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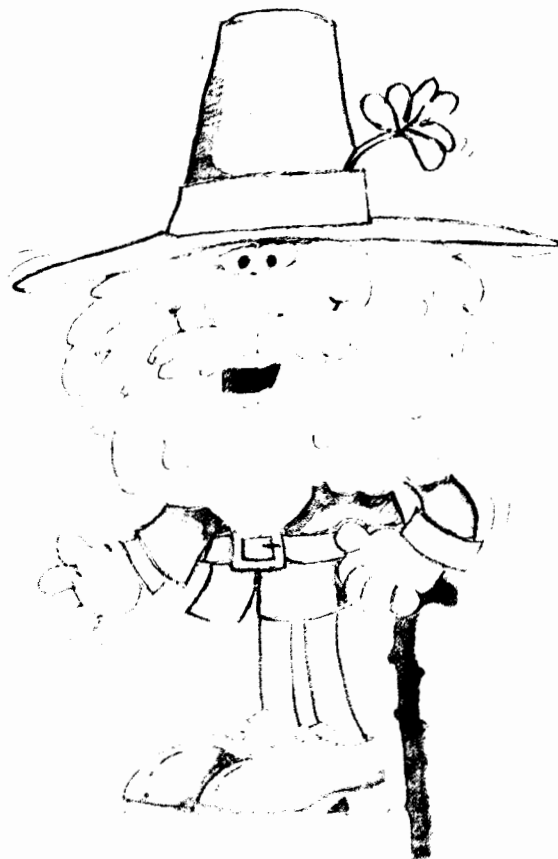
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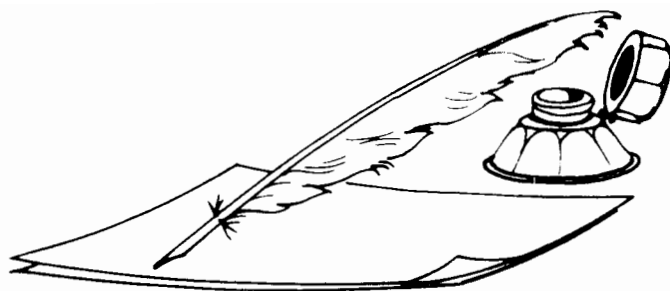
Issue 3

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

*May the good saints
protect ye--*



From the Board



Wnyfred Joshua, Vice President

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors Gordon Frank reported on the negotiations with the Developer in regard to warranty items. The Developer is prepared to install weepholes in the brick facade of the building, as well as to fix the expansion joints in the garage. However, while agreement was reached on some minor issues, no other progress was made. We are, therefore, proceeding with the lawsuit against the Developer.

Joe Strahs presented the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on outside parking. Illegal use of Owners' outside parking spaces is increasing, notably in the area behind the East building. The Board has accepted the proposal to paint the word RESERVED on the surface of the outside parking spaces as well as on the vertical surface of the curb. After one month's trial, the Ad Hoc Committee will assess the effectiveness of this measure and make appropriate recommendations. Meanwhile, the Property Manager is to investigate and provide recommendations in regard to the lighting situation behind the East building.

The Board approved Howard McClelland's proposed handling of absentee ballots to insure confidentiality. Ross MacAskill reported that the elections are scheduled for March 26th; "Meet the Candidates" night will be held on March 20th in the West Party Room. Since Virginia law requires a quorum to elect a candidate, residents are urged to get out and vote.

The Board endorsed the following bids for contracts: (i) Paramount for the extermination contract, and (ii) Lancaster

for grading, topsoil, and sodding of the grassy area to the right of the main entrance (\$1,912).

There was a lengthy discussion in regard to the desirability of inviting competitive bids for the security guards contract. Les Boykin, Chairman of the Security Committee, pointed out that we are currently enjoying good service from Wells Fargo and that we have been successful in arranging to maintain the same guards. Moreover, Wells Fargo has not raised its fees during the last two years. These advantages notwithstanding, the Board voted to maintain the practice of competitive bidding and to proceed with the security services contract accordingly.

