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STORY CALLED GIMMICK

Cap Times education reporter is removed

By BRIAN POSTER
of the Cardinal Staff

Miles McMillin, editor and publisher of *The Capital Times*, removed a *Capital Times* reporter, Matt Pommer, from his job of covering higher education after Pommer wrote a story McMillin termed a "political gimmick."

The article that led to the confrontation between McMillin and Pommer was published in the June 28, 1971 issue of *The Capital Times*. Pommer wrote, "John Weaver is seriously considering rejecting any possible offer that he head a merged University of Wisconsin."

GOV. LUCEY HAS stated publicly several times that he wants Weaver to take command of the proposed merged University system that still must be decided by the state legislature. The *Capital Times* has editorially supported Lucey's merger proposal.

Confidential sources have told the *Cardinal* what went on behind the scenes that led to Pommer's change of assignment from covering all education affairs to just Madison public school business. McMillin candidly discussed the issue when questioned by the *Cardinal*. Pommer unhesitatingly stated, "I have no comment whatsoever," to several questions posed to him.

The Weaver story appeared on the front page of the June 28 publication in the *Capital Times*'s first edition, the one-star paper that appears on the newstands about noon. After reading this issue, McMillin pulled the story completely from the two-star edition that goes to out-state readers. The Weaver article then reappeared in the city section of the three-star edition which is the paper Madison home subscribers receive.

After McMillin read the Weaver article in the one-star edition, the reliable sources say McMillin called Pommer into his office that afternoon. McMillin charged Pommer with "being in league with the antimerger forces or duped by the Republican Party." The Republican Party is opposed to the merger proposed by the Democrat Lucey. Several Republicans, however, have introduced alternative merger proposals in the Senate.

THESE SOURCES GO on to say that McMillin informed Pommer he was being relieved of reporting higher education "because he (Mc-

Millin) didn't feel he (Pommer) was a very good education reporter." McMillin said to Pommer he would not cover higher education at least until the controversial merger issue is decided by the legislature.

Soon after that afternoon meeting, the sources say McMillin informed Lucey's staff at the state capitol that Pommer would no longer cover higher education.

When presented with this version of what ensued after the Weaver story appeared in his paper, McMillin called it "partially the truth," and then freely discussed what he maintained had happened.

"We have a pro-merger position here," commented McMillin, "and he (Pommer) doesn't think much of merger."

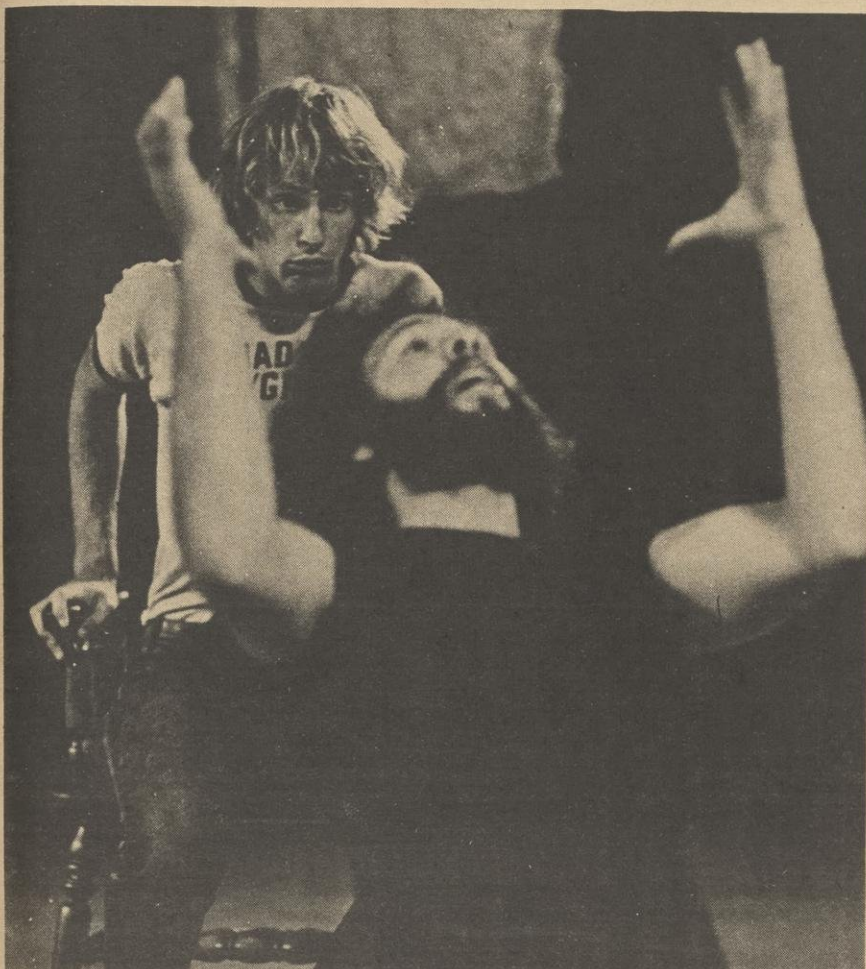
At the afternoon meeting, McMillin said Pommer "blew his stack." Calling it an "untenable situation," McMillin added, "We've developed this situation of distrust between us."

McMILLIN SAID HE thought the *Wisconsin State Journal* would print such a Weaver story first, "then I saw it in our paper." The *Wisconsin State Journal* has editorially stated it will not support merger until Lucey convinces it of the advantages of merger. McMillin was therefore saying such a story as Pommer wrote was antimerger and thus anti-Lucey.

