



TOWER TALK



OCTOBER 1984

EMERGENCY POWER GENERATORS TO BE TESTED IN NOVEMBER !!!

With winter around the corner the maintenance staff will be testing the emergency power in all three towers on November 7, 1984 as we did in June. We would like to explain once again what takes place during the test:

- 1) Emergency power circuits are engaged.
- 2) All breezeway and stairwell lights will go out for a few seconds until the generator engages.
- 3) All elevators will stop and automatically home to the ground floors and the doors will open.
- 4) During the testing period one elevator will continue to function.

We ask that during the times the generators are tested you use elevators as little as possible. One elevator works off the generator and by switching you can select the elevator. During this test we will switch to each elevator so we may verify that each one will respond to the emergency circuits. There is no danger if you are in the elevator, however, it may be an uncomfortable feeling for you when the elevator stops and automatically returns to ground level. We will also have the repairman from the elevator service company on hand during testing. Please note also there will be no in-unit power lost during this test.

Testing times are as follows:

- Lincoln: 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M., Wednesday, November 7**
- Grant: 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 7**
- Madison: 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 7**

COMMITTEE AND MSI NEWS

The Budget and Finance Committee, with the Board and MSI, have been spending many days and hours working on the proposed new budget. It will be made public soon, but one bit of information I can pass on now is that THERE WILL BE ONLY A MINIMAL INCREASE IN FEES - AN AVERAGE OF \$8 PER UNIT PER YEAR !! Such fun to pass on happy news.

Also another happy report -- the great lockout has ended and the rooms in the Recreation building are now open for our use!! If you want to play billiards without Congressional consent, you only need to call security for the balls. The exercise equipment may need updating later, but isn't it nice to have all this available? Hopefully, none of our residents or their guests will abuse the privilege.

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COMMITTEE AND MSI NEWS (cont.)

Shirlee Levetin, Chairperson, and the Cable TV Committee have been meeting every Monday to interview prospective companies that offer cable service. Hooray! It looks like eventually we may, with ownership approval, be able to have our own satellite equipment and programming. And what's fantastic is what cable has to offer: National news and financial reports, plus sports that we are not able to watch on the regular television. It's too bad cable TV has the reputation of just showing naughty movies, when there are so many interesting programs and events offered. I am sure when everyone considers this, we will all be enthusiastic when the right company is selected and presented to the ownership for their approval.

TELEVISION RECEPTION

Speaking of television, recently the majority of T.V. reception problems at American Plaza have been "ghosting." "Ghosting" is the fuzzy or double image on your T.V. Management is presently working with Cable Electronics and the chief engineer at one of the local stations to determine a permanent solution.

The Design Review Committee has the following projects under review:

- 1) Lincoln lounge
- 2) Grant courtyard landscaping
- 3) Grant lobby
- 4) Additional lighting of parking and landscaped areas

Estimated costs of the above projects are being compiled by the committee. We will keep you posted on the development of these projects.

LEST WE FORGET

It should be noted, memorized, written in bold print on your sleeve, and memorized again that the hours for package delivery are:

Monday - Saturday

7 - 8 A.M., 4 - 5 P.M. and 8 - 9 P.M.

Call 222-7243 to let them know you will be home at one of these times to receive your packages. Security can only deliver packages at these times, so call well in advance to be assured your choice of time. Now that there is no more doubt about that, memorize and write on your other sleeve that excess mail is in your unit marked box in the mailroom of each tower, and you can pick this up any time. So when you are getting your daily mail, check the locked bulletin board and if you have excess mail or packages, it will be noted on the appropriate list. Then you can get your excess mail in the adjacent mailroom and run back to your unit to call for package delivery -- right? Right.

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LEST WE FORGET (cont.)

Speaking of mail -- recently when we were to be away, we found it most convenient to leave a "hold" notice at the nearby University Post Office Station (located on Broadway and Clay Streets with ample parking off Market). Upon return, all the mail was easily picked up there. This was much better than having our postman pile the mail in the corner of the tower mailroom and neater too. Besides it is not obvious that you are away. You might consider this next time you plan to be away.

HAPPENINGS

Charmain Halligan (1422 Grant) was recently married to Richard P. Wallace in Hawaii. Congratulations !!