Treasurer Joe Strahs introduced Lewis Cardwell, the new Chairman of the Financial Management Committee. Mr. Cardwell presented the financial status of the Association and noted that, as usual, we have no delinquencies in payment of condo fees.

Complying with the request of Carroll Thompson, Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee, the Board has transferred the functions of this committee to the Physical Plant and Operations Committee. An independent committee no longer appeared necessary in light of the limited number of issues requiring attention.

Elizabeth Grant, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, reported on a zoning request by the Developer to establish a private school facility in the office building across from Skyline House. The Board endorsed

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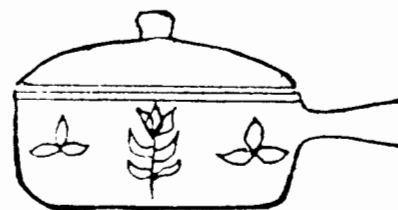
Mrs. Grant's efforts to seek information from the Developer regarding these proposed zoning changes.

A final agenda item involved the proposal to request approval for Virginia Housing Development Authority ("VHDA") financing for Skyline House apartments. VHDA offers low interest mortgages to support first-time home buyers. The conditions for these loans are stringent and include the stipulation that the borrower must live in the purchased apartment. Obtaining VHDA financing for Skyline House would encourage owner occupancy of the smaller units. On the other hand, Skyline House would be required to file

periodic reports and to open the building and its records to State inspection. After lengthy deliberation, the Board rejected the proposal on the grounds that it would present potential constraints on Skyline House operations and require cumbersome reporting to the bureaucracy of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In view of the Annual Meeting to be held in March, the Board decided to continue the tradition of dispensing with the regular Board meeting in March.

Potluck Posh: The House Sharing



FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1985
WEST PARTY ROOM

COCKTAILS: 6:30 p.m.

DINNER: 7:00 p.m.

COCKTAILS: At 6:30 p.m.

Bring your own liquor and set-ups.
Ice and glasses will be furnished.

DINNER: At 7:00 p.m.

Bring either an entree, salad,
vegetable dish, or dessert.

COUPLES bring enough for eight persons.

SINGLES bring enough for four persons.

If you bring a vegetable, please bring
food according to the recipe.

Coffee and tea will be served.

THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.
PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LOBBY DESK, INDICATING THE
NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY AND YOUR NUMBER AT DESK.

PRESENTED BY THE SKYLINE HOUSE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Committee Communiqués

COMMUNITY NOTES

ONWARD & UPWARD

What a pleasure it is to be able to report that two loyal members of the Community Relations Committee -- Vera Church and Jeanne Levy -- are now on-the-mend following bouts with various and assorted ailments. Their help in welcoming newcomers to Skyline House, as well as their input at our monthly meetings, have been missed. No malingering now, ladies . . . back into the fray!

'HEAR, HEAR!!!'

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors, the Architectural Control Committee was officially absorbed into Diets Gerstner's Physical Plan Committee. Forgive me if I sound like Captain Airways of The Washington Post for saying that a tip-of-the-hat and a heartfelt "Thank you" should be given to Carroll Thompson for the work he has done as Chairman of the now defunct committee. Knowing him, he will continue to have a deep concern for maintaining the beauty of our grounds and buildings.



What's Up . . .

WOODROW WILSON LIBRARY

Those residents who make use of the Woodrow Wilson Library probably know that the interior of the building is receiving a facelift: new curtains, new carpeting, a new brousters' lounge, and more. Those who are not acquainted with this branch should make a visit there. The library is located two blocks behind the Culmore Shopping Center. It is a pleasant facility -- soon to be made more so -- with a helpful, friendly staff headed by Mrs. Carolyn White.

'CODE IN YOUR NODE?'

This has been the winter for cold sufferers, but it almost made the coughing and sniffing worthwhile when having to report that one had the Phillipine Flu, only to be told that that was nothing compared to the Russian variety . . . or was it Bulgarian? We are a nation that dotes on exotic imports! If you were an unfortunate victim, cheer up. Spring will be coming to the Washington area very soon. Then those who have allergies

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

Babs Ullman
[Former Chairperson]

RESIDENTS OF SKYLINE HOUSE, TAKE NOTE!

