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Old Main Hit By Arsonist

Burns Wins SGA Election

State Police to Investigate

Dyer Loses By 16 Votes

Miss Karen Burns was elected Student Government President by the Wesconn student body in a close election on Friday, April 10. Miss Burns defeated her opponent Jim Dyer by a mere 16 votes, the count being Burns 401 and Dyer 385.

Dave Jewett, Miss Burn's running mate, defeated John Bird in the vice-presidential election in a 501 to 276 vote.

In President Burns' speech preceding the election and presented at the SGA banquet last Thursday, she noted that one "... duty of the president is to be the spokesman and representative of our student body to the administration and faculty, the other state colleges, the community and the state."

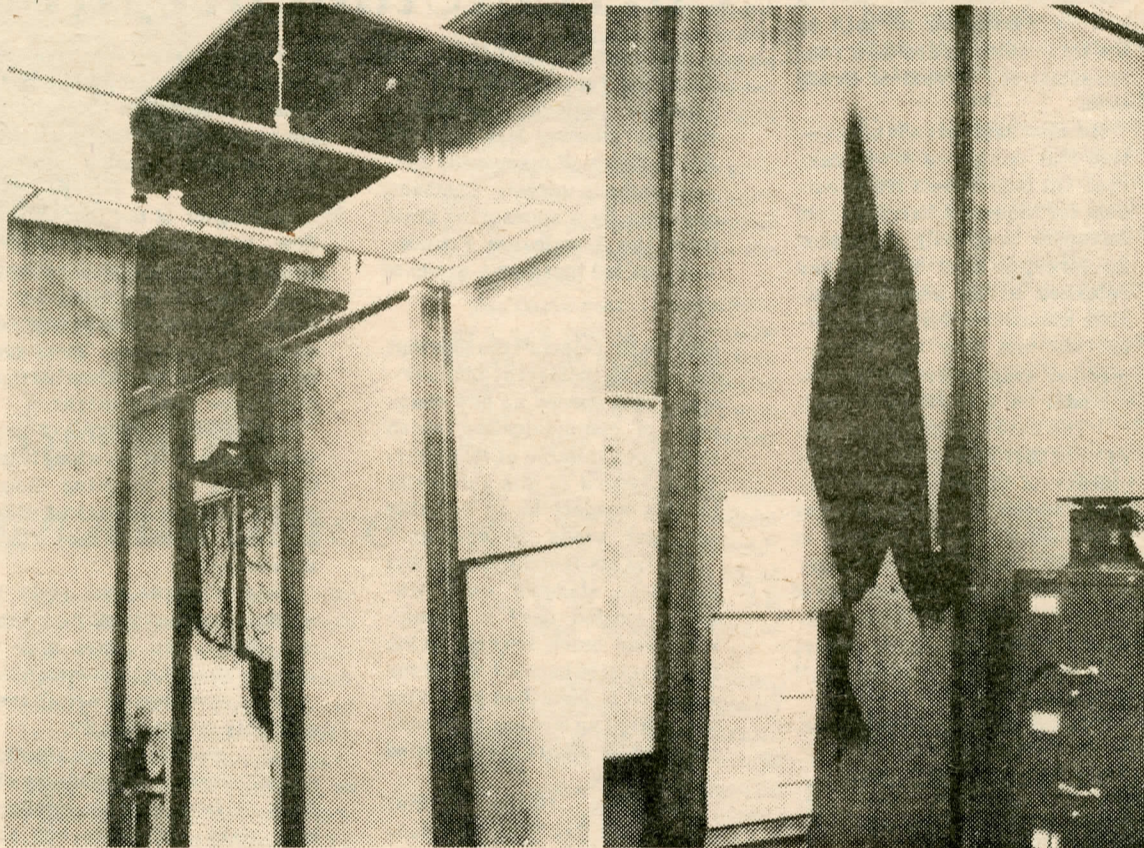
"As president", Miss Burns promised, "to bring your proposals to the administration backed by sound logic, unbeatable reasoning, and undeniable facts."

Mr. Holley Slauson, campaign manager to the newly elected SGA president addressed those present at the banquet. "Karen has the ability to carry out your desires," he stated. "Ability which gives her the confidence to carry through your programs."

Mr. Slauson stated that, "when the administration gives up the idea that we are silly little nothings then and only then will we be able to effectively work with the administration. To gain their ears, we need their support."

"New ideas are great but do not necessarily make an organization effective and efficient," Mr. Slauson continued. "Karen has new ideas also but one thing which cannot be ignored—experience and interest gained through three years of participation on the Wesconn campus."

"For these reasons," Mr. Slauson urged the students "to support Karen Burns for the office of President of SGA, Karen is the only candidate who you must consider when voting," he concluded.



FIRE DAMAGE to first floor offices of Old Main was not as extensive as that caused by the efforts, both human and mechanical, to extinguish it. Shown here are the ripped out ceiling and a fire-blackened door. ECHO photo by Sanford.

Vice-president elect Dave Jewett assured those present at the banquet that he would not be a puppet to Miss Burns. "I am my own man with firm beliefs in my convictions," he concluded.

After winning the election, both Miss Burns and Mr. Jewett appeared to be enthusiastic. Miss Burns told this reporter that she promises the students that, "there will be no regrets that you've elected me."

Students who were elected to the senate of the SGA on the same day are: Juniors, Dorothy Burke, Ann Fahy, Amy Guarino, Sharon Krenitsky, Sharon O'Neill, Joseph Tomanio, Janice Yacovacci and alternates Helen Chellel and Mary Lou Williams. Sophomores elected are, Ronald Campanaro, Charles Desmarais, Patty Duefrene, Diane Menichini, Kathy Pannone, Michael Salvio, Tom Valluzzo and alternate Thomas Williams. Freshman Susan DeCrocce, Joyce Glasgow, Kerry McKeever and Rick Nugent were elected to represent their class.

(Election picture appears on page two)

One Man - One Vote?

It was about 4:A.M. when fire tripped the protective sprinkler system in the Wesconn Administration building. Bad as it was -- there was extensive fire and water damage to the offices of President Haas, Dean Cook, and their secretaries -- the tragedy, and the atrocity, was the act of arson used as a medium of political expression.

The identity of the arsonist is not known. In a sense, who it was doesn't really matter. The important question was whether it was the act of a single deranged mind -- or whether it had the sanction of numbers, however small.

Coercion is the ultimate contradiction of the dignity of education, of the dignity of liberty, of the ultimate dignity of man himself. Those whose minds are incapable of dealing with their world and must therefore resort to violence as a means of achievement threaten the lives of every one of us.

This paper recognizes every man's right to dissent. However we hope we speak for the entire population of Wesconn when we emphatically reject violence and coercion as a legitimate means of expression any dissent. We APPEAL to any who feel otherwise to reconsider their position, for they are on the verge of destroying all that has been achieved of the "American dream."

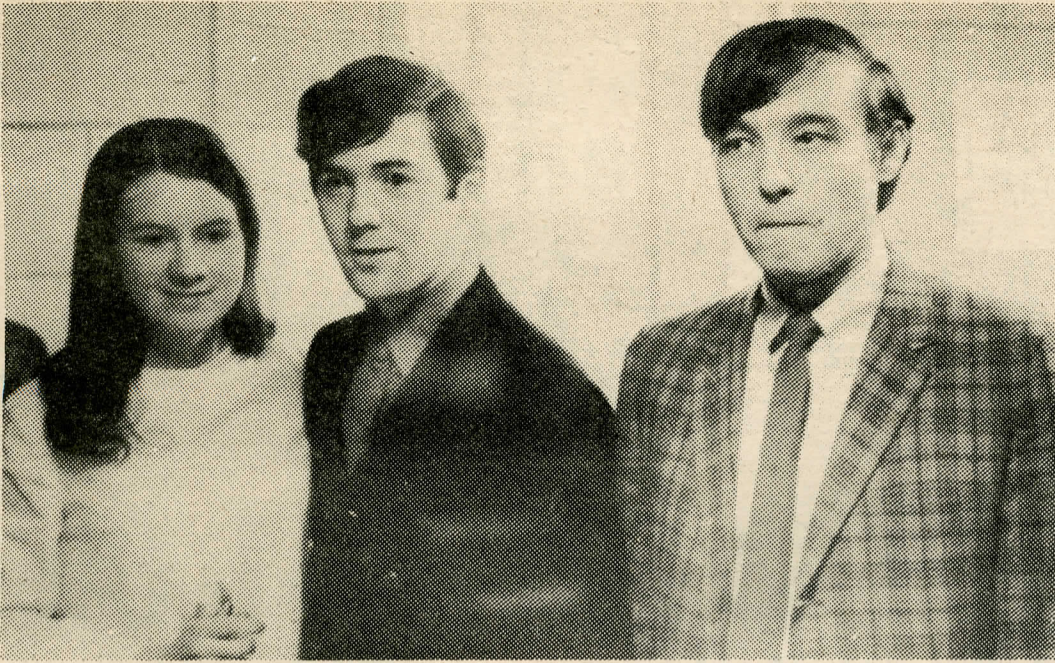
Just after 4 a.m. on Saturday the administration building on this campus was struck by an arsonist. Entry was apparently gained by breaking into the building by smashing a window. According to the Danbury Fire Marshall four fires were set on the first floor of the building causing damage to the offices of President Haas and Dean Cook, a broom closet, and an area of carpeting near the White Street entrance. Apparently the fires were started with paper and matches as there was no evidence of liquid flammables having been used.

