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## New Infirmary and Johnson Remodeling Begun

As the Downer Dial goes to press, the sound of hammers and saws is being heard on the campus. The noises are originating from the Infirmary area and Johnston Hall.

The ground is being cleared east of the Infirmary for construction of the Health Center to be completed by next fall. Its horizontal design is in line with the spreading trees soon to be budding in Hawthorn ~~Down~~, and the architecture harmonizes with the plans for the Commons-Union building to be erected later. A red brick exterior will compliment Chapman Memorial Library and the older buildings on campus.

When asked about the Health Center, Miss MacDermott, MDC's nurse, exclaimed, "I'm on cloud nine just thinking about the wonderful new facilities. I'm also pleased that it is being called the Health Center rather than the Infirmary."

Highlighting the new Health Center will be an enlarged 12-bed capacity consisting of two private rooms, four double rooms, and day room, and one isolation room. Each room will have a private or a connecting bath.

The Health Center will contain all new furnishings including a fully-equipped kitchen with sterilizing facilities. Adjoining the kitchen will be a dining area for the "nearly-well" patients. Living quarters for the nurse and her assistant will be provided in the Center.

Equally exciting is the modernization of Johnston Hall to be used as a residence hall next fall. When completed, it will be able to house approximately 50 students.

The entire north end of the first floor will be turned into the house mother's suite consisting of a living room, bedroom, dressing room, and bath.

The remainder of the first floor rooms will be occupied by students as far down the hall as Miss Calbick's old office. Miss Calbick's office and the room across from it will be made into date parlors separated from the rest of first floor by a fire wall. Johnston office will be located opposite the front entrance. Johnston parlor will be remodeled and refurnished. The mantel over the fireplace will be lowered. The built-in

fireside seats will be removed and replaced by two love seats. A sofa, coffee table, plus other pieces will also give the parlor a "new look."

To conclude, Mrs. Jupp's office is being transformed into a recreation room and smoker also to receive new furnishings. Off the recreation room will be a fully equipped laundry room.

Jane Hoar '61

## Annual Cabaret Tomorrow

Tomorrow night is the night! MDC's annual Cabaret will be presented at 8:00 p.m., April 15, in Merrill Hall. Following the presentation of the skits to the theme of "Women and Children First" will be the awarding of the Cabaret Cup in Greene Hall to the class with the winning skit.

Judging the Cabaret skits this year are President Johnson, Dean Falvey, Mr. MacArthur and Mr. McCallum of the Speech and Drama Department, Mr. Riter, professor of art, and Miss Bever of the Chemistry Department and senior class adviser.

Changes in Cabaret rules made this year were designed to make Cabaret more of a "pleasure than a pain," commented Nancy Van Schelven, Cabaret Committee Chairman.

The cabaret skits are no longer required to be 20 minutes long but may vary in length from 10 to 20 minutes. Competing classes have been given more leeway in carrying out the theme and writing the script. The Senior Cabaret Committee checked scripts only to guard against duplication.

Jane Hoar '61





*From The Editor's Desk*

It happened the week before spring vacation! And the more I thought about it, the more it struck me as being down right great! I'm talking about an experiment in which a few of us social science majors played a part. We took part in assessing a perspective faculty member.

We were asked by the administration to have lunch with a candidate for the post of full-time political scientist. During this brief meeting we were to consider and evaluate this candidate as best we could. After this meeting each of us was asked to submit her evaluation of the candidate to the President's office.

Think about this for a moment! What a great chance for the students to contribute ideas to the academic machinery of the college. It is also an opportunity to exercise judicious criticism and have it mean something. The area of faculty selection is particularly appropriate for student participation because it is the students, after all, who spend the most time with those teachers who are hired. Wouldn't it be great if this experiment could be made into a permanent procedure?

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*Letters To The Editor*

Dear Editor,

Several Saturday nights ago at the "March Madness" mixer a unique social situation developed. A large group of guests arrived quite late in the evening (delayed, perhaps, by the snow). They were festively greeted by a cleverly decorated room, a cheery fire, good punch, and an expensive combo.

To the few girls who had "stuck it out", this situation was horrifying. All around the room were boys, boys, boys, boys, and more boys but what had happened to all the girls? They had peered cautiously out from behind daintily powdered noses for a few minutes at the beginning of the party; apparently didn't think it was much fun; and so they left it.

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If students from the major field involved were asked to do this, it seems to me it would have at least three good results. First, it would increase the feeling of student responsibility and morale within the college.

