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## CSU GRAD STUDENT STRUCK ON COVENTRY

by

Bobbie Littell

Vernon Shoup, 35, of Lancashire Road was injured late Saturday evening, January 15 when he was knocked unconscious by a car making a turn onto Lancashire from Coventry. He was taken to Huron Road Hospital where he was treated and released.

Shoup, a Ph.D. candidate in the Chemistry Department of Cleveland State University has recently announced his engagement.

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### A N E D I T O R I A L:

For the second time in as many months CVN reports an accident on Coventry in which a pedestrian was injured. The article contains no details about the accident because the case has not yet been heard by Judge Hunter and no determination has been made regarding fault.

The fact of the accident has been like yeast in bread and raised the anger of many residents frightened and frustrated by the lack of the enforcement of traffic regulations on Coventry.

Senior citizens living at Musicians Tower express their fears of crossing Coventry to go grocery shopping. A vigorous, twenty-five year old threatens to carry a cane so that he can hit back at "the b---- that don't stop for pedestrians in the cross walk." Others comment on the "cops always sitting in their car at the corner" (Lancashire and Coventry) who don't do anything about speeders and cars that don't stop.

When people begin to sound off, other complaints surface. There's the resident of Upper Hampshire who complains that the "NO LEFT TURN" put at the foot of Hampshire Hill in an attempt to discourage cut-through traffic, is not enforced. There are many, many parkers who complain about feeding parking meters that don't work.

People in Coventry are mad and their anger is surfacing. Lets hope that the residents, the community leaders and the C.M. Police Department will find ways to make constructive use of all that anger, SOON. Who knows - the next accident might be fatal.

-- Barbara M. Littell, Editor

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REALTY ORDINANCE BACKED BY CNI  
by  
David R. Burwasser

Acting on the request of Councilmember and Coventry resident Richard G. Weigand, CNI endorsed a Council measure that would strengthen the Cleveland Heights fair housing laws. The draft measure, based on Heights Community Congress recommendations, is not intended so much to make the law tougher as to make it more effective in dealing with steering and discrimination.

Weigand said that some councilmembers were not certain about the measure, and needed to hear from constituents other than fellow council members. Weigand urged CNI to back the measure, which the organization did.

Council was informed of the endorsement at its February 17 meeting. The draft law will be presented by the Public Safety & Health Committee at the first Council session in February.

In other action, CNI backed the variances requested by the Coventry Youth Center to operate legally in Coventry Elementary School, and formally requested that the Planning Commission extend its public hearing on the Top-Of-The-Hill project (it didn't).

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IT'S STREET FAIR TIME

The 10th Annual 1983 Coventry Village Street Fair will be held on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10.

The Street Fair Committee will meet sometime in late February. The exact date and location will be announced at the February 8 Coventry Neighbors meeting. The public is invited.

If you wish to rent booth space at the fair, please send your name, address, telephone number, and a brief description of your proposed activity to:

Coventry Village Street Fair  
2910 Hampshire Rd  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio, 44118

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CNI PRODUCES TV DOCUMENTARY

by

Larry Beam and Bruce Hennes

After weeks of work and worry, Coventry Neighbors' first venture into live television journalism was broadcast over Viacom's local access channel 27 on Tuesday, January 25. We wish to thank all who gave time and other resources to this effort. Special thanks is due to Phil Hart, who moderated the pannel discussion and contributed much to the quality of other aspects of the program. Mayor Alan Kapoport, City Manager Richard Robinson, Jim Trutko, Phil Parsons, Tom Bier, David Burwasser, and Mel Robuck all gave an evening of private time to participate in the pannel discussion. The project would have been quite impossible without the generous assistance of the management and staff of Viacom Cablevision, especially Manager, Joe Wyant, Program Director Cathy Ols, Technical Director Joanne Skripkowski and Floor Manager Jim Soeder. Thanks too to Camera crew, David Jenson and Kerry Paluscsak; Jim Settecase and Alan Lane on audio; and Kitty Drendall, secretary.

