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Suburban Citizens Challenge Merkel On Home Ground

By LEILA PINE
Cardinal Staff Writer

University students and blacks are no longer the only groups opposing Assemblyman Kenneth Merkel (R-Brookfield), member of the John Birch Society. A new grass roots political organization, "Suburban Citizens for Responsible Representation," has emerged from the lily-white quicksand of Brookfield's middle class to take action against the extreme right wing assemblyman.

As a member of the legislative Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Merkel has had his hands on the throats of the University budget,

the welfare program, and sex education in public schools.

According to Birch philosophy, all of these areas are "communist plotted and communist controlled to subvert the capitalist system."

Brookfield's new citizens committee is most significant as being one of the first white suburban groups to stand up for Milwaukee's black inner core. The highly conservative suburb has often been described as a haven for the Birch Society.

Francis Mitchell, acting president of the Suburban Citizens, and Secretary Anthony La Loggia led a delegation of citizens to Merkel's home in September where the Rev. James Groppi and welfare recipients were picketing.

The committee issued two statements, one criticizing Merkel's appointment as head of a poverty studies committee for Milwaukee's inner core and his anti-welfare stand, and another criticizing his anti-sex education bill.

The group also charged him with naivete in opposing birth control "while at the same time he expresses outraged concern over the rate of illegitimacy." Mitchell sent in a petition of over 350 names criticizing Merkel's "approach to the financial crisis."

So far the non-partisan committee has drawn about 100 persons to its meetings. A mass meeting to plan specific strategies will be held Nov. 24. The group will involve itself in campaigns in Merkel's district and

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ASSEMBLYMAN KENNETH MERKEL



WISCONSIN FULLBACK Alan Thompson drives for yardage Saturday against Minnesota in a game that the Badgers lost, 35-10. Wisconsin finished with a 3-7 season, but informed sources say

that head coach John Coatta will be fired, probably within a week. Story on page 12.

—Cardinal photo by Mickey Pflieger

THE DAILY CARDINAL will not publish Wednesday due to Thanksgiving recess, but will resume normal publication next week. Okay?

Black Athletes Controversy Continues

By JOHN SIMPSON
College Press Service

LARAMIE, Wyoming—(CPS)—It all started when Coach Lloyd Eaton suspended 14 blacks from the University of Wyoming football team for participating in a protest against Brigham Young University's (BYU) alleged racist policies. Out of that has come more protests, counter-protests, and a court case.

The "Black 14" at Wyoming have lost their first attempt to be reinstated or receive \$1.1 million they requested in damages, as a Cheyenne court ruled against them. But they are appealing the decision to the U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals in Denver.

The University of Wyoming and the rest of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) is not the only athletic group involved in racial turmoil, however. Ten blacks were dropped from the University of Indiana's football team November 6 for boycotting practice. Nine of the players had said they would not return and the tenth did not report for practice.

Coach John Pont said, "we'll miss them but sometimes decisions have to be made like this." He had met with the blacks and told them they would be accepted back on the team with out penalty if they showed up for practice;

those that failed to return were to be suspended under a rule that prohibits a player from missing more than one consecutive practice session unexcused. Reasons for the blacks' original boycott are unclear; but university spokesmen said reports that the blacks were displeased with Pont were untrue.

Meanwhile, at Los Angeles State College, black Head Coach Walt Thurmond suspended eight white members of the football team. Thurmond ordered the players suspended November 6, after consultation with the rest of the athletic staff, and said they would be off the team for the rest of the year. Thurmond said that there were no racial implications to the dismissals, but would not amplify on the violations.

But the events surrounding the Wyoming "Black 14" have received the most attention. Since the original suspension, because the blacks demonstrated against the allegedly racist policies of Mormon affiliated Brigham Young University, protests have ranged from the playing field to the court room.

Several teams that have played Wyoming have worn some kind of armband to protest Eaton's hand-

ling of the case. Players from San Jose State demonstrated their support of the "Black 14" while about half of the spectators at the first game after the incident wore armbands supporting Eaton.

More recently, about 50 black students sat-in at the fall Western Athletic Conference meeting in Denver. Led by Chuck Campbell, chairman of the university of Colorado Denver Center black student association, the blacks presented what they called "An Open Challenge to WAC". They posed these questions to the group:

"Should BYU be suspended from the WAC until it has removed racist policies inherent in its organization?"

"Should black athletes in the conference object to and promote change of questionable conference practices?"

"Will the WAC admit injustices committed against 14 black athletes at the University of Wyoming and demand their immediate reinstatement?"

"Will the WAC work to provide opportunity to black athletes at the expense of the status quo?"

"Will the WAC set the example for the nation in reprimanding a university coach (Eaton) that has

erred in his responsibilities to the conference and refused to correct such action?"

When four of the 50 blacks refused to leave, WAC Commissioner Wiles Hallock suggested that the meeting be recessed. Blacks have since urged black athletes to boycott the WAC altogether.

David Price, WAC director of information, later told CPS that there would be another meeting before the regularly scheduled one this spring. He indicated that the time and place of the special meeting might not be publicly announced.

Price acknowledged that student governing bodies at several member schools have passed resolutions urging their respective schools to pull out of WAC. He said that such a decision was an administrative one to be made by the appropriate administrative officials at each institution. Price felt however, that administrations "almost always take student requests into account."

He added that if a school were to leave the conference the WAC would be "weaker" and that the remaining members would take "a long hard look at membership." He hastened to add that was "already being done to a degree."

Price also discussed the "Black 14" and the trial in Cheyenne. He said that Eaton's dismissal of the blacks was not a conference matter. "We have tried to stay away from it," he said. "No conference rule was broken." He felt that if the ruling in court was in favor of the blacks, it would present "serious problems for the conference." Price maintained that a coach "has a strong and necessary right for discipline...."

Apparently WAC officials believe that Eaton's action was in keeping with this right. Price, however, was reluctant to comment on the matter altogether, pointing out that it is before a court and asserting "that much went on up there that the public

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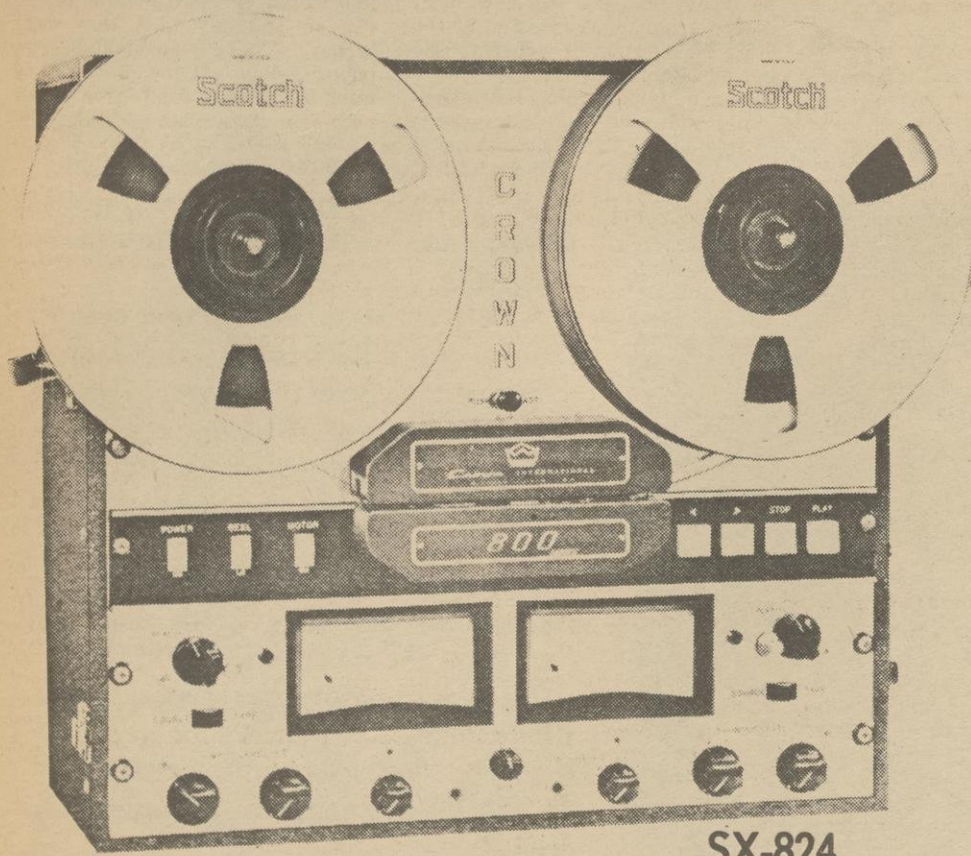
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Public Jams Council Hearing On '70 School Budget Issue

By MAUREEN SANTINI
Copy Editor

Over 200 taxpayers jammed the city council chambers Monday night to witness and participate in a public hearing on the proposed 1970 school budget. By Cardinal deadline, no action had been taken on a final budget.

