fit the whole order in her Saab. "Things have definitely changed," she said.

Some things, however, have not changed. The reasons people became members in the early years

are the same reasons they join the co-op now, Rosenblatt believes.

Having control over the food they eat and being part of a cooperative endeavor that is community based are major reasons, Rosenblatt said, as well as the desire to shop in a friendly atmosphere.

"This is not a sterile, Musak kind of place," she commented.

Other members echo Rosenblatt's points.

"We offer a real alternative to overpackaging and overprocessing," said Helen Dufault, another early member and now bookkeeper, membership coordinator, and according to Al Uhl, who has been active in the co-ops since 1973, "one of the ranking cheese experts in the state."

Adele Faddin joined Green Grass in 1975 and has been active in the co-op ever since. "I joined because I like the idea of people in the neighborhood working together—neighbors banding together to provide nutritious food at reasonable prices," she said.

Green Grass and SAP merged in 1978, a move dictated by the needs of both stores. Green Grass was at a point where it could not survive alone, and SAP was at a point where it needed more space. Since SAP



Carol Passi and Helen Dufault unload a warehouse order at SAP Too. Photo by Karen Andersen.

had some resources and Green Grass had a large store, the merger made sense.

But it has changed the character of the co-ops, perhaps especially at Green Grass, now called SAP Too. "It's not the same neighborhood thing it was in '74 and '75," said Sherman Eagles, a Green Grass founder. "It doesn't have the cohesiveness."

"But there wouldn't be a store if we hadn't merged, and the store is better now. More people use it than when it was purely a neighborhood store."

The same kind of trade off is still being faced by the co-ops. The character of the co-ops continues to change—out of necessity, Dufault believes. "If we don't change there aren't going to be co-ops at all."

Ten years ago, Dufault said, co-ops had little competition; today both supermarkets and health food stores compete with them. "Who ever heard of granola ten years ago?" she asked. "Only the co-op had it then—now it's everywhere."

Rosenblatt also sees changes in the co-ops. "It's much less ideological now than it used to be," she believes. "It's more toned-down and business like. I assume that's an inevitable process."

Eagles agrees. "Maintaining the things that initially made co-ops different—ideological commitment and the volunteer system—seems to be difficult," he said.

One sign of change can be seen on the shelves, where some items which once would have been anathema in a co-op now appear. For example, at SAP Too shoppers can find pop, white sugar, and Cheetos along with the more traditional co-op fare such as bulk grains, nuts and dried fruit, cheeses and produce.

"People expect us to be more like a regular grocery store than they used to," noted Marcie Archer, a coordinator. "That means we can't run out of things, which means we need an efficient ordering system, which means we need more paid people."

The result is a trend toward becoming more business-like and impersonal, Archer believes. It probably has to be that way, she says. "But I don't think it has to become as business-like as some people would like."

Both Uhl and Eagles point out that without volunteer or cheap labor, the co-ops would not be able to compete with for-profit stores, yet without reliable skilled workers the store can't meet members' growing expectations.

"We're caught in the middle of growth," is how Uhl describes it.

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Thorne Wittstruck (left) and Grant Abbott. Photo by Jon Madsen.

Two New Pastors Like Park

by Mary Jane Munson

Two ministers new to St. Anthony Park within the last year are Thorne Wittstruck, pastor at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, since last fall, and Grant Abbott, pastor at St. Matthews Episcopal Church since August.

The men come from opposite ends of the country, Wittstruck being from Massachusetts and Abbott from Washington state, but their thinking on many subjects makes them intellectual neighbors. Both of them are interested in continuing and establishing new ecumenical ties in the community, providing a spiritual home for college students, and addressing national and international issues from a Christian perspective.

Wittstruck comes from a family of ministers. His father is a retired Methodist minister, and his uncle and brother are both pastors. Linda, his wife, is a minister's daughter. Wittstruck studied at Hamline, then moved on to Drew University of Theology and finally to Yale, where he received his Ph.D. in 1972.

The Wittstrucks have two children, Christopher, a second grader interested in soccer (his father is one of four coaches at Langford Park), and Heather, a kindergartener who likes gymnastics. Linda Wittstruck teaches nursery school at the Methodist Church.

Abbott was raised "nominally" as a Presbyterian. During college years at the University of Washington he got involved in religion, and following graduation he went to Princeton Theological Seminary where he switched his denominational allegiance to Episcopalian.

Following his training at Princeton, he became executive director of the University of Washington YMCA in Seattle. In

1973 he married Elaine Tarone, a Californian educated at Berkeley, now assistant professor of linguistics at the University of Minnesota.

Abbott was ordained in 1975 after receiving his Certificate of Advanced Study, Episcopal Divinity School, in 1974.

The Abbotts have no children, but two cats live with them: Leah, an alley variety, and Motchka, a queenly Russian blue of whom they say, "We're privileged to be in her presence." When asked what he would say to Abbott about this area after having been here a year, Wittstruck thought a moment and said, "I'd tell him this is a great place to be!"