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TOP-OF-THE-HILL GETS PLANNING COMMISSION OK

by

Larry Beam

A major step toward the approval of this city's largest real estate development since Severance Center was taken by the Planning Commission at a special meeting on January 25. With strong dissent coming from only one of the commission's six present members, a special use permit and two variances were granted for the top-of-the-Hill project. If built, this would become the city's tallest building, rising 18 stories from what is now a municipal parking lot behind the Nighttown restaurant, on Cedar Road near its intersection with Euclid Heights Boulevard.

The very large scale and relatively intense urban character of this project is made dramatically clear in a new scale model of the proposed project and surrounding structures. That scale model, demanded by dissenting Commission member Andrew Young, was unveiled at Monday night's meeting. The developers made the model available again the following evening for CNI's Viacom Telecast about the project.

Most of the objection to the project, voiced at the Planning Commission's Public Hearing on January 12 and at other forums, has focused on the project's scale and degree of urban character. Area residents have expressed fears that the project will attract a problematic measure of traffic to the area, especially to residential streets south of it. Others have objected that the project is too large to fit in easily with the general scale of buildings presently in the area.

Most people this reporter talked to strongly support the proposal, efforts to find a sufficiently articulate opponent of the project, to give balance to the pannel on CNI's Viacom hour, fell through when Mark Hoffman, an attorney and area resident recently quoted in the *Plain Dealer*, was unavailable for the broadcast.

Though the project is proposed for the Cedar-Farimont neighborhood, few matters are more worthy of comment in the Coventry area. The Top-of-the-Hill project is just the sort of thing for which this city created the "Special Development" districts on its zoning map. The proposed site--indeed, all of the block that contains it and all of the next block east-- carries this special development zoning designation. So, too, does a large hunk of Coventry--roughly, the block that contains Pick-n-Pay.

The proposed project fits quite neatly within the limits expressed in the code for these special development districts. The two variances granted by the Planning Commission were so small as to contribute nothing to the basic character of the proposal.

The city has long sought similar redevelopment. (Continued on page 5)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE . . . . . Bobbie Littell, Chair

In 1980 the Community Affairs Committee was designated a liaison to various other community groups and organizations. The Committee's purpose was to bring specific concerns of other groups to the attention of CNI members through the *Coventry Village News*.

As the associate editor of CVN, the chairmanship was assigned to me. Since that time reports have been made on the activities of a wide variety of social and cultural groups, ranging from residents of Euclid Heights Boulevard (concerned about the rebuilding of the street), to dance and pottery classes and day care facilities.

In the beginning it was not difficult for one person to be aware of what was going on. As we expanded our involvements, it became increasingly difficult for one person to follow the many different activities in our community. Therefore, the committee's operation needs to be re-defined. A meeting is being planned to discuss some ways of breaking the task up into more manageable pieces, and to find people to follow events in specific categories. For instance, there might be a group following youth and family-related activities, another concerned with senior citizens, and others concerned with home owners, apartment dwellers, cultural events, or church happenings. The list could be long or it could be short. That will be determined at the re-organizational meeting of the Community Affairs Committee to be held Wednesday, February 9 at 8 PM, at 2472 East Overlook, Apt. #3. Please phone me at 321-8397 (evenings) if you or a representative of your group would like to attend and make your concerns known to CNI and the CVN.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE. . . . . Katheryn Young and Dennis Coughlin

The Membership Committee has started its work of increasing the membership roles by checking the mailing list and sending letters to old members to see if they wish to renew their memberships in CNI. Individuals who have attended a meeting of CNI will now receive the CVN for three months, on a complimentary basis. After that time they will be again invited to become members and subscribers; if they don't join, their names will be dropped from the mailing list. Members of this committee will also be calling new people to explain the organization and to encourage their participation.

We plan to put out a brochure some time this spring, telling the purposes of CNI, and explaining the committees that are a vital part of the organization. We will need help in distributing these to everyone in the neighborhood. If you can help, please contact either Kathryn Young or Dennis Coughlin.

A meeting of the Committee was held on January 26.