The article was pulled from the one-star edition, according to McMillin, because Pommer had obtained no statement from Weaver as to whether what he was writing was true. McMillin said Pommer had told him in their meeting that Weaver would not comment before the story was written, but McMillin brushed aside this contention by noting *Capital Times* reporter Mike Miller obtained a quote from Weaver the next day denying Pommer's article.

It was Elliott Maraniss, *Capital Times* executive editor, commented McMillin, who placed the story back in the three-star paper only after city editor Dave Zweifel found out that Weaver assistant Harvey Breuscher had confirmed the story with the Associated Press. McMillin says he didn't want the story put in the three-star edition even with Breuscher's confirmation because there was still no statement from Weaver.

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Cardinal photos by Susan Greenwood

WHAT WOULD YOU do if your phone suddenly became alive and started moving and talking? Bill Gross registers his surprise in "The Dogsled," written by Mike Baron and directed by Christopher Morris. Richard Perlman plays the phone. The play is one half of "The Eggplant that Ate Chicago," at the Broom Street Theatre this weekend.

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Ali and the fight--a personal view

The badddest cat goin'

By JAMES FINE
of the Cardinal Staff

I admit that I went because I was afraid. Afraid that something might go wrong and an era would end. Afraid that perhaps Mohammed Ali had lost more than just a title when he fought Joe Frazier in March.

Against Jimmy Ellis on Monday, Ali appeared not to have lost anything, but instead had gained something that he didn't have even before his forced retirement in 1967. Monday he seemed to have learned how to control every aspect of a fight and carry it out to the last round.

THE MATCH ITSELF was a work of art. Ali came into the ring weighing 224 pounds. This was 35 pounds more than Ellis and some nine pounds more than his usual fighting weight. But tonight the man was solid. From the opening bell to the time the fight was stopped in the 12th, he was superb. A dancer. Fast, fluid, and accurate. He made an often brutal and boring spectacle into a show of grace and stamina, into a true athletic event.

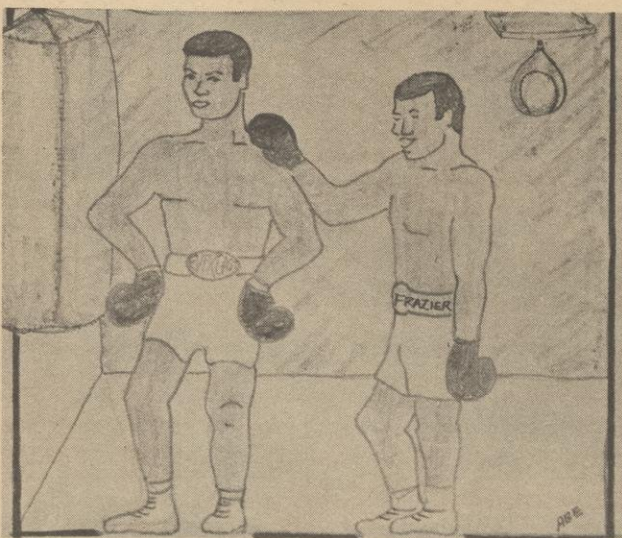
He knew what rounds he would give to Ellis and which he would win. But the difference between this bout and all the others since his comeback was that he picked all the action, made everything happen his way. Even in that puzzling third round when he carried his arms at his sides and dared Ellis to hit him, even then he knew what he was doing.

What about the reports that Ali was bored with fighting and that Frazier had taken too much out of him? Well, the fight public may have just seen the newest and most mature version of the renowned "Ali-pre-fight-psych-job."

Once the bell rang, the audience knew they were in for something unique. Ali was inspired. Before the first round was finished it was obvious that Frazier hadn't robbed him of any leg speed or power in his blows. It was the opinion of many there that Ali might have been faster than since the Sonny Liston fights.

Ali is an artist. He not only does his job well, he pulls off amazing stunts like the third round, which was a controlled insanity, and which marks great talent. He fought what was perhaps the most perfect fight of his career in the ring.

Out of the ring, since the loss, Ali has suffered one defeat and one victory. The Black Muslims denounced him the day after the Frazier fight. He was all right with them until he



I could have put on a better show in the back yard with my 11 year old son!

lost, but something happened to his image with them after that decision.

THE VICTORY, OF course, was the appeal of his draft case by the supreme court. This had to change his temperament, relieve some pressure, and this was perhaps why the promoters of the Ellis fight thought he "wasn't up for it."

This was more on his mind than anything else when I spoke to him on the way back from the Peace Rally in April.

When asked if he would fight Frazier again, he told me that "If I get by June and the government, I will." (He appeared at once to be more articulate and perceptive than he usually is for the media. Ali was confident in his manner and the loss did not seem to affect him emotionally as we spoke about it.)

A lot of us were very upset that our hero had lost in March. But then many of us never thought that the Beatles would split up, that there would be tragedy at a huge rock concert like Altamont, or that people like Bobby Kennedy would not be around to help save us from Nixon. There seemed to be a great loss of innocence when all of these idols fell.

BUT WHAT EMERGED from Madison Square Garden in March was a more mature and controlled Mohammed Ali. A man willing to admit that he lost—once. And from the results Monday it seems he is also a man very much aware of his capabilities after three years out of the ring.