More extensive damage was prevented by the sprinkler system which was set off by the heat. There was additional damage caused by the water from the system.

Though it did not seem the intent of the arsonist to destroy records, Dr. Jack Rudner commented to the Echo that such an attempt would have been fruitless since duplicates of all administrative and academic records are stored off campus.

In addition to the arson of that night, there was extensive glass damage around the first floor area of the new library, as well as some windows smashed in Berkshire building. It is not certain that this vandalism was also perpetrated by the arsonist but authorities seemed to believe the same individual or group was responsible. There was no information available as to exactly what authorities were doing to determine who might be responsible but the fire Marshall did indicate that there were sources of possible fingerprints that were being investigated. According to an article in the Danbury News-Times, there is some surveillance of students on campus in connection with the investigation. There was no indication as to who these students might be or whether any organizations were suspected; Before press time we were unable to contact the investigating officers of the state police. Conversation with the desk sergeant indicated that they do have some ideas as to who might have committed the arson and vandalism.

(Picture on page two)



CAUGHT AT a particularly nervous moment during the voting for SGA offices last Friday are Karen Burns (the winner), Jim Dyer (the unsuccessful contender), and Holley Slauson (who looks as though he has been chewing lemons instead of his nails). ECHO photo by Sanford.



KAREN BURNS, next year's SGA President, scores a point during last week's SGA election debate. ECHO photo by Sanford.

Suspended Suspension?

Albuquerque, N.M. -(I.P.) - Pointing out that the lifting of suspension against three University of New Mexico students for disrupting a Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) class was based on statements either orally or in writing by the three students involved in the incident, University President Ferrel Heady stated: "The only important question raised in the review on appeal has been the appropriateness of the sanction imposed."

"The sanction of suspension to June 1969 is modified in each instance by a stay of execution to be lifted and the suspension to become operative if at any time during the suspension period the student concerned, in the judgment of the President, indicated by his subsequent behavior that he is unwilling in the future to abide by valid University regulations.

"The guilt of the students on the charges files is clear" based

on both testimony at the Student Standards Committee hearing and by admission of guilt by the three students and their representatives, President Heady said.

He also said there is no question that due process was carried out both when Vice President for Student Affairs, Harold Lavender originally suspended the three, or after the case was referred to the student Standards Committee for its consideration and they too recommended suspension for the remainder of the academic year.

"The real importance of this case is that this is the first incidence of violation of the Regents statement on "Rights and Responsibilities" (adopted in October, 1965). Nobody really questions the appropriateness of the policy," said the UNM president. "We have a good policy; we intend to enforce it," he added.

President Heady said he "cat-

Conference Probes Current Student Unrest

Pittsburgh, Pa.-(I.P.) - The following report, released by Chatham College, concerns a two-day meeting last June for the purpose of discussing current campus unrest. Chatham, assisted by a sponsoring grant from the Loyalhanna Foundation, called together a group of

egorically rejects" the idea that the Oct. 22 incident at Zimmerman Field opened up new channels of communication which were not available at that time. "The record of this university in this respect is an enviable one and needs no apology."

He did not feel the charge that the three students were "unfairly singled out" to be punished had much bearing on his final decision because whenever a person is identified as having committed an offense, he is punished while others not identified may go free.

President Heady further pointed out that "the opportunity has been and continues to be available for any member or members of the university community to prefer charges, and offer evidence to support them, against other participants in the Zimmerman Field incident."

He said questions raised by the three students regarding the legitimacy of ROTC on campus are "legitimate issues and there are ways to have them brought up and considered."

22 college and university presidents, faculty members, educational association executives, representative students, college psychiatrists and foundation officers.

Highlights of the conference; Few assumptions are shared among faculty and students as to what general education for a mass society comprises or ought to comprise. Most students want an education but they don't know what it means.

The great majority of students manage to get along in the university by adapting themselves to the expectations of the situation in which they find themselves.

This psychological style of gradual readjustment may render them far less able to change when the circumstances of their environment are altered suddenly or drastically.

An apparent correlation exists between the students who wish to take genuine intellectual risks and those who are most restless in the present university and who seek change within it. The goal of the restless student is a way of acting and reacting rather than a particular model.

Curiously, those who seek change fall back upon the institutional device to channel their aims. Thus the politically radical student who wishes knowledge of psychedelic experience or methods of revolution insti-

tionalizes what he wants by asking that course be offered in these subjects.

Several kinds of students are involved in the current unrest: those responding to certain ideological notions regarding change in society and the university, those who want the university to take a stand on outside issues, and (probably the largest group) those interested in reforming the university because it is in bad shape in their estimation. The university is not meeting the needs of either students or society.

Most students find companionship in their activity. As one student participant in the conference remarked, "Such events and activities provide a strong sense of community that is lacking on the campus. If you are somehow in the middle of an underground movement that may be overthrowing the university, or whatever it may be up to, you are bound together by common cause in a way never before experienced."

Another participant observed that rioters, such as those at Columbia, meet regularly and with satisfaction for reunions and in order to talk over "old times."

The idea of academic community has seldom been applied to students with the same conviction which encompasses faculty. Today's students do want, however, a more recognizable form of membership in the academic community on their own campuses and in higher education across the nation. They seek a personalized role in the academic process.



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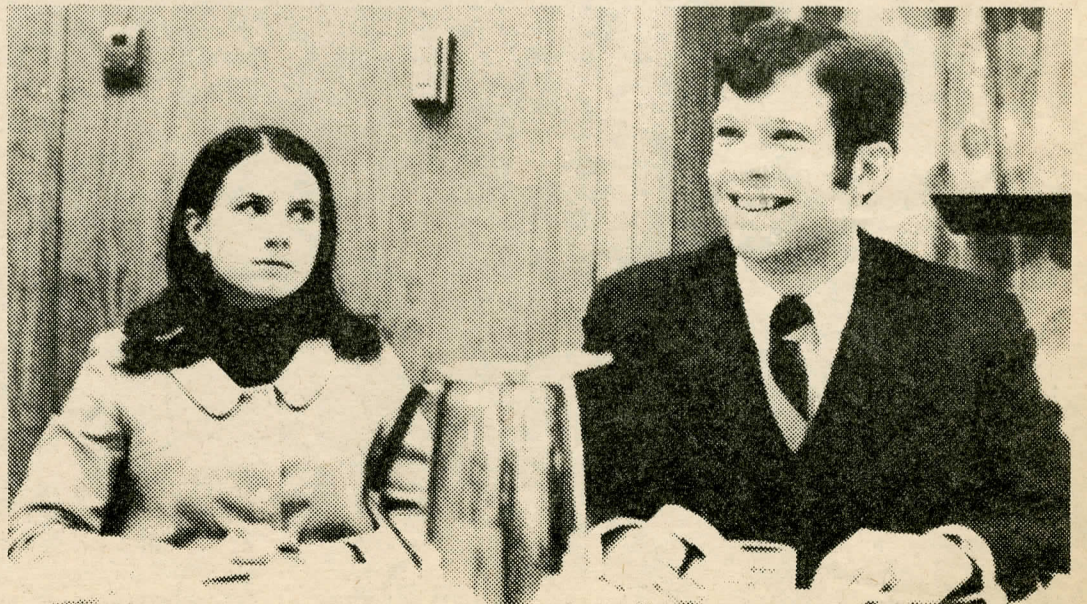
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A STUDY in contrast is presented by the not-yet-elected SGA Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates Karen Burns and Dave Jewett as they listen to an answer from their opposition at the debate. ECHO photo by Sanford.