At issue, was the original school budget of \$33.6 million which would necessitate an increase in the property tax rate of 2.32 mills (\$2.32 on each \$1000 of assessed valuation). The Board of Estimates

per cent of the body, will set the final budget figure.

By 11 p.m., eleven persons had voiced their feelings on the school budget and the cuts suggested by the Board of Estimates. Sixty seven persons had registered to speak.

After the Board of Estimates made their final recommendations Thursday, school board members charged that the cuts would degrade the quality of education in the city, which is seen as a lure to potential taxpayers to move to Madison.

Douglas Ritchie, superintendent of schools, contended at the hearing that each area in which reductions were suggested would be adversely affected if the funds were not restored. Some areas the Board of Estimates felt could be reduced were: salaries for non-teachers, junior high athletics, adult recreation, research and installation of an IBM computer. The city board suggested that \$850,000 obtained from the sale of school property could be applied to the debt retirement, thus reducing the burden on taxpayers by one mill.

Ritchie objected. Such a fund shift would be a "one-time" operation, he said, and in the long run increase the school budget in future years.

"Your suggestion indicates that the cost of living is at a plateau," Ritchie told the aldermen, "and that the economy is stagnant. Is it?" In light of the increase in the general cost of living, Ritchie

defended the 1970 budget as "realistic and necessary" for continued educational excellence.

The superintendent interjected that the Board of Education had eliminated \$2.8 million from the budget before it was given to the city for review.

Although the Joint Fiscal Control Group sets the final budget figure, the place in which any cuts would be made is determined by the school board.

Other speakers commented on the excellence of the city's schools. Some asked only that the funds allocated be spent as wisely as possible and some were generally concerned about the possibility of an increase in the property tax mill rate.

Few were specifically for or against the proposed budget, conceding that education is a touchy subject.

Mrs. Ruth Doyle, chairman of the school board, opposed the suggested reduction on the grounds that it would save the individual taxpayer only five dollars, yet do great damage to the educational system.

U.S. to Support Ban on CBW

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon is expected to announce Tuesday that the U.S. will support a ban on production and stockpiling of biological warfare weapons, the office of Rep. Richard D. McCarthy (D-N.Y.) said Monday night.

Nixon will make the announcement before a bipartisan Congressional meeting at the White House, McCarthy's office said.

after reviewing the school budget last week, recommended a reduction of \$1.52 million from the original figure. If enacted, this would lower the mill hike needed to about .85.

The Joint Fiscal Control Group, composed of representatives of the Madison School District, with the city's aldermen comprising 92

Harvard Team Isolates Gene

By GENE WELLS
Cardinal Staff Writer

A team of scientists at the Harvard Medical school has for the first time isolated the basic chemical unit of heredity, the gene—but the team's head says the development is "more frightening than hopeful."

"It is obvious that it raises the possibility of genetic engineering," said Dr. Jonathan Beckwith. He and Dr. James Shapiro, a member of Beckwith's scientific team, both expressed concern that the discovery might lead to scientific tampering with human traits.

The achievement probably means that it will someday be possible to cure human diseases or change inborn traits by injection of new genes. Some scientists have estimated that this could become a reality within 25 years.

Technically, the "isolated gene" was a purified segment of bacterial DNA that was responsible for only one genetic function. It measured 1.4 microns or .000055 inches in length, and could be photographed with an electron microscope.

Many scientists have been using different approaches in attempting to isolate a gene, but had succeeded only in isolating groups of three or four. The isolation of a single gene means that its action and the action of other cell components on it can be studied without other genes complicating the findings.

The work which led to the discovery was performed over a two-month period last summer, but has not been published until very recently.

Beckwith said the possible eventual use of the discovery is frightening, "especially when we see work in biology used by our government in Vietnam and in devising chemical and biological weapons." "The use by the government is the thing that frightens us," Shapiro concurred.

But Dr. Joshua Lederberg, a Nobel prize winning geneticist at Stanford, has argued that potential medical benefits of genetic control outweigh the risks of misuse for political purposes.

"My reaction is a favorable one," Genetics Prof. James F.

Crow commented. He said he recognized the possibility that the knowledge will be misused, but added that he was more excited about the possibilities for good than about possible misuse.

Crow noted that the government at present has the power to control artificial insemination and has not misused it.

The discovery was hailed by scientists as a significant one, but not a surprising one. It was the logical next step in a series of advances in the field of genetics which followed the discovery 25 years ago that DNA was the substance responsible for heredity.

It was "inevitable that somebody would do this sooner or later," Crow commented.

Anti-Merkel Group Forms

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the 33rd senatorial district, recently vacated by the death of Sen. Chester Dempsey (R-Hartland).

"We will eventually endorse a candidate," said Mitchell, "but right now we're just interested in providing opportunities for candidates to express their opinions. We're going to compile facts which will be made public record for future elections. Right now we're still very open to the wishes of the people."

"There are some people in this community," he added, "who are very active in the Birch Society. They function religiously to try to get elected on school boards and other positions. They lost in the recent election here, but by only a hairline."

Although the Birch Society generally attempts to infiltrate only local levels of government, Assemblyman Merkel has successfully used its fear tactics of the "communist threat" in state legislation. The legislative investigation committee on communist influence in University demonstrations and Merkel's appointment as head of the poverty studies committee are cases in point.

Merkel's all-Republican committee, which included John Bircher Assemblyman George Klicka (R-Wauwatosa), was responsible

for defeating Gov. Warren Knowles' \$33 million welfare and urban aid bill. Merkel was also the chief architect of the 1969-71 state budget which had all but eliminated University and welfare funds in the first place.

His \$4.9 million substitute bill would take \$4 million from the University and \$900,000 from the state universities system. The only mention of welfare is a provision that would allow Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) recipients to earn up to \$60 per month instead of the present \$30 and still qualify for ADC.

In June, Merkel opposed an open housing bill, calling it another "spike in the coffin of personal property rights." Last March he voted to kill the new civil rights programs requested by the State Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations.

Assemblyman Merkel is especially endeared to the University by his numerous clear-sighted unbiased statements concerning its administration. Last year he demanded the resignation or outright dismissal of Pres. Fred Harrington for "losing control of the campus," citing campus anti-war protests and the nudity in Stuart Gordon's production of "Peter Pan" as proof.

He also demanded that University housing officials be fired last

January for failure to take action against some male students who slept in the lounge of a women's dormitory.

This year Merkel, criticizing University funds being spent for cultural purposes, blurted out in assembly, "I grew up without all that stuff."

Some of his other words of wisdom include, "I just can't see all this emphasis on social work, and, uh—what do you call it?—political science and the like. There's just no need to emphasize these things so much." Merkel is also a strong advocate of raising the student-teacher ratio at the University—to have more students per teacher.

Merkel on free speech: "There's lots of places the trouble-makers can go and say what they want to say. There's parks and large public areas, all the places they want. But they don't have to get onto the sidewalks and into the streets to say what they want to say."

It is interesting to note that in 1967, Merkel proposed a bill to ban communist speakers and teachers from all state universities.

The assemblyman's most recent proposal to punish unwed mothers by arrest or a \$200 fine is only a small part of a mass-scale Birch campaign to "moralize" America. The project centers on eliminating sex education from public schools, which Birchers claim is a communist plot to demoralize the country.

Assem. Lewis Mittens (D-Janesville) has charged that the anti-sex education bill, authored by Birchers Merkel and Klicka, is "one step toward the police state the John Birch Society is working toward."

