



# tower talk

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## News of the Plaza

Gil Johnston, long-time resident of Grant Tower, who has been named Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced that three board memberships will be filled by election at the Annual Meeting in April. These are the ones presently held by Walter Bowen, Sherry Bonney and Steve McShatko. Board members are elected for three-year terms and may run for a second term. The Board elects its own officers each year.

The deadline for applications for three board memberships was 5 P.M., January 31st. Gil and his committee will study all the applications and make their recommendations by March at which time there will be a general meeting in Sivers Center where all members can meet and talk to the candidates. In addition to these candidates, nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting before elections take place.

Gil, who has been active in City, County and State politics, was responsible for the very successful meeting at Sivers Center last spring when state Senator Nancy Ryles and House Speaker Vera Katz addressed residents of American Plaza and answered questions from the floor.

The members of his committee so far selected are: Florence Varekamp of Grant and Felice Gandy Vorst of Lincoln, but two additional members are needed, one each from Madison and Lincoln. If there are any volunteers for these two positions, Gil asks that they leave word at the office and he will get in touch.

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The garbage rooms on 1B in Lincoln and 2B Madison and Room 8 on 3B Grant have been designated workrooms for painting or refinishing furniture, general carpentry and extensive

repotting of plants. Work benches will be placed in all the rooms and will be available to all residents.

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The question of additional lighting in the park area in front of the three towers has been resolved. A city park official made an inspection tour with Manager David Stephens after dark and found that he could read a book easily. He also discovered in the Park Department files an agreement signed in 1971 by APCA agreeing that the Association will be responsible for all maintenance in the area.

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Pictures of the Christmas party will be posted in the Lincoln mailroom late this month and later transferred to Grant and Madison. Barbara Ray of Lincoln reports that the pictures of the summer party vanished from the Madison mailroom sometime during the fall and asks that they be returned to her, in care of MSI office.

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The landscape design prepared by Gerber Landscape Architects for the area in front of Grant Tower, which includes the removal of one tree, and the repositioning of two others, has been chosen by the Board upon recommendation of the Design Review Committee. The approval of the project was made subject to review and approval of plant materials by the Landscape Maintenance Committee. The money for this project has already been budgeted.

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Unfortunately the carts provided by management to help residents get their heavy packages from



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the garage level to their units are more often missing than present. Residents are urged to return these carts to the garbage room as soon as they have finished their haul — not the next day nor next week.

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The T.V. camera in the Sivers Center pool area which has been hooked up to Lincoln and Grant Towers has now been hooked into Madison on Channel 4. Additionally, music can now be heard on Channel 4.

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## Postal Notes

by Jeff Smith

The profile that Sylvia Tweedle wrote mentioned my fund raiser swims for the Kerr Center for Handicapped Children. Actually most of the support comes right here from American Plaza. Your support has impressed the Kerr Center. They have asked me to serve as Chairperson for this year's swim, which I have accepted.

We have planned this year's event for February 22nd. I will put posters up in the towers explaining the event and how you can participate.

During the month of December APCA residents bought over 10,000 stamps from me. I will continue to offer them year-round.

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# MANAGER'S NOTES

by David Stephens

Management is very grateful to Dr. Joanne Jene, Grant Tower. Thanks to a referral by Dr. Jene the Association was able to save several thousand dollars for their insurance coverage for 1986. Quotes ranged from a high of \$78,159.00 to a low of \$24,062.00. The low quote was provided by the insurance brokerage firm that Dr. Jene recommended, McNamara and Associates.

The Association's insurance was placed with the Farmer's Insurance Group, Lake Oswego. The coverages includes: property limits of \$33,796,775; deductible limit of \$250; perils all risk, excluding earthquake and flood; general liability \$1,000,000; umbrella liability \$2,000,000; directors and officer's liability \$3,000,000.

Certificates of Insurance will be sent to all owners and mortgage holders by Farmers Insurance, but it will take a little longer than normal due to the change in carrier. If you have any questions about how your personal policy dovetails with the Association's, call our Farmers Insurance Representative, Mike Brown (636-8435).

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There are still three storage rooms available for rent in Madison Tower. There are two with approximately 81 square feet and one with approximately 113 square feet. They are available at a rate of \$.50 per square foot per month or \$6.00 per square foot per year. If you are interested in any of these storage rooms, please contact Diana (222-7243).