Without even being asked, Abbott remarked, "I feel fortunate to be here in St. Anthony Park."

Baker Court to Open; St. Cecilia's May Become Condo

by Sherree Riley

The old Baker School at Raymond Ave. and Territorial Rd. is now Baker Court, which will open Nov. 1 with 70 percent of its space leased.

The lower than 95 percent occupancy rate that had been predicted and high interest rates have kept interested businesses from moving in, according to Duane Kell of Ankeny-Kell and Associates, Baker Court architects. He hopes that more businesses will take a chance now that the prime interest rate is going down. Ankeny-Kell is concentrating on getting a restaurant and retail businesses on the basement level.

The firm is still waiting for affordable financing before beginning construction of a townhouse complex west of Baker Court. Ankeny-Kell Associates is on a list to receive funding from the second issue of bonds of the Minneapolis/St. Paul Housing Fund, the recipients of which will be named next spring.

Nearby, the former St. Cecilia School, 921 Bayless Ave., is one step closer to being rezoned from a single-family residence to a multi-family, five-unit residence.

Rezoning was approved by the zoning committee of the St. Paul Planning Commission in a public hearing on Oct. 15. The District 12 Council indicated their approval in a letter to the zoning

committee, their only reservations being an anticipated need for additional parking and a concern for what would happen to the building if it is not rezoned.

Gregory Page, a private investor, intends to buy the building if rezoning is approved. It is now owned by Mary Bernard Pabst, head of Environment for Learning, a Montessori school located in the St. Cecilia School building until it outgrew the facility. (Environment for Learning is now located at 65 E. Kellogg Blvd., in the downtown St. Paul YWCA building.)

Page is planning to convert the building into five condominiums. He already has an architect working on the plans and will be

talking to banks to arrange financing. He said if things go well he will have architectural plans, financing information and completion dates within a month or two. He has a personal interest in the project, too—he plans to live there himself.


Although the community is in favor of rezoning, Page will need to get a variance from the city because city regulations state that the lot is a few hundred square feet too small for the use he is proposing.

The zoning committee must make a recommendation to the St. Paul Planning Commission, which will decide whether or not to recommend rezoning to the city council. The council will make the final decision.

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Park Bugle 8

Athlete: Park Is Good Place to Train

by Gillian Bolling

Kathy Young, a park resident, thinks St. Anthony Park is a great place for an athlete to live and train. She says there are good areas to ride bikes, hills to challenge runners, nice scenery to look at and it's close to the well-equipped University of Minnesota St. Paul campus gym. And Kathy Young should know—she and partner Dorothy Goertzen won the first annual "Border to Border" triathlon this past summer.

The triathlon, held from July 30 through August 2, involved a combination of cycling, racewalking and canoeing. The course went from the southwest

tip of Minnesota to the North Shore with the two-member team covering 528 miles in four days.

Young, 28, grew up canoeing with her family in Iowa and had also been a bicycle racer for four years with her husband, certified public accountant, Charlie Townsend. When she heard about the race, the longest triathlon in the U.S., she thought it "sounded like fun" and was "flattered" when Goertzen asked her to form a team.

Young began training for the race in March, mixing workouts with studying and attending the University of Minnesota law school, where she is now in her

second year. She said it was "tricky" combining training and school, but that her athletics kept her "on an even keel." She added, "Training improved my concentration and this carried over to studying. I was able to study more effectively."

"There's a real tolerance of training in St. Anthony Park. Here you don't get hooted at when you're racewalking—in other areas you do," said Young, who also appreciates the low amount of traffic in the area. Young and her husband are pleased to live in St. Anthony Park, an area they "just fell into" almost two years ago.

Kathy's interest in physical training combined with a summer internship as a legal intern at the University Hospital, have given her an interest in health law. She plans to remain in the Twin Cities area after graduation and hopes to find a job with a "medium-sized law firm."

"I plan on competing in sports until I drop over," Young said, adding that her interest in sports is a "lifelong thing." This winter



Kathy Young. Photo by Dawn Holmberg.

she plans to prepare for cross-country ski racing by working out with the University cross-country ski team, which meets twice weekly for three-hour sessions. "I also up my weights in the winter—I lift weights three times a week," she said.

She and partner Goertzen attended "rookie night" of the Minnesota Canoeing Association, using the group's equipment and training with them on the Mississippi River throughout the summer.

Although cycling came easily, due to her racing background, Young said racewalking was another story. "Racewalking was the hardest thing to pick up because no one does it," she said.

The two women found a St. Paul man, Dr. Larry Boies, who knew how to racewalk and agreed to coach them. The three set off for the Minnesota State Fair Grounds where they trained in racewalking.

Despite getting lost in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area during one part of the triathlon, Young and Goertzen came out the victors, beating even the race founder, Jerry Kassanchuk of Golden Valley.

"The race was a peak experience, we did our best and it felt good," said Young. As proof of how much she enjoyed the experience she said she'd do it again. "I'm looking toward next year," she said.

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