

The EVERGREEN NEWS

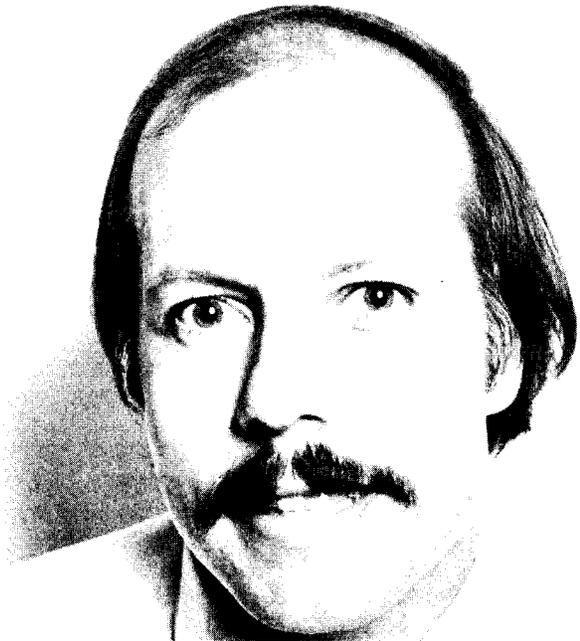
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Kelly Stark

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF VECA

After a fifteen-month absence, the E NEWS has returned to inform and enlighten us about ourselves and what we are doing, and, when necessary, to warn us about situations that threaten to erode the quality of our neighborhood.

I am an architect by profession and I came to be involved in community work when the latest round of proposed mid-town highway programs came to the forefront. Sadly, what I saw was an indifferent city and state imposing wasteful and unnecessary road construction to solve problems that in many minds did not exist. It seemed to me unfortunate that all the neighborhoods could do was to voice opposition, to act only in the negative.

It is my dream for us to get out in front of planning issues

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VECA MEETING

Everyone is invited to the next VECA meeting at Lindsay Memorial Church at the corner of Tutwiler & Dickinson, October 28, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. We hope to see you there.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you can see from reading this issue of the EVERGREEN NEWS, only Carl Rogers, President of VECA, and I, as Editor of the EVERGREEN NEWS, have had a chance to write anything for the neighborhood. We both want *you*, every one of you, to have the same chance in the next issue and all the issues that follow. The white space that is left in this issue is *your* space — for your opinion about what should be done about the proposed limited access roads through our neighborhood, for the announcement about the block party you have planned, for news about the Thanksgiving canned goods drive your church is sponsoring.

I agreed to become the Editor of the "E NEWS" for selfish reasons: I have bought a house and I want to protect my investment. I decided that becoming Editor was the best way to get to know what is going on in the area I have chosen to be my home. I want to know who has plans for my neighborhood — and I want them to have to ask me my opinion. I can do that only if I know *who* is meeting *where* to discuss *what* "they" want to do with my neighborhood.

The second reason I chose to get involved with VECA and the "E NEWS" is because, while I have met most of my immediate neighbors, I want to know more of you out there. I am going to make my new house my home, and

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PRESIDENT, Cont'd.

by obtaining information, developing a concensus, and informing the public and private sectors (that means developers and banks) of what we want for our own neighborhood, and holding them all accountable to us. In order to do so, we have to communicate with each other — which is why the EVERGREEN NEWS is essential.

Several issues need to be re-identified: first is the mid-town corridor on both sides of Overton Park. The east side of the Park directly concerns us as much as the west because the proposed East Parkway Connector would increase the amount of traffic on North Parkway. In the past, VECA (Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association) has taken a strong stand against this proposal since it would propel limited or controlled access traffic to the front door of Overton Park.

Second, the abandoned L&N railroad property must eventually become more than a never-ending maintenance problem. In 1983, a survey was taken to find out what residents felt was the best use for the property; the results showed that the majority of people wanted a green belt or other recreational zone to be operated by the Park Commission or MLGW. This idea was presented to City Hall and was rejected by Mayor Hackett as too costly. The option least favored was to allow developers to purchase the property.

Both issues are clear examples of the need for the neighborhood to take the initiative. When there is sufficient economic and political pressure, than laws will be changed and obstacles overcome. Changes are inevitable — we need to be ready and confident that we can decide for ourselves what is best for our neighborhood and that we can rally enough political and economic support to see that these changes improve rather than harm our neighborhood.

Finally, there is some optimistic news: Dr. Martin Lipinski, former Mid-town Council President, is actively discussing the possibility of leading a citizen-prepared comprehensive plan for Mid-town. Dr. Lipinski is experienced and qualified in community planning and has student resources available at Memphis State to help him. When I have more specific information, I will gladly share it with you through the E NEWS. If you would like to share your ideas for the neighborhood with me, please call or drop me a letter.

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EDITOR, Cont'd.

I want to know my neighbors, whether they live on my block or three streets over.

And as I meet you, I plan to put you to work. In order for the EVERGREEN NEWS to get out ten times a year, we need people to write for it, to deliver it, to attend meetings, and to let us know what is happening on your block so that we can see that everyone else knows it, too.

On the back page of the "E NEWS" is a list of people who have already given their time and energy to see that you have gotten this issue. I want to thank them and I would ask you to thank them too by joining VECA (which pays for the printing of the "E NEWS") and by volunteering to help either VECA or the EVERGREEN NEWS. It's your neighborhood, your investment, that you can protect by being informed and by helping us inform others. Let us know not only what problems you see, but what solutions you propose. Let us know what is happening on your block. Let us know what we can do to help you and what you can do to help your neighbors.

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The Pink Palace is located at 3050 Central Avenue and is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Call 454-5600 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZENS

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AT THE RIVER I STAND

Memphis, the 1968 Strike and Martin Luther King, by local author Joan Beifuss, has just been published by B&W Books and will be available in local bookstores in October. The book is carefully researched and beautifully written — a definite "must read."

MEMPHIS BROOKS MUSEUM OF ART

SUNDAY AT BROOKS SCIENCE FICTION CINEMA 1950-1956

Sunday, October 13th - 2:30 p.m. Free!

DESTINATION MOON

George Pal's classic Sci-fi adventure started the rage for futuristic films in the Fifties. Four brave men undertake the dangerous mission in the first serious treatment of man's initial journey to the moon. Factual in its approach, the film won an Oscar for Best Special Effects.

Sunday, October 27th - 2:30 p.m. Free!

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE

An imaginative tale of scientists racing against time to build a rocket ship so that a few human colonists can escape the impending destruction of the Earth, this George Pal production won an Oscar for its special effects.

Sunday, November 3rd - 2:30 p.m. Free!

THIS ISLAND EARTH

Fantastic photography highlights this film about a scientist who is recruited by aliens from the planet Metaluna to save their world in an interplanetary war.

Sunday, November 10th - 2:30 p.m. Free!

EARTH VS. THE FLYING SAUCERS

Superb special effects make this film's saucer invasion of the Earth wholly believable, particularly the finale over Washington, D.C. After the aliens issue their ultimatum, the spectacle of man's weapons fighting those from outer space becomes a thrilling reflection of the paranoid '50s.

ALSO AT BROOKS

Pat Cloar, Guest Curator for the Museum's exhibition *The Art of the Lacemaker* (through October 20), will speak on the art of lacemaking on Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 P.M.

RHODES COLLEGE

Nicholas Nickleby runs at the McCoy Theater at Rhodes College from November 5th through December 1. The full performance takes two nights, so mark it on your calendar.

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