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We have been experiencing a real problem with destructive vandalism, in all three towers and the recreation building, but especially in Grant Tower. We have increased security patrols in an attempt to apprehend those responsible. Due to the nature of the vandalism and the frequency, it appears it may be done by youths

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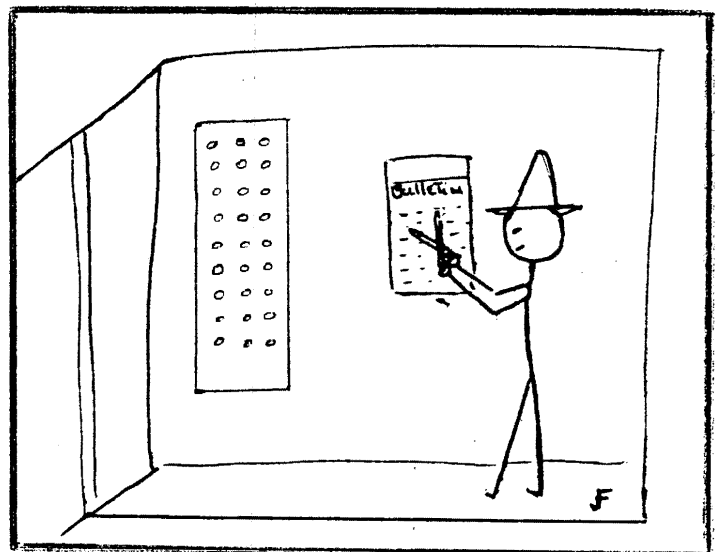
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who either live in the towers or have easy access to them. Management would like to solicit all residents assistance in apprehending those responsible. If you notice anything or anyone the least bit suspicious looking, please call the MSI office (222-7243) where we can contact security right away. Remember, it is better to have called and been wrong than to not call and have been right! If you make a call, please give the following information:

- 1) name and unit number,
- 2) Telephone number
- 3) Problem or a description of the person.

The more concise your statement, the faster we can relay the information to security.

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**DESTRUCTION -**  
*"A primitive instinct which occasionally comes out despite our veneer of civilization."*  
 Irwin Van Grove

The Rules and Regulations Committee will be reviewing the Rules and Regulations, Declarations and ByLaws during the months of January and February. They will make their recommendations regarding changes, additions etc., at the March Board Meeting. If you should have any suggestions, please write them down and place them in one of the Association's drop boxes addressed to the committee chairman, Nancy Rangila.

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Management would like to thank all the residents who were kind enough to give food, (cookies, candy, etc.) or wrote letters of commendation to the staff or donated to the employee lounge fund. The lounge fund received donations totaling \$555 and the employee's decided to purchase a microwave oven, small refrigerator and a table and chairs for the employee lounge. The employees really appreciated your thoughtfulness.

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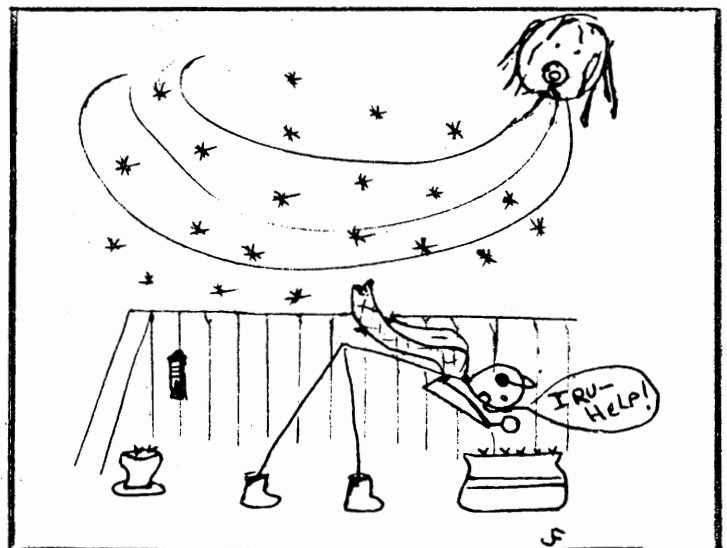
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"(Early ones) are planted on the  
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## Profiles by Sylvia Tweedle

This month we profile for you the violinist Pierre D'Archaubeau of Madison. He was born in Yverdon, Switzerland, he grew up in Belgium and Cambridge, Massachusetts. His wife is a Belgian and her three adult children still live there.

Mr. D'Archaubeau comes from a family of four generations of musicians on both his paternal and maternal sides. He tours regularly in Europe, Asia, and in the United States, appearing with major symphony orchestras and giving recitals. One of his specialties is giving unaccompanied programs, a "tour de force" which few violinists do, playing Bach, Paganini, Ysaye, and Bartok.

He studied in France with Jacques Thibaud, one of the most renowned violinists of all time. A particular honor was bestowed upon Mr. D'Archaubeau by Fritz Kreisler who bequeathed him his famed Daniel Parker violin dated 1715.

He was living in Washington, D.C. when World War II started and was with the Army Air Force Band. He had become an American citizen and then, very promptly, he says, "I became a G.I. Joe."

While teaching at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma, he was invited to spend a summer teaching at the Yachats Music Festival, when he and his wife fell in love in Oregon. He plans to teach violin in Portland between tours and recitals.

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