Ali lived through the Frazier fight. He showed signs against Jimmy Ellis that he is on the way back. He is back from what must have been a huge hurt with the Muslims, past the draft board, and on to Joe Frazier once more.

And as a fellow spectator said on the way out of the theatre, he'll be back because "He's the badddest cat goin'."

July 30-August 1 — Singin' in the Rain (1952)—Extensively reviewed elsewhere in the Cardinal. Union Play Circle at 2, 4, 7, 9, 11.

July 30—The Hound of the Baskervilles (1939)—Directed by Sidney Lanfield with Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, Lionel Atwill, John Carradine. The first and best of the series. "Poison," said Sherlock Holmes curtly, and strode off. B-102 Van Vleck, 8 and 10 p.m.

July 31—Night of the Living Dead (1968)—Directed by George Romero. This film—about seven

people trapped in an isolated farm house surrounded by homicidal ghouls, and trying to determine what is going on from radio and TV reports—is truly the movie you should not go to see alone. Shot on a low budget by George Romero, a twenty-eight year-old Pittsburgh ad-man, Night of the Living Dead

was attacked by Variety and Readers Digest upon its initial release; as word spread of its excellence, it has been shown everywhere from New York (where Romero presented it at the Museum of Modern Art) to Los Angeles (where the L.A. Free Press noted "if you're into being

scared, go see this movie") to drive-ins all over the country. Some critics have gone slightly overboard, suggesting, for example, that the Living Dead represent the Silent Majority; but the radio and TV bits, in which Romero's talent is really revealed, do have certain social overtones. 105 Psychology, 8 and 10 p.m.

July 31—Sundays and Cybele (1962)—Directed by Serge Bourguignon with Hardy Kruger and Patricia Gozzi. An occasionally striking film about a crashed German pilot who befriends an 11-year-old girl. Bourguignon later went on to Hollywood and directed a Western with Max von Sydow. B-10 Com-

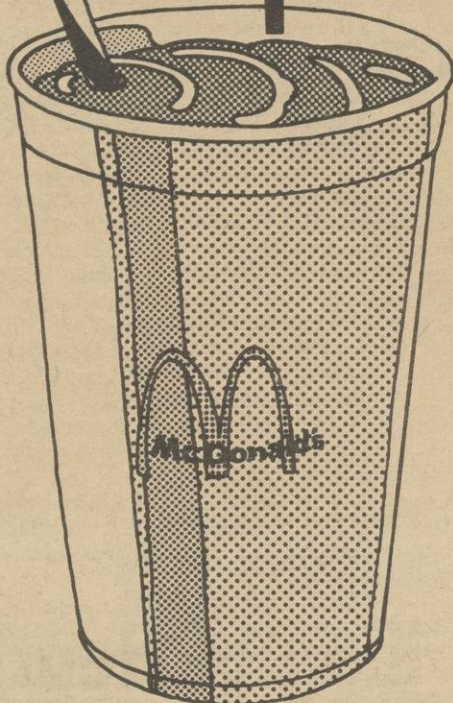
merce, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

August 1—Davy Crockett (1955)—Directed by Nathan Bedford Forest with Fess Parker, Buddy Ebsen, Hans Conreid. Fess Parker interprets Davy Crockett as All-American nice fellow, as opposed to John Wayne's roughguy in The Alamo (1960) or Arthur Hunnicut's hillbilly in The Last Command (1955). America's immortal story from the point of view of the consensus historian and the end-of-ideology scholar. Methodist Center (1127 University Ave.), evening.

August 2—Barefoot in the Park (1967)—Directed by Gene Saks, from a play by Neil Simon. John Lindsay's contribution to the American cinema has been his elimination of the bureaucratic red tape which made it virtually impossible to shoot film in the streets of New York before 1965.

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Don't Miss It

Not just adolescents

Rap Center's lines are open to all

By KATHY LYNCH
of the Cardinal Staff

Madison's Community Rap Center, 923 Spring St., was born a year and a half ago from a young psychology student's disillusionment with professional psychiatry.

Dick Goldberg, founder and co-ordinator of the lay counseling center, spoke to the Cardinal of this disillusionment.

"I began to realize, while doing volunteer work at the Oregon School of Girls, that the ability to relate to people there was inversely proportional to the complexity of the degree which one held," Goldberg said.

"PSYCHOTHERAPY REALLY doesn't cure anyone," he continued. "Two-thirds of those deemed mentally ill will recover whether or not they visit a psychiatrist. Those psychiatrists who have high cure rates are unusually warm, genuine, and empathetic."

Believing that one doesn't have to have

credentials in order to help, that, indeed, a degree may be more of a hindrance than an asset, Goldberg began organizing the Rap Center, accessible to anyone for a phone call.

After receiving \$1,000 from the First Wisconsin Bank and \$5,000 from a Madison citizen, Goldberg began to screen counselors. He was, and still is, very selective. He screens applicants for certain qualities which he feels Rap Center counselors should possess. To date he has only accepted 30 out of 250 applicants. They range from 20 to 40 years of age.

Those who are chosen go through an intensive training period. Training consists of encounter groups, role-playing sessions, and consultation with such groups as Dane County Mental Health, Women's Liberation, and Gay Liberation.

TWENTY COUNSELORS, half male, half female, now man the Rap Center phones from 8 to 12 every night of the week. Twenty

psychiatrists serve as consultants but the counselors are not dependent on their advice.