Second, the students involved would gain perspective on the breadth of their area of study from assessing the backgrounds of candidates.

Third, the students would (if they hadn't already) begin to appreciate the qualities of the "teaching personality" which are prerequisite to effective teaching in a college like Downer where work is done on a close, individual basis.

Time would tell if student participation in faculty selection would prove worthwhile and functional to the college and students. But don't you think it is worth a try?

Jane Hoar  
Editor

They not only spoiled what could have been a very nice evening for themselves, they spoiled it for a large number of boys, and even for us, the remaining girls. If that terrible ratio sounds to you like fun, you've never watched 60% of your guests walk around with their hands in their pockets not quite enjoying the architecture of Greene Hall, deciding that Downer girls must be dull or snobs or something because their parties sure weren't much fun. Needless to say that this attitude can have rather dire consequences.

Well now, it's obvious that this situation is extremely undesirable, and worst of all it is unnecessary. We all want a successful social program, and none of us want a ship cracked over our head with "Socialize--blast you!" Rather each girl must be conscientious always of her important role in our social program.

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Dear Editor,

At the April 4 meeting of the SGA, a motion that SGA sponsor an all-school prom was presented and passed. This project will take the place of the now existing Junior and Senior Proms.

My major response to this is, "at last." Here is a project that can become a source of pride for the whole student body, something to join rather than separate the classes. This idea seems to eliminate many problems. It will remove the burden of expenses and concentrated effort from the two classes and, at the same time, will provide a larger working force with greater financial resources.

Though the present system has produced some very good proms, I must say I think this new system will mean bigger, better-attended dances. Girls will be more apt to invite fellows from a distance for a whole weekend than for a dance of a few hours. Greater attendance will make more money available, hence, better orchestras, and presumably better proms.

All this is in the favor of an all school prom, but it won't be a success unless it is supported by us, the student body. In the past, SGA projects have often been regarded with passive acceptance at best. If this attitude is projected toward the prom weekend, it stands a slim chance of equaling, let alone exceeding, the present system. I feel sure, however that the prospect of a really fun college weekend will prove attraction enough for an all-out student effort!

Mary Abrams '63

**News Flashes**

SENIOR CONFERENCES

Seniors, don't forget to schedule a senior conference with President Johnson. The deadline date for conferences is drawing near (April 21).

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The University of Wisconsin Men's Glee Club will be guests in the Commons Thursday evening. cont. page 6, col. 2

Yet despite these prominent members who seem to lend some degree of respectability to the organization, it has been denounced repeatedly. Senator McGee of Wyoming tells of how he was shocked to find the city of Phoenix, Arizona, "torn badly" because of the "agitations and whisperings" stirred up by the John Birch Society. Bitter controversies centered over such things as the location of a tennis court and books used in the primary grades. Society members had spread the word that Communists were "behind all these local community decisions."

The Chancellor of the University of California in Santa Barbara in referring to a student chapter of the society on his campus has said, "Unless it is checked, it can destroy the university." Yet Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona has said, "They are anti-communist, and I don't see how we can be against that."

Senator Dodd calls the society "an affront to decency and intelligence," and Representative Reuss of Milwaukee has called for a Congressional investigation. Attorney General Kennedy refers to the society as "a matter of concern to the Justice Department," but it has the blessings of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee headed by Senator Eastland of Mississippi. Representative Scherer of Ohio, member of the House Un-American Activities, has said, "I look with favor upon it."

The publisher of the Los Angeles Times said that he "does not believe the argument for conservatism can be won by smearing as enemies and traitors those with whom we sometimes disagree." Yet to return to Senator Goldwater, he says, "I am impressed by the type of people in it. They are the kind we need in politics."

Why has an organization of this type come into being with such force at the present time? Hans Engh, in an article on the subject in the March 11 issue of Nation,

says that the society "represents a basic continuing phenomenon in American society... which under one guise or another seems to pop up whenever the country as a whole seems destined to move into a more progressive era." This seems to be the answer. The emergence of the society represents an alliance between the extreme conservative elements in our society in economics, race relations, and religion. These elements feel threatened by more liberal trends. They have united on the issue of Communism and are using this as the means to attack persons and other ideas with which they do not agree.

We can only hope that the United States will emerge from this period with fewer scars than resulted during the McCarthy period.

