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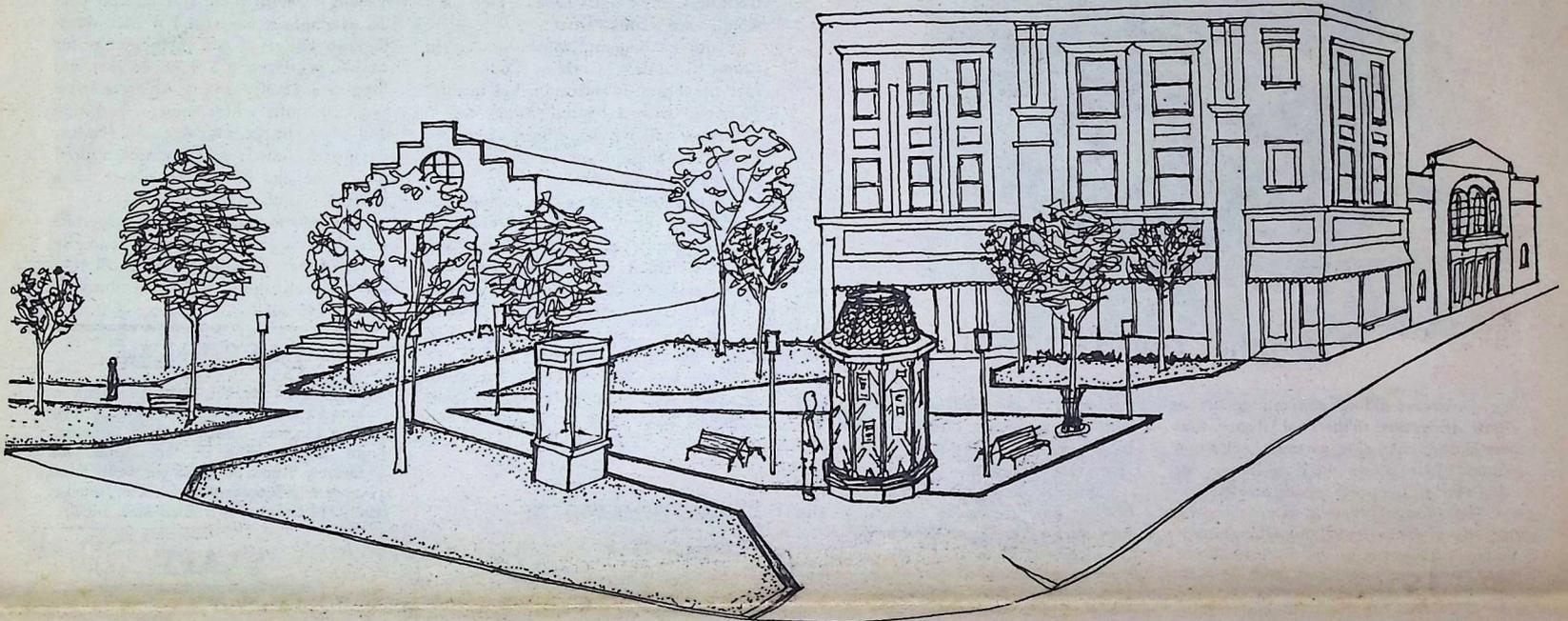
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South Avenue Improvements Anticipated for 1986

by Art Grimwood

The City of Rochester has scheduled repair, and some redesign of South Ave. from Gregory St. to Highland Ave. This section has become infamous for its lumps and potholes, and is avoided by many area residents who own vehicles less substantial than tanks. The bad news is that improvements probably won't be completed until 1986.

According to City officials, design of the section from Gregory St. to Bellevue Dr. will take most of 1985, bids will be submitted that fall and construction will begin the following spring. None of the

work will be as extensive as the 1982 reconstruction of South Ave. from Gregory north to Byron St.

Improvements will include milling and resurfacing, new curbing and sidewalks where needed, and narrowing the street from 50 feet to 48 feet between Gregory and Caroline St. Construction will be coordinated with RG&E., Rochester Telephone, the City Water Bureau, and Monroe County Wastewater Management, all of which will be upgrading utilities.

The intersections of South Ave. at Linden St. and Sanford St. will both be

narrowed to right angles, with the reclaimed space converted to landscaped lawn areas. The one way turning lane at South and Gregory will be eliminated, expanding the triangular island into a pedestrian plaza.

Current City drawings show this plaza landscaped with trees, grass, sidewalks, lighting and barricades to prevent entry by vehicles. The South Wedge Planning Committee has submitted a more detailed and elaborate proposal drawn by David Burrows from recommendations of area residents and businesses. The SWPC proposal specifies location of

trees, benches, lighting and an information kiosk which would serve as a community bulletin board. Replacement and relocation of the phone booth are also suggested.

Repairs to South Ave. from Bellevue Dr. south to Highland Ave. will consist of milling and resurfacing only, and are likely to be accomplished sooner. Under a major arterial roadways cost-sharing agreement, Monroe County will pay for the street repairs and the City will pay for curbs, sidewalks, landscaping and other improvements. Public meetings will be held on all phases of the project.

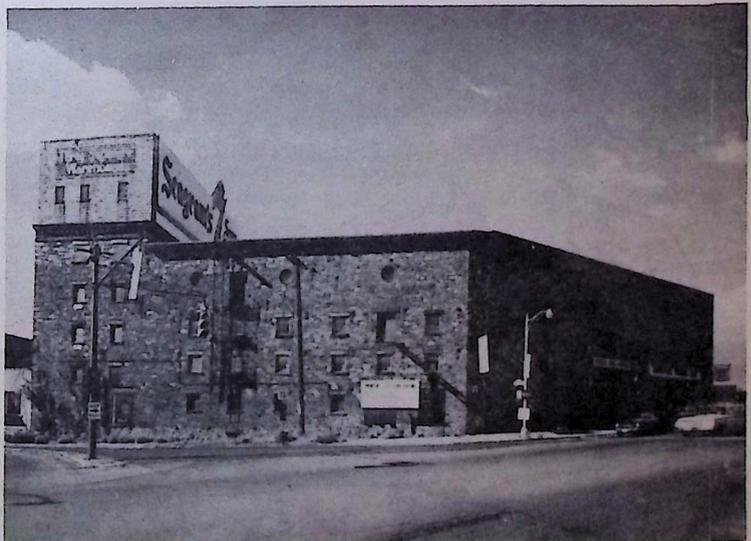
City Considers Wedge Developer's Proposal for Stone Warehouse

The riverfront properties on Mt. Hope Avenue, the gateway to the South Wedge, have always been a special concern of neighborhood residents. The recent decision in favor of American Cablevision played to very mixed reviews, and the remaining parcel, containing the stone warehouse, continues to be watched with especial interest.

