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QUARTERLY



A communiqué for members of The Wisconsin Union,
University of Wisconsin — Madison

CHECK YOUR CARD?

Please be sure to carry your Union membership card when you come to the Union. And don't be surprised or disturbed if you are asked to show it. Checking membership cards is a part of our continuing emphasis on reserving the use of the Union for the thousands of members of the University community who are entitled to use the Union.

Specifically, there are around 6,700 of you non-student members of the Union in the Madison area. Of course, all students are members, so there we have 35,000 more. Add on several thousand persons on the University's staff who, though they are not members and so do not have membership privileges, still are welcome to use the lounges and food service areas. Plus, invited guests. They are persons invited by Union members to the Wisconsin Union for a specific occasion or to a program under the jurisdiction of the Union; or by the University for conferences, special functions, tours, official visits; or by a registered student organization to attend open programs. (As a guest of a Union member, the individual must be escorted to the building by the member and be accompanied by the member while using the building.) No wonder about 20,000 persons enter the building each day.

Busy But Not Crowded

But looking around, you can notice that there seem to be enough places to go, things to see, so the building rarely appears overly crowded.

Perhaps the area most consistently busy is the popular Rathskeller where the informal atmosphere appeals to students and faculty of all shapes, sizes, and persuasions. Students from dorms, Greek and independent houses, apartments, rooms, meet interested professors and friends to share ideas over coffee and snacks. Many regulars have their favorite corners.

So when you come to your favorite place in the Union, be it library, INN, or gallery, bring along your membership card. And if you discover you need one, stop in room 410 or call Mrs. Miller at 262-2687. She'll be glad to help.

PARTIES CAN BE FUN

Do you have fun at your own parties? Or are you too worn out when the guests arrive to even crack a smile? There's a solution, you know—call the Wisconsin Union catering service. We can do the planning, cooking, and arranging—and you can smile and relax. Everything from small cocktail-dinners to huge receptions are possible at the Union. And each is given the careful, personal attention you would give. 262-1331 or stop by the Reservations Office behind the main desk for further information.

Shirley Verrett



"She captivated by the power of her voice, her beautiful timbre, her temperment and dramatic talent." Tass (Moscow, Bolshoi Theatre)

"Her place is among the foremost of this or any other age." New York Herald Tribune

"Miss Verrett is a marvel. . . . Maybe the only response to some kinds of beauty is to cry. It may be inadequate, but it's the best we can do." Capital Times

"Her voice has blossomed into a big, brilliant instrument." New York Times

"... feline, sensitive ... grandly thrilling ... potently stirring. Not just fireworks but genuine fire." London Times "She stopped the show." Wisconsin State Journal

What more can be said?

The Wisconsin Union is proud to present Shirley Verrett Jan. 10 and 12. Sponsored by the Union Music Committee, Doug Haffer, a senior in history from Washington, D.C., chairman. Allen Linkowski is chairman of this program. Ticket sales begin Dec. 8.

STUDENTS HELP, ON THE SKI SLOPES . . .

An elite, highly-trained but little-known group of skiers form a valued nucleus in the Wisconsin Hoofers Ski Club at the Union.

The first aid training of the Hoofers Club Ski Patrol is useful for more than skiing. On one of Hoofers' weekend trips last year, the Patrol was commended by the Sheriff of Iron County, Wisconsin, for their "exemplary" conduct in aiding the victims of a head-on collision. During the 45 minute wait for an ambulance, the Patrol treated the victims for wounds and shock, covering them with 14 of their ski parkas.

Hoofers started the patrol four years ago when the rapidly growing Ski Club (1100 members last year) began over-crowding the ski areas. Since the regular patrols weren't adequate for such large numbers, Hoofers decided to form a patrol to accompany all their trips. The Patrol, a member of the National Ski Patrol association, is composed of student members of Hoofers. To qualify, the students must complete 27 hours of advanced Red Cross first aid training and pass a three hour state exam. Twenty additional students will complete this year's course in time for holiday trips.

Although qualified to give accident care, the Patrol's main function is accident prevention. By pointing out hill and lift hazards, checking individual equipment for proper condition and fit, and warning against frost-bite and over-exertion, the Patrol acts to avoid the broken legs and sprained muscles common to skiing.

As if all of this were not enough, the Ski Patrol for two years has regularly patroled at the Friendship, Wis., ski area which has no patrol of its own.

AND HELP, WITH CHILDREN'S STUDIES . . .

A volunteer tutoring program in Madison's elementary schools is underway thanks to the efforts of the Union Special Services Committee and the Dane County Citizens Association for Children and Youth.

The Union Committee, headed by Art Stengel, Chicago, Ill., has 50 volunteer tutors—all University students—tutoring throughout the city. The program, in its second year, is arranged on a one-to-one basis: each tutor helps one pupil.