Mr. & Mrs. Hal Thorpe formally residing in 101 Lincoln have recently purchased 1821 Grant. We wish to welcome the Thorpes to Grant Tower.

"Ho-Ho-Ho" or "Bah Humbug" as the case^s may be, but let's face it the Holidays are not only around the corner, but coming up fast! So grab a pencil and circle your calendar for Saturday, December 8th. This is the Annual Christmas Party and you will not want to miss it. As before, you and your guests should bring your favorite canape and a toy for Toy and Joy Makers. Each toy should be wrapped and marked as to age and pardon the expression, sex of the child for easier distribution later. Chairperson for the party is Elizabeth Miller, and the invitations will be taken care of by Barbara and Leon Ray. You will be greeted by Shirley and Jake Jacobsen at which time you and your guests will decide whether you want the beef, cooked and supplied by Don Luginbuhl for \$6.00 each, or general admission (\$1.00) and a selection of your favorite canapes. David Chambers will be handling the bar and mixers for those bringing their own spirits and for those that prefer, there will be a non-alcoholic punch. Margaret Tabler will be doing the decorations, but could use some holly. Anyone knowing of a source for same or if you would like to help, please give her a call at 241-7425.

Barbara gave me a "history" of the Christmas party that started in 1973. At that time there was only the Lincoln Tower and the developers were kind enough to loan a model penthouse for the cocktail hour, and another unit for the coffee and sweets as it was a progressive dinner. The main course was served in the Lincoln Lounge catered by the renowned Rose's Restaurant on Northwest 23rd. The women wore long dresses and the elevators were kept busy taking all back and forth -- or rather up and down! Interesting to note that Mr. Birnbach, owner of Rose's, is now a resident of American Plaza! Later, when Grant Tower and the Recreation building were completed, the annual party was in the Recreation room where a sit down dinner was provided for a well attended affair. Everyone brought the toys, and although occasionally there was a musical program, most agreed they would rather visit with friends and neighbors -- and maybe finish those silly and all too short elevator conversations!

Then the summer party was added -- and one July all the towers leaned to the East, as all watched the spectacular fire at the Zidell dock.

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HAPPENINGS (cont.)

We now have two great parties. Any ideas for more? Call Grace Brown (corrected number: 228-9886), if you have some ideas. Maybe a Halloween get acquainted party for singles? or post-holiday, "I'll shop and plan better next year" party? Call Grace with ideas, won't you?

Don't forget the monthly coffees in the Lincoln Lounge the first Thursday of every month -- a good way to meet new residents and visit with those you have met.

Tuesday nights there is usually a group that meets for Bridge in the Lincoln Lounge. If this is interesting to you, call Barbara Ray (222-6602) for more details.

CARING AND SHARING

Bette Jones will be providing some brochures in each tower mailroom, about the Parry Center for Mentally Disturbed Children. Take some time to read what a worthwhile center this is and if you have some spare time, there is always a need for volunteers. Call Bette at 224-2221 and she will be happy to refer you to whomever is in charge of volunteer services.

Perhaps there are some other organizations that might appeal to APCA residents for volunteer work. Call me or your tower representative, and we will make it known.

A lady in Madison has expressed a desire to have a walking buddy. Interested? Call Ann Boutwell (224-7456) and she can refer you to her. Also others interested in finding a walking or swimming buddy should call their representative, and if need be we can find a volunteer to manage a master list of interested people, should there be enough response.

OBSERVATIONS

"Is this an emergency?" As many of you are aware, the dispatcher who answers the Association telephones after hours answers it as follows: "American Plaza is this an emergency?" After-hour calls are answered this way due to the following reasons:

- 1) Many of the telephones the dispatcher is answering for American Plaza are emergency red phones and emergency elevator phones.
- 2) There is only one dispatcher on duty after hours and they want to be sure emergencies get priority service and are not placed on hold.

If you should have any problems with the dispatching system, please contact Diana Beck in the management office.

Have you wondered why there's need for an escape trench being dug on the west side of Lincoln Tower -- or are they digging for treasure on the northeast side of the same tower? Of course you have, but actually it's a much needed drainage system to alleviate the problems around the retaining walls and other leaking that has occurred in that tower.

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OBSERVATIONS (cont.)