CRIME PREVENTION TASK FORCE . . . . . Bruce M. Hennes, Chair

Recent months have seen a decline in criminal activity in the Coventry area. Police Chief Martin Lentz attributes this decline to three factors: the weather, increased police surveillance, and prompt reporting by residents. Chief Lentz expressed pleasure that residents of Coventry are "watching out for each other" by reporting suspicious activity and giving proper descriptions of perpetrators, car makes and models, license numbers, directions of travel, and the like.

It is the hope of this Task Force that residents of Coventry Village continue to watch out for each other, and that they take such common-sense precautions as securing basement windows, keeping garage doors locked at all time, and keeping purses and wallets secure.

The Police Department wishes to remind you that it would be happy to send a specially-trained officer to your home, apartment (Continued on page 5)

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or place of business to conduct a security inspection. This service is free, and provides you with valuable information about the security aspects of locks, windows, doors, lights and landscaping. Phone 321-1234 and ask for the Crime Prevention Office.

The Police Department is working with Coventry Neighbors in providing information about trends in criminal activity in the neighborhood, as well as about some specific episodes of violent crime. . . We will pass this information along in these pages, and at meetings of CNI.

PLANNING & ZONING NOTES. . . . . . F. David Gill, Chair

Cleveland Heights City Council's Planning and Development Committee has scheduled a public hearing on the so-called "Top-Of-The-Hill" Project. Council Committee will hold this Public Hearing at City Hall, 7:30 PM on Friday February 14.

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EDITOR TO RECEIVE HONORARIUM

by  
Larry Bean

The editor of the CVN will, beginning with the January issue, be paid a small honorarium for the substantial effort necessary to the production of this journal. The proposal that the editor be paid at first met with considerable opposition from CNI leadership and membership. After substantial discussion among officers and members, the decision to pay the editor was made at CNI's meeting of January 11. At that meeting outspoken opposition to the decision came from only a few.

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under codes and basic development policies now a decade old--for the Coventry special development district. Specific proposals for the Coventry special development district have been made before, and are certain to be made in the future. Much of what happens, in the next decade, to all the city's special development districts turns on the success (or failure) of the Top-of-the-Hill project.

The next major step in the process of approval for the Top-of-the-Hill project will be a Public Hearing before the Council's Planning and Development Committee on Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, at 7:30 PM in council chambers. Review by the Architectural Board of Review will follow, as will quite detailed review by the City Division of Building.

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## GIVING YOU THE BUSINESS

What's going on in the old Inuit Store? A company called Vidstar Systems is negotiating the possibility of occupying that space but as of this writing it is not firmly decided. A little sign on the door advising whoever is working inside to get a building permit before proceeding further displays the City's interests.

Things don't look good at the Coventry Bike Shop. The windows are all papered up and the signs say closed for remodeling. I am told that the bicycle business is suffering during these bad times and that as a result Coventry Bike Shop is either in or about to enter voluntary reorganization (bankruptcy). The parking behind the store could use some organization. . .

Jay Gardner, up in Community Planning at City Hall, is ever busy with his Commercial Area Improvement Fund (CAIF) disbursements. Dave Gouda, at Sunshine II, will apparently be doing a facade renovation. CNI should be happy about this. Efforts are being made to encourage Heights Hardware to participate in the CAIF program. Coventry will be the recipient of \$5,000 worth of benches and additional waste receptacles. Installation should take place in March. . . Malik's Furniture, on the corner of Coventry and Mayfield closed.

Turkey Ridge is working on the possibility of having a television show originate from there on a weekly basis. This would be produced by one of the three local non-cable stations. . . Coventry Optical is exploring a facade renovation. Owner Tom Chisholm is working with Bruce Farkas of the Buddy Simon Co. If the creativity that goes into Optical's display window is any sample of what we can expect this should really enhance the street... Kanelectric is a silent participant in Coventry's mercantile community. This small company has been on Coventry since 1961. Monsley Harkins is the owner. They mostly do electric motor rebuilding. Anything up to 500 h.p. They service local laundromats and dry cleaning stores. Randy Vincent handles outside contracting business and is the man you would see if you called Kane to repair any electrical building code violations... Artisans Antiques & jewelry, with Laurence Goldman behind the counter, has a propeller on display in the store that is a veteran of a regular airline run between Cuba and the U.S. during the 40's. Goldman sites sales of antique light fixtures to Coventry residents who are correcting electrical violations as a sign of the value of the housing stock in Coventry Village.