KUDOS to Carroll Thompson and his marvelous crew for running TGIFs for 48 months. Carroll, we love you.

KUDOS to Dick Atchison for being our Treasurer and for running the Monday night bridge club for 42 months. Dick is retiring in May so he and his bride Barbara are moving back to Ohio. Barb was my anchorperson for the omlet brunches. By golly, we will miss Dick and Barb.

Bernice Kaminsky chaired the Recreation Committee for 12 months, I chaired for 12 months, and Ann Ritchie has chaired for the past 18 months. Now it is someone else's turn.

Don't you feel ashamed that NO ONE in either the East or West building wants to chair the Recreation Committee or even volunteer to run an event.

We could pay an outside person \$2,000 (more or less) to organize all our functions, but are you willing to budget those monies? Surely, there must be someone motivated and/or dedicated enough to having fun who wants others also to have fun.

COME ON, PEOPLE. SUPPORT YOUR CONDO!

We need help before we fall into the category of other condos: just being another apartment complex. A man can do this job as well as a woman.

What do you say? Give me a call if you want to volunteer to be the Committee Chair or if you have any suggestions.

I've done my thing and I'm just a renter. HOW ABOUT YOU?

My phone numbers are 379-6266 (home) and 244-2705 (office).

I just got married in January, so I have another new name. Here goes:

Babette DeYoung James DeYoung Ullman
or
Mrs. Guy Ullman
or
Babs



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SECURITY & FIRE/SAFETY COMMITTEE

Les Boykin

The enclosure cited in the February issue of The HOUSE SPECIAL, reporting the results of a massive study of 73 million burglaries, was inadvertently omitted. Copies are now available at the Front Desk. The point of the enclosure is that burglary can become a crime of violence. This is particularly relevant to all of us in this area where some authorities are currently proposing relieving overcrowded prisons by releasing 'harmless' criminals, including burglars.

Apologies are extended to Riyadh Al-Qirtas and Iyad Al-Qirtas for misstating their names in the February issue. They now have Watch armbands and will be patrolling.

The first Neighborhood Watch sign has been placed at our driveway entrance and others will be installed shortly.

We are into our second month of the Watch operations and things are running smoothly thanks to those of you who have participated. We have performed over 170 tours, providing just under 100 hours of coverage.

Participants in this program is expected to increase to 50 or 60 which is a good, workable force. Anyone who desires to participate is always welcome -- the exercise is good for everybody. Some volunteers are lost to illness, transfers, Florida and Arizona, and maybe even to our own Guard Service contractor. If any

volunteer wishes to be paid for services rendered (parttime or full-time), contact Wells Fargo. Seniors are welcome. Wouldn't it be reassuring to know that some of our guards were us??? Sounds like a Pogoism.

From mid-January to mid-February, we received strong coverage from Helen and Ross MacAskill, Ken Gresko, Harlan Foote, Wilma McDonald, Harold Ehlers, Jerry Schumaker and Elizabeth Grant.

The overhead loading dock doors continue to be found open with no one around. White reflective tape has now been obtained in the hope of remedying this situation by making it more apparent on our television monitor that the doors are either open or closed. Watch members deserve credit for continuing to reveal this vulnerability.

Our guard force has become much more stable due to the efforts of Officers Jim Gallagher and Wayne Wade, both of whom are big and strong and conscientious. Jim is a karate expert and sometimes deters residents and guests from repeating offensive acts (such as using the garage as a bathroom). This particular incident is mentioned here only because the guards have come under criticism from some residents who are not always fully aware of the situations with which they must cope. Wayne is far from his home in Canada, but plans to stay here for some time. He is friendly, and you will frequently see him covering the garage. Say hello and make him feel at home.

PREVENT AN ACCIDENT: use your headlights and observe the speed limit in the garage.

RITES OF SPRING

At this time of year we of the Community Relations Committee are not only looking forward to the arrival of daffodils and cherry blossoms, but also to the return of Committee members from southern climes. "Welcome home!" to the Bermans, the Tatums, the Whites and the McAdams.