The center receives about 15 calls a night. Contrary to common belief, the Rap Center is not open solely to adolescent callers. Goldberg commented that, in retrospect, he wishes he had named the center differently. Too many adults feel that only kids can call up, he said.

As it is, they still receive calls from people of varying ages and life styles. If an individual wants to see a counselor in person, there are rooms set aside for that purpose.

Many of the frustrations of the callers center around jagged relationships or lack of meaningful ones. Kids call in about their parents and parents call in about their kids. The counselors are not destructively sweet but rather honest and genuine with their callers.

GOLDBERG FEELS that the center may

have had as well as good effects on some individuals. "The center may offer comfort to those who must experience complete despair before they can solve their problems," he said.

In an attempt to reach a broader segment of Madison, the Rap Center opened its phones from 1 to 5 in the afternoon. Instead of reaching new people, however, those who relied on the Rap Center at night began to rely on it during the day as well. Things soon went back to night hours only. Goldberg does not envision another expansion.

"Altruism is fine but it can be destructive. We don't want to be a super-crutch for anyone," he said.

The Rap Center is looking for new counselors. If you are interested in lay counseling call 257-3522 and ask to be screened. All applicants must be at least 19 and have plans to remain in Madison for at least a year.

CBS DOCUMENTARIES

Two controversial CBS television documentaries, "Hunger in America" and "The Pentagon Papers," will be shown beginning at 7 p.m. August 10 in the Union's Great Hall. Both films are free

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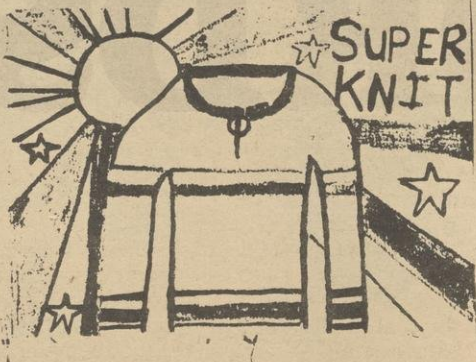
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Behind the Brathous—Above the Boot Barn

By DOUGLAS GOMERY
of the Fine Arts Staff

The profusion of films on campus this summer has brought the expected audience response. The halls fill up for the Marx Brothers and even the most obscure Bogart film packs them in. But as in the past two of the most interesting and important genres of American film are rarely shown, and if shown, rarely seen. These are the Western and the Musical.

Last week Sam Peckinpah's *Major Dundee* (1965) played to an almost empty house. (Hopefully John Ford's *Stagecoach* (1939), to be shown August 18 by the Wisconsin Film Society, will not suffer a similar fate.

And this weekend (July 30, 31, and August 1) the Union Play Circle offers one the chance to see a musical and one that Pauline Kael called "just about the best Hollywood musical of all time": *Singin' in the Rain*.

MUSICALS BELONG to a genre with many variants e.g. operetta (Jeannette MacDonald—Nelson Eddy), comedy with music (Mae West), cartoon musicals *Ichabod* and *Mr. Toad* (1949), and for the want of a better word, family child-star musical (*Bright Eyes*, Shirley Temple, 1934).

But the Hollywood musical as we have come to know it is a unique and marvelously flexible genre allowing song and dance to be used not just as interludes but as part and parcel of a romantic, dramatic and even, as in the case of *Singin' in the Rain*, satirical narrative.

Singin' in the Rain

When sound took over Hollywood in the late Twenties and early Thirties, crude theatrical plays were presented as "all talking, all singing, and all dancing." Examples of such early efforts were *Broadway Melody of 1929* and the Marx

Brothers' *Cocoanuts* (1929). But three directors transformed the genre into a genuinely cinematic form: Ernst Lubitsch—*Love Parade* (1930), Rouben Mamoulian—*Love Me Tonight* (1932) and of course Busby Berkeley—*42nd Street* (1933).



DONALD O'CONNOR and Gene Kelly hoof it up (above) in *Singin' in the Rain*, just about the best musical ever made.

Later came the Astaire-Rodgers musicals such as *Swing Time* (1936). But all these products of the first golden age of Hollywood musicals lacks the creative mix of song and dance that was to come later.

Also it is rare in any of the musicals of this period to see a story that does not concern itself with some aspect of show-business.

When the Depression and the war weakened studios financially, the production of musicals showed down. But just as the war was ending, the second golden age of Hollywood musicals began with Vincent Minelli's *Meet Me in St. Louis* (1944).

THIS UTTERLY captivating musical was a nostalgic re-creation of small-town life in America at the turn of the century. Minelli created an important innovation in the genre in this film by integrating the song and dance numbers into the narrative as naturally as possible, i.e. with no 'apology' or 'framing' at all.

A few years later the second half of Metro's musical machine began with Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen's *On the Town* (1949). It was brash, high-spirited, and fast—even if the music was less than memorable.

Kelly and Donen's second effort, *Singin' in the Rain* (1952), was a major triumph, making game of the painful transition from silent films to sound in the late Twenties, the era when its title song was new.

Primarily a musical, its satire makes it a comedy as well. The sharp and witty script by Betty Camden and Adolph Green and the

vintage songs by Arthur Freed climax in the title number. Gene Kelly's solo leads him to twirl on a lamppost, hold his umbrella unopened, and exult in pure pines in a rain storm until a passing cop eyes him suspiciously and brings him back to reality.