-- Douglas M. Fabish

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### IRV'S AGREEMENT EXPLAINED

At the January General Meeting CNI's attorney, Tom Lee, reviewed the terms of the agreement reached with Irv Gulko as the result of a suit filed in December by Leah Gulko (Irv's mother) and Charlotte Apel, both residents of Musicians Tower.

The court instructed the Ohio Department of Liquor Control (DLC) to allow Irv to continue to do business as usual until the carry-out permit for which he has applied comes through or February 15 whichever is first.

It further provides that if the new permit is not issued by February 15 the DLC allow Irv to use his existing permit for carry-out only and to disallow consumption on the premises. This to be in effect till such time as the new permit is received.

The court further ordered that Gulko and Apel drop their suit on the receipt of the new permit and that Irv, his mother, Ms. Apel and CNI refrain from filing any further action regarding the November Local Option Election. Irv and his mother are also required to notify CNI within 48 hours of the receipt of the carry-out permit.

Lee stated that the suit has no merit and though brought by Irv's mother it was clear that he was in control, therefore he was made party to the consent judgment. The agreement has been signed by the judge and all parties to the controversy and has been entered into official court records. Any violation of the terms of the agreement could result in contempt of court proceedings.

STREET TALK

It may look a lot like spring - and feel a lot like spring but it's not. It sure is hard not to push the season. . . CVN is involved with a group representatives of other neighborhood newspapers to form a neighborhood press association under the aegis of the Department of Communications of CSU. CVN last year took part in a study of such papers in the greater Cleveland area and a monograph has recently been published with the results of that study. We have a copy on file at the office for anyone interested.

The stork will be calling on Coventry frequently during the coming months. Marve & Celia Rosenberg (Pee-Wee's Bike Shop) are expecting this spring and Ahmed Lamrini (Casbah) and his bride who joined him this year from Morocco, Sabah, expect during the summer, as do Cindy and Tommy Fello (Tommy's). Coventry is a good place for families. . . Congratulations to Barbara "Lampy" Crosby, from Tommy's, on the birth of her daughter, Emily Brooke.

Start saving your glass bottles and beverage cans NOW for the next Heights Citizens for Recycling Drive May 14 & 15. Don't do as I did last time, however. I saved them for months and then missed the drive because I forgot to put it on my calendar. Both steel and aluminum cans will be collected. Remove the labels from the bottles and rinse both cans and bottles. . .

Many people noticed and remarked about the beautiful crocheted snowflakes decorating Coventry Optical's window. They were made by owner Tom Chisholm's Mom, Marion. If you stop in and ask her she will be glad to tell you how it's done.

According to a recent issue of the PD, East Cleveland ambulance service has been restored in that community after a lapse of almost a year because of lack of funds. Huron Road Hospital will send an ambulance if residents call 761-6900.

The New England Clam House hopes to have service outside by May according to boss-man, Jack Beigelman. They have their permit to construct a platform and will begin work as soon as weather will allow. The four tables of four will be served outside till about ten, beginning in May. Every attempt will be made to keep noise down and there will expert consultation about insect control. Eventually they hope to erect an awning.

There will be a clock and watch shop going in where Marv Silver had his law clinic. Chuck Gallagher of Forest Hills Furnishing will be opening at 1799 Coventry in the near future selling and repairing watches and clocks.

Did you know that CNI was planning a pancake breakfast this spring. Plans are now being formulated and an inevitable committee is being formed. Had experience on such a project? Join the committee and give us the benefit of your wisdom. Call Bobbie 321-8397, evenings.