I found a neat store the other day -- It's called "Olde Favorites". It is located on the corner of Jamieson Road and Scholls Ferry Road, across from the entrance to Portland Golf Club. The store carries some lovely restored pieces of antique furniture as well as lots of smaller items -- all very nice pieces. Right now there is a nice selection of cut glass and soon there will be some old fashioned Christmas cards and wrapping paper. The hours of this neat place are 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Tuesday through Friday, and 12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Check it out, a great place for some lovely gift ideas or something for yourself.

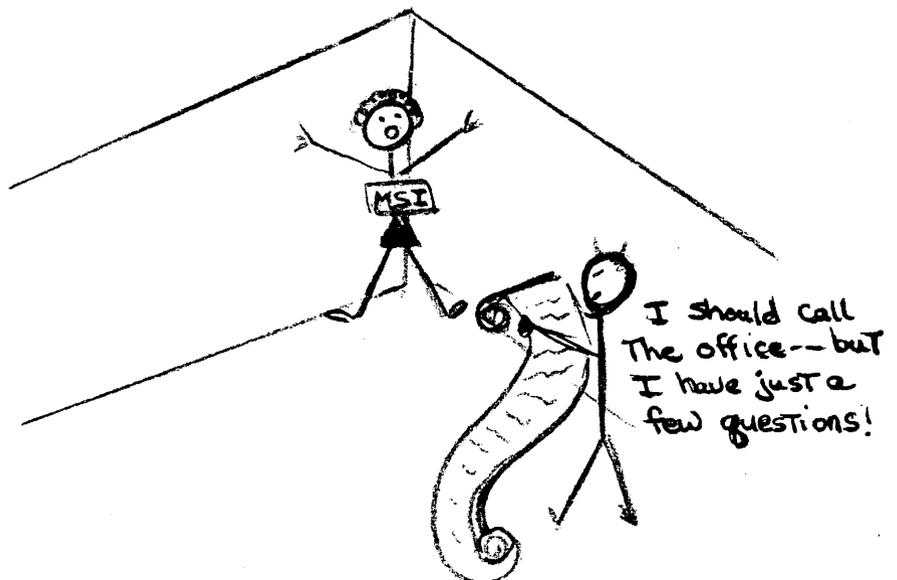
As I'm writing this, it's hard to believe there will be anything but sunshine and beautiful weather, but we all know somewhere down the line we will be in for rain, or maybe worse so I thought you might like to know that you can walk under cover for quite a way and avoid the wind tunnel effect we all get in the parking area. By going down to 1B level, you can walk from Madison through the connecting garage and through Lincoln 1B and emerge on Lincoln Street a short distance from the grocery store and shopping center. Or you can pop up in the parking lot for a shorter jaunt to the Red Lion. There are a few stairs here, but less weather to battle.

Experiment someday and find a dry and more secure way to travel. I was going to suggest you drop bread crumbs so you would not get lost, but I don't think our nice cleaning staff would appreciate that!! Don't forget your keys!!

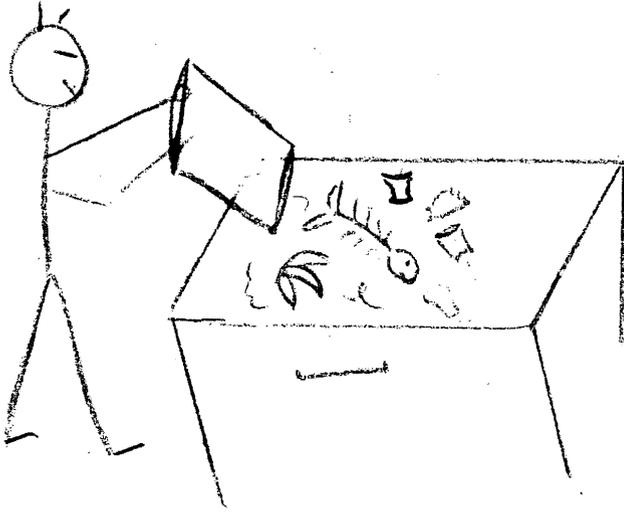
Oratory:

"A two legged gab
machine"

James Russell Lowell



I should wrap
and seal it...oh well



Indifference;
"The worst sin toward our
fellow creatures"

G. B. Shaw

Dog;

"The one absolutely
unselfish friend that
man can have in
this selfish world"

George G. Vest