Merkel, former chairman of the right wing Americans for Constitutional Action, also voted in favor of the Dirksen Amendment.

"There's a great misunderstanding about that," Merkel said. "It only changes the Constitution to give more votes to the rural areas. Right now the cities have the majority, and I just don't believe in majority rule. I'm even more opposed to minority rule, but the majority could be just as despotic as the minority."

Merkel added that Milwaukee is the wealthiest city in the state, has a good tax base, and needs no more money from the state.

Although he claims the Birch Society has not given contributions to any of his campaigns, Merkel admits he has been faithfully paying his dues for six years now.

"People have always known I'm a member," he stated. "But the Suburban Citizens are probably correct in saying that most people don't believe in the principles of the John Birch Society. If they did we wouldn't have the problems we do today."

Officer Charged By Army In Vietnam Atrocities

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Army Monday ordered a young lieutenant court-martialed on charges of premeditated murder of 109 South Vietnamese, including a two-year-old child, in the alleged U.S. massacre at My Lai village.

The case of 1st Lt. William L. Calley Jr., will be tried as a capital offense, meaning that if convicted, the 26-year-old Waynesville, N.C., man faces a penalty of death or life imprisonment.

Calley is the first American soldier formally accused in the alleged mass killings, which have stirred up an international furor.

One other Army man—S. Sgt. David Mitchell—has been charged with assault with intent to murder My Lai villagers, and the Army is investigating 24 other soldiers and ex-soldiers in connection with the case.

The Calley case may be unprecedented so far as the magnitude of the alleged crimes is concerned. Army officers said they could not recall another case in previous wars where an army man was accused of killing so many civilians.

The decision to hold a general court-martial for Calley was made

by Maj. Gen. Orwin C. Talbott, commanding officer at Ft. Benning, Ga., where Calley now is stationed.

The announcement brought the first official release of six charges and specifications setting forth the alleged atrocities. Until Monday the Army had maintained virtual silence on the details.

In one major accusation, Calley is accused of killing "an unknown number of Oriental human beings not less than 70, males and females of various ages... by means of shooting them with a rifle."

Other specifications charged Calley with killing at least 39 persons. One was approximately two years old, name and sex unknown.

Army legal experts have said that Calley could be charged with premeditated murder if he issued an order leading to the killing and did not do the actual firing himself.

Defense Department spokesman Richard Capen told newsmen during the day that the specifications mean "that he did these things," that is, that Calley allegedly pulled

the trigger in all 109 cases.

But several hours later the Pentagon said it could not say whether Calley was the actual killer. But it emphasized that premeditated murder could be charged regardless of whether he carried out the killings or ordered others to do so.

Calley's court-martial will be held at Ft. Benning and will be public except for times when the judge may order closed sessions to protect classified information, Capen said.

Sen. Charles Percy, R-Ill., urged investigations by both the Pentagon and the Senate while Sen. Stephen M. Young called for a Senate inquiry.

As the Calley case came to a head, the Army announced the assignment of Lt. Gen. William R. Peers to determine whether Army field officers who originally investigated the case should be held accountable for covering it up.

Last March Army headquarters in Washington decided to reopen the case on the basis of a letter written to 30 congressmen by an ex-GI saying he heard a number of atrocity stories about My Lai,

Slashed Budget Puts Libraries in a Bind

Budget cuts have resulted in a "disastrous" situation for the University library system.

In the annual report given to the faculty, Libraries Director Louis Kaplan said Monday that a January cutback in funds ordered by Gov. Warren Knowles has periodically put the circulation department in chaos.

Kaplan added that "forced savings" of \$80,000 required in 1969-71 will worsen the deterioration. "The consequences of this to the library can best be described as disastrous," Kaplan said in the report.

The director explained the cut included a hiring freeze, resulting in 12,600 lost man hours when professional librarians quit. "In order to prevent a complete breakdown in service, we were forced at times to divert clerks and typists from technical services to return books to shelves," he said.

Citing the conflict that the 1069-71 budget places upon the library, Kaplan commented, "We are now approaching a situation which requires a decision; in the future, shall we permit services to deteriorate? or shall we spend a smaller percentage of our dollars on books? or shall the University provide the library with a large percentage of its total dollars?"

In addition to the budget squeeze, the library will receive no increase in state funds and only \$65,000 from the federal government.

"Taking into account the ravages of inflation in the purchase of books and serials," Kaplan concluded, "the entire dreary picture comes into focus."

The report also said some departments have been placed on a budgeted basis. The Library Committee's report, given to the faculty along with Kaplan's statement, indicated funds were lacking for extended library hours.

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Student Power Upswing At Wis. State Universities

By TIM BAXTER

While the Board of Regents has taken steps away from student self-determination, governing bodies of other state universities have moved toward increased student participation in the running of their own lives.

By reinstating women's hours and restricting visitation against the wishes of students, faculty and the administration, the regents have in effect reaffirmed their absolute power as nonstudents governing a student body. Other state universities have seen things differently. At least 30 state universities within the past year have made innovations providing for greater student weight in policy matters.

Among these, Massachusetts has been the scene of the most far reaching action. There, the first state law in history was passed last August to elect one voting student to each of the boards of trustees of the University of Massachusetts, Lowell Technological Institute and Southeastern Massachusetts University.

In Massachusetts, a student with full power will also be elected to the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, ruling 12 state colleges, and to the Board of Regional Community Colleges, responsible for 13 community colleges in the state.

Other state universities have taken similar measures. In 1968, the University of Kentucky provided for a student on its governing board. The governors of Connecticut and Maine have appointed students to full voting memberships on the boards of the University of Connecticut and the University of Maine. Cornell University recently named a student with full power to its board.

The boards of the University of Washington and the University of Wyoming have nonvoting student members. The president of

the University of Vermont has proposed placing a nonvoting student on the board of that University.

According to an Oct. 7, 1969, circular of the Office of Institutional Research of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, many state universities have allowed students to move for power in other ways.

At the University of North Carolina, students and faculty members will man two disciplinary committees to advise the chancellor on student disruption matters. The circular says University of Georgia students will be in charge of all general disciplinary action.

Ohio University has provided for six task forces, composed of students, faculty and administration, to examine university academic priorities, budget matters, resources, services and facilities. Ohio also has included students on a president's advisory council.

Other colleges with administration advisory councils are the City University of New York, Iowa State University and Utah State University.

The Office of Institutional Research said students at Georgia Tech helped pick their new president, and students at the University of California at Davis participated in the choosing of a chancellor.

Students have been named to course and curriculum committees at Louisiana State University. Students will vote on 18 faculty committees at the University of Missouri at Rolla and on 38 committees at Ohio University. Fifteen administrative committees at the University of Montana will contain student members.

Other state universities where students are taking a larger voice are the University of Minnesota,

the University of New Hampshire, the State University of New York College of Arts and Science, the University of Alabama, the University of Arkansas, Oregon State University, Indiana University and the University of Delaware.

Wisconsin's regents have done a little to increase "student participation and communication," as some of the regents phrase it. The board recently adopted a resolution introduced by Regent Bernard Ziegler to allow WSA Pres. David Schaefer ("the student head most representative of the student body," says Ziegler) to sit with faculty and administration representatives at regent meetings.

But Schaefer has no real or even imaginary power, and it took a small argument at the regents' last meeting just to let Schaefer speak about hours and visitation.

The regents themselves seem to have differing opinions about voting students on their board. In light of their housing decisions, some of their opinions about student power seem to be contradictory.

Regent Maurice B. Pasch: "I myself would have no objection to a student serving on the board."

Regent Robert V. Dahlstrom: "I can't see anything against a full student member. I think what we've done with Mr. Schaefer indicates a general feeling that we want greater student participation and communication."

Regent Mrs. Howard V. Sandin: "I think it's a very good thing."

Regent Charles D. Gelatt: "I don't agree with it. Students are well enough represented by student government bodies and the total mass of students on campus."

Regent Dr. James W. Nellen: "I think students should be participatory, but not part of the Board of Regents."

Regent Bernard C. Ziegler: "I have strong feelings opposed to it. I don't see any reasons for students to bypass the administration and faculty and leap frog right to the regents. If we seat students, we would have to seat the faculty and the administration."