JEAN HAGEN presents a great supporting performance as Lila Lamont, a silent star with prodigious charm and a raspy Brooklyn twang when talkies demand a smooth, flowing voice. My favorite moment is the "Good Morning" sequence with Debbie Reynolds, Donald O'Connor, and Kelly.

One final note: how does one defend the musical as an ART form? After all, we all know it is too popular, artificial, conventional and frivolous to be taken seriously. Yet where else can one find such a magical blend of color, sound, and movement?

Musicals are meant to be simple and popular—yet as *Singin' in the Rain* demonstrates they can be pointed and are very capable of expressing interesting and important ideas. This combination makes them one of the great Hollywood Genres. *Singin' in the Rain* is a fine example of this tradition.

Release year: 1952; Studio: MGM (color); Directors: Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen; Script Writers: Betty Camden and Adolph Green; Music Director: Lennie Hayton; Cast: Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, Debbie Reynolds, Jean Hagen and Cyd Charisse; Songs: title, My Lucky Star, Broadway Melody, Good Morning, Make-em Laugh.

Little Mary Sunshine

By PATRICK MCGILLIGAN
of the Fine Arts Staff

Whether it is simply a lack of pride or a matter of poor taste is, perhaps, too difficult a question; whatever the cause, the effect is clear. The Wisconsin Players have dredged the nadir of banality and emerged with *Little Mary Sunshine*, the sappy saga of Little Mary who's so sweet she says hello to her flowers.

As if it weren't enough to have the Madison Theatre Guild, the Madison Civic Repertory and the Strollers Theatre sharing middle class theatre responsibilities in Madison—ably supported by daily television gobble-gook (some of which is actually superior to the *Little Mary Sunshine* fare)—Wisconsin Players, the presumed progressive of local dramatics, have chosen for summer production an uninspiring mish-mash that might even make a high school drama coach wince.

COLLEGE THEATRE should aspire to innovation; it is nothing less than embarrassing to have the University approved thespians complacently and regularly subscribing to Tams-Witmark, Samuel French, Metromedia On Stage and the other commercial giants of stage rights domain.

Little Mary Sunshine isn't entirely a bad play, although the Wisconsin Players production of *Little Mary Sunshine* might make the novice playgoer consider that possibility. In its own way, the play borders on charm. It is continually undermined, however, by character relapses into mediocre stereotypes, and gags that are too often familiar (but unwanted) tired jokes.

The Forest Rangers' manual tells the innocent young corporal to "consider all Indians friendly unless mortally attacked;" saccharine Little Mary waters the scenery in lieu of real fauna; and the sergeant of the Forest Rangers is absent at the beginning of the play because he has "sprained his vocal chords." These and other memorabilia of a better-forgotten past humor appear throughout the play.

The characters are all intended to be stereotypes of sorts—which I suppose, is the original intention of the parody. The characterizations, on the other hand, are executed without imagination. Fleet Foot, a "friendly Indian," is portrayed as either a stumbling fool or senile drunk (I'm not sure which) and, in either case, comes across as a hackneyed effort at slapstick comedy. Chief Brown Bear (Gene Weber) and Captain "Big Jim" Warrington (John Robinson) are the macho male heroes—one, the chest-slapping red man, and the other the Nelson Eddy swashbuckler—both give giant efforts to midget characterizations. Jerry Nelson as Corporal "Billy Jester" makes the most out of a dull cliché part as the simple boy ranger.

A major blame for the play's failure must go to the casting of Little Mary herself. Martha Bray, who has acquitted herself admirably in past productions around town, here is decidedly out of place. To begin with, she hardly looks the part—her hair is pasted, her dress is flaccid and her makeup (at least on opening night) is unevenly applied. At times, her voice seems strained and she doesn't appear relaxed in her role. Even her smile looks forced.

DIRECTOR WILLIAM SMITH a Master of Fine Arts candidate, must share the onus with Bray. Either Smith gave up or never really cared much in the first place, for stepped-on lines, bumble-footed choreography and unenthusiastic acting are the hallmarks of his production. One must sympathize

with Smith, who probably gagged when he first read the script, but everything from his overly long pacing right down to Little Mary's trite stock scenery has been seen and used before in better (ahem) light.

There is something immensely ironic about the Wisconsin Players mounting a parody (for this, indeed, was what *Little Mary Sunshine* was supposed to be). To effect a parody, one should be able to master the original—and consequently mimic it with some appropriate degree of irreverence. A stock character or drama is little good unless it is embroidered, augmented, improved. There is little in the 'players' *Little Mary Sunshine* to suggest that something good has been done well (although, at least, the villain does not twirl his moustache). Certainly there is no irreverence. The parody is as traditionalist as the original. (It remains now for the next logical undertaking: Broom Street Theatre doing a parody of the Wisconsin Players doing *Little Mary Sunshine*.)

Little Mary Sunshine depends, besides, on the slimmest of plotline threads. If you can sympathize with Little Mary's frenetic concern that vengeful Yellow Feather will "have his way" (i.e. debauch) dear sweet virgin Mary, then you will be a hairsbreadth closer to appreciating this bland fairy tale. The racism implicit in the continual lame jokes at the expense of *Little Mary Sunshine*'s red men would hardly be amusing to America's natives. The slick attempt at parody fails—fails because it refuses to recognize the deeper content of the subject matter. The end result—a thinly veiled racist tract—is a moral outrage hardly conducive to dramatic embellishment.