BOG News

A Special Feature

The Orge

by Marcia L. Forssell

A new music room has been opened with a new location and a new set of stereo equipment (KLH 20). The new location is the former Board of Governors Board Room at the end of the hall on the second floor of the Union across from the Director's Office. Since great expense and planning has gone into this new arrangement, mandatory training sessions for the use of the stereo will begin. Anyone wishing to use this new equipment must attend at least one of training sessions before he will be allowed to enjoy the new stereo.

The training sessions have been scheduled as follows: April 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29, and May 5 and 6th. The sessions will be held once a month thereafter. The classes will begin at 7 p.m. and will last for one hour. They will meet in the Union Office, and further details about them will be available at a later date. The Board of Governors hopes that much pleasure will be derived from this new equipment and new acoustical arrangement, and it hopes that good care is taken to keep the new stereo in the excellent condition it is in now.

The new Board of Governors Board room is now in what used to be the old music listening room across the hall from the ECHO office.

The Game room is now sporting a new coat of yellow paint on half of its walls and further redecorating and remodeling is on the way. The Student Union plans to have more and better new looks by next fall.

The Social Committee announces that it will present a Film "The Pumpkin Eater," on Friday evening April 18, at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium. All are invited to attend, free of charge.

The Coffeehouse Committee, a sub committee of the Social Committee of the Board of Governors, announces that it will have another Coffeehouse on Saturday, April 19. The entertainment will include a band from Philadelphia, so keep watching for further details about this next Coffeehouse event.

Also on April 19, preceeding the nighttime coffeehouse, will be a road rally, an exciting and challenging happening.

new word had to be added to "work"; "love." With this inspiration he set up the National Seven Step Foundation. This organization helps 90% of its members make it on the outside, whereas in the present penal system over 80% of ex-prisoners fail.

The expense of this project placed him in bankruptcy, with a \$2,000 debt. He lost his wealth and wife. Mr. Sands then told his friends that he would write a best selling book, and indeed he did. The Seventh Step and My Shadow Ran Fast both became bestsellers, and not only did he pay off his debts, but like a latter day Job regained his former position in a family. At an informal meeting in the Fine Arts Lounge, Mr. Sands continued to address his audience urging for public support of penal reforms, saying "all you have to lose is your revenge, your pound of flesh."



BILL SANDS chats affably with an attentive throng of admirers and interested listeners during the informal reception held after his lecture. ECHO photo by Rich.

Bill Sands Lecture Draws Large Audience

by Joe Rich

On March 21st, the BOG Cultural Committee sponsored a lecture by Mr. Bill Sands, in Berkshire Auditorium. Mr. Sands is the founder of the National Seventh Step Foundation dedicated to the rehabilitation of ex-offenders (that is to keep the "ex" with the word "offender").

Mr. Sands gave an interesting narrative of his life, expenses, and motives behind setting up the foundation. As a young boy he had been a delinquent, coming from a family whose mother was unsensitive to his needs and a father who was a California Supreme Court judge and due to alcohol met less than the requirements for the job of a father.

In such an environment, it isn't surprising that Mr. Sands wound up in trouble. He was convicted of armed robbery and place in San Quentin. Here the prison was run by a hard core of fifty convicts who had influence over the other inmates. A prerequisite for being a convict was to have committed an honorable crime; that is, one which could prove courage and verity.

Because armed robbery was considered an honorable crime Mr. Sands decided to become a convict. His second requirement needed to be accepted into the convict core was to be "solid;" to be one of them and stick by them. He proved his solidness by taking an inhuman beating from prison officials who desired information on a prison stabbing he happened to have witnessed. After his ex-

perience he found love and honesty among the convicts. There men respected each other. Although it may seem like "honor among thieves," there seemed to be something more essential, more basic to the human experience. Mr. Sands continued to relate other aspects of prison life, the enforced homosexuality and its spread due to the apathetic guards. The hypocrisies of our present penal system seem numberless but a few that he mentioned included declaring candy contraband. "How can a man be dangerous with a Baby Ruth and yet be allowed the use of the machine shop facilities where a knife or a gun could easily be fashioned?" He further related how society can spend enormous sums on animal preserves trying to keep them in their natural environment, and the same humanistic society allows the inhuman prison system to exist under their noses.

The turning point of his life came when a new warden, Clenton McDuffy, was installed as the result of the worst prison riot in the history of California. The change in Mr. Sand's life came when in a talk with the new warden, McDuffy said "I care." After his release from prison Mr. Sands held many numerous jobs, all the while letting his watchword be work.

In time he became well known and wealthy owning a large house, car, and his own plane. Yet for all of this he found his materialistic ends barren and empty. After seeing his former warden again, he found that a

Cautiously entering the suspicious-looking room labeled ECHO the other morning, I was unaccountably confronted with an Orge. For those fortunates who have never met an Orge, he (or she) is similar to a cross between a garbage can and an Ugli Fruit. (By the way, there really is such a thing as an Ugli Fruit. Look for one the next time you're sight-seeing in the local Food Fair. If it is not the fruit counter next to the avacados, you're sure to find it on the Ugli counter just opposite the dried worm meal.)

The Orge opened his mouth and garbage spewed forth, "Speaking of pornography, if it's not little Miss #%\$&#!?!" "What for do you want of me, Orge? I came here seeking aid not repudiation from the likes of you."

"Aurrgh." His teeth glinted green in the dull red afternoon glow pervading the office, creating a clash only acceptable at Christmastime.

Frightened, I retaliated. "You exist only as extraneous matter, Orge. Exunt! Avant! Seek shelter in your rightful home--the forest primeval. The inmates of this establishment are civilized."

Rising on all fours and growling ferociously, the four hundred pounds of Orge-flesh advanced menacingly, then stood towering over my shrinking self.

"Help." I cried. "Help." In the office several on-lookers looked on. A small crowd had gathered immediately outside the door, injecting occasional words of encouragement to their chosen contestant.

"Help." I cried. "Help." Over the intercom came a garbled announcement; Will Mary Ann na-unarg-blst-frump please report immediately to the snab-gru-pram to pick up her gold enameled false eyelash remover or andbutif BRANG....

I retreated two steps, quivering against the sign-plastered wall. The Orge advanced three, hissing and making regular Orge noises.

"Help." I cried. "Help." Seeing No-one rush to my aid, I knew I had to think fast. Meanwhile, as I stood there concentrating on meteors and racing cars and other fast thoughts, the Orge was doing the monster shuffle around the room, preparing for the attack.

Desperate, I pulled out my Handy Dandy Do-It-Yourself Orge killer kit and quickly

glanced over the fourteen and one-third pages of Complete Directions. Feigning sleep, I slouched in the corner, rapidly trying to assemble the twenty-three part Orge-killer from the information in the fourteen and one-third pages of Complete Directions.

In the center of the room the Orge prepared for the battle by throwing Orge-type insults in all directions, injuring several unfortunate innocent bystanders. (Orges are famous for their vicious and often deadly personal insults, devised from research information on the intended victim.)

Finally, I thought I had my weapon ready, a weapon which would not destroy the Orge, but would, hopefully, maim him enough so that he would go away. I raised it to my shoulders and, aiming at the Orge's gaping garbagemouth, I fired. My shot was straight and found its target. The Orge gave a scream of pain and anger and rushed off to find a dark hiding place. However, something was amiss. My trustworthy weapon had fired a double shot and the second had plunged through my heart. Dying, I leafed through the fourteen and one-third pages of Complete Directions and found my mistake. I had omitted the first direction: Use enclosed golden rule for exact measurement in assemblage.

"Alas." I said. "Alas." At least I had rid the campus of the monstrous Orge, I thought to myself, and this is worth dying for. But, to my despair, as my eyes were closing for the last time, through the door came a smaller but more ferocious looking version of the Orge I had just vanquished. "Alas." I said. "Alas."

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As We See It . . .

Our Congratulations

No one who has never faced the exciting uncertainties of running for an elective office can possibly comprehend the massive relief which miraculously descends upon all candidates, winners and losers alike, when the elections are over. Judging from the persons involved in last week's SGA winging, this one has proved to be no exception. We endeavored to remain neutral in the contest, but somehow managed to be caught up in the quasi-hysteria in spite of ourselves. And we too are thankful that it has ended.