South Wedge residents have long hoped that the 162-year-old warehouse, the oldest commercial structure in the city, would be restored and continue to be a visible emblem of the neighborhood's rich history. It now looks like those hopes may be realized.

Longtime Wedge resident, craftsman and builder, Bill Farmer and his associates have made a bid for renovation and development of the Stone Warehouse. Negotiations are progressing in a constructive direction and, according to Farmer, there is better than a 50/50 chance that the project will come to fruition.

Private financing, together with a UDAG grant will be necessary to transform the warehouse into an office/commercial complex, together with ap-



propriate landscaping.

It is especially gratifying that Farmer, (whose work on former School #28, and the Phyllis McKinzie building on the corner of South and Gregory has estab-

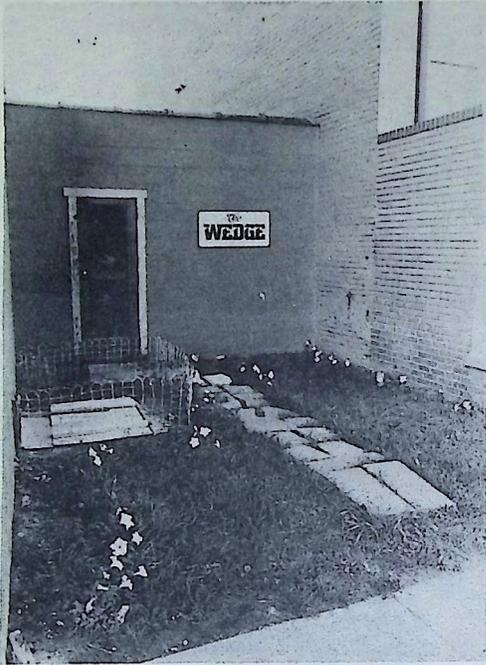
lished him as tasteful, sensitive renovator,) should be the developer of the landmark warehouse. The Wedge will be following this story with a watchful, and a hopeful eye.

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# Letters, Events, Services in The Wedge



Sign Off...???

## Whither The WEDGE?

No sooner did we hang our sign at our new offices next to the Tool Library, than we learned that, alas, we must seek a new home. Just where we'll re-locate, we don't know. But the direction and location of *The Wedge* involves more than the moving of some desks and office equipment. It entails our desperate need for more volunteers, more of your help in continuing our neighborhood paper. We have financial support and copy-input from our sponsoring organizations (SWPC, SWAT, and OPNA) and we have a respectable advertising base of local merchants. We have a mailing list of 2500— all residents of the South Wedge receive our paper in the mail— and a total distribution of over 5000. We are, by all accounts, the most successful monthly neighborhood newspaper in the area. Sounds great? But read on. Why is it that we sometimes (especially during the summer months) have appeared bi-monthly? Why is it that some neighborhood events, promotions, anecdotes and news items don't make their timely appearance in *The Wedge*?

While holding the fort at the Historical Office/Tool Library/Wedge Office, selling House Tour Booklets and greeting visitors, we were asked: "Where is *The Wedge* published?" We presented a tour of our office, and our guest said: "But where are the presses, the re-write desks, the...?" It turned out our visitor was an ex-newspaperperson and was looking for a newsroom out of *Front Page*. We described the way in which *The Wedge* gets itself from idea to typed copy, typesetting, proofing, layout, paste-up; then printing, labeling, mailing and distribution. "Oh my!" the visitor said, "And you do all this with volunteers?" We said, "Of course. This is a non-profit, volunteer, community project." The visitor glanced around, and then said: "I had no idea... I don't know how you pull it off..." We agreed.

Late night efforts by a small cadre of very dedicated (some say, slightly mad),

volunteers, has been the standard procedure for production of *The Wedge*. We have been blessed by the willingness of some few volunteers.

Since its inauguration in 1982, *The Wedge* has grown in circulation and substance— thanks to Debby Messmer, her successor Richard Walton, and David Burrows and the hard-core Wedgies who have worked so hard on the many phases of our neighborhood newspaper.

The potential of *The Wedge* is exciting and large. We have entertained many ideas from our readers about ways to expand our coverage, our features, and our service to the community. We have a list of "Why doesn't *The Wedge*..." suggestions, and we would like nothing more than to put them in print.

But between the idea and the distribution, there are many steps, and each requires the participation and input of our community. There are many monthly columns & features we'd like to run. We want to give more coverage to: Seniors, Youth, Business, Veterans, Churches, Women, Sports, Recreation, Development, Social and Political Issues— you name it. (And we do mean you name it!)

We want to serve more advertisers, more interest groups; we'd like more visuals, more drawings, more classified announcements.

*The Wedge* would like to fulfill all these obligations, and we can— with your help! We need your help to continue the ongoing work of *The Wedge*. We need your writing, business, lay-out, artistic, communications talents. We need community, neighborhood participation to insure *The Wedge* as the voice of the South Wedge.

And we need your input so that when someone says, "How do you do it?" we'll be able to say: "It's easy— we have a wonderful group of involved neighbors!"

Call 454-4674, or 442-6235

## Alfred Robinson Jr., DDS, Opens Practice

Dr. Alfred I Robinson, Jr., D.D.S., wishes to announce the opening of his office of general dentistry, in the South Wedge at 91 Alexander Street. Dr. Robinson, a Wedge inhabitant, began his practice on Labor Day after finishing his residency at the Eastman Dental Center.

He joins his father, Dr. Alfred Robinson Sr., in the profession and at the same address where the elder dentist has practiced since 1957.

Dr. Albert Robinson Jr. welcomes new patients, especially those living nearby. The office telephone is 546-5990.

## YWCA Fall Camping for Seniors

The YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of the Regional Council on Aging are hosting an economical fall "get-away" for people over the age of 60. The three day camping vacation, October 17 through 19 at YWCA Camp Onanda, will offer traditional camp activities— Arts & Crafts, sing-alongs, fishing, barbecues and nature study— as well as health education programs, dancing, and plenty of time for relaxation and enjoyment of the natural setting. Camp Onanda offers some of the best waterfront on Canandaigua Lake, a glen, and wooded wilderness areas.