Any bright spots at all? Well, hardly. The music is delightful, among the most accessible and melodic of musical comedy scores. Unfortunately, it is often overshadowed by low-key presentation and sloppy dancing. Ina Kleinfeld as Nancy Twinkle and chorus girl Mary Gaebler offer some amusing mugging. Forest Ranger William Zanner had an enjoyably pleasant smile throughout. Aside from that, I would recommend the program which is arty, the lobby exhibit which is tasteful and the piano accompaniment which is pleasant.

Little Mary Sunshine is a disaster, a pseudo-vaudevilian pastiche, and probably only a careful autopsy will tell whether the deed was purposeful or unintentional.

IF THE PLAYERS insist on producing schlock drama, they might well take up *The Fantasticks* or *Once Upon a Mattress*, both infinitely more challenging and considerably more stimulating (besides being perfectly suited to Compass Playhouse space demands). Better still, of course (but less probable under present circumstances), the players might devote their time and energies to local playwrights and experimental drama a la the Broom Street Theatre. *Little Mary Sunshine* is fine for unambitious theatre groups, and even fine, once in a blue moon (when done well), for university theatre. But even the Madison Theatre Guild which, a few weeks ago, produced a promising playlet on Vietnam, is leaving the players far behind.

A steady diet of *Little Mary Sunshine*'s predictably dulls the senses—of both the actors and the audience. It is the crassest indulgence of the Wisconsin Players to utilize their vast resources to cater to traditionalist standards in the theatre and consistently reproduce the innocuous trash they do.

Kentucky Fried Theatre

By GERALD PEARY
of the Fine Arts Staff

The greatest nights in the theatre (and this certainly includes an evening with Kernel Sanders Fried Theatre, Madison's wonderful new company) are never characterized by our total involvement in the dramatic experience. Rather part of us is always on edge, always slightly nervous, always outside the presentation.

The reasons are simple: the more impressed we become with what we see, the more we keep wishing (and in a slightly annoyed way) that our friends were also in attendance and sharing the excitement with us. The more we keep resenting the thousands of philistines out walking the streets who have never even heard of the show, much less ever plan to attend. The more itchy we become for the presentation to end, so that we can rush outside and shout to an ignorant, morally impoverished world, "SEE THIS SHOW! FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, SEE THIS SHOW!"

A NIGHT WITH THE Kernel Sanders troupe elicits just such insane and contradictory responses, especially when viewed with an audience of only 25 as was the cast at 8:00 Saturday night at Shakespeare & Co. Laughter at the amazingly funny material constantly was cut short by moments of anger that so few were in attendance for probably the most exciting development in Madison theatre since Joel Gersmann took over the directorial reigns of Broom Street Theatre.

This should be clear: Kernel Sanders troupe are no well-meaning amateurs, no artsy dilettantes, no students-playing-at-being-actors. This group of six are of surprisingly professional calibre, not only in talent but also in the polish of the performance. While the feeling often at Broom Street is of well-drilled non-actors, turned miraculously by Gersmann into flexible and usable performers, the Kernel Sanders group have it on their own.

Dick Chudnow, has been described variously as "the funniest man in Madison" and "the craziest person in Madison." Both titles are appropriate. We are lucky that he is here to entertain us rather than in Chicago with the Second City or even galavanting around Broadway stages. In the Fried Theatre review, he brilliantly runs the gamut from playing a voyeur TV newscaster (who watches a couple making love in front of the TV set through which he is broadcasting) to a tiny baby who is pinched and goo-gooed by a band of cloying, clawing relatives in a deadly accurate picture of familial claustrophobia.

Best of all are his love scenes. Chudnow, whom Variety might call "5'3" of dynamite (or 5'4" or 5'5"—in any case, he is short, as every great comedian, from Chaplin and Keaton through Lou Costello), is wonderfully juxtaposed against the larger framed Lisa Davis, whose physical endowments could best be described by a male chauvinist sexist objectifier.

Lisa Davis is an energetic and aggressive performer, a gutsy tigress at times, and she makes up for being the only woman in the six person troupe by dominating the stage with her talent. Lisa, as they say in show biz, "could go far."

AS FOR CHUDNOW and Davis together... dynamite! dynamite! The funniest scene of the

evening is a sketch in which hand-holding, closed-mouth Chudnow has to "leave" wave goodbye to each of chair and swans, thinking in the corner of the stage imaginary told trying the theme from Love Story. Davis sighs romantically himself, then checks out.

This is only one example of inspired, witty series of impressions, blunders interspersed with performance which are humor. We see Christ on with his report card show one priest giving another overcoming thorough ha confessional. Later, the his smooth skin to the leprosy sores!

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Committee to Quash Grand Juries

Tell the grand jury 'We won't talk'

The following article was written by representatives of the Committee to Quash Grand Juries especially for the Daily Cardinal.

Discussion during the past few weeks of the coming state grand jury has been confined to the legal aspects of the situation. Not enough people are aware of the political implications of the attempt by Atty. Gen. Robert Warren and Dist. Atty. Gerald Nichol to seek indictments of the four alleged bombers of the AMRC on the first anniversary of the bombing (coincidentally?).

At present there are at least eight grand juries meeting in various parts of the country, all investigating movement activities and movement people. Most, if not all, of these grand juries are being led by one man, Guy Goodwin of the Justice Dept's Internal Security Division.