To Karen Burns, newly elected President of next year's Student Government, go our sincerest congratulations. We are convinced that she will continue the fine work of her predecessors and, on the expiration of her term of office, leave the SGA and the college in better condition than she found them. Dave Jewett, Miss Burns' running mate, also deserves commendation for his victory. We look forward to his year in office, and perhaps to his own candidacy for SGA President at its close.

And while we're on the congratulations kick, let's not forget Jim Dyer, whose spirited and imaginative campaign will not soon be forgotten on this campus. It is always disturbing to lose an election, heart-breakingly so when it is by such a slim margin. It is our hope that this will act more as a spur than a discouragement, and that he will continue his active involvement in campus politics.

And of course, we mustn't forget to express the proper degree of laudation for all of the other candidates whose desire to bestir themselves on behalf of Wesconn's Student Government can only be termed as commendatory as it is unusual. They have before them not only the opportunity to enrich their own lives through participation in student affairs, but to contribute to the betterment of the entire school.

If all of this praise seems a bit extreme, it is not because we have overstated the case, rather that we have the utmost confidence that they merit it now and will continue to do so in the future.

READERS' COLUMN

An Omission

To the Editor:

Although your coverage of the Miss Western Connecticut State College Pageant was generally good, it was unfortunate that you failed to mention that Rosemary Dorrico was awarded the Miss Congenialty Trophy. It is the most coveted award other than the title of Miss Wesconn. Holley B. Slauson should be congratulated for making the pageant possible.

Thank you,
Bruce N. Giffin
SGA President

A Pledge Of Support

To the Editor:

I congratulate Karen Burns and Dave Jewett on their election victory as President and Vice-President of the SGA. And I hope that the students will support them fully and give them any assistance they might need in their offices.

I also want to thank all those who voted for me in the election and all those who helped me during the campaign.

Sincerely,
John Bird

Clarification

To the Editor:

I wish to make it known that I am in no way related to that brazen hussey, Sue D. Nympho, who will have us believe that Wesconn females LIKE FLOWERS, grow wild in the woods. Every decent distaffian Danburyite knows that "live" spelled backwards is "evil." Beware the "Venus fly-trap" - especially one with bad grammar!

Sue D. Nimm

A Love Letter

To the Editor:

June will bring graduation, and the end of my three years at Danbury. I guess you could call me a transfer student, with a 16 year drop out. Before leaving, there are many here to whom I would like to address a "love letter."

There are many reasons the young undergraduate might resent the older student, yet the young people at Wesconn have made every effort to make me feel a welcome part of this school. This has meant a great deal to me for the whole three years, but certainly their cordiality made that first tenuous semester successful. Without their encouragement I could never have made it.

The members of the faculty who were never to busy to explain, usually for the hundredth time, something I had trouble comprehending. Until you've gone to a big school where you really are a number, one can hardly appreciate how wonderful it is to be able to have a conference and help at the drop of a request. Our faculty truly cares.

And last, to those members

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Just A Minute

By JACK BOYCE

I should save this to the end of the year but maybe now is the time to start getting something done. I'm talking about the time and energy that goes into the weekly production of the Echo and the rewards. . . or rather, the lack of them.

I wonder how many of you out there have any idea how much actually goes into the production of a campus newspaper as you vocalize your complaints about what it brings you or how it's accomplished. Or, for that matter, how few people actually do the work.

The Echo, by a wide measure, is not the finest campus newspaper I've ever seen. Neither is it the worst. But to put it in proper perspective you have to know a little more about how it, and the others, are published.

The Echo staff is strictly volunteer and there is no compensation of any kind for any member of the staff. . . neither financial nor academic credit. Among similarly published papers that I have examined, this one holds its head high.

But room for improvement there is and nobody recognizes that so well as we who put out this rag every week. Our articles are too frequently not as well written as they should be. Our coverage of campus activity is too frequently inadequate or misdirected. Our layout is not always as attractive or as easy to follow as it should be. Hell, we know our faults. We also know the solutions. They are beyond OUR capacity.

THE ECHO NEEDS PEOPLE.

But not just anybody. We need people sincerely and devotedly interested in producing a better newspaper in all respects. That takes time from every individual and to secure that time we need motivation.

That motivation should most properly and significantly be in the nature of academic credit. I would suggest that a course in Journalism centered around the Echo should be added to the English Department curriculum. There is little reason I can think of not to add such a course. It would add to available career selection open to the student. It would make Echo work a far more significant experience by offering a more thorough training in Journalism than our frantic and too often amateurish activities are able to do.

Journalism is an exciting and rewarding profession. I spent more than a couple of my early years on small newspapers and they now help me to appreciate both what the Echo is and what it could be.

There are many suggestions for curriculum change here as on every campus. Not a few are certainly valid. Not a few are nothing more than individual whim. I think this would be both easy to implement and of a significance that reached far beyond the benefit only of those who worked on the staff since it could hardly help but offer the entire student body a more professional and more related means of intra-campus communication.

The Day Before Easter

by Patrick McDonough

New York was wet on Saturday. When that city is wet, the grime is not apparent and on a Spring day, even the wet can be agreeable. The people that gathered in that wet agreeable city on different corners of 38th Street and 6th Avenue were concerned with the world, today, be it Biafra, Viet-Nam, Appalachia, or Panther #21. They made this concern concrete by acting as sane, rational people do in a democratic society--by demonstrating civilly and in number. Crowd estimates are as usual very poor. News sources indicated 48,000. Others went to a high 200,000, (a policeman that had watched the marchers for four hours estimated the latter figure) The number is unimportant. What was, is that there were people who consciously tried to change society without reverting to primitive methods, and enough of them to make one really stop and consider some of the proposals. Without this, the march might as well never have taken place. The main theme was peace, the main body of people were specifically concerned with Viet-Nam. The peace talks in Paris or wherever have obviously failed. Someone is not doing a tremendous job, and the ball should get rolling is what many were feeling. There were black arm bands being worn in the parade marked with the numbers 33,000. That is a fair sized city. It is also the number of Americans killed in Viet-Nam to date. Statistics do encourage forgetting reality, but the hundreds that wore the arm

bands reminded everyone of a grim truth.

Excursion people were there. They were mainly kids who came to hear the band in Central Park or couples that liked parades. SDS was there, YSA was there, Panther groups were there, Communist groups were there, old McCarthy campaigners were there (including those that didn't give up) were there. Many of these groups contributed nothing at all to anyone except to their own egos, and the egos of a few neophytes. They tagged along selling peace along with demands that might be fair but were ill-prepared and distastefully presented to The groups, unfortunately, penetrated a large part of the program which took place in Central Park.

Wedged in between psychedelic music, were speakers, each using a uniformly poor speaker system, each using the time to eloquently or blatantly voice negative demands without any understanding solution in return. That part of the march was inane.

Peace for the sake of peace is fine, but what many people realize (and have realized) is that in order to approach a better way of living one must create a new system. If it works well, use it. If not, don't.

Those there to create numbers are involved in looking for a way to peace. A collective assent usually indicated that proper steps should be taken by proper authorities. What the march attempted to do, aside

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Revolution READERS'

Ed. Note

The following was submitted by a former Wesconn student. We have decided to publish it because of obvious relevance to this campus, and because it represents a significant trend in student thought today.

These are the hands that built a nation; these are the hands that can tear it down. This is one of the unwritten principles of the Revolution taking place in America today - at this very moment - as middleclass America shuffles the cards on the wobby tables of Wesconn apathy supported by an administration that better get off its reactionary posterior before it finds itself locked out and eating the seaweed of the gutter people. Which is to say that we are not communists in the historical-perspective dogmatic sense, but members of the American National Liberation Movement dedicated to deep purple sanity and hey-jude passion and fire and truth. Which is to say that capitalism is dead, is dying, must be destroyed before it destroys all of us in a vast sea of jackboycé-minuteman-neo-nazi DEATH. We must fight neo-nazi Death in America today with out spirits and minds and bodies if need be . . . beaten by the stormtroopers in blue with shields and Death in their shiny black holsters as agents of the sick, rotten capitalist establishment which must die in a sea of beards and creative anarchy. Which is to say that I marched with America on Saturday, April 5. Millions of beautiful American streetcong marching together in black and white solidarity for peace and Revolution which needless to say was inaccurately reported by virtually all of the capitalist newspapers including that yellow-jaundice rag - the N.Y. Times and also, I must sadly but dutifully add, by my comrade, Patrick McDonough, who has the stupid bourgeois audacity to write the following concerning the Apr. 5 peace and Revolution march/rally in New York City. The idiot writes: "What the march attempted to do, aside from being an unimportant radical side show." McDonough - you're a fascist pig! An unimportant radical side show! You bum! You first-class traitor! You have turned on your brothers. You have crucified the freedom fighters with your (I might add) with your poorly written prose of Death, Reaction and Up-Against-The-Wall, McDonough.