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Wisconsin Union

Coretta King Speaks at UWM Women's League

By STEVE VETZNER
Cardinal Staff Writer

Speaking before a conference of the Women's League of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Michael Harrington, author of "The Other America" and "Towards a Democratic Left," said Saturday that when the Vietnam war ends those who now support the war must join with those who do not to develop a political majority to implement social change. Mrs. Coretta King also addressed the group.

Harrington stressed a nonviolent political struggle must be waged to change the social class structure to effect changes.

"The peace movement can never be a majority," said Harrington. "It must rally with other forces of society in order to become an advance guard of a new population."

Harrington's address came at a one day conference in Milwaukee on Saturday on "Woman Power in Action for Peace."

Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, received the annual Woman in Action award from the conference and delivered the keynote address.

Mrs. King told the women at the affair, over 700, that "women are superbly equipped to bring out necessary changes in society."

If man fails in his quest for peace "he will through his own utter folly destroy himself and

all the wonderful things he has created," she said.

Mrs. King termed racism one of the most corrosive forms of violence and said black people are frustrated daily by the violence of a lack of educational opportunity; a lack of decent jobs; and a lack of adequate housing.

In his morning address, Harrington claimed President Nixon was using the same old tired policy in Vietnam. "It is the policy which got us in, a wrong policy," said Harrington, "and it is the policy which won't get us out."

He advocated instead a future foreign policy of international foreign aid which would be depoliticized.

Concerning domestic issues, Harrington said peace groups must join with labor groups who sup-

port the war because they have similar ideas on social, domestic and economic policies.

Harrington admitted that youth groups within the peace movement would have to alter their style somewhat in dress and vocabulary to accommodate this coalition.

Both Harrington and Mrs. King pleaded to the women to understand the youth movement. This young movement within the peace movement is the most important group in the country, according to Harrington.

Mrs. King said, "The young have not failed us but rather we have failed them. They have not been able to accept the violence of racism. There is little in this racist society which appeals to them."

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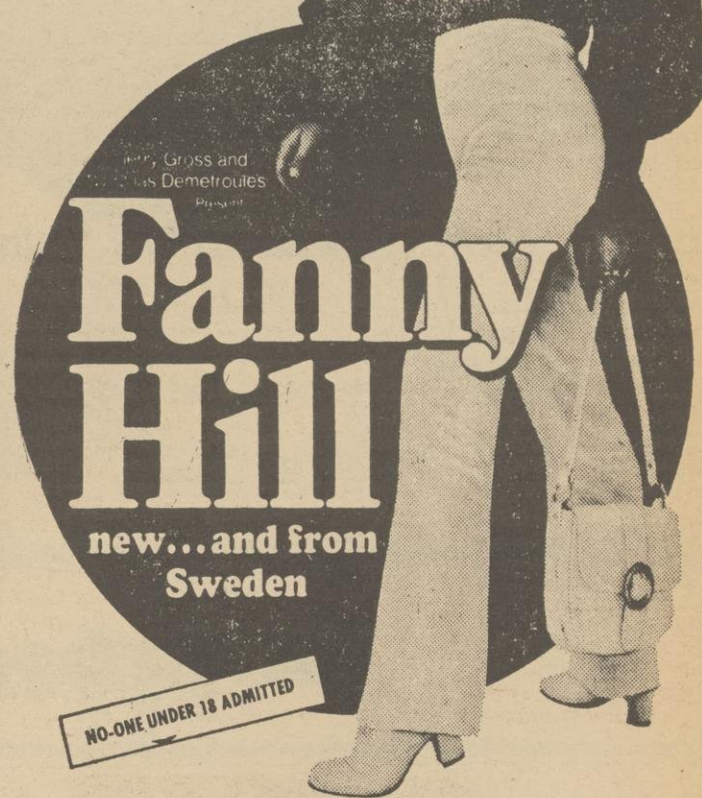


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Staff Expounds On Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is . . .
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David Fine—right on
Mark Shapiro—John Coatta
Mickey Pflieger—I dunno?
Steve Vetzner—nothing
Denise Schwartz—a pseudonym for Christmas

STAFF FORUM

Under The Carpet

LEILA PINE

There are times when "objectivity" becomes a rope around a reporter's neck. I could not relate my interview with Assemblyman Kenneth Merkel in a news story without sacrificing "objectivity," not to mention credibility. Objectivity covers up all the dirt.

Were this magic carpet removed more often, the general public would see what a madhouse the state legislature really is, complete with emotional fits, childish cackling, and damn silly name-calling. But back to Merkel.

On the Assemblyman's office wall is a bumper sticker that reads "Shame on Shabaz—Merkel too!" He obviously sees it as a very funny joke. Mr. Merkel has a marvelous sense of humor.

"Where are you from?" asks the friendly man, "New Jersey," I smile back, "Ah, ha, ha!" laughs Uncle Ken. "You've got to pay that out-of-state tuition!" Roars of laughter. If only my father could hear you, Mr. Assemblyman.

But I laugh amiably and get out my notepad. Ah, not so fast, the comedy routine's not over. Merkel has brought a little conversation piece to show me.

"Sure don't want to lose my 'Eat Grapes' button," he beams. "I just love grapes, especially since the grape strike. Why, I tell my wife to buy as much grapes as she can, even though the prices have gone up. I really want to help those poor grape pickers who are out of jobs. You got one of these buttons?"

"No sir, I don't like grapes."

"Really? I just love grapes."

Okay, so he's trying to bait me, I'll wait. Don't pay attention to him and he'll simmer down (Child Psych 407).

I made the mistake of asking him where his hometown was. He whipped out a map of Marshfield and went into a 10 minute skit on Landmarks of His Childhood—laughing all the time.

His straight man, Assemblyman Tommy Thompson, was sitting at the next desk all this time chuckling under his breath. When I asked Merkel about his recent bill to punish unwed mothers Thompson went into convulsions of laughter.

"Now I realize," Merkel pointed out to me, "that it takes two to fornicate."

Very observant of you, sir.

"I'm not saying you shouldn't punish the father for fornicating too. And I'm not saying people won't fornicate anyway. I realize that if they're going to fornicate they'll fornicate no matter what you do."

Thompson was rolling in his seat.

"But to give single people contraceptives is to say that fornication is okay. All I'm saying is that if they want to fornicate, the government shouldn't get in on the act—Tommy, stop laughing!"

Poor Tommy. He couldn't control himself and had to leave. Merkel had all the while been stabbing his styrofoam coffee cup with his pencil and had now successfully pushed it through both sides like a bucket handle. I wanted to congratulate him, but he was so wrapped up in his theories on fornication that I hated to interrupt him.

When I did get in a serious question, it went something like this:

Kenneth Merkel on the rights of welfare recipients—

"Isn't there a contradiction, sir, in your statement that..."

"Well, you have to get back to the basic problem of urban renewal..."

"I wasn't talking about urban renewal, I was talking about..."

"Yes, well you've got to get back to the basic problem of urban renewal..."

"Perhaps I'm not making my question clear, sir..."

"Uh, yes, well it looks like I've got to get back to the assembly now."

Back to the assembly. Kenneth Merkel is a member of the assembly. Kenneth Merkel is on the Joint Finance Committee. Kenneth Merkel is a member of the John Birch Society. He is credited as being the chief architect of the 1969-71 state budget which slashed University and welfare funds.

Kenneth Merkel—John Bircher—was appointed to head a poverty studies committee for Milwaukee's black inner core, the committee which was to determine whether the \$38 million welfare and urban aid bill would pass. It didn't.

But, then, don't pay too much attention to this trivia. After all, objectivity covers up the dirt.

Letters To The Editor

SEES 102 REMOVAL AS POLITICAL MOVE

Dear Sirs:

The decision of the English department to abolish English 102 should be seen as a political decision. Members of the English TAA pose a threat to the institutionalized power of the department and the conceptions of education and social structure for which that power is used. The department has tried to obscure this political struggle by representing the concern of the TA's as simply job security. This is objectively false.

The controversy over English 102 arose because TA's refused to participate in planning another version of standard English 102 under the control of the department. While English professors decided, behind police-protected doors, to abolish freshman English, TA's were debating a proposal to place the course under the collective, democratic control of TA's and students. Through long experience, many TA's had come to understand that only by controlling the courses they teach will they be able to develop genuine education.