Did yu'all see that DYNAMITE window at Lady & Co.? Wasn't it great?

The Heights Community Congress is planning a "Reel Party" at the Cedar-Lee Theater Friday evening, March 11, for the premier of the new Jeremy Irons "Moonlighting." Mark your calendar now - a dinner option at a Cedar-Lee restaurant is also being planned all for the benefit of the HCC. Get together with some of your friends and make a gala evening of it. If you'd rather, plan your own pot-luck or after the theater party. For more information call the Congress at 321-6775.

While you have your calendar out be sure to note that the Friends of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library will hold a paperback book sale at the Noble Neighborhood Library, 2800 Noble Road on Saturday, March 19 from 10AM - 5 PM. The sale is open to the public; all books are 15¢ each.

I am constantly impressed with the fine job thy do at Coventry School. I just received the January issue of the COVENTRY COURIER, the newsletter of the PTA. In it I find that a children's playwright with a national repete spent some time here in December working with 3rd and 4th graders on aspects of creative writing and the elements of a play. The students then wrote their own dramatic scenes incorporating the newly learned principles, and acted them out for their fellow students. A clown, Lane Stuart of the Fairmount Theatre of the Deaf, came to school one did to dazzle them with mime, juggling and song. (Continued on Page 1)

\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\*

## FEBRUARY

- 1 HCC Trustees Main Library @ 7:30.  
LIBRARY - School Age Storytime Special. Preschool evening story time 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.
- 2 LIBRARY - Toddler Story time 9:30 - 10:00. Preschool Storytime 10:30 & 2:30. Real me @ 3:30. Meet TRS-80 computer 10:30 & 2:30.
- 3 LIBRARY - Senior Citizen Income Tax Assistance by appointment (1-5) Tax assistance for everyone ( 7-9 ).
- 5 Chinese Brush Painting class 10-12 @ First English Lutheran Church \$60 call 932-5545
- 6 LIBRARY - Adult book discussion on "Wind in the Willows"
- 7 TRS - 80 computer orientation 3:30, 7:00
- 8 CNI - General Meeting - Library - 7:30  
LIBRARY - Preschool Evening Storytime 6:45 7:15.
- 9 CNI - Community Affairs 8 pm @ 2472 E. Overlook  
LIBRARY - Toddler story time 9:30 - 10. Preschool storytime 10:30, TRS - 80 meet our computer 10:30 & 2:30. Real me 3:30.
- 10 LIBRARY - Cleveland Hts Ethnic History Series 7:30p.m. Seniors Tax Assistance by appointment ( 1-5 ).

- B U L L E T I N B O A R D -LIBRARY NOTES . . . Debbie Graves, Librarian

"Discover Cleveland Heights Through Its' Ethnic History" series begins with "Black History in Greater Cleveland" presented by Ms. Bernice Lott on 2/10 at 7:30. The March 10 presentation will be "Jewish History in Cleveland Heights" by Messrs. Fred Stashower and Judah Rubenstein. Upon completion of the TRS-80 Orientation Session, given at 3:30 & 7:00 p.m. on Mondays and on Feb. 12 & 19 @ 10:00 a.m., the public is invited to use the library's New TRS-80 computer. Free income tax assistance for seniors will be available by appointment on Thursdays, between 1-5 p.m. during Feb., and for others on a first come first served basis between 7-9 p.m. on 2/3, 3/3, & 4/4. Readers' Theatre features Equus this month.

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contra dancing, a combination of various folk dances and square dancing in a non-sexist social atmosphere, is happening at the FELC. Begins on Sat. 2/19. call Shirley Socean at 932-7466 for more information. The Choral Arts Performing Society, Inc. invites you to join them at FELC and sing with them. Open rehearsals are held at FELC, 2419 Euclid Heights Blvd. on Sunday nights at 7:00.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

Taste tempting Girl Scout cookies will be on sale on Friday the 25th & Sat. the 26th in front of High Tide/ Rock Bottom.