T.S.E. commands the troops to run out and buy a cleaver. An Eldridge Cleaver that is. Soul On Ice. Soul on Ice! Good-God Almighty - SOUL ON ICE! Available now at comrade edna's Book-Ends in paperback. Buy it. Read it. (You two - Boyce and McDonough - you might learn something) I quote from

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from being an unimportant radical side show, was to indicate to an inactive but commiserating group that there are active people.

We can care, and do, and positively showed it last Saturday.

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of the administration, one in particular, who bailed me out of scheduling problems and various other difficulties. There always seemed to be a willing ear to listen to me wail that I had to be home when my kids arrived, or couldn't make an 8:00.

With all this help, I will be one of the proudest people at our graduation, proud of my school and the people, students and faculty and administration, within it.

Thank you
Ilene H. Calish
(Mrs. Irving G. Calish)
Class 1969

Yale Removes ROTC Credit

New Haven, Conn. (I.P.) - The Yale College faculty recently voted to remove academic credit from the Army and Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps program and proposed that ROTC be given the status of extra-curricular activities.

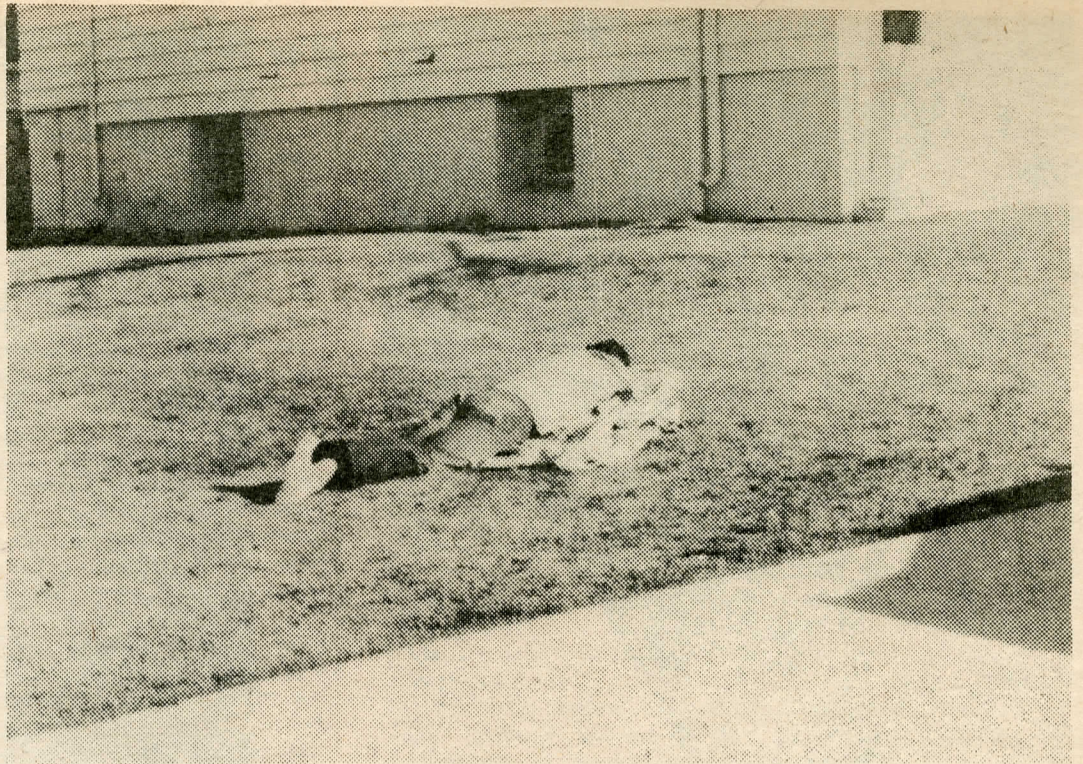
The two ROTC commanding officers at Yale, Colonel Richard R. Irving, of the Army unit, and Captain Williams E. Simmons, of the Navy, have expressed concern about the future of ROTC programs here without academic credit. Both have predicted a decrease in ROTC enrollment possibly to a point where the Department of Defense would not consider it worthwhile to continue units at Yale.

Another issue is whether ROTC can continue legally without academic credits. Federal regulations call for "appropriate academic credit" from the colleges and universities where ROTC units are based.

Many feel, however, that a compromise can be worked out. Regular college courses with academic credit, such as in engineering, history, and political science, might be acceptable as ROTC courses.

Another issue concerns the faculty rank of the commanding officers. Both Captain Irving and Captain Simmons are listed as Professors at Yale, a faculty appointment required by federal regulations.

President Cleaver's great book: "The foundations of authority have been blasted to bits in America because the whole society has been indicted, tried, and convicted of injustice. To the youth, the elders are Ugly Americans; to the elders, the youth have gone mad." That's correct, brother Cleaver. We have gone mad. We have seen the best minds of our generation destroyed by college administrations especially last year here at Wesconn and now, today here again at Wesconn, some of the best minds are being told by the capitalist lackeys in Old Main to hit the road, pack up your beards and books and get lost. But I say to you, my comrades, my brothers, my fellow students and faculty (expelled and otherwise) . . . "awake, arise, or be forever fallen!" If our best minds are threatened, we have no choice. ON STRIKE! SHUT IT DOWN! ON STRIKE! SHUT IT DOWN! ON STRIKE!



AMONG the more popular extramural sports on the Wesconn campus these days is the one shown here. It involves minimal investment in anything other than time. ECHO staff photo.

Two Hundred Attend Lomax Lecture

On Wednesday April 9, Louis Lomax discussed the Negro in American History and Culture" by dividing his discussion into three sub headings: law and order, violence and "cookie cutter institutions." Approximately 200 students, townspeople and faculty members heard the lecture on Afro-American culture and sociological analysis in the college union.

Lomax first introduced the "law and order" issue from the last presidential campaign. He cited historical examples of law breaking. He said, "Without breaking the law we would still be British subjects. . . without breaking the law we would still be Catholics." He then stated the examples of Thoreau who believed that in the midst of evil times men belong in trouble and Christ, "the preacher in Jerusalem, who took a bull whip to those in the temple. He also staged the first drink in history."

Christ said that man was not made for the law, but the law was made for man. Lomax said, "Hitler had the law and he killed 16 million people. Law without justice is tyranny."

Lomax then stated that "the

black man says don't tell me about law. Tell me about justice. The black man is forcing America to stop talking about law and order and to talk about justice. Their contribution has been to ask, "Whose law? What order?"

"Violence is as American as cherry pie," was the next thesis presented. Lomax stated that, "It was a preoccupation in wholesale hypocrisy. He told the audience, "Everything you have and are you took through violence. Ask the republicans if we were nonviolent to the Indians. Ask the John Bircher if we were nonviolent to the British. We were thieves and litterbugs. We dumped tea in their harbors."

He then compared Stokley Carmichael to Patrick Henry. However he added that we must remember that Henry was a "white middleclass, Protestant, slave owner." He quoted Ronald Reagan, a recent presidential aspirant whose solutions to major problems were as follows:

"Viet-Nam: Turn it into a parking lot."

the Puebol: Give them a month. If they don't give the ship, kick the hell out of them.

San Francisco State: Keep the school open even with bayonets." All of the above quotes were cited by Lomax as being from the Los Angeles Times. Lomax then asked the audience, "How do you expect black Johnny in Watts to react?"

He stated that "man is violent and the white man is the most violent." He asked, "What are you going to do to bring about a

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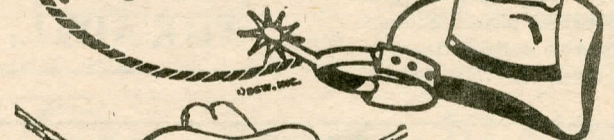
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AFRICAN ART seems to be the 'in' thing of late. We haven't any idea what this is, but it looked interesting at the top of the article so we left it.