Camp participants will be housed in Camp Onanda's Gorham Lodge— a modern dormitory and dining hall facility, equipped with a heated dining room/recreation hall, indoor baths and a second floor dorm. Regrettably the facility is not handicapped accessible.

Membership in RSVP, Foster Grandparents or the YWCA is required for participation; a fee of \$30.00 per person covers all expenses including meals and activities, lodging and transportation to and from camp from a central location. For a free brochure, complete with registration form, contact the YWCA, 546-5820, or RSVP, 454-3224. The deadline for registration is Monday, October 8, 1984.

## News and Notes from CRC

As you witness the renovation of dilapidated buildings, do you peer beyond the fresh facades to wonder who is leaving, where they will go, and who will move in now? How well do you understand your neighbor? I invite you to consider...

...the crotchety widow who only appears to holler at the kids for stepping on the lawn, picking the flowers

...the alcoholic sitting with his bottle on the bench

...the senile lady talking to herself and wandering without adequate clothing

...the Monroe High truant, hanging out, playing video games

Each has experienced tragedy, none is happy with his life. The Southeast Community Resource Center invites you to look beyond the facade— and assist us in reaching out to your neighbor. Call Mary Spadoni or Dorene Duane at 461-3816 with your concerns.

## More CRC

The Southeast Community Resource Center (CRC) is pleased to welcome Dorene Duane as the Community Worker. Dorene, a recent graduate of Colgate Rochester with a Master's of Divinity, is a native Floridian. Most recently, she directed the Neighborhood Children's Program, an after school program addressing the needs of children in a diverse socio-economic area of Rochester. The CRC welcomes her enthusiasm and determination to meet the Southeast residents, listen to their needs, and assist them in finding solutions. Dorene invites you to stop by 835 South Avenue or call 461-3816 to introduce yourself.

Lou Zicari, the former Community Worker, is pursuing his Master's Degree in Urban Planning at the University of Buffalo. On behalf of the residents in the Southeast, the CRC wishes Lou a successful year.

For those of you who remain uncertain about the CRC— we are your link to community resources. Please call 461-3816 or stop by our office in the South Avenue Baptist Church.

## YWCA Membership Drive

The YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County opened its first membership drive since 1979 on Monday, September 10, 1984 with a kickoff event which included a training session by Janet Holzhauser, the YWCA's new Executive Director.

"For all the women you are... Join the YWCA" is the campaign theme which appears on buttons and T-shirts that campaign workers are wearing and on brochures that they are distributing. Special areas have been targeted for intensive campaigning in the next month, and special package offers on use of the YWCA's weight room, sauna, and pool are available through the YWCA's Membership Office. Basic membership for women is offered at \$15.00 per year and for girls at \$6.00 per year. An annual rate of \$7.50 is offered for seniors, and men and boys join the YWCA as Associates, paying the same fees as women. Children under the age of six participate on a parent's membership.

For information and a coupon entitling the bearer to one free visit to the YWCA fitness facilities at 175 N. Clinton Avenue call the YWCA Membership Office, 546-5820.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Cook Wanted** Becket Hall (14 men) is looking for a cook for dinners Monday thru Friday; lunches Tuesday. Good benefits. Light housekeeping can be applied for separately. About 30 hours per week. Send resume & references to: Director, Becket Hall, 314 Gregory St., Rochester, 14620.

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# Business Booming... Bargains, Barbers, and Books

by Jay Parsons



*Dreadstar, The New Mutants, X-Men*

## Wonderland comics: Shazam!

Business doesn't just boom in the wedge—it explodes with mind warping inter galactic mutant trips—at least at Wonderland Comics!

If Comic Books bring to mind Archie, Veronica and the gang, Batman and his campy sidekick, the Straight Superfolk, and Wonderwoman you may be a victim of white wine burn-out.

As Wayne Nellis, manager of Wonderland, could tell you, the comix now are *The New Mutants*, *Arak*, *Futurians*, *Dreadstar*, and the new Number 1—*X-Men*.

The comix aren't just muscle guys in funny tights who put down dumb criminal types. Now we have Marvel Graphic Novels like *Void Indigo*—(Recommended for mature readers.)

These sophisticated graphics are, well...graphic! The men are strange, mutant, muscled, bionic; and the women are strong, sexy, skanty and very together.

And if you remember the dialogue balloons of the past: "Rats!" "Curses, You Big Red Cheese!" "Shazam", "Pow" "Bap" and "Sock!" you may need a course in remedial reading to follow the complex story lines of these wierd, intricate tales. And you may need a guide to grab this hip, philosophical—and often very funny prose.

Today's comix are hot, heavy, and high tech; with complex plots, reflective heroes and mind boggling ideas.

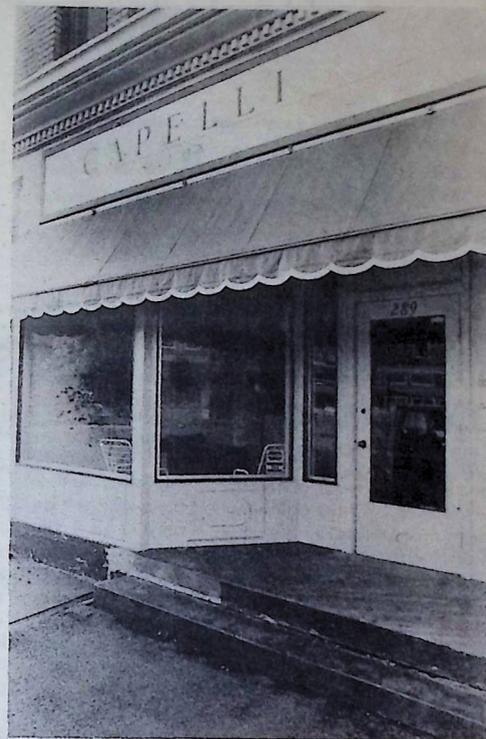
No surprise... the market for comic books is not the little kid down the block—but the College Age soon-to-be Yuppie who finds both Pac-Man and Professors more than sleep-inducing.

Wonderland has the largest selection anywhere of the newest, the hottest, the wildest comics. And they have back issues of all the best of the best. They buy and they sell.