Freshman English was abolished partially because faculty members responded to what they saw as the impudence of TA's and the threat of the union. But the decision on 102 took place in a larger context in which the University operates to serve the needs of a corporate structure which holds the economic and political power of the nation. In the context of the University as a training center for the future salesmen, engineers and researchers employed by corporations and the military, as well as those who will teach their ideology, students must be taught to write clearly and think uncritically. Such vocational training obviously excludes serious questioning of the validity, rationality, or morality of the corporate capitalism students are being trained to serve. The rhetorical approach to writing, discussion of "The Joys of Sport at Oxford," and the subtle anti-communism of "College Writing" do serve the needs of "the system." As a service to all the colleges in the University, Freshman English is responsible for meeting the needs of other departments in training students. In addition, its rigid requirements and strict attendance introduce each freshman to the process by which one gets an "education." When the course no longer functioned to socialize in this way, it had to be abolished. When a few TA's began to redefine education as the development of one's ability to think and act critically in response to one's society and the ideology which perpetuates it, they became a desocializing force. The Department acted against all TA's.

But 102 will continue. From now on people will be trained to write and think only in terms of their future jobs. In a letter to TA's dated Nov. 19, William Lenehan, Director of Freshman English states, "The department decided that the area in which the student would be willing and able to do his best writing is that subject matter to which he has made a commitment—his major field of study. Therefore, we suggest that individual departments assume responsibility for the writing proficiency of their students." Now neither the History Department nor the School of Engineering need worry that students are thinking too much, or writing creatively, or reading literature (as Dean Leidel of the engineering school complained). Until teachers, like other workers, control the work they do, their work will serve the interests of an elite who hold power, or be abolished. Meanwhile real education, the legitimate aim of TA's will have to operate largely underground.

Pauline Lipman
English TA

CALLS FOR TALKS ON 102 ABOLITION

Dear Sirs:

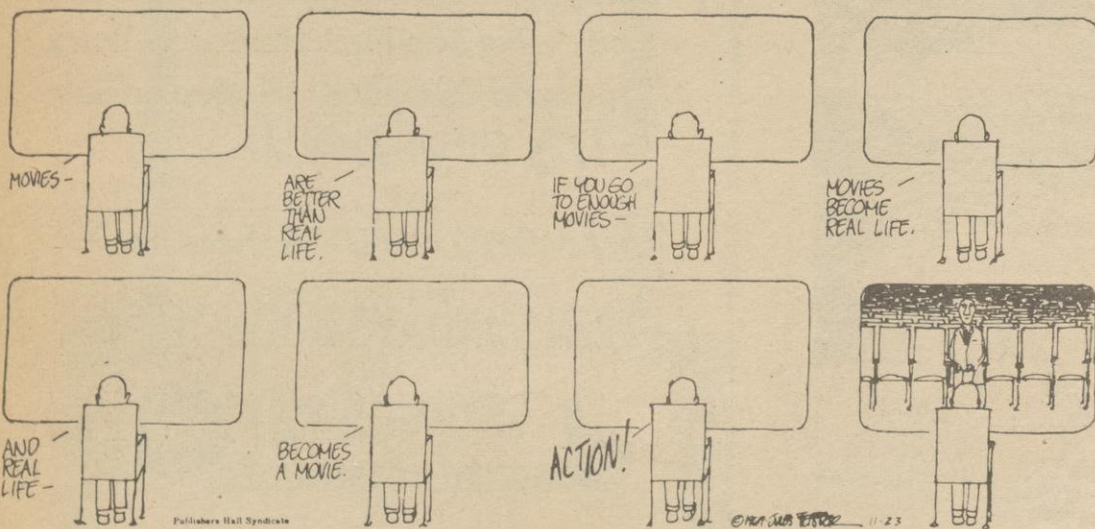
The English Department in a wholly unexpected move has decided in secret session behind police guarded doors to abolish Freshman English. In two meetings in two successive weeks the depart-

ment made its decision with great haste and with no small element of panic. The action has come as a great shock to the department's TAs who have the responsibility for teaching the course, and who had no indication that such a move was under serious consideration and who, moreover, were denied both their right to be consulted about the move and their right to witness the two meetings devoted to its consideration. Seeking to reassure and placate TA's fearful of being without financial support for the next year and angered by the summary and completely contemptuous manner in which they had been treated, the department, through William Lenehan, Director of Freshman English, sent a letter (dated Nov. 19, 1969) to its TA's. The letter, rather than clarifying, placating, and reassuring, is insulting to our intelligence and sense of justice. It has the audacity of trying to explain to the teachers of Freshman English that on the one hand freshmen don't need a writing course and on the other that even if they do (and I'm not referring to remedial courses) the teaching of writing should be done by other departments. What other departments: business, mathematics, engineering, physics, astronomy, dairy science, animal science? It's an absurd proposition, as absurd as the Math Department telling the English Department that it should be responsible for the instruction in mathematics of English majors taking courses in math. Equally absurd and insulting is the other "factor" we are told went into making the decision, that "our teaching assistant staff is academically prepared for and committed to the teaching of literature, in such a course as English 200, rather than composition and that its efforts are better expended in teaching literature." The statement suggests that teaching assistants don't want to teach the course, that they are not equipped to do so, that literature cannot be used for teaching composition, and finally that it is a course that only teaching assistants teach. Clearly what the statement does is pervert the whole force of the TA's concern for the course—which is to subject it to radical reform to make of it a course worth teaching and of which the department can be proud.

If the department letter presents us with insubstantial, inconsistent, and misleading reasons for abolishing 102, it is not, however, without its measure of reassurance. I have no doubt that the department will honor its acknowledged commitment to provide support to all present TA's "who are eligible for, and merit, reappointment." That is the honorable thing to do and I have no doubt we are dealing with honorable men. What is important at this point is to ask why the department has put forth spurious reasons for its action. I cannot escape from the conviction that the logic behind their conclusion that a weak course should be abolished rather than subject to major reform is that they find it preferable to abolish the course than turn it over to TA's and students to do with as they see fit. It's the old question of power and the ends toward which that power is directed. Threatened with pressure from TA's to allow them and their students, to set up a course over which the department would have no control (other than the usual power to determine appointments) and which would attempt to teach critical thinking and writing through material chosen by students and TA's; threatened too by the pressure from other departments and from deans to whom the department is at present responsible for the conduct of Freshman English, the department has moved to consolidate its power and to free itself from the burden of responsibility to other interests in the University. It has done so by the classic tactic of eliminating the opposition, or so it hopes. Of course there is, or was, an alternative: instead of reacting like a force under siege, the department could have chosen, in fact still can choose, to sit

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down to discuss with TA's how to make significant improvements in the course and in the department. So long as the department places primary emphasis on Decorum, Privilege, and Rank (which some of our senior and even some of our junior faculty seem to find necessary to maintain their own sense of security) and even some of our junior faculty tual needs and concerns, so long will it deny itself the opportunity to put into constructive use the great vitality, initiative, and creativity that TA's have demonstrated in the past and will continue to demonstrate in the future. In an interesting way the department faces the same crisis that American society faces: because it fears the loss of power to the young and the vital, it chooses not to accommodate but to stifle its impulses.

I have written this letter because I believe it is necessary to respond to the department's duplicity, and because I think it is necessary to make as public as possible the kind of discussion that should have gone on before such an important decision was reached.

Richard Damashek
English Department TA

Dear Sirs:

There is something happening here that seems to have slipped your notice. We are about to be rudely awakened.

Consider: 1) The time between the introduction of an image and its total gestation by the public is growing increasingly short. (that is why, divine brethren, we have to run ever faster to stay in the same place.) I.E. the time for the most popular song to get from the charts to the half-time band at the football game (total gestation) is getting shorter. I.E. the oldfolks, the fascists we left behind years ago, are starting to go through changes, and getting more uptight all the time. 2) Our lives are total warfare and always have been. (the less said

about that the better).