Segy Art Exhibit Due At Wesconn This Week

The Segy African Art Exhibit will come to Western Connecticut State College on Wednesday, April 16, 1969, beginning with a lecture by Mr. Ladislav Segy. The Exhibit and Lecture will take place in the Fine Arts lounge of the College Union. The Exhibit will last from April 16 to May 3.

The lecture to be given by Mr. Segy will consist of slides and an interesting discussion of the background of African Art and its subject matter. The lecture, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Lounge will be followed by a question and answer period, and will include a color-sound film entitled "Buma, African Sculpture Speaks."

Mr. Segy has collected art for forty five years. He established the SEGY GALLERY in 1950, and this has grown to almost 400 exhibitions all over the country and the world. Mr. Segy has also written about African art, and is an expert appraiser. Ladislav Segy has an interest in phenomenology, and has also delivered numerous lectures on this subject.

Being an active painter, collector, and art critic, Mr. Segy's lecture promises to be highly interesting and informative.

The Exhibition which will be viewed at Western is designed to provide for the study and enjoyment of African Art. Western will show a group of thirty sculptures, representing the outstanding art - producing tribes of West Africa, functioned as an integral part of magico-religious ceremonies.

The Lecture and Exhibition admission is free to both Wesconn Students and to the public. All are invited to attend these interesting events, sponsored by the Cultural Committee of the Board of Governors.

SMART SHOPPERS CHECK ALL THE ADS!



A SCENE from the McKayle Dance Company's "District Storyville" catches a performer at the top of his act.

McKayle Company to Present Dance Demonstration

Donald McKayle, one of today's major choreographers and dancers will hold a lecture demonstration Tuesday April 22, at 1:00 p.m. in Berkshire Auditorium.

His major works constitute an achievement that many other people could never reach themselves. Through his dancing, Mr. McKayle shows joy, sorrow, bitterness, passion, and many emotions that touch us as individuals in our everyday life.

Mr. McKayle has studied with the New Dance Group, Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham and many other great masters. In 1951, he formed his own dance company, and choreographed such outstanding works as "Games," "Nocturne," "Her Name Was Harriet," "Rainbow Round My Shoulder," and many other numbers. He has appeared in a number of Broadway musicals including "House of Flowers," and "West Side

Story." Mr. McKayle, as well as choreographing his own company, has done choreography for the Harkness Ballet and many Off-Broadway productions. As a teacher, he has been appointed to the faculties of Juilliard School of Music, the Martha Graham School of Dance, Connecticut College School of Dance, and many more. In 1963 he won the Capezio Dance Award and the Antoinette Perry nomination for his choreography of the musical version of "Golden Boy" in 1965.

Also on Tuesday, at 7:15 p.m., Donald McKayle's Master Dance Class will be held in the gym. All students are welcome, especially those who took dance fundamentals. Anyone interested in participating should come dressed to dance. The cost is \$1.00 for participants and .50¢ for observers. Refreshments will be served after the session.

On Wednesday, April 23, in the Danbury High School Auditorium, at 8:30, Mr. McKayle will present a dance concert. The cost is \$1.50 for students and \$3.00 for adults. Tickets may be obtained from any Dance Club member, Mrs. Margolis, in the Physical Education office, or at the Student Union.

time and there was a slight hesitation immediately prior to the downbeats which made uniform entrances sometimes difficult. Compare, for example, the precise staccato pattern of that old pro, John Burnet, conductor of the Danbury Community Orchestra. The concertmaster of this group unfortunately, was so obviously superior to the others that at times it sounded as if Heifetz were playing the Bach "Chaconne" with a dozen amateurs warming up in the background.

This critic understands that there will be a final symphony orchestra concert at the end of the school year. Out of a sense of fair play, he would like to extend to Miss Mooney an opportunity to criticize a sample of his performance on the podium. Does he hear an offer to be guest conductor for one number.

A Review

Ives Concert Quite Well Done

Last Friday evening the WCSM music department in cooperation with the Danbury Community Orchestra presented a concert of chamber music devoted to the works of Charles Edward Ives. The compositions of this man, who had the unusual avocation of being a millionaire insurance executive with a socialite wife named (so help me!) Harmony Twitchell, ranged from about 1910 to 1920 and included a variety of instrumental and percussion ensembles, a group of songs, plus a movement from his "Holidays" symphony entitled "George Washington's Birthday." (Incidentally, the program notes mentioned that the latter instrumentation included the "Jew's harp." In point of fact, this is a popular misnomer of "Jaw's harp" and refers not to any supposed ethnic derivation, but to the anatomical method of its sound production.)

On the whole the concert went quite well, considering the many intricacies of polytonality (or, as his Yale professor once asked testily, "Ives, must you hog all the keys?"), atonality, multi-metric and polymetric (respectively, consecutive and combined) rhythms, and aliatory elements present. These very compositional features rightfully place Ives before such

20th-century innovators as Stravinsky, Schoenberg, and Stockhausen. With the exception of the songs, unfortunately, the entire concert was too monotonously discordant. For variety, a movement from the larger but more conservative Second Symphony, if not the entire Third Symphony (which lasts only 17 minutes and is scored for chamber sinfonette) might have been programmed.

Regarding the songs, both soprano Cynthia Fowler and accompanist Carol Raymond proved themselves to be sensitive artists of the first magnitude. Miss Fowler, in particular, reached her zenith with a superb rendition of "Side Show."

Miss Leonore Mooney conducted the WCSM portion of the concert admirably. In the opening number she wasn't in her element with the result that her head was buried in the score. However, in the string ensembles Miss Mooney (who also plays the viola) demonstrated that she knew the music giving cues with accuracy and confidence. My major criticism lies with her baton technique. Here she demonstrates the difference between a choir and orchestral conductor. The beating between the beats was not always in

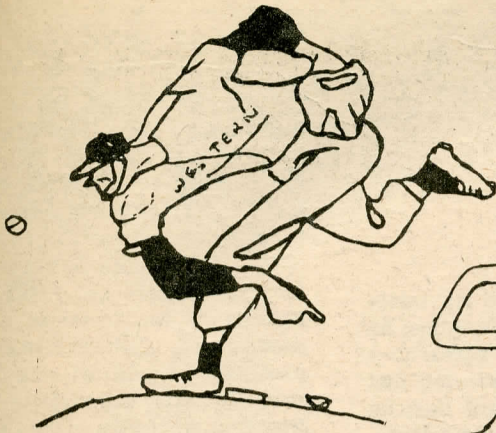
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WAA News



SPORTS

SPORTS EDITORS: TOM HALLIGAN - JOE TOMAINO



CURSES! FOILED AGAIN must be the thought in the minds of the Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Team. L to R. Sue Donahue, Jackie Leitch, Linda Martin, Georgia Asmar, Marty Pasternack.

AA HORSEBACK RIDING

Michelle Pepin announces that all those interested in horseback riding this spring should contact her at Box 716 immediately. Michelle asks that interested men and women send a list of free hours (at least in two hour blocks) to her by Wednesday, April 16. The cost will be \$11.25, but the amount each student will have to pay will depend on the number involved. The AA is subsidizing this activity. The horseback riding will take place at Open Gate Stables in Newtown. Checks of payment must be given to Michelle by Friday April 18.

SOFTBALL

Softball team sign up for the Intramural league to be held right after Spring Weekend, will begin next week. Contact Miss Howells for further details.

WAA WEEKEND

The WAA Weekend will take place the weekend of May 16, 17 and 18.

The weekend consists of camping and roughing it to the tune of no responsibilities and the best food you ever tasted.

WAA BANQUET

The Annual WAA Banquet will be held on May 21. Keep on the lookout for further details and don't miss this great occasion if you have any interest in the Women's Athletics of Wesconn at all. (I assume that if you are reading this column, you have some interest in the activities it covers, so don't miss either the Banquet or the Weekend, for you'll be missing a great deal.

WAA ELECTIONS

If you wish to run for any of the offices of the WAA Executive Council for next year, please contact President Karen Streetner for details. Miss Howells can also answer any questions you might have.

FENCING

The Intercollegiate Fencing team will go against Roger Ludlow on Tuesday, April 16 here at Western. All are invited to watch this match, which promises to be a good one.

Western was host for the first time to a co-ed triangle tournament on March 26, fencing both New Paltz and Rhode Island. This also marked the first electrical fencing match Western has ever had; the equipment was supplied by New Paltz.