Elementary school students who need academic help are referred to the committee by the Board of Education and by parents whose children used the program before. The tutors are matched to the students on the basis of general interests.

Training for the tutors includes sessions given by the Board of Education as well as conferences with graduate students in Guidance and Counselling who serve as consultants

The Wisconsin Student Association runs a similar program for high school students.

AND HELP!

A bus load of University student entertainers will be heading for the Great Lakes Naval Base again soon to present programs to brighten the evenings of hospital patitnts there. It's another project of the Union Special Services Committee together with the Union Social Committee, Dave Alt, chairman.

There's more, so much more that we could fill the whole *Quarterly* with stories of the good things these students are doing . . . and those are just the projects that come out of the Union.

FROM FORD TO FARCE

Do you remember when members of Wisconsin Players carried a Model T Ford up the wide stairs in Bascom Hall to their "theater," room 272, rolled it on tracks over the backs of the seats, lifted it onto the stage where it became a Paris taxi in their ambitious production of "Seventh Heaven?"

From 1922 when the Red Domino, Edwin Booth, and Twelfth Night drama groups joined to become the Wisconsin Players, thousands of students have built and shifted sets, designed and made costumes, run lights, pulled curtains, and acted in hundreds of such exciting productions. For nearly all the students, their only rewards have been the satisfaction of making it happen, and experience—since the Union Theater opened in 1939—in working with a well-designed stage.

In the next three months, the University of Wisconsin Players will present three major productions. One of these, Stravinsky's music drama "Oedipus Rex" with the book by Jean Cocteau, is an extra, an addition to the regular season, which will be presented Feb. 6, 7, and 8. Director will be Prof. Ronald Mitchell; musical director, Prof. Karlos Moser. You, as a Union member, will receive more information on it the week of Jan. 13.

December and February

The play Pirandello considered his best, "Henry IV" on stage Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 12-14, was written in the 30s and explores the playwright's interest in illusion and reality. In case you were wondering, the "Henry IV" is not the English king but the 11c Holy Roman emperor. Prof. Jonathan Curvin directs it.

Then on Feb. 21-23 and Feb. 27-March 1, Ann Jellicoe's farce, "The Knack," loaded with slapstick and wacky happenings, comes to the Union Theater stage. It's directed by Prof. Joe Karioth who also directed the Players' repertory theater this past summer.

In addition to the main stage performances, the Wisconsin Players produce shows in the Compass Theater, out University Ave. at Allen Street, which are directed by students.

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTEES

At their recent meeting, the Trustees of the Memorial Union Building Association agreed to underwrite costs of a complete building refurbishing study aimed at developing a master plan so all the interior decor of the building will fit together.

They also authorized a study to be made as a preface to developing plans for lighting the outside of the Union building.

In other action, the Trustees elected the new Union director, Ted Crabb, as executive secretary, while Porter Butts, who formerly held that position, was elected treasurer. He replaced as treasurer Don Anderson who recently retired but will continue as a member of the Trustees.

Prof. Robert Lampman '42 and Joe Werner '33 were elected to the executive committee of the Trustees.

Want to check to see if there are tickets available for Tudor Singer Dinner Concerts (Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8), Shirley Verrett, Harkness Ballet? Box office number is 262-2201.

WISCONSIN UNION QUARTERLY CALENDAR

1968 December, January, February 1969

(Unless otherwise noted, all theater, music, and lecture events are held in the Theater.)

- Dec. 6-7, Fri.-Sat.—CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SALE Cafeteria Lobby, Plaza and Popover Rooms, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Fri; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday.
- Dec. 6-8, Fri.-Sun.—*"HENRY IV" Wisconsin Players, 8 p.m. (also Dec. 12-14).
- Dec. 15, Sun.—BEEFEATERS BANQUET Great Hall, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 15-16, Sun.-Mon.—"MAN OF LA MANCHA,"
 Broadway Musical—2:30, 8 p.m. Sunday; 8 p.m.
 Monday.
- Dec. 18, Wed.—"EAST AFRICAN ADVENTURE,"
 Travel-Adventure Film—8 p.m.
- Jan. 7, Tues.—RETURN OF LOCAL ENTRIES, 34th Wisconsin Salon of Art.—Main Gallery, 4-8 p.m.
- Jan. 9, Thurs.—"INCREDIBLE INDIA," Travel-Adventure Film—8 p.m.
- Jan. 10, Fri.—SHIRLEY VERRETT, mezzo-soprano—Union Concert Series, 8 p.m. (also Jan. 12).
- Jan. 11, Sat.—RETURN OF OUT-OF-TOWN ENTRIES, 34th Wisconsin Salon of Art—Art Storage, basement, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Feb. 6-8, Thurs.-Sat.—*"OEDIPUS REX"—Wisconsin Players, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 9, Sun.—JOSEPH KALICKSTEIN, pianist— Sunday Music Hour, 4 p.m. —"ATHENS AND THE ISLANDS," Travel-Adventure Film, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 11, Tues.—HARKNESS BALLET, new ballet company—8 p.m.