Then too, Wonderland stocks the Books about the Books—Serious stuff like *The Comics Journal: the Magazine of News & Criticism*. And they carry the *Comic Book Price Guide*, listing all Comic Books from 1900;1983, with current market values. (And these values are anything but comical—a mint copy of Superman #1 lists for over \$10,000!)

If you've got some old Marvel #1's or mint Spidermans (No Donald Ducks please) or if you want to check out the latest in the high, hot, world of the new Comics, stop in and talk with Wayne.

Gaze at the comics at Wonderland, 654 South Ave., on Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, and Friday from 12 to 6, and on Saturday from 11 to 5.



*Hair— Today and Tomorrow!*

## Capelli: The Cool, The Crisp, & The Chic

From its crisp, under-stated Bob Smith Logo to its ultra-chic white-and-marble Ed Lent interior, Capelli Salon at South and Gregory is a step into state of the art hair styling in an atmosphere the likes of which you won't see this side of Roma!

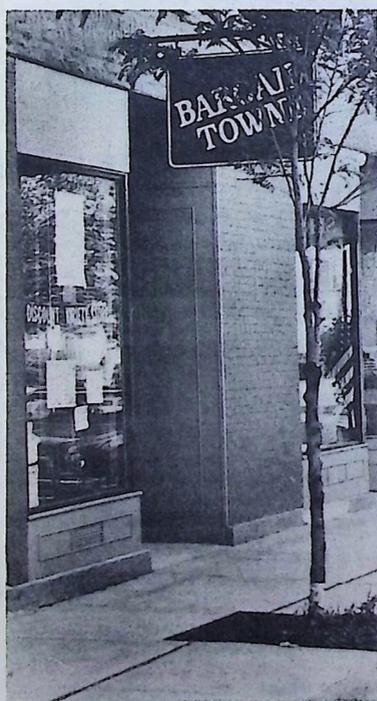
Capelli is the creation of Anne Piccolo who has brought her skills, talents, and taste to the South Wedge after four successful years in the 2nd trendiest part of town— Park East.

The shop is a swank, svelte study in white. Ed Lent has designed a cool,

inviting interior of marble and white with eye-catching wall sculpture highlighting gleaming style-stations.

Capelli is a must-see aesthetic experience, but after all, Capelli means Hair, and this is a serious, creative hair salon, featuring cuts as trendy or traditional as you might wish, together with the latest techniques in styling, shaping, coloring, treating, tinting and trimming— all performed with an extra measure of professionalism and panache.

Stop in and check it out! For appointments, call 473-1400.



*Knick-Knacks, New and Old*

## Bargain Towne: Variety and Value

The Clothes Closet, a patient-run project of the Rochester Psychiatric Center, opened in 1982, selling second-hand clothing and household items. This people-rehab project (which we were happy to feature in our February, 1983 issue) is now moving and expanding.

A new name— "Bargain-Town", a new location— 469 South Avenue,— and an expanded merchandise offering are the features of this project. The store will provide a useful neighborhood service and enable RPC patients to acquire skills and build confidence as they move toward competitive employment.

Bargain Town will be selling high-quality used clothing, knick-knacks, shoes, new T-shirts, books, toys, and useful household items. Check out this new store, just across from Southview Towers. Hours: M, T, W, F 10:30-4:30; Th 10:30-5:30; Sat, 10:30-4:00.

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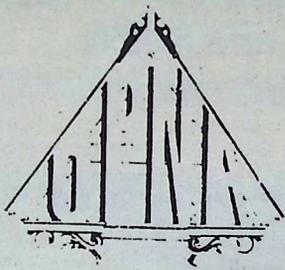
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## OPNA NOTES

by Hank Curry,  
President Oakland Park Neighborhood  
Association

### Opna Inspection ... Continued

Following the annual OPNA spring house inspection, (reported in an earlier issue of the WEDGE,) our city Neighborhood Conservation Officer, Frank Gasbarre, indicates that good progress is being made by property code violators in correcting reported defects.

Violations included peeling paint, broken glass, clogged or leaky gutters, debris-filled porches, broken or missing handrails, missing porch lattices, and junked cars stored in the yard or driveway.

Status of the 18 serious property code violations of record, is as follows:

*Violation Abated [Corrected]:*

3 homes on Linden Street  
3 homes on Cypress Street

*Progress Being Made:*

3 homes on Linden Street  
3 homes on Cypress Street  
1 home on South Avenue  
1 home on Menlo Place

*No Progress Being Made:*

3 homes on Linden Street  
1 home on Sanford Street

OPNA neighbors will continue to monitor progress on the remaining violations, and commend our N.C.O. Frank Gasbarre and the city's Property Conservation Bureau for diligent work on our neighborhood's behalf.

### Block Party Again a Great Success

This year's Annual Oakland Park Neighborhood Association Block Party, held on Saturday, July 21st, was an enjoyable and successful affair, complete with good weather, good food, and most of all, good company.

Held on Linden Street, between Poplar and South Avenue, the site of last year's fest, the party was again

"M.C'd" by Chef Gerry Honadle, and, for entertainment, featured the "Flash-In-The-Pan" professional Clown Act of Peter Scahill, who grew up on Cypress Street, in the OPNA neighborhood.

Annual staple events also included Beanbag, Street Painting by local young artists-to-be, and the famous OPNA all-night Euchre Tournament. Dorothy Ashworth, of 17 Cypress Street, won the Second Annual Flower Planting Award's \$25 prize.

Highlight of the Block Party's raffle was Ethel Wallace's hand-knitted (for the occasion) sweater, won by Katie Deegan. Ethel is an OPNA PAC-TAC organizer from the Manor Parkway area.

OPNA membership has grown in the recent past, but Treasurer Pat Corcoran wants all to be reminded that membership dues are now due (\$3.00 for owners; \$2.00 for renters and all seniors). Your continuing support as a contributing member of OPNA is vital to the well being of the neighborhood, and is appreciated by all of us who care about its future.