Rhode Island came in first, beat New Paltz by a score of 9 wins and 7 losses. Next New Paltz played Western for a very interesting bout which ended in

an 8 to 8 tie. When the judges counted the touches against each team, there were 48 against Western and 47 against New Paltz. Thus, Western lost the bout by one touch. In the men's match Western had two wins against New Paltz 14.

WOMEN

Rhode Island vs. New Paltz

Rhode Island	wins	losses
Bentley	3	1
O'Rielly	3	1
Gonsalves	2	2
Mazza	1	3
Total	9	7

New Paltz	wins	losses
Stauning	4	0
Dexter	2	2
Scarlatto	1	3
Speier	0	4
Total	7	9

Western vs. New Paltz

New Paltz	wins	losses	touches received
Stauning	2	2	10
Dexter	3	1	8
Scarlatto	2	2	14
Speier	1	3	15

Western	wins	losses	touches received
Asmar	3	1	10
Donahue	1	3	15
Pasternak	2	2	12
Martin	2	2	11
Total	8	8	48

Western vs. Rhode Island

Western	wins	loss	touches received
Martin	1	3	13
Asmar	2	2	12
Donahue	2	2	12
Pasternak	1	3	14
Total	6	10	51

Rhode Island	wins	losses	touches received
Bentley	3	1	9
O'Reilly	2	2	10
Gonsalves	2	2	12
Mazza	3	1	9
Total	10	6	40

MEN

Western vs. New Paltz

Western	wins	losses
Clement	1	3
Grosse	1	3
Kroha	0	4
Rich	0	4
Total	2	14

New Paltz	wins	losses
Beale	3	1
Speier	4	0
Sahwerert	4	0
West	3	1
Total	14	2

Bowling Program Started

Anyone interested in bowling for fun or for competition? The Athletic Association will sponsor both programs for students during the month of April.

WHERE: At the Bowlarama (Rt. 7 North - Brookfield direction by Rt. 84).

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

COST: You pay 50 cents for three games; the Athletic Association pays the rest. Shoes are free.

The program began on Wednesday, April 9th. You meet at the bowling alleys.

SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The college men and women champions will be determined by total pin fall (scratch) for 9 games, rolled in sets of 3 games on 3 different days.

MIXED DOUBLES:

The mixed doubles champions will be determined by total pin fall of the partners for 9 games, rolled in sets of 3 games on 3 different days.

Hope to see you tomorrow!

Sports Editorial

SPORTS EDITORIAL
by Al-Beitman

Ever since the Wesconn baseball team returned home from a successful southern trip, they have found themselves 1) capable of winning and 2) the most popular thing to hit this state since the Edsel.

Rumor has it that Coach Thomas submitted a list of requests, or rather, a list of essentials that he would appreciate completed prior to the 16th of April so that the Indians could open their first home game on a well prepared field. The field, known as Lee's, has been loaned to Western Connecticut for the past few years.

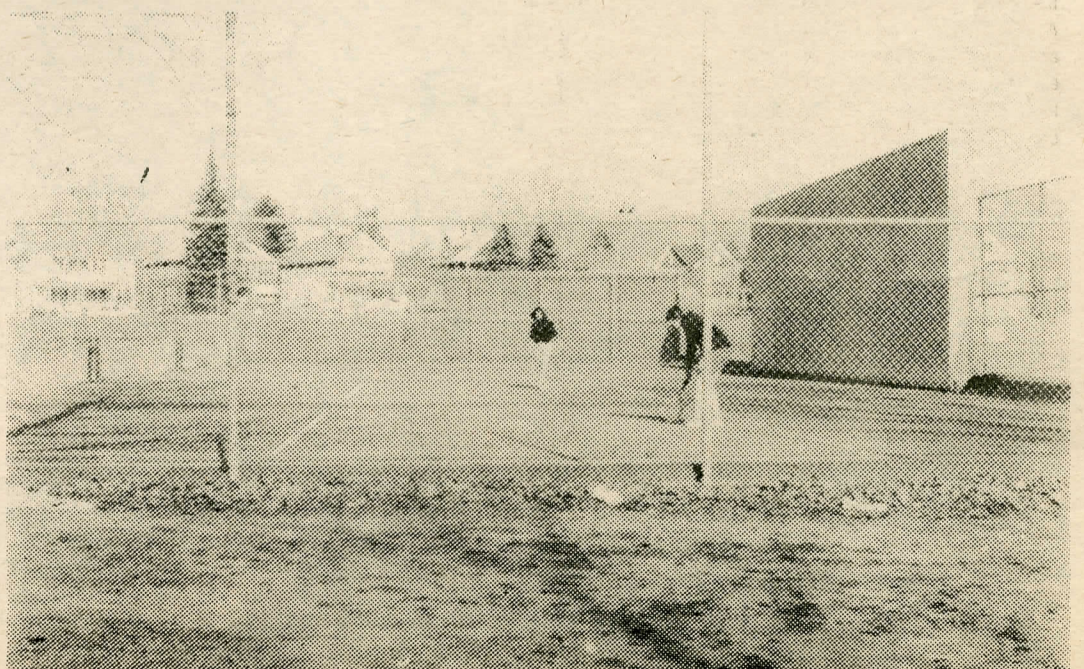
Among the bare essentials requested were: that the state maintain the field this year instead of it becoming a joint effort by the team as in previous seasons, that the infield be rolled to rid it of the turnips and cabbages that have sprouted up, that the backstop be repaired so that it might stop a water balloon, that the stands, which have been condemned as a public hazard, be torn down and finally that the fence around the field be repaired.

As of April 10th, all of the work requested has been done, and with probable certainty, no more major work will be completed. Oh, a man will be sent to rake the infield and a man sent to mow the field, but due to technical problems, the stands and the exterior of the field will be left a menace and eyesore. It should be made clear that this is not the fault of Coach Thomas or the maintenance crew. It seems that Lee's field is loaned to Wes-

conn until such a time as the field and adjoining property can be sold, at which time it will become the new owner's decision whether to let the Indians continue play.

At a time when this college is so busy building and building, it seems so senseless not to invest in a baseball field, a field that will be needed for the next fifty years. It also seems a shame that with Wesconn playing such well known teams as the University of Bridgeport, Sacred Heart University, Western New England College, and Central Connecticut State College that the Indians must play on a field that no one can feel

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TENNIS PLAYERS have been regularly adorning the courts for the past few weeks, and it is suspected that not all of them are playing because of pressure from the P.E. Dept.

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Lomax

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just change?"

The final aspect of the talk discussed American traditions, the "Xerox machine which reproduces the status quo." He mentioned two institutions, the college and the church.

Lomax stated that most major colleges and universities don't train people to think, but to be like Daddy. This is done by the college Entrance Exam, IQ tests and other media which test the individual's ability to fit into the male WASP cookie cutter. He referred the audience to the classical texts in American history which do not list minority history.

Lomax stated that black student is not going to be cut to white values. They want to replace the curriculum, but not to substitute black academic nonsense for white. We want to get rid of the nonsense.

Lomax hit the churches for putting a Mediterranean Christ in bibles with blond hair blue eyes and Gentile features. "There is no way for anyone to come out of Bethlehem looking like Spiro Agnew." When man makes God to look like him, he eventually believes that he is God."

Lomax concluded by stating that "the black man is the final extension of the Revolution of 1775-1776. He is the final emergence of the Judeo-Christian tradition. He continued by stating that they have helped Anglo-American jurisprudence discover justice and American universities to discover maturity." He concluded with the statement, "Who would have thought that selling slaves would result in the purification of the American dream."

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proud of and that no one can call home.

Well, until such a time as the west campus, the east campus, and the south campus are built, or at least found, Lee's field will become the reservation of the Indians.

Sports Sidelines

by Al Beitman

News has reached me of three new pitchers who have appeared or soon will appear in Wesconn uniforms. They are Stan Zablocki, Alan Thomas, and Thomas Allen.

When the Indians arrived in Delaware for the start of their southern trip, the funeral of former president Dwight D. Eisenhower and a rain storm delayed their scheduled start. Rather than miss an opportunity to practice, Coach Alan Thomas held an intra-squad game. The winning pitcher was this very same Alan Thomas, a hard throwing right-hander with a favorable wind, who defeated Thomas Allen, a pitcher of comparable merit. Allen failed to adjust for a rapid shift in the wind velocity, and Thomas' Red squad squashed the Blue team 9-5. After the game, Thomas Allen was released from his contract and will return to the profession he knows best - coaching, as only Alan Thomas can, and that is extremely well.