Conclusion: NU/CLEAR WAR Dig it. Nobody's going to fight Big Uncle Sam. He's just too big. (30,000 tons of dynamite for every human being.) But second place is still in contention. Russia thought she had it sown up until China started to rumble. And these Chinese, at 750 million strong, are heavy. Russia now has to do something about this big yellow neighbor and what's the best way to slaughter 750 million people? Needless to say, not only won't China survive, neither'll we. The western air currents come to us from Siberia; we have no way of avoiding the nuclear fallout.

When? Six months, no more. Only the fierce Russian winter stands between us and World War III.

Salvation lies in the giant, Hugh. The American Public Opinion. There's no greater image for the Russians or the Chinese than the will of a one-minded American Mass Audience (hallowed be that name), united in that they do not want to die. And her hero and faith is her long-haired saintly son, soon coming to manhood, who's been screaming for peace since God know's when. Right on, brother.

So, gemmen, we are about to be shrewdly awakened AND SET FREE! Don't lose faith; she

can still hear you. Lennon has given us early warning: (Did not the spectre of death touch you somewhere near McCartney's grave?) I love you all.

pax vobiscum

Sirs:

So the Department of English has decided to take some radical action! This year 98% of the freshmen are required to take freshman English, while at least half are turning in papers they wrote in high school. Next year 98% of the freshmen will be exempt from English, leaving at least half of them—the other half—lacking in basic skills of written communication. This is not to mention, of course, over a hundred TAs who will be lacking jobs. Chalk up two points to the University for another great radical step—backwards, that is.

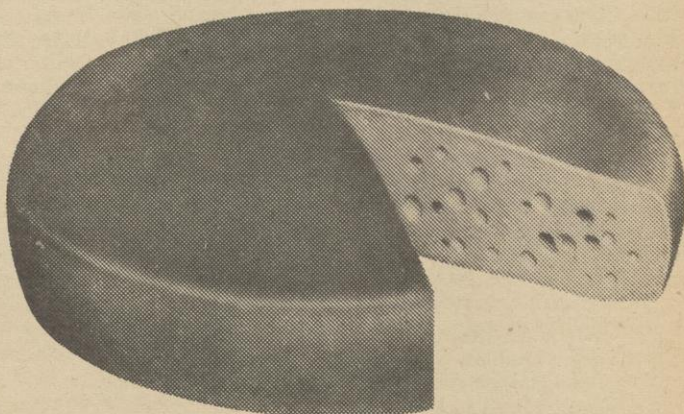
Leslie Horn
BA-1

PROSE AND POETRY

The new annual for the University, the Wisconsin Art Portfolio, is holding a contest for prose and poetry entries to appear in the book. The contest deadline is Dec. 8. Especially wanted are entries on the Oct. and Nov. moratoriums. Send to Wisconsin Badger Yearbook Office, 502 N. Frances.



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Before we do anything else, I have to send in my reservation card for my senior yearbook picture time.

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Anyway Josie — you'll just have to wait.



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Campus News Briefs

MAPAC

The Madison Area Peace Action Council will hold a planning committee meeting for those interested in a Christmas boycott, tonight at 7:30 at St. Francis House. The action may include protest against children's war toys.

ISRAELI DANCE

The Israeli dancers will again kick their heels at 8 tonight at Hillel. All interested are welcome.

WIBA RADIO

Where can a student, or anyone interested in what's happening on campus, get this information quickly and easily? Where can this student hear, on a regular basis, interviews with University personalities? The answer is the "broadcast bulletin board" of the Union Public Information Committee, heard on WIBA every Tuesday night at 10:30. This weekly radio show gives listeners a capsule view of Union events and an insight into activities on campus.

HOMOPHYLE

The homophyle league will meet tonight at St. Francis House, 1001 University at 7:30 for a short business meeting followed by coffee hour and get together.

IMPERIALISM SPEAKER

The Madison Socialist Forum will sponsor a speech by Nelson Blackstock, national secretary of YSA tonight at 8 at the Che Guevara Bookstore, 202 W. Gilman, at the corner of Henry Street. The topic is "Imperialism and the World-Wide Youth Radicalization."

WAR RESISTERS

All those interested in forming a Madison chapter of the War Resisters League are invited to an organizational meeting, Sunday at 7:30 in the chapel of the University YMCA. The League is a national non-violent war resistance organization. Please call 251-1671 for information.

RIDING CLUB

The Hoofers Riding Club will not meet Wednesday, but will meet next week at the regular time.

SUMMER WELFARE WORK

The Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago has sent material about their 1970 Summer Work Program. It is geared for those students who want to seriously

explore and test their interests in social work careers. It is an 8-week period of employment within a variety of welfare agencies. Priority will be given to earlier applicants. For details and applications, contact 117 Bascom Hall.

HANDBALL TOURNEY

The Second Annual Capitol City Open Handball Tourney will be held Dec. 5, 6, and 7 at the Central and New West Branch YMCA's. Players are expected to enter from all over the Midwest. For further information, call Dave Myers, 231-2471. Entry deadline is Nov. 28.

PAL PROGRAMS

The University YW-YMCA is still in need of volunteers for its Pal and Gal Pal Programs. It is a relationship based on an individual friendship with a 4th, 5th, or 6th grade boy or girl. If interested, call Dale Adams 257-2534 for the Pal Program and Ruth Minter, 257-2534 for the Gal Pal Program.

PAPER DRIVE

Pick-up of papers for the Right Street Teen Club will be on Dec. 13. The money received will be used for a trip for underprivileged teens in the Right Street area. Call Tom Baker, 257-2534.

Texas Students Ban Union to Outsiders

Students at the Austin campus of the University of Texas voted 7397 to 4643 last week to make the dining facilities in the Student Union off limits to anyone but "students, faculty, staff members, and their guests."

The vote followed a confrontation between students, nonstudents and police outside the student Union after police had attempted to clear nonstudents from one of the dining areas in the building.

Trouble began Nov. 7 when two Austin detectives picked up an 11 year old runaway in the Chuck Wagon cafeteria. As the girl was led out, a taunting crowd gathered outside. One of the detectives drew his service revolver to keep the crowd at bay.

The following day, District Attorney Robert O. Smith called for a grand jury investigation of the Chuck Wagon, terming it a "hangout for hippies and runaways and a sanctuary for drug users and prostitutes." That night, the Student Union Board voted to exclude outsiders from the cafeteria for two weeks.

On Monday Nov. 10 university guards began checking identifica-

tion of persons entering the Chuck Wagon, but a number of nonstudents managed to enter the facility anyway. The Student Union Board, then held a two hour meeting and decided to call the police to vacate the cafeteria.

When the police arrived they issued a deadline of 4:15 p.m. for vacancy of the Chuck Wagon. As the deadline approached, many of the protestors left, but some remained. Police used Mace and nightsticks to clear the building. Windows and glass doors were smashed by fleeing demonstrators.

Outside the building, a small battle ensued between demonstrators and police. Rocks and bottles were thrown at police and tires slashed. Five students and three nonstudents were arrested and there was one reported injury.

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where imagination is the essential qualification.

Suspended Athletes Persistent

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doesn't know about."

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—(CPS)—Students at Mormon affiliated Brigham Young University (BYU) are tired of having people call their institution racist.

And although as Jerry Garret, news editor of the campus newspaper The Daily Universe puts it, "we don't want to get involved in demonstrations," the students did something about the way they feel they have been maligned.

The Mormons don't allow blacks to hold certain positions in their church. They aren't racist, however, that's just a matter of church doctrine, Garret says. Some blacks haven't seen eye to eye with the Mormons and over the past few years members of several teams that have played BYU have worn armbands and similar paraphernalia to protest what they term racist policies.

The whole matter was emphasized this fall when Coach Lloyd Eaton suspended 14 blacks from the University of Wyoming football team for taking part in such a protest. Now wherever the BYU team goes they meet even more protest than in the past.

Jerry Garret decided to do something about correcting everyone's impressions. He pointed out in a column he wrote for the Daily Universe that the next team BYU was scheduled to play had no indians, and suggested that students wear red armbands to protest that fact.

After the game Garret said, "We've made our point."

He told CPS that about one third of a 15,000 student cheering session at the school's Nov. 8 game wore armbands. He reported that some people thought there might be riots as a result of the action, but that everyone thought the issue was important enough to stand up and be counted. Garret said, "We can stand almost anything except people lying about us."