### Tool Library Current Inventory June 1984

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heat gun  
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hand saw  
bolt cutter  
chalk box  
weed cutter  
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wood file  
8" crescent wrench  
pliers  
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sm. tubing cutter  
dry wall saw  
sm. surform plane  
cement trowel  
mortar hoe  
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18" pry bar  
24" pry bar  
hand drill  
chain wrench  
10" channellock pliers  
14" channellock pliers

10" pipe wrench  
basin wrench  
soft face hammer  
chisel kit  
torch kit  
staple guns

**Ladders**

"A" frame 10'  
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36' ext. ladder  
22" step ladder

**Garden Tools**

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hoe  
pick axe  
cultivator  
garden rake  
digging fork  
lawn spreader  
shovel  
lopper  
tall pruner  
hedge shears

**Miscellaneous**

mixing trough  
particle mask  
saw horse  
hand mower  
wheel barrow

## A Neighborhood, The Neighborhood, This Neighborhood!

by Philip A. Loyd

The South Wedge is a good place to live, right? there are other places in this city that are not as good, right? The South Wedge is a good neighborhood, right? Maybe, maybe, and maybe. Let us first decide; what is a neighborhood.

Some may consider a neighborhood to be a certain number of blocks within a certain area. To some a neighborhood is where they always have been and always will be. Perhaps your scope of a neighborhood begins and ends with the street upon which you live. It has been stated (in the C.S. Mott Foundation 1978 Annual Report) that, "A neighborhood is a voluntary formation of people, each of whom has his own good reasons for living in it". This definition makes a neighborhood even more special by implying a feeling of mutualism and homelike atmosphere... and many might agree that a home is more than a place just to live.

The many elements of a neighborhood are often overlooked or taken for granted. Consider if you will, the housing, the businesses, etc. Why are they different? Why are they the same? What is the outcome of their co-existence?

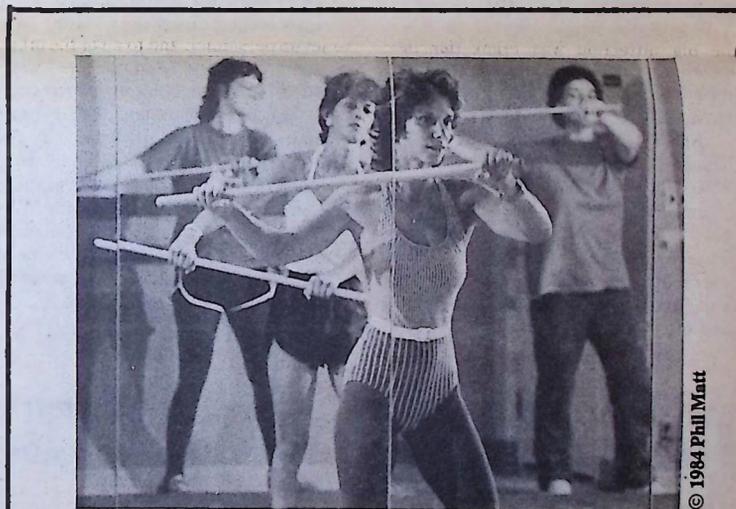
The people are Black, White, Asian, and elderly. These same people are handicapped, rich, and poor. They live in subsidized housing and their own homes. Just as these people contribute to the quality of our country, they help to build beautifully unique neighborhoods. The emotion of a massive society is dissected to a personal form, makes him or her somebody. They become more than a portion of 225 million bodies. They exist as a Mrs. Jones, Mr. Smith, the paperboy, and "Spot" the family pet. The coldness

of plurality is reborn as sharing, caring and pride for and of families living amongst families.

The neighborhood. These people are the same because they are joined by proximity. The children play together; they go to the same schools. The businesses serve the same market. In many cases these people have always worked and played near each other and always will. Everyone has their own space, it may be an apartment or it may be your own home. Businesses may take in a lot of Food Stamps or Welfare money; they may serve the same constituents or see new faces every day. Whatever the case, the apartments, homes, businesses, schools, etc. that represent "your" space are translated to "our" space in terms of the neighborhood.

The inhabitants must remain happy, healthy and economically able to contribute to the well being of the neighborhood. City officials, neighborhood groups and the like have an obligation to act on behalf of the neighborhood, but the residents also share that responsibility.

Neighborhood equals "our space". It is your plant as much as it is mine, help it grow. Identify and interact with your neighbor. Make your individual expression beneficial to the whole neighborhood. Do not just live in a neighborhood, be an active participant. Be aware of what your community needs and wants. Help realize your dreams for the neighborhood. Look to the future by building the present. The South Wedge is our space, together we can make a good thing better.



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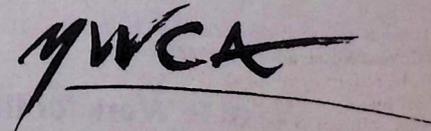
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Photo by Suzanne Brunner.

## August 4, Hamilton Street: Hopping and Popping on a Hot Block Party Day

by David Burrows

The clouds disappeared in time for the sun to shine on Hamilton Street, as residents blocked the street and set up for what was to be the street's first ever block party. Tables and chairs were put out, barbecue grills were fired, and the volleyball net was strung as participants gathered to get the fun going. Tunes were blowing from the porch at 117, and brew was flowing from the keg out front. Proud chefs came to share their salads and desserts, while kids of all ages and sizes spiked, swatted, and served the volleyball.

Strangers became friends as the afternoon wore on. Residents realized their good fortune while tasting outrageous barbecued chicken prepared by Joe Bryant and Matt MacDowell—who seemed not to tire of their long, hot job, as long as people loved the food.

Besides the neighbors and the eats, the big attraction was break dancin'. Breakers spun, slithered, and sprung on, across, and down the mat, syncopated by

the scratch, zip, and pop from the box. *Break Steady's* Brian Jennerson, with David and Danny Coleman, dazzled the large crowd with their moves. The next break dancing treat was offered by *Kasolos*, whose Charles Enoch and Shawn Starworth's outfits and movements appeared to emulate those of androids.

The partying calmed down as the street cooled off. Some persons scattered while others remained to prolong the festivities into the early morning hours. Satisfied people carrying memories of a fine summer event were the end result of the Hamilton Street Block Party.

Thanks go to Old Tyme Meat Market for furnishing the meat and for donating the beer; to Matt MacDowell and Joe Bryant for doing the cooking; to Winnie Bryant and Suzanne Brunner for the organizing and fundraising; and to Joan Brenner for her diplomacy with the City to set up personnel; and to all of the other diversified and colorful people who were a part of this ever changing street.



## Boyden Show at Dawson

DAWSON GALLERY, 100 Alexander Street, opens a one-man show by Oregon clay artist Frank Boyden October 2. The exhibition will continue through October 27.