IT SEEMS OBVIOUS that these grand juries are not operating in isolation from one another. On the contrary, they represent an attempt on the part of the government to coordinate on a national level, its investigations of the movement to a degree as never before.

Although the grand jury here in Madison is being run by the state, and most others around the country are being conducted by the federal authorities, there is ample evidence to show that they are cooperating with each other.

The federal authorities will not be in the dark about what transpires here in Madison.

Thus the picture becomes more clear. A state grand jury convenes allegedly to investigate one isolated act by the Madison underground. At the same time, the federal government has grand juries meeting in at least eight other cities.

Federal authorities here in Madison turn over to the district attorney's office all information that is asked for. And the other grand juries around the country become not simple criminal investigations, but grand fishing expeditions.

The use to which the state puts the grand jury here will be similar to that of federal ones across Amerika.

In the Wisconsin court system, the grand jury indictment is replaced by a perverse procedure. All trials for felonies must be preceded by a preliminary hearing at which the state has to prove that a crime has been committed and there is "probable cause" to believe the accused committed it.

IN OTHER WORDS the attorney general and the district attorney don't even need a grand jury to bring charges against anyone for the AMRC bombing. Which brings us back to one of the original questions: If an indictment is not

needed for prosecution, exactly why is the grand jury being held?

The use of the grand jury represents an attempt by the government to attack the movement in three ways:

1) to harass those who are working hard for social change by forcing them to spend vast amounts of time and money on court battles;

2) to isolate members of the movement from each other by calling us individually into secret proceedings;

3) to gather sorely needed intelligence on who we are and what we are doing, and to legitimize intelligence that it has gathered using illegal methods (wiretaps, etc.) so that it can use that information in prosecutions later on.

The grand jury, and, more importantly, the prosecutor who directs its investigation, have more power than found in any other branch of the court system.

It has the power to investigate anything that is brought to its attention, especially by an ambitious attorney general.

THE PROCEEDING IS entirely secret, with oaths to that effect given to all participants. The penalty for a witness who violates the secrecy oath can be up to six months in jail for contempt of court.

No witness has the right to be represented by an attorney before the grand jury, and there have been occasions when witnesses have been denied the right to even consult an attorney outside the grand jury room.

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Fried Theatre

ing is a sketch in which they play straight-laced, holding, closed-mouth smooching lovers. When now has to "leave the room" for a minute, they e goodbye to each other. Then, as Davis sits on a r and swans, thinking of her love, we see Chudnow e corner of the stage also writhing, but he is on an ginary toilet trying to overcome constipation. As heme from Love Story plays in the background, as s sighs romantically, Chudnow feigns wiping elf, then checks out the toilet paper!

is is only one example of the many during the ing of inspired, wonderful bad taste. There are a s of ingers, black humor television com- cials interspersed via video tape throughout the rmance which are equally gruesome in their or. We see Christ on the cross confronted by a kid his report card showing "no new cavities." We see priest giving another advice on a product for coming through hands which are screwing up the essionals. Later, the now-satisfied priest holds up smooth skin to the TV camera... and look! No sy sores!

t returning to the acting troupe: also eminently ny are a couple of guys who call themselves the er brothers, but who seem no more related than er bunch known as the Marx Brothers (who ally were all third cousins and should accurately called themselves the Marx Cousins). In any the Zucker who looks funny (like a Mad magazine ing of a scientist, strangely) is the straight man does hilarious things without batting an eye all ng, as in a scene in a Feelorama movie theatre. e Zucker who looks quite normal is the nutty dian, Jerry. He not only adeptly plays a fried egg also performs, perhaps, the only Beaver Cleever tion in existence. Naturally, in terms of Fried tre's concept of tastelessness, the context of the tion is Beaver dying on the fields of Vietnam.

NALLY WE HAVE the two new numbers of the e, Chris Keene and Bill West, quickly on their way ing up with the other talents. Already, they in- in their eccentric repertoire an applause-getting tion of the Roto-Rama commercial and a unique iliquist... featuring a dummy who speaks le English. These two actors seem sufficiently (and sufficiently skilled) to emerge as full ed Fried Theatre vets.

ore leaving, let me say that the comedy material ich the skits are based is superlative. I counted two duds (an uncomfortable scene with a sion that talks back, a half-hearted ironic skit ying a roller coaster ride) in an evening of 20 or 25 hes, an amazing percentage of success. Kentucky Theatre not only is tasteless but also displays taste, sensing how to edit their material.

ere are few moments of dullness in the per- nance, none of self-indulgence, and many, many are funny. I laughed out loud at least a hundred , an almost unique experience in years of theatre- , and probably finally the best testament to the worth of Kentucky Fried Theatre. They will be ng Friday and Saturday Nights 8 & 10 at espere & Co. through the summer. Call up espere & Co. for reservations. Go and have lots



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MDL assails grand juries

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There is no limit to the scope of the questions that can be asked, and a witness can, in many instances, be denied the right to the protection of the fifth amendment and be forced to answer one or more questions even though the answers may incriminate him. The penalty for refusing to answer even one question can be up to six months in prison, with no bail, and no right to a trial.

Thus the government believes itself to be in an excellent position to parade people in front of the grand jury, to discredit them and the work they are doing, to attempt to tie them to underground activities, and to force them to become spies and informers on their sisters and brothers under threat of going to prison.