Garret believes that "black militants" are using BYU only as a means to attack the Mormon Church. When questioned about the possibility that the church is racist, he said, "I don't really think so. That's my personal opinion. Maybe it looks that way from the outside, but it's not true." The Mormon Church has "always had Negro members," according to Garret. "We welcome them.... it's just that church doctrine prohibits them from being priests."

Garret said that if church doctrine barred whites from membership in the priesthood, then they would not be priests either. "We can't change church doctrine just to keep up with the trends of the times," he said.

Garret was particularly concerned that this reporter not mistake him for a racist. "Ninety-nine per cent of the people on this campus are completely tolerant of other races," he said. "During vacations we go home and work next to them and never have any

problems."

He did concede that there were a few people on campus that weren't tolerant of minority groups. He labeled them members of "the lunatic fringe", and named Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) as an example of such people.

Garret ended the conversation by saying, "If you tell them anything, tell them we're not racist."

PALO ALTO, Cal.—(CPS)—Stanford President Kenneth S. Pitzer said this week he has instructed athletic supervisors at the school to schedule no further football games with Brigham Young University.

Brigham Young has been the target of recent attacks on its discrimination against blacks, who aren't allowed to hold offices in certain sections of the Mormon Church, the sponsoring institution.

Pitzer's instructions were made after he reviewed the recommendations of a committee he set up just previous to the Stanford-Brigham Young football game last Jan. 3. At that time, Pitzer announced he would prefer that the school not engage in cooperative activities with schools that discriminate. The committee's findings indicated that Brigham Young did in fact discriminate.

Brigham Young Assistant to the President Heber Wolsey said Pitzer's action was "unfair" and "discriminated" against the school.

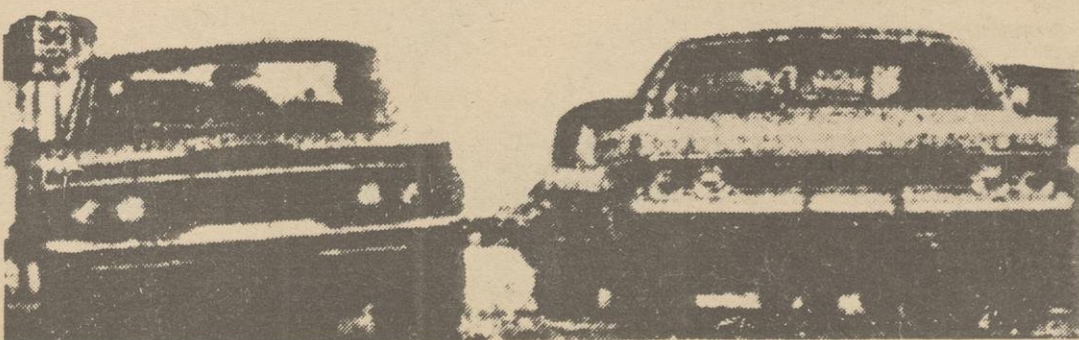
Stu Ramsay & Chicago Slim



There were two guys in a car on Chicago's southside. One with a harmonica, the other playing guitar. They stopped at a light and the driver next to them sat and watched. And listened. The light changed but nobody moved. It changed again. Three more times. The driver of the next car leaned through his window and shouted: "gonna tell my kids I saw Stu Ramsay and Chicago Slim." The light changed and everybody drove on. Singing.

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California Official Asks O.K. on Marijuana

NEW YORK (AP)—A California narcotics official said Monday that society appears to have lost its fight against the spread of marijuana use and that the drug should now be placed under the type of controls that exist for alcohol.

Weldon H. Smith, coordinator of narcotics programs for the California Department of Correction, said there is growing evidence that for persons from 14 to 30, marijuana use "pervades almost every sector of our society."

"The evidence," he said, "also indicates that most of these individuals are functioning persons in high schools where they are often leaders, on the football team and academic achievers."

"They are in colleges," he added, "in graduate schools, they are among young employed—including the professions; in other words, individuals who represent

the strongest elements in terms of their potential contributions to our society."

Smith spoke at a statewide conference on prevention of narcotics addiction. The session was sponsored by the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission. More than 2,000 persons attended, about 1,000 more than expected.

"In summary," Smith said, "we appear to have lost the battle in preventing the spread of marijuana use. The more rational approach now would be to establish the controlling and regulatory procedures similar to the laws related to alcohol. Smith said he was not urging complete legalization of marijuana, "as this is construed as open license for use by anyone."

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fensive line decimated by graduation. Stu Voigt switched to tight end and led the team in receiving with 39 catches. Alan Thompson, Joe Dawkins, Danny Crooks, and Greg Johnson gave the Badgers their best running attack since Alan Ameche. Neil Graff was the best Wisconsin passer since Ron VanderKelen, and Gary Losse surpassed him in the last two games.

Indicative of the Badgers' improved offense was its average gain per play, 4.3 yards as compared to only 3.1 in 1968.

Perhaps the Badgers' best weapon was Roger Jaeger's placekicking. Jaeger hit all of 19 extra point tries and 9 of 12 field goal attempts. Most pros would love to do as well.

But you don't give up 35 points a game and not have troubles. The Badgers spent much of the time in their losses in horrible field position. Neither the offense nor the defense could help the other.

The defense's main problem was tackling, which was hesitant and sloppy. It, more than anything, made runners like Barry Mayer, Mike Adamle, and Billy Taylor look like stars.

Letdowns hurt, too, especially on the road. The Badgers failed to win a road game for the third straight year. In most of them the game was over at the half.

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Pettinger New Swim Coach

Jack Pettinger, assistant coach in Indiana's highly successful swimming program, has been named the University of Wisconsin's head swimming coach athletic director Elroy Hirsch announced here today. Pettinger, 30 years old, succeeds John Hickman as Badger coach.

The new Badger swimming coach is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he was a member of the Wolverines 1959 and 1961 NCAA championship teams swimming the butterfly and distance freestyle events. He graduated from Michigan with an A.B. degree in history and received his M.S. degree from Indiana where he is currently a candidate for his doctorate in physical education.

Pettinger served as an assistant coach under the renowned 'Doc' Counsilman at Indiana and the Hoosiers have dominated Big Ten swimming in the 1960's with nine straight conference titles and NCAA championships in 1968 and 1969. Counsilman considers Pettinger as one of the outstanding young swimming coaches in the United States today.

Cagers Unimpressive But Wallop Frosh 109-59

By JIM COHEN
Contributing Sports Editor
The scouts from Ball State couldn't have been too impressed with Wisconsin's basketball team Saturday night.

The Badger cagers trounced their freshman counterparts, 109-59, but it's hard to base any conclusions on what happened. Traditionally, the varsity-freshman basketball contest has served as a chance for the oldsters to see some new competition and the youngsters to get the chance to challenge the mighty veterans.

The freshmen cared more about winning than the upperclassmen. But, as expected, the varsity barely had to try in order to take care of the yearlings. The inevitable result was an unexciting display of basketball.

This year's version of Badger basketball still has some questionable talent, but Wisconsin fans won't be able to find the answers until the cagers play a few serious games.

The Badger starting lineup of captain Al Henry at center, Craig Mayberry and Dave Zink at forwards, and Clarence Sherrod and

Dennis Conlon at guards looked good at times despite its sporadic sloppiness.

Sherrod, a 6-1 junior guard, led the team with 23 points, hitting nine from 13 from the floor, handling the ball well and playing tight defense. Coach John Powless is counting on Sherrod's improved shooting to place him among the top two or three guards in the Big Ten. Mayberry popped in 15 and sophomore forward Lee Oler added 12 points.

All but one of the 16 varsity cagers scored as Powless experimented with different combinations. "They played okay," said Powless after the game. "They executed well, but not totally. It seemed like there was always one guy out of five not to do his job. We've still got to execute with five players better."

Powless singled out freshman forwards Leon Howard and Gary Watson for praise. Talking about Howard, a 6-4 leaper, he noted, "He'd be nice to take inside as a guard. Wouldn't he?"

The cagers open the '69-70 season in the fieldhouse against Ball

State. The visitors recently beat their freshmen, 110-78, shooting .549 from the floor. Center Phil Baker, a 6-8 JC transfer, gives them some good defense and rebounding in the middle, but his offensive ability is questionable.