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W A N T E D

Handicapped co-owner desires to buy indoor parking space convenient to ramped entrance to East building on A-level. Will offer parking space near elevator to East building on D-level plus cash in trade. Please call 671-2233.



DON'T FORGET . . .

Board of Directors ELECTIONS

MARCH 26th 7:30 p.m.

Main Lobby



"Meet the Candidates" Night The 20th 7:30 p.m. WPR



FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Lew Cardwell, Chairman

A reorganization meeting of the Committee was held and our new Chairman introduced to the membership. Although attendance was limited, a good discussion was conducted. Attending the meeting were Gladys Frank, Bob Hegland, Melton Kennedy, Paul King, Steve Matula, and Bill Miller, along with the Board liaison member Joe Strahs. (Gee, I hope I spelled those names right.) We discussed ways to attract new members to our Committee and to become more visible to all co-owners in our efforts to manage the financial and administration matters of the Association.

Since our meeting, Sally Sawyer phoned to inquire about joining our Committee. Thanks a lot, Sally. We are looking forward to your membership and providing us with a lot of professional talent.

We welcome Unit owners and renters to our meetings and invite you to participate in our activities. The Committee and the Association need your talents.

At our next meeting we will be reviewing those things that the Board of Directors and co-owners want us to do. I would like to suggest several subcommittees to provide some specialized efforts and to allow us to become experienced in the areas of your interest. Some of the areas included in our responsibilities are budgeting, accounting, insurance, investments, personnel

and supply. There may be other areas that we will learn about.

This provides an excellent opportunity for you to have your say in our responsibilities, as well as providing a means to place concerns on the agenda of the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Watch the bulletin board for our next meeting date, and please phone me if you have any concerns or an item for our agenda.

**BECOME
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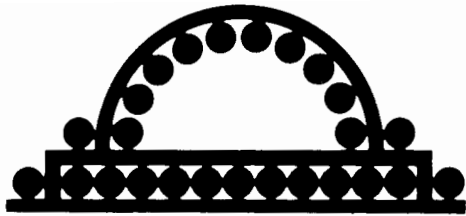
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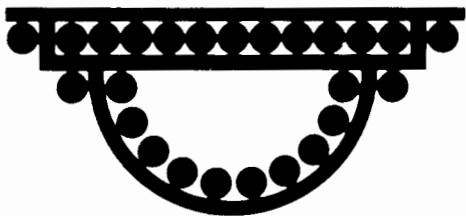
RECIPE FOR A GOOD DAY

Take two parts of unselfishness
and one part of patience and
work together.

Add plenty of industry.

Lighten with good spirits and
sweeten with kindness.

Put in smiles as thick as raisins
in plum pudding and
bake up the warmth which stems
from a loving heart.



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THE
MORNIN'!**



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From Management



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A can of silicon spray for the front door locks when they become stiff and hard to open.

A plunger that you may borrow if your commode stops up.

A wheelchair for help in assisting persons from the lobby to your unit.

A hand truck for transporting heavy luggage or boxes to your unit.

All of these items are available for your use and may be signed out at the front desk. Please be sure you return them promptly so they are readily available to all residents.

KITCHEN EXHAUST FANS

Please turn on your kitchen exhaust fan when you begin to cook. This will help keep cooking odors from entering the hallways and other units as well as preventing odors from lingering in your own unit.

Directions for using the exhaust fan are located above your top oven and is called Rich-n-vent. Pull chrome handle toward you and up. Fan will come on automatically. This is a two-speed fan and can be controled by pushing in on the silver button on the right side. The fan will go on and off automatically when the front cover is opened and closed. The filter should be cleaned periodically. Remove by pulling plastic tab up, wash in soapy water and replace.

Remember, what may be your favorite dish and have a pleasant odor to you, may be very unappealing and distasteful to others.

RAGS

It has become difficult to obtain good cleaning cloths at a reasonable price. We would appreciate any old terry cloth towels, cotton T-shirts, undershirts or sweatshirts. There will be a collection bag in the Management Office for this purpose.