Boyden received degrees from Yale and Colorado College. From 1968 through 1971, he taught painting and contemporary art history at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.

Dawson Gallery—through a gift from Beth and Josh Bruner of Pittsford—will

co-sponsor a slide presentation and lecture by Mr. Boyden at 8:00 p.m., Oct. 9, at the Memorial Art Gallery Auditorium. Public is invited to attend. Boyden will also conduct a two-day workshop to be held at School for American Craftsmen, Oct. 10 and Oct. 11. Any non-enrolled persons who are interested in attending the workshop should contact Shirley Dawson, Dawson Gallery, 454-6609. Regular gallery hours are 11-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

## Block Groups Forming

Here's your chance to be heard. SWPC is attempting to organize block groups to discuss community concerns and to encourage your input during the decision-making process.

The way the organizing effort is set up, neighbors will meet in small groups in "host homes" around the neighborhood and discuss prominent issues concerning the South Wedge. Ideally, we will have a variety of hosts and participants, all expressing opinions to help shape the future of our community.

Your viewpoints will be documented and presented at the regular meetings of the SWPC Board. Also, you may address the Board in person; just call the SWPC office, state what you would like to discuss, and ask to be put on the agenda.

You can help the organizing effort now by calling the SWPC office at 325-4950 and participating in the block meetings. Your voice can make a difference!

## Tool Library Has Moved

The South Wedge Tool Lending Library, in its location at 489 South Avenue for just over a year, is in the process of finding a new home. It will continue to operate, however, out of Calvary-St. Andrews Church, at the corner of Averill Avenue and Ashland Street, until a permanent home is found.

Philip Loyd, SWPC's Community Worker and Tool Librarian, has resigned his position. Darryl McCathan will be taking over the Tool Library's operations on a part-time basis.

Hours for the Tool Library will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8 to Noon, and Saturday mornings from 9 to 1. SWPC appreciates the understanding and cooperation of the Tool Library members and hopes to continue to serve the needs of our community.

## Materials Grants

The Materials Grant Program at SWPC is alive and well! With the return of good weather, now is the time to make necessary home improvements.

The program is designed to allow property owners to make minor exterior repairs via a grant for the purchase of building materials. Homeowners who meet certain income guidelines are entitled to reimbursement of up to \$500 for the cost of materials. The program does not pay for labor cost.

If you are above the income guidelines, or if you are an investor-owner, you can receive reimbursement of up to \$250 for one half the cost of materials. In this case, you are required to match this amount by purchasing an equal amount of materials to complete eligible repairs.

SWPC is processing Materials Grant applications for 1984. To get an application or more information, call the South Wedge Planning Committee at 325-4950, or stop by the office at 68 Ashland Street. The Materials Grant Program is sponsored by the City of Rochester.

## OPNA General Meeting Nov. 12

OPNA's next general meeting will be held on Monday, November 12, 1984, at 7:30 p.m. in the South Avenue Baptist Church. The meeting will be preceded by a Pot-Luck Supper, to begin at 6:00.

The meeting program will be a full one, covering developments in neighborhood issues, including the future of U. of R. properties and the Corner Store, as well as election of OPNA officers for 1985.

OPNA Block Captains will be distributing meeting announcement flyers, early next month, with Pot Luck Supper details and other relevant information. Meanwhile, mark the date on your calendar: Monday, November 12.

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## Crime Report

**MAY 30**  
Averill Ave.: Open garage entered; bicycle stolen

**JUNE 6**  
Walton St.: Window entry; stereo, receiver, tape decks, turntable removed  
Averill Ave.: Suspect cut victim with knife

**JUNE 10**  
Sanford St.: Cut window screen  
South Ave.: Victim pushed to ground, slapped, threatened sexually  
Averill Ave.: Suspect called officers names, threatened with force  
Sanford St.: Window screen cut  
South Ave.: Suspect kicked victim  
Hamilton St.: Victim raped, sodomized, unlawfully detained

**JUNE 11**  
Ashland St.: Bicycle stolen from yard

**June 18**  
Clinton Ave. S.: Suspect threatened victim with knife

**JUNE 19**  
Gregory St.: Bicycle stolen from driveway

**JUNE 20**  
Clinton Ave. S.: Suspect forcibly attempted to take change from victim

**JUNE 21**  
Comfort St.: Wheels stolen from bicycle

**JUNE 23**  
Averill Ave.: Suspect in possession of marijuana

**JUNE 24**  
Marshall St.: Illegal entry into premises; suspect fled

**JUNE 26**  
Hamilton St.: Accessories taken from a 10 speed bicycle

**JUNE 27**  
Marshall St.: Purse with cash taken; pinball machine cover removed

**June 29**  
Alexander St.: Wallet with I.D. stolen from dresser

**JULY 1**  
Hickory St.: Suspect broke door glass, was verbally abusive

**JULY 13**  
Gregory St.: Suspect creating disturbance  
Gregory St.: Physical threats, force used against officer  
Gregory St.: Suspect damaged police vehicle

**JULY 14**  
Gregory St.: Suspect struck victim

**JULY 18**  
Comfort St.: Door damaged, carpet stolen

**JULY 19**  
S. Clinton Ave.: Suspect verbally abusive

**JULY 21**  
Gregory St.: Suspect verbally abusive  
Alexander St.: Stereo cassette, 4 speakers stolen  
Hickory St.: Suspect refused to leave premises

**JULY 22**  
South Ave.: Door panel damaged by suspect  
Comfort St.: Open door entry, purse, cash, I.D. stolen

**JULY 26**  
Gregory St.: Door damaged, attempted entry

### Marie Daley Park: In Time for Spring

The City of Rochester's Department of Environmental Services has prepared the contract documents describing the construction of Marie Daley Park. A contractor will be selected this Fall, and construction will commence in Spring of 1985.

The plans for the park were approved as submitted by the South Wedge Planning Committee. (A description and drawing of Marie Daley Park were published in the June/July edition of *The Wedge*.)