- Feb. 13, Sat.—ISRAEL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA— Union Orchestra Series, 8 p.m. (also Feb. 15).
- Feb. 14, Fri.—FASCHING, Union 2nd semester Open House—Union, 8 p.m.
 —THE GUARNERI QUARTET—Union Chamber Series, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 21-23, Fri.-Sun.—*"THE KNACK"—Wisconsin Players, 8 p.m. (also Feb. 27-March 1).
- March 2, Sun.—BACH ARIA GROUP—8 p.m.
- March 5, Wed.—"PORTUGAL—WINDWARD TO DISCOVERY," Travel-Adventure Film—8 p.m.
- March 6-7, Thurs.-Fri.—PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA—Union Orchestra Series, 8 p.m.
- March 8, Sat.—KYUNG WHA CHUNG, violinist— Union Concert Series, 8 p.m.
- March 9, Sun.—GUARNERI QUARTET Union Chamber Series, 8 p.m.
- March 10, Mon. ALWIN NIKOLAIS DANCE COMPANY—innovative contemporary dance—8 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Union building will be closed Dec. 24 and 25. On Jan. 1, 1969, it will be open from 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

The Cafeteria will be open Dec. 21 and Jan. 4 and weekdays from 9 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Other weekend days, open for noon and evening meals.

For more information call 262-1331

IN OUR GALLERIES

- Through Jan. 5—"34th Wisconsin Salon of Art Exhibition." Main, Theater, and Main Lounge Galleries.
- Feb. 21-March 11—"Camera Concepts Black and White Photography Exhibition." Main Gallery.
- *Program not under Union sponsorship. Union members do not receive their usual preference when ordering tickets.

What's going on at the Union today? — Dial 262-6545

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Any day now when you come to the Union you may see men and equipment working along the lakeshore between Lake St. and the boathouse. They'll be beginning the University's lake shore improvement project which not only will make the shore more beautiful but more useful as well, with a new swimming area and boat docking facilities for members. By Commencement next spring it should be completed, and mooring there while you dine will be another privilege that comes with your Union membership.

The Downstairs, the Union's new cafeteria-snackbar at the west end of the campus, is going strong. It's downstairs below the new student health building, corner of University and Breese Terrace. The atmosphere is as cheery as the food is delicious. Open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Good News for Drivers. For a while now, parking lot 8 by the lake at the foot of Park Street will be available, except for marked areas, in the evenings, on Saturday afternoons, and all day Sunday for use by the public.

Have you discovered the continuing craft sale in the display cases just inside the Main Lounge? Purchase of the student-made jewelry, pottery, and glass can be made at the main desk.

The Hoofers' semester break ski trip to Switzerland is all filled up unless we can find a larger plane. 200 are going. Oh, well, there's always next year.

Those noises of building you may hear around the Union during the day probably are coming from the fifth floor where, as the first step of that floor's remodeling, the office of student organization advisors is being made more livable and useful.

It's twice as much fun to dine with friends before a concert or play. The INN Wisconsin has two serv-

ings for dinner on nights when there are shows in the theater, at 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. You can dine early, if you prefer, then look through the galleries, or later and finish just before the curtain rises. For reservations, 262-1331.

Pies: fudge bottom, fruit, and many other kinds are available at the cafeteria desk. Also salads and their special dressings, pizza, pecan rolls . . . and these are only the beginning. Just call 262-2583 to order.

There's no white stuff yet, but the Union's outdoor equipment rental service is ready for the first snow fall with nearly everything needed for outdoor fun. Skiers can choose between cross-country and downhill skis and poles, as well as pick out boots and ski carriers. For non-skiers, there are ice skates and snowshoes, plus much more.

The Outdoor Rental Center is below the Theater, 262-7351.

The new Smorgasbord with its new look and new price is more pleasing than ever, Sunday evening, 5:15-7:00 p.m. \$1.95 and \$1.35.

For skiers who would like to own their own equipment, the Hoofers Club is sponsoring a used ski equipment sale December 7 in the Rental Center.

Week by Week Buffet Brunch grows more popular. Sundays from 10:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. By calling Mrs. Shivers, 262-1631 you can have tables arranged so group of friends or a class can have a discussion.

The birdseed is ready, the feeders on the Terrace have been filled, and now diners in the Cafeteria and Rathskeller are waiting for the birds to come to dinner. Last year, in addition to dozens of faithful sparrows and serveral smart squirrels, we were visited regularly by a pair or perhaps more darting nuthatch — or is it nuthatches?

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