

## ***Kosciuszko monument: Up, Up and Away*** *Old South Side mascot getting a face lift*



Have you been feeling like something is missing lately? Would this have anything to do with a marble base without a statue at Kosciuszko Park? Well, fortunately your concerns have been for naught. Thanks to a very industrious committee, the statue of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko has only gone off to Ohio for restoration.

### **Restoration committee**

A committee for the restoration of the Kosciuszko Monument was formed in 2008. Through fundraisers and donations, they were able to raise the funds for the restoration. The committee was under the leadership of Claude Krawzyk, a one-time resident of the Kosciuszko neighborhood.



### **Last time a statue went missing**

It would not be surprising if residents became alarmed over the disappearance of a major statue in Kosciuszko Park. Why? It has happened before. Probably the biggest mystery ever on the Old South Side was the disappearance of the Memorial for Belle Austin Jacobs (sculptor Sylvia Shaw Judson), affectionately called the "squirrel lady" by locals. Jacobs (died 1929) was the founder of the University Settlement Club and worked with the early arriving Polish community. On the morning of December 16, 1975, the park staff at Kosciuszko Park

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## **Youth program offerings for upcoming year**

*Meet Shannon Freire*



While funding is always uncertain when planning youth programs, Urban Anthropology Inc. is hoping to reopen a number of youth programs and add a few new ones in late 2013 and 2014. UrbAn has recently hired a Director of Youth Services. Shannon Freire, a Spanish-speaking anthropologist, joined the staff in February and is currently working on the school-based program, Cultural Connect. Cultural Connect, which has been held at most of the middle schools and high schools in the Park Neighborhoods, introduces students to the history, practices, and contributions of nine Milwaukee cultural groups.

### **Upcoming programs**

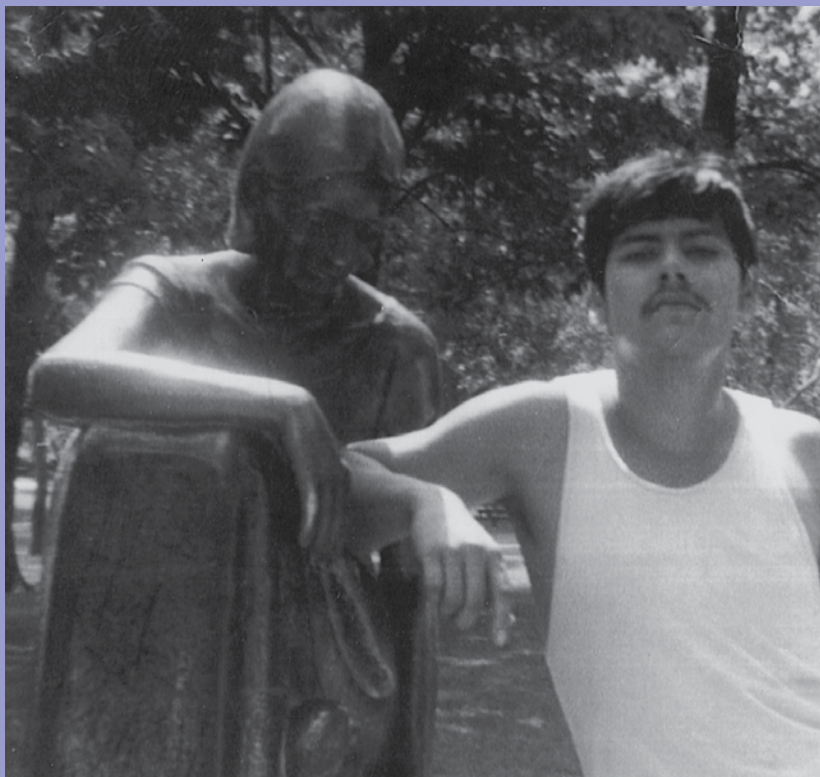
Funding permitting, UrbAn will offer the following programs in the upcoming year.

***Summer Wonderlands:*** Youth learn and play sports of six different ethnic groups (e.g., Italian bocce ball, Gaelic hurling, Mexican soccer) while learning about the history, practices, and contributions of the ethnic groups and sampling healthy snacks of each group. From these sports, the youth invent their own new game. Ages 10-21.

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arrived early for work and noticed something. The “squirrel lady” was gone. Thieves had come in the middle of the night and somehow removed the statue. An investigation followed and revealed no leads.



Above is one of the last known photos of this statue, about 1970. The man is Val Figueroa.

### **Youth program assistant sought**

The new director of youth services will require a part time assistant. Bilingual (English/Spanish) individuals with experience in youth programming—especially sports—are welcome to apply. Contact Rick Petrie at (414) 271-9417.

### **Bay View Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting**

The Bay View Neighborhood Association’s Annual Meeting is on Thursday, March 7th at Hide House’s Mercy Hill at 6:30-8pm. Everyone’s welcome to attend to hear what has been accomplished in 2012 and what 2013 might bring. People can become members that night. Only members can vote for candidates for the new Board.

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## **Youth programs** (Continued from front page)

**Archaeology Expeditions:** Youth do mock excavations and make stone tools. They will also conduct library research on sites around the world, learning about prehistoric and ancient cultures. Healthy snacks are served. Ages 14-21.

**College Connect:** Professionals give presentations on their careers —some well-known, some little known (e.g., archaeology, robotic engineering, urban planning), and opportunities for people of diverse cultures in the disciplines. The youth select their five favorites and are taken on field trips (with healthy snacks included) to visit the university departments of these disciplines and the financial aids offices. Ages 10-21.

**Hats Off:** Youth learn about other ethnic groups through the making of hats and other head coverings that were significant in past and contemporary societies. Healthy snacks are served. Ages 8-18.

**Winter Wonderlands:** Youth learn and play sports of six different ethnic groups (e.g., Norwegian ice skating, First Nations tobogganing, Russian bandy) while learning about the history, practices, and contributions of the ethnic groups and sampling healthy snacks of each group. They also learn how people of different cultures keep warm. Ages 10-21.

**Small Stuff:** Children of two day care centers on the Historic South Side read age-appropriate literature on Milwaukee ethnic groups, sample healthy snacks of the groups, write and read aloud personal things they wish to share on their own ethnic groups, and visit the five parks in the area and UrbAn’s Old South Side Settlement Museum. Ages 8-12.

**Lincoln! Lincoln!:** Youth learn about the cultural history of Lincoln Avenue through the Arcadia book, Milwaukee’s Old South Side. They watch the Lincoln film about the beginning of civil rights for African Americans and learn about (and discuss) the fair housing marches to Kosciuszko Park in 1967. They tour the shops on Lincoln Avenue and sample healthy snacks from the local delis. Ages 8-21.