**JULY 30**  
Sanford St.: Car windshield broken, hood damaged

**AUGUST 2**  
Bond St.: Window Broken

**AUG 3**  
Hamilton St.: door forced, gold necklace stolen

**AUG 6**  
Gregory St.: bike stolen from yard  
Mt. Hope Ave.: suspect with knife robbed victim

**AUG 12**  
Mt. Hope Ave.: suspect discharged firearm

**AUG 14**  
Hamilton St.: bike stolen from open garage  
Comfort St.: window entry; T.V., microwave, bike, stereo, cassette, speakers, emerald ring stolen

**AUG 20**  
Hickory St.: window entry, cash stolen

**AUG 23**  
Averill Ave.: Window entry; T.V., cassette, speakers, receiver stolen

**SEPTEMBER 6**  
Walton St.: Auto window broken, radar detector stolen

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
South Ave.: Purse, cash, keys, I.D. stolen

**SEPTEMBER 13**  
Comfort St.: Purse, cash, stolen from auto

**SEPTEMBER 15**  
Averill Ave.: Bikes stolen from yard; chains cut

**SEPTEMBER 17**  
Averill Ave.: Suspect illegally entered premises  
Comfort St.: Window broken; camera, jewelry, stereo stolen  
Hamilton St.: Furniture stolen from open porch

**SEPTEMBER 20**  
Gregory St.: Wallet, cash stolen from home  
Sanford St.: Suspect struck victim

**SEPTEMBER 27**  
Gregory St.: Suspect refused to leave premises, was verbally abusive.

### New Crime Prevention Officer

The Highland Section has a new crime prevention officer, Officer Bill Young, who works the 2nd Platoon from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Officers John Dodge and Joe Schwartz are now working on other assignments.

The officers to contact at Highland Section for Crime Prevention are Bill Young and Tony Arena, both on 2nd Platoon—428-7262.

## Crime in the Wedge....

### Where have all the burglars gone?

by Hank Curry

It has become pretty obvious to even the most unobserving among us that change of all sorts is taking place in the South Wedge (throughout all of the City of Rochester, for that matter), and at every turn it is looking like change for the better. The most visible evidence is physical: buildings renovated, restored, repainted; streets re-built, re-curbed, re-surfaced. To the eye, things are, indeed, improving.

There is more to life, or rather to the quality of life, however, than just what meets the eye; and if there is one great measure of detraction from the ideal quality of city living that we would all hope to achieve, it is certainly the extent of crime in our midst. Not one of us is unaware that crime exists; many live lives pervaded, even overwhelmed, by the fear of it.

What's going on? Is anything being done about the seemingly intractable problem we call crime... that works? Is there any point in reading any further... caring any more?

Yes.

My reason for hope is founded on what appears to be a very significant and important statistic: *reported incidents of the crime of Burglary in both the City and the South Wedge have decreased in the order of 50%, from the end of 1980 through the middle of 1984.* Now that is an appreciable period of time, and a considerable drop in a very important activity. It is not a mere blip on a graph.

In general, statistics on crime that relate to Reports and Arrests are kept by Police Departments, everywhere. They are required by the F.B.I., which is insistent that they be reported in a regular and uniform fashion.

For their part, the Rochester Police Department has a fully computerized system of compiling and reporting all types of crime. Especially interesting is the fact that the City is broken into a large number of "LEMRAS Blocks" (Law Enforcement Mapping Resource Allocation System), for crime reporting purposes, and that thirteen of these little, adjacent blocks of geography, make up precisely the area that we call the South Wedge.

The numbers of reported Burglaries in the City of Rochester, as compiled by the Rochester Police Department, since 1980, were as follows:

1980	9,051	1983	5,772
1981	7,826	1984	2,443 (6 mos.)
1982	7,017		

During the 1970's, reported Burglaries in the City rose from 4,564 in 1970, to

8,268 in 1979, so the 1980 figure represents the historical peak of activity in this area. Current figures for 1984 continue to represent what has been a steady, year-to-year drop in the crime of Burglary of from 15 to 20 percent, annually. Again, the cumulative drop now amounts to nearly half of the 1980 peak figure.

Here in the Wedge, the Rochester Police Department's computerized system using the "LEMRAS Blocks" was begun in 1981, and annual reported Wedge Burglaries since then have totaled as follows:

1981	182	1983	107
1982	146	1984	31 (6 months)

Throughout these years, nothing has changed in the manner in which these statistics are compiled and reported. This fact and the length of time over which the phenomenon (of significantly decreased numbers of Burglaries reported) has now been taking place, lead to only one conclusion: there are, indeed substantially fewer Burglaries occurring here in the South Wedge, and throughout the City of Rochester, as well.

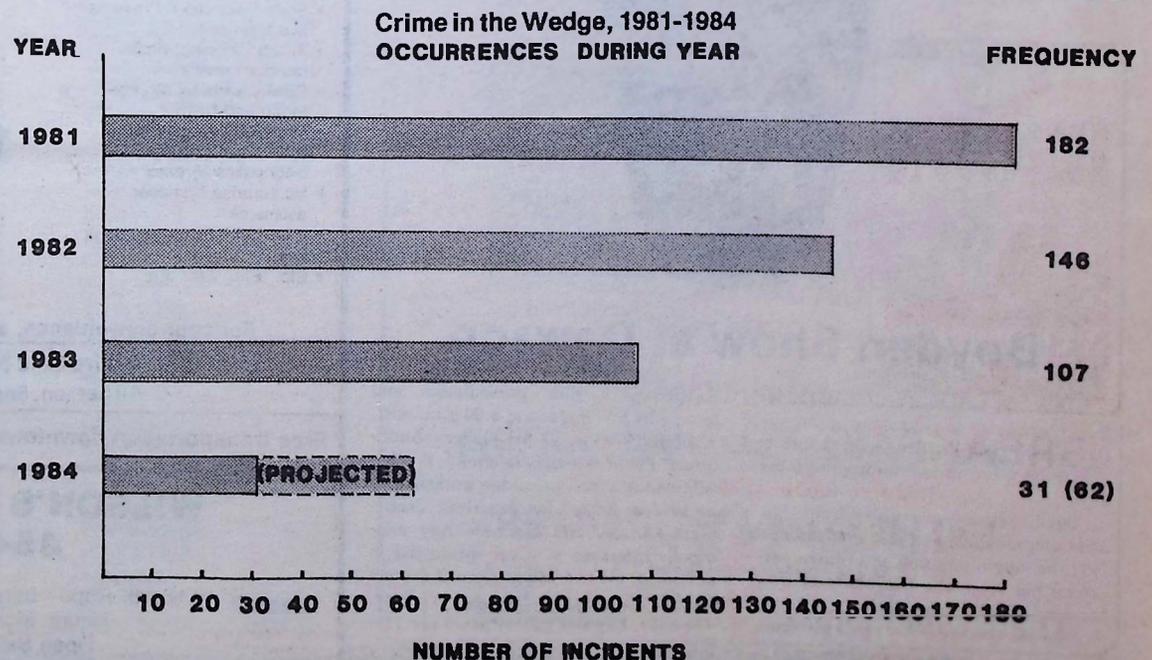
#### CRIME AND OPPORTUNITY

It is the peculiar nature of the crime of Burglary (as with some other crimes, as well) that it is, essentially, a crime of OPPORTUNITY. Burglars operate by seeking opportunities to enter a place and help themselves to its contents. Denied the opportunity to enter a place, (through an unlocked door or window, for instance,) the burglar will simply move on to another, more likely location. Finding still no opportunities in his search, he just might, literally, give up.