Joe Giaquinto reports that he had some of the finest and smoothest cuts up at the plate during his appearances down south. Now, if he could only make solid contact!

The third addition to the pitching corp, rounding out a 7-man staff, is Stan Zablocki. This lanky right-handed hurler, a former Mahopac High and University of Bridgeport star, has added his highly touted arm and incomparable kaknuckler pitch to the mound staff. His biggest fan and sidekick, Ross Prinzo, who was not available for comment, can be seen at all of the home games cheering his boy on.

So come prepared for those home games with a beach chair, blanket, and mosquito repellent, and if you wonder how a team so gifted with talented athletes can keep its spirits and win, just remember the old saying, "Anything is possible in Danbury!"

Vermonters Lament Passing Of Small Colleges

Montpelier, Vt. - (I.P.) - The public small college has almost completely disappeared, according to Provost Robert S. Babcock of Vermont's State Colleges.

In his Report on Castleton, Johnson and Lyndon State Colleges, Dr. Babcock says that "there are now 18 state colleges in California, whose beginnings were not unlike those in Vermont, with enrollments of around 20,000 and with gargantuan aspirations."

Excerpts of the report "The Creation of Three Swarthmores," reprinted from the American Oxonian follow:

In order to transform three former small state teachers colleges into Swarthmores, it is first necessary to believe that such a thing is vastly important. Preserving, or creating, a Swarthmore (or a Reed, or a Kenyon or a Middlebury) in the face of this pressure of numbers is difficult, to say the least, but it becomes almost impossible in the face of other pressures from within academia.

The chief roadblocks to the preservation of the genuine liberal arts environment comes from inside the establishment. The largess of research funds, at first principally from the private foundation, but massively augmented by federal funds in the post-Sputnik era, mostly in the laboratory sciences, has been too great for any university to resist.

Nor can one blame them, especially the state universities with their history of being starved for funds. But those funds are never "free"; they must be in part matched, at the inevitable expense of the less favored disciplines. By their very existence they place a distortion in the curriculum, which even the strongest president, or dean, cannot resist, whatever his own educational philosophy.

Such sophisticated research can only be undertaken in places where there are a large number of graduate students pursuing the doctorate. An eminent professor cannot do research and still teach a full load. He needs his assistants as teachers and as aids in his laboratory.

You cannot justify elaborate laboratories and highly expensive equipment without Ph.D. programs and a large number of graduate students. You cannot pay for them without a large number of undergraduate students, majoring in these disciplines. Thus the rush of numbers came at exactly the time they were most needed and most justified.

Under the pressure of research and the pressure of numbers, who suffers? The undergraduate who has not yet chosen his vocation, and the teacher. The brilliant teacher, absent-minded and obsessed, whose concern was for his students, has been pushed aside. The rewards of academia often go not to the classroom teacher but to the wheeler-dealer who can get the most grants, and, to repeat those grants, publish an everflowing number of monographs in learned journals.

Now the loyalty of many a

professor is not to his institution but to his discipline; he sheds teaching for research--no matter what kind--for that is where the reward lies; he moves from college to college, bringing his grants with him, for the lure of higher salaries and a lower teaching load, for increasing time spent in the laboratory instead of the classroom.

The prestige of academia, for which the financial rewards are made, now lies not in the quality of teaching but in the number of graduate students. . . . devotes the rest of his time to research and administration. The extraordinary anomaly results that the highest rewards go to the professor who teaches only the most easily teachable, in ever smaller numbers.

Bigness can also drown the student, who may move all his educational life in a vocational curriculum so narrow, but so demandingly precise, that nothing outside of Business Administration or Behaviorist Theory or Keynesian economics ever touches what may pass as his soul.

For bigness breeds the proliferated curriculum and the "system of prerequisites." It is assumed that one cannot comprehend Political Science 401, unless he has had 302, and 207, and 106; or Pedagogy 712 without Methods in Teaching Aids and Child Psychology; or Shakespeare (even though "Venus and Adonis" has gripped the adolescent bowels) until he has listened to the Victorian Novelists and the Romantic Poets.

Such a hierarchy depends not upon student needs but upon the faculty pecking order that says one course is "harder" than another, that to master the one demands knowledge of the other.

This hierarchy may have to be true in foreign language study, and certain areas of mathematics where one depends upon a previous skill. But to demand it of other disciplines is merely a snobbish pecking order that makes the full professor's course tougher than the associate's, and the student is forgotten--that student who one day awakens to the need to change his career, who suddenly finds that social welfare work, and therefore a study of abnormal psychology, is his inspiration, instead of physics; or that student who finds that being a public accountant is less important in his own system of values and teaching.

If a college education ought to make a student change his mind, by opening different fields--and it would be a travesty if it failed to do so--then he ought not be stopped from his change, when he is ready, by the system of prerequisites and the proliferation of courses, which is the lock-step, the hallmark of so much of education in America.

To be big can also carry with it a contagious disease called "departmentalitis," that is, a departmentalized structure so strong that it cannot be broken. The departments of Political Science, or English, or Electrical Engineering, or Bio-Chemistry have then moved to the

Conference

Lawrence, Kan. - (I.P.) - Student interest and a faculty response recently helped create a course on the New Left for the current spring semester at the University of Kansas.

Political Science 98 for juniors and seniors and Political Science 48 for freshmen and sophomores, Clifford Ketzal, professor of political science, said will define and evaluate the New Left movement in the United States.

He said upperclassmen will act as discussion leaders for seven freshmen and sophomore sections, each of which will include 12 students. Discussion groups will meet once a week for two hours in the evening. Students will receive two hours credit for the course.

"Juniors and seniors will exchange views on lower division teaching methods at separate meetings where they can develop a common core for the program," Ketzal said.

He explained the course was designed to present criticism of modern American society and foreign policy from the New Left perspective. "We will examine alternatives of existing middle class cultures. It's hoped by the end of the semester that students can define the New Left movement in the United States.

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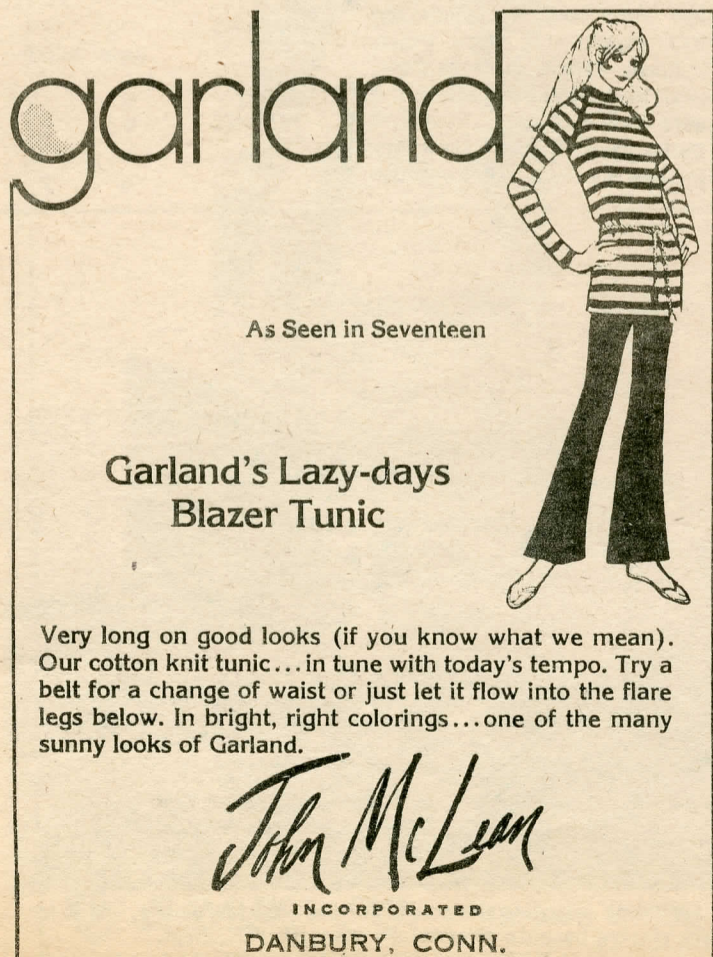
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