HEIGHTS HIGH TOURS

The School Community Relations Program will sponsor a second round of tours of Heights High on Feb. 10 & 23rd. The Superintendent, Principal, and five students will present their views and respond to questions. You will see where your taxes went. A striking experience. Call Jean Joseph for reservations at 371-7238.

BLESS THIS MESS

A book of anti-nuke, anti-war poetry is being assembled by "Let the Deep Heart



- BULLETIN BOARD -

Thunder". If you have anything in the way of poetry you would like to contribute please do so before May 1 by sending it to:

AMP c/o Zucker 2134 Stillman RD. Cleveland, Heights, O. 44118

KEEPING THINGS UP IN THE AIR

Pendragon, downstairs in Coventryyard, is offering beginning juggling classes starting on Feb. 20 at 11:00 a.m. Classes will be small so make your reservation early. Call 321 DRGN or better yet stop in and see the magical supply store.

COVENTRY YOUTH CENTER - ICE CREAM

Haagen Dazs Ice Cream Shoppe, in the Coventryyard mall, is offering to donate 10% of their receipts for the weekend of Feb. 18, 19, and 20th to the Coventry Youth Center. Stop in for a good tasting good time for a good cause.

DORAMA THEATER

Running through February 12th is "Just Between Ourselves" by Alan Ayckbourn. For reservations call 932-6838.

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- 10 HEIGHTS HIGH TOUR call Jean Joseph 371-7238.
- 12 Turkey Ridge Valentines Day party
- 13 LIBRARY - Readers' Theater. "Equals" 3:00.
- 14 LIBRARY - TRS 80 orientation - see above.
- 15 LIBRARY - Preschool evening Storytime 6:45-7:15.
- 16 LIBRARY - Toddler Storytime 9:30-10. Preschool Storytime 10:30, 2:30. Read me 3:30.
- 17 LIBRARY - Senior Tax Assistance see above
- 18 - 20 Haagen - Dazs Coventry Youth Center benefit sale.
- 19 FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Contra dancing. Call Shirley Bocean 932-7466
- 20 LIBRARY - Poetry Reading
- 21 LIBRARY - TRS 80 orientation see above
- 22 LIBRARY - Preschool storytime  
COVENTRY SCHOOL - All school program K-4 & all school open house
- 23 LIBRARY Toddler story time, Preschool story time. Read me @ 3:30.
- 23 HEIGHTS HIGH TOUR call Jean Joseph - 371-7238.

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**\*\*COMMUNITY CALENDAR\*\***

24 LIBRARY - Senior Tax Assistance. By Appointment - 1 - 5 PM

25 - 26 HIGH TIDE/ROCK BOTTOM Girl Scout Cookie Sale

27 LIBRARY - Capriol Concert Medieval music - 3 PM

MARCH

1 HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CONGRESS - Trustees Meeting - 7:30 PM Main Library

4 - 5 HIGH TIDE/ROCK BOTTOM - Girl Scout Cookie Sale

7 CH COUNCIL MEETING - 7:30 PM - City Hall

3 CNI - Trustees Meeting 7:30 PM - 2910 Hampshire

WHAT DEMOCRACY IS

"It is the line that forms on the right. It is the don't in don't shove. It is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust slowly trickles; it is the dent in the high hat. Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere. Democracy is a letter to the editor. Democracy is the score at the beginning of the ninth. It is an idea which hasn't been disproved yet, a song the words of which have not gone bad. It's the mustard on the hot dog and the cream in the rationed coffee. Democracy is a request from a war board, in the middle of a morning in the middle of a war, wanting to know what democracy is."

--E.B. White, 1943

\*\*\*\*\* COVENTRY NEIGHBORS INC. DUES ARE DUE

STREET TALK (Continued from page 7)

One class cooked a holiday feast complete with turkey, jello salad, chips and dip, relishes, roast beef and gravy corn, punch, cake and pie on the last day before vacation. Tables were set with tablecloths, centerpieces and candles and the students came "dressed for dinner." First and third grade classes went on a shopping trip to the West Side Market and had many, many fascinating experiences. Bravo for Coventry School. They obviously believe in educating their students to live in the "real world."