As potential victims, any one of us, if we think about it, can, and indeed, should do the logical thing and take action to remove or deny opportunities for the burglar to enter our home, auto, or other premises. Some of us, of course, have taken these kinds of preventive precautions (especially those of us who have had prior personal experiences with the crime of Burglary). But something more than just this has been going on, here in our community.

Within my own neighborhood association (OPNA), we have a number of neighborhood ACT (Against Crime Together) telephone chains which have been functioning for nearly two years, now. More recently, in the Manor Parkway area, we have instituted a PAC-TAC radio-equipped citizen patrol program involving the efforts of residents who had already started an ACT chain there, previously. The important thing about these efforts is that they represent affected and concerned citi-

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## Neighbors Petition U. of R. To Save Preservation District Home

by Hank Curry

About 100 people from the Mount Hope Ave./Linden Street/Menlo Place area petitioned the U. of R. to take preventive measures against further vandalism to its property at 717 Mount Hope Avenue, last month. The petition read:

We, the undersigned, wish to express our intense concern for the obvious neglect and irresponsibility the University of Rochester continues to exhibit for the property at 717 Mt. Hope Avenue and the nearby homes and structures in this unique preservation district. This architecturally significant 1840 Greek Revival home has experienced no less than four extensive fires within the last eight month period (Dec. 29, 1983; Jan.-Feb., '94; July 7, '84; Aug. 4, '84). In an effort to prevent further damage and danger, we ask that the U of R provide adequate exterior lighting around the structure, a more secure "boarding up" of the house, and the trimming and clearing of the hedges, trees, and unnecessary debris in and around the house.

These are only temporary measures until the U of R begins the much needed and valued restoration of the structure. We ask the U of R not put into jeopardy our preservation district homes any longer, that they be responsible to their neighbors who have worked hard to restore, maintain, and upgrade their city dwellings in Rochester.

Since the petition was submitted, U. of R. maintenance crews have undertaken to carry out the temporary measures requested. No word has been received yet regarding long term efforts to properly restore this important historic landmark.

The U. of R. just announced its decision to solicit proposals from qualified persons interested in purchasing the property at 717 Mt. Hope Ave. for the purpose of restoring the home and living in it.

The next issue of the WEDGE will cover this story in full.

## Crime in the Wedge

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zens helping each other, systematically, in an organized fashion, to prevent opportunities for crime to occur.

More than this, the police, themselves, have, in the past few years abandoned their old approach— "we're the police, give us the facts, we'll take care of it." Instead, they are encouraging neighborhood watch programs, promoting security surveys of homes and businesses, establishing PAC-TAC teams... in short, turning their whole emphasis to crime prevention and citizen involvement.

Here in the neighborhoods we're discovering the benefits of maintaining a watch, keeping an eye out for criminals, promoting adequate lighting, walking the streets as citizen patrols. All of this is done hand in hand with our new found friends— our neighborhood Crime Prevention Officers, working out of local police precinct stations (Highland Station, here in the Wedge).

There's no definite proof of the effectiveness of these groups, even in the figures cited above. Dropping Burglary and other crime rates could be just as much a product of demographics— fewer people in the young, crime-prone years, or more effective "Career Criminal" prosecutions, or longer jail

sentences (or, more likely, all of the above). Yet in the past year, police officials here in Rochester and elsewhere have credited neighborhood programs with significant crime reductions.

### NO EASY VICTIMS

In addition to joining or encouraging the efforts of neighborhood groups dedicated to the crime prevention measures described above, there is something that every one of us can do to even further reduce crime in the Wedge: when you are walking down the street, don't be fearful... walk tall, with your head up high, and smile. Smile with a look that says (especially to strangers): "Hi, nice to see you here in the Wedge. It's a great place to be and I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. But, if you are here for no good reason, and anything happens, I have a clear and indelible picture of every feature of your size, shape, face, manner and dress, and I won't hesitate to stand up and identify you to the police, if there's any trouble."

If the stranger is, indeed, up to no good, then your attitude will quickly convince him that this is *not* a neighborhood of opportunity, for him. Criminals look for easy victims, not challenges. A lot of us have decided that we're not going to be anybody's victim, any more. Join us!

## Did the U of R Purchase Gateway?

"No truth to rumor." —U of R

Over the past few years, once in a while someone will say that they heard from someone who heard it from a "very reliable source" that the University of Rochester has purchased River Park Apartments (aka Gateway) for conversion into student housing. Reactions to the rumor have been mixed. Those in favor of a change anticipate the removal of the segment of the population which some believe contribute problems to the neighborhood. Others are concerned for the dislocation of a group of people on fixed income with families or disabilities, and who would have a difficult, yet unnecessary, search for other suitable housing.

To end the speculation, the University Vice President of Public Affairs George Angle was asked to comment. Mr. Angle maintained that there is no reason for the University to be interested in River Park Apartments, especially since there are no plans to increase the size of the student body. Besides, investment in real estate is not a general University policy. Mr. Angle said that there is no truth to the rumor, and hopes that this statement will end further discussion.

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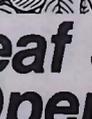
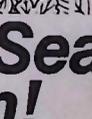
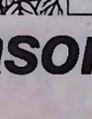
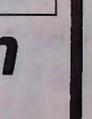
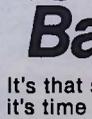
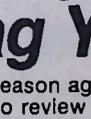
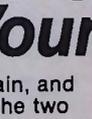
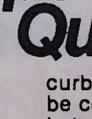
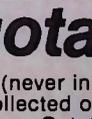
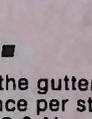
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