What the government has failed to take into account, however, is the strength and dedication of all the movement people it has sought to crush. All over the country most of the people who have been subpoenaed before grand juries have refused to cooperate and have said that they are willing to go to jail rather than become parties to a nationwide inquisition.

The government is finding that the initial paranoia and fear that it thought would be permanent has been replaced by a determination to stand up to government harassment that is unparalleled in the history of the new left.

THE MOVEMENT has found there is only one way grand juries can be fought, and that is simply to refuse to play the game.

There is but one response for us to make, and that is a political one: we must adhere to the policy of noncollaboration, not only to protect ourselves, but to protect all of those that we have been living, working, and loving with. We must, not only as a matter of selfpreservation, but as a matter of principle as well, rise up as one body and say that WE WON'T TALK.

Note: Some people have said that they don't go along with the basic analysis presented here. Although the experiences of many sisters and brothers in other parts of Amerika have led us to prepare for the worst, in a very real way we hope that those who disagree with us are right.

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McMillin vs. Pommer

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McMillin had some additional criticisms of Pommer. He called Pommer a "wire service reporter." "A good reporter," said McMillin, "is a guy they're calling about and giving us hell."

McMillin said he wanted more coverage of University affairs and remarked it was C-T reporter Jim Hougan, not Pommer, who obtained the scoop on a recent University lawsuit.

McMillin remained non-committal about Pommer's future. He stated there may be no new higher education reporter but commented, "Actually we've got better guys" than Pommer.

Asked whether the controversy with Pommer might cause other C-

T reporters to think twice before turning in a story, McMillin gave a sort of two-sided answer. He noted the "leeway given to (C-T) reporters" but then warned, "but they should remember there is an editor around here." McMillin said his chief concern was that other reporters are not "duped" by anybody before writing an article.

WHILE McMILLIN remains somewhat ambiguous as to what he wants his reporters to learn from the Pommer affair, the confidential sources are drawing their own conclusions.

McMillin's action "was a dirty trick," one person remarked. Noting Maraniss okayed the story before it was published, this person added, "The question here is if we

can't trust the delegated authority, but every story must go to McMillin, then what are these guys around for?"

"That is what particularly bothers people, this lack of certainty," the source continued. "The feeling by C-T employees is 'universally' against McMillin."

One other source added, however, that he didn't think any "good" reporter would be affected by McMillin's action.

McMILLIN STOUTLY denies his action could be construed as management versus labor. Pommer is president of the

Madison Newspaper Guild, the union for approximately 50 C-T employees that is preparing to bargain with McMillin for a new contract.

"It has nothing to do with bargaining," stated McMillin. The confidential sources, however, say McMillin's action "might be a move to discredit Pommer with the rest of the guild" with McMillin wanting C-T employees to think "he (Pommer) is not the best guy to get the best deal."

One source predicted the guild would immediately go to court should McMillin fire Pommer,

though McMillin says he sees no need at this time for such an action.

While Pommer has refused to publicly comment, he is described as "obviously unhappy and disturbed." One source felt Pommer, a normally quiet reporter, would retain a "low profile" and "not cause any waves."

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When one thinks of a Madison policeman, he usually visualizes a cop at riot duty on the UW campus or frequently patrolling our neighborhood streets. Yet there are other functions performed by the police and one of the quietest but most important in their view is the task of community relations.

The Madison Police Department's community relations program is designed "to establish understanding between the community and the police," according to Inspector Edward Daley, who is in charge of the program. Daley said the project has been in operation since 1968, when he first took command.

The breadth of community relations by the police might seem surprising. Policemen gave 521 school lectures during 1970. Television and radio appearances and announcements totaled nearly 1,300. One can find the police at P.T.A. meetings, bicycle programs, church groups, and a wide-ranging assortment of safety projects, besides giving guided tours of the police department.

ALTOGETHER, THE police were involved in 2,021 "activities" of community relations in 1970.

With 226 men on the police force, Daley estimated about 10 per cent are involved in community relations. Devoting the most of their time to the program are the personnel of the Planning and

Training Bureau—one captain, one lieutenant, two sergeants, and three police officers. When asked how much of the remaining men's 40 hour work week are devoted to the program, Daley could give no estimate.

This year for the first time, a community relations specialist will be attached to the Planning and Training Bureau. He will receive \$14,900 this year, 60 per cent of the funds to be paid by a federal grant.

Daley said a "majority" of the funds budgeted for community relations is the salaries of the officers. Asked where the remaining money comes from since the police budget contains no item titled "community relations," the inspector indicated most of the money originates from the budget of the Planning and Training Bureau, but that other funds come from different departments.

The policemen who appear at various programs are usually suited for the occasion. "There is no one better able to speak on narcotics than the ones (policemen) involved with it," explained Daley, indicating that the policeman appear on behalf of their own fields of specialty.

Daley admitted much needs still to be accomplished for the three year old program to be termed a success. "I am fairly satisfied in some areas; we're striving to improve in all areas." Daley added that the program would be expanded this year and in future years.

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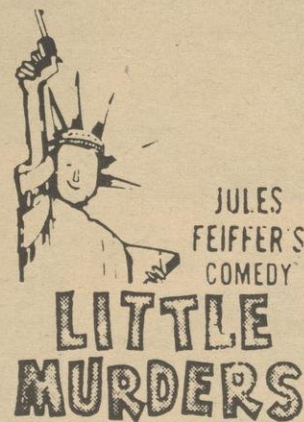


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