Both Turkey Ridge and The Inn on Coventry have presented me with promotional material for their live music. I think it's great to be able to have live music here on the strip. The Inn is featuring "Windwords" on Friday nights from 10 PM - 2:30 AM. This is a good sounding duo with acoustical guitars and a nice easy feel. The Inn has a late night menu and full liquor service. They are a little more ambitious at Turkey Ridge, but then they've been at it longer. They feature The Echoes on Saturday with a 50's-60's sound and jazz on Sunday. Debbie Stewart, Chuck Brahan and Ed McKechnan and their groups are scheduled for February. On Mondays the Ridge features Coventry's own Alex Bevan, and on Tues Michael Spiro and John Bassette host open mike; on Wednesdays there is usually a single act; and on Thursday Jimmy Music, disc jockey. A little bit of something for everyone.

Praise goes to the Cleveland Heights Police Department for the hard work they did on finding the rightful owners of the "loot" from the Shannon Road fencing operation they cracked lately. Three tie-dyed tops and a ring have been identified as belonging to High Tide Rock Bottom. There was no identification on them. Only dogged detective work could have produced the owners. It's good to know you are out there, boys.

-- hobbie littell

**COMMUNITY WATCH-DOG: Good Cheer for the New Year at The Youth Center**

We Got it! The conditional use permit as a "child day-care" center was voted unanimously by the Board of Zoning Appeals on January 19. Thanks for the fine words from Councilmember Weigand, David Burwasser, Bob Bond (Neighborhood Centers Assoc.) Shawnie Long, and help from Kathryn Young and Rozalind Andrews, Esq.

Secondly, we have received grants totaling \$5,000 from three different foundations. We also have the active help of Cleveland Foundation staff, who administer the Wolpert Foundation, who are helping us with long-range planning and fund raising.

Thirdly, the program at the Coventry Youth Center is becoming more varied and culturally richer. The young people decided that just having a drop-in center with pool, ping-pong, music, and board games wasn't enough! In sports we now have basketball on Thursdays, self-defense on Thursdays, and in-door soccer a possibility. On both days we have art, crafts, and wood-working. We are now adding hand sewing on Tuesdays, knitting (a male teacher from New Zealand) on Thursday, and weaving coming up in February. CN-UR Public Library will send a story teller on Tuesday, February 8th; the beginning of an experimental, cooperative program. Math tutoring is available on Tuesdays. Thursday seems to have become our creative and performing arts day. Daniel Alpern, Director of Spotlight Youth Theater, is volunteering time for a two-hour creative arts SPECIAL, January 20. Next month we plan another form of improvisational theater.

Best of all is that all these creative programs are provided by volunteers. Two high school students run the basketball. Professionals in art, theater, self-defense, education and social work are donating their time. We hope to add more senior citizens to our list. We hope to add music, a counselor trained in helping with Rap-discussion groups, people from chess clubs, Go clubs, frisbee and boomerang clubs to our list of volunteers. We could use a volunteer tutor in higher math. If any of you out there have a creative idea you have always wanted to try, call June Wortman at 371-7698. Any one willing to try a mini-philosophy course with our young people? Are any senior citizens willing to join us to form an inter-generational improvisational theater group? How about someone to help start a jazz singing group, or a volunteer teacher for jazz dancing or even ball-room dancing? Wild? Fun!

Now that Christmas is out of the way, merchants are coming through with support. Please note the Haagen-Dazs three-day benefit to be held in February. That is giving us ideas about fund raising events that will help the center and also support other community enterprises. Perhaps a benefit night at Dobama Theater, or Phoenix Theater.

Besides volunteers to help at the Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, after 4:00, we need more people interested in serving actively on our Board. Planning theater benefits, looking ahead to our cooperative relationships with other community agencies, finding out what other community centers are doing in programming, and fund-raising takes more minds and bodies than we now have. We meet the third Thursday evening each month, at 8 PM at the Unitarian Society. Please join us February 17th.

-- June C. Wortman

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