Football

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Warmath said, "Wisconsin couldn't play its outside running game."

Thompson rushed for 112 yards and finished with 906, 40 shy of Alan Amache's single season record.

But senior split end Mel Reddick, who caught three grabs for 37 in the season, did break Wisconsin's career reception mark. His 113 total surpassed Pat Richter's 110. Tight end Stu Voigt, who grabbed six passes, was the leading Badger receiver this year with 39.

Roger Jaeger's 39-yard field goal gave him nine for the season, breaking the modern school season record. His 46 kicking points is also a season record.

Hockey

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actually carried the play to the Varsity early in the second period.

But Dave Smith scored into an open net at 8:12 after Johnson had stopped a three-on-one break to make the score 5-2, and Bert DeHate, Boyd, and Young all scored in the final 90 seconds of the period for an 8-2 advantage.

The Varsity scored once more on Johnson-Young's third goal—before Wisconsin's first goaltender, Jim Duffy, took over at 8:41. Phil DeHate got one more goal for the Alumni on a semi-breakaway, but Boyd, Bob Poffenroth, and Al Folk all beat Duffy to end the scoring.

The Varsity had taken its 4-0 first period lead on goals by Johnston, Pat Lannan, Young, and Murray Heatley.

The Badgers return to WCHA play at Ann Arbor this weekend against Michigan. Wisconsin currently leads the league with a 2-0 record.

The Wolverines, with an experienced offense, are opening their season against the Badgers with a new defense and goaltender.

The Badgers appear recovered from the bumps and bruises suffered against North Dakota, but Wayne Thomas is still suffering.

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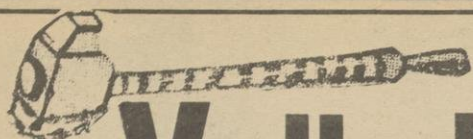
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Valhalla

By BARRY TEMKIN

Wait and See

Although the final gun at Minnesota ended one season, it signalled the intensifying of another which had drawn more attention with each Badger loss: John Coatta's future, or lack of same. Coatta's three year contract expires on December 9, after a three year record of 3-26-1.

The convincing 35-10 loss to the Gophers seems to have given those who feel uneasy about the firing of such a "nice guy" the opportunity to escape the feeling that they ought to say something in Coatta's behalf. Instead, one hears a lot of wistful sighs as people try not too eagerly to await the messiah who will lead Wisconsin out of the football wilderness.

"I have not heard a word from anybody on what my situation is," Coatta said. "I'll just have to wait and see."

Which is more than most are doing. Already eulogies are being heard around town. The question is not whether, but when and who will be the replacement.

Rumors have been more frequent than games. Everyone from Otto Graham to Zeke Bartkowski has been mentioned for the job. Although Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch has vigorously denied that he would take any action concerning the coaches during the season, reliable sources have indicated that some members of the athletic department hierarchy have made moves in that direction.

Most who favor sacking Coatta use two arguments, saying that Hirsch has the right to pick his own man and that Coatta just did not win. It cannot be denied that the Athletic Director has the right to choose his own personnel, but other factors have to enter into the decision concerning Coatta.

An employer has the "right" to fire an employee, but this right does not automatically justify such a decision. The justification given in Coatta's case is that he did not "win." This reasoning is not justified because Coatta has not had a fair chance "to win." He inherited extremely little talent from Milt Bruhn three seasons ago. Bruhn, a very successful coach here, couldn't win with that material, so there was little reason to believe that Coatta could. And with a liberal supply of bad luck, he didn't.

This season Coatta finally fielded a team composed basically of his own recruits. It won three games and wound up tied for fifth in the Big Ten. Next year it will do better, no matter who coaches it. It takes five seasons to rebuild a football disaster. The people at Illinois realize this. Jim Valek, 0-10 this season, has won just five games in his three seasons, but Valek will get at least one more year, possibly two. The slush fund hurt the Illini, but conditions in terms of talent weren't much better here.

Coatta deserves a fair chance—two more seasons, but people here are too desperate for a winner to take a chance on Coatta anymore. Evidently, winning will overwhelm Coatta and his staff. Hardly in keeping with the so-called character building image college football is supposed to have.

Football victories have not exactly been commonplace around here lately. The 1969 team won three, so it shouldn't be dismissed entirely in favor of speculation concerning Coatta. There were certainly enough bright spots this season to convince anyone that the movement now has been upward.

Most of the bright spots were furnished by the offense, which increased its per game scoring average from 9 to 20 points. Coatta used transfers from the defense and some sophomores to revamp an of-

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Badgers Hurting in Loss; Coatta Ailing in Aftermath

By MARK SHAPIRO
Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS—As it turned out, that loss to Northwestern did not prevent the Badger football team from playing for a Rose Bowl berth against Minnesota Saturday, and even if it hadn't, it would not have made any difference. Not the way Wisconsin played.

The Badgers, in what may have been head coach John Coatta's last game, did what they've done all season: Play a miserable ballgame away from home. The Badgers lost to the Gophers, 35-10, and climaxed an improved but unsatisfying Big Ten, 3-7 overall season by tying Iowa, Northwestern, and Indiana for fifth place in conference standings.

According to informed sources, the rumor that Coatta will be

Varsity Romps 12-3, Over Grad Skaters

By STEVE KLEIN

Just how far Wisconsin hockey has progressed was evident Saturday as the Wisconsin Varsity pounded the Alumni, 12-3, at the Dane County Coliseum.

The "Jimmy Line" of Jim Boyd, Jim Young, and Jim Johnston led the Varsity with six goals—three by Young—and eight assists.

The Alumni skated well for players that had not seen each other, in some cases, for years. And they didn't let the younger, more talented Varsity off before giving a scare.

Three minutes into the second period and trailing, 4-0, Tom Obrodovich picked up a loose puck in front of goalie Bob Vroman and poked it in.

Two minutes later, following a face-off deep in the Varsity zone, Phil DeHate's hard backhand beat Vroman and narrowed the score to 4-2.

The flurry gave the Alumni momentum, and with three-time MVP Gary Johnson stopping shots he shouldn't have, the Alumni

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fired is now almost a fact. The personable coach's contract expires Dec. 9, but the announcement by Athletic Director Elroy Hirsch is expected to come soon, possibly this Wednesday.

Michigan's 24-12 upset over Ohio State shot down the everybody ties-at-5-2-and-Wisconsin-goes-because-it-went-in-1962 theory, but much less convincingly than the Badgers' ineptitude both at Minneapolis and Evanston.

The Wolverines and Buckeyes tied for the Big Ten title at 6-1 with Purdue third at 5-2. The Gophers, who moved from an atrocious start, finished fourth, at 4-3.

Wisconsin did, however, have the pleasure of finally finishing ahead of somebody, mainly Michigan State and winless Illinois this season.

Minnesota took the momentum away from Wisconsin early by jumping to a 21-3 lead with 3:11 left in the half, and never let the Badgers get it back although Wisconsin had its chances.

Gary Losse replaced Neil Graff at quarterback at that point, and later moved the Badgers to a 68

yard drive capped by Alan Thompson's one yard plunge, pulling the Badgers to within 21-10, with 1:29 left in the half.

At that point, the Badgers could have gone into the dressing room within striking distance, but Minnesota methodically drove 60 yards, capped by Ernie Cook's third touchdown run.

Wisconsin head coach Murray Warmath said he was "just about as pleased at winning the ballgame as I was pleased that we were able to score at the end of the half."

Coatta agreed, saying "it might have been a different ballgame if they didn't score." He blamed officiating on some of the Badger misfortune, singling out referee Ross Dean by saying, "We've had him before and he's hurt us."

But the man who hurt the Badgers most was Minnesota halfback Barry Mayer, who rushed for 216 yards, a Gopher single-game record. Mayer, a stocky 220-pounder, was at home on the muddy field.

"There's no question the field was a factor, and that it didn't slow Mayer down as much as it slowed the Wisconsin backs down,"

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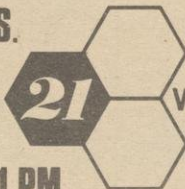


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