Joyce Cejka '61

## The President Sheds Some Light

What is being done on the lighting problem? Two letters to the editor have been addressed to this problem--the substandard illumination facilities on campus. President Johnson has "enlightened" me on this issue, and I'll pass it on to you.

As President Johnson put it, "unseen maintenance" goes on every year as fast as money can be made available. Very little repair work was done from 1900 to 1951 when the present administration took office. The backlog of repair needs from that period is gradually being eliminated. One of these needs is the rewiring and lighting needs. A priority list determines the order in which repairs proceed.

Because of the safety factor, rewiring in the dormitories was begun first and was accomplished in McLaren and Holton Halls between 1958 and 1960. At present the wiring in both dormitories can accommodate any lighting fixtures

(except sunlamps). This summer Johnston Hall is undergoing rewiring along with other modernizing efforts.

According to President Johnson, Merrill classrooms, the library, and Sabin Hall will be rewired as speedily as possible according to plan. We have his assurance that the lighting problems will be met in all areas of the college within the next four years.

Jane Hoar '61

## News From The "Freedom Villages"

The folks with no titles in front of their names  
All over the world  
Are raring up and talking back  
To the folks called Mister.  
Langston Hughes

Just as the sit-in demonstrations of Atlanta had an important effect on civil rights disputes in 1959-60, the Freedom villages in Fayette and Haywood counties are causing a similar disturbance in 1960-61. For the past year, these "folks with no titles in front of their names" have been trying to register and vote.

Economic boycotts were the white citizens' response to the 2,200 Negroes registered in Fayette and the 800 in Haywood counties. Many have had their land leases terminated, and their jobs withdrawn. Still other families have been prevented from procuring even the necessities of life such as food, medical care, and gasoline within the vicinity.

Three Freedom villages have provided a temporary answer to these evicted Negro families, most of whom are sharecroppers. The land for the project was donated by Negro farmers, and the tents provided by the Fayette County Civic and Welfare League. Formed in 1959, this league's original purpose was to organize the drive to get Negroes out to register. Now it has taken over much of the relief work for boycott victims in the county.

Opposition from the white residents is strong. They maintain that life is easy in the Freedom Villages, and that most Negroes are "looking for  
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a way to shirk responsibility." The fact that most of the Negroes refuse to seek work or housing outside of the county still remains. They earnestly desire their right to vote in their home county regardless of the comfort and security they must relinquish. One resident of Freedom village, when asked why he had registered, replied, "It's something to help my children. And it might help me too. I ain't got too old yet." Conversely, Roy Coleson, the editor of the Fayette Falcon, attributes the movement of these sharecroppers to basic changes in the county's economy!

In one way, this movement to get people registered in Fayette and Haywood counties is unique in that its leaders are not professional people but sharecroppers themselves. On the other hand, this group of sharecroppers is not unusual in that most of them were unaware before the registration drives began in 1959 that they were guaranteed the right to vote by the United States Constitution.

Aid has been and is being given to these Negro citizens of Fayette and Haywood counties by many national, local, and student organizations. In addition to the Civic and Welfare League, a national organization, Operation Freedom, has been formed to raise money for the two counties. The University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin student bodies have adopted Fayette county and are providing them with some food, clothing, and money. The University of California student body has taken on the support of Haywood county. A small Illinois school, Whimer College, has initiated book sales to collect funds for the project. Other schools have sent representatives to the stricken area for eye-witness accounts of the situation.

Thus, this denial of the civil liberties or rights of a group of people is not only of vital importance because they are members of a minority group, but also because they are American citizens. It should be the personal obligation of students to make themselves cognizant of this situation whose outcome can be influenced by their efforts.

Florence Vaccarello '64

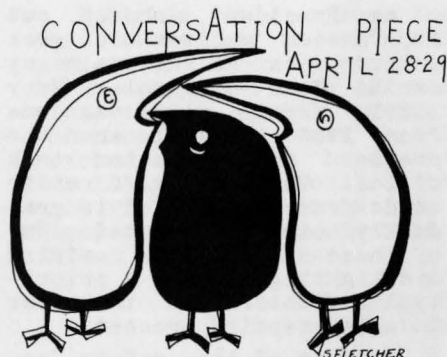
"News Flashes" continued  
ing, April 27. They will present a concert in Greene Hall at 8 p.m. The concert will be free and open to the public. Following the concert there will be a party in Greene Hall.

"Born Yesterday," the film, will be shown in Pillsbury at 7:30 p.m., Sunday evening, April 23. Following the film, there will be a party in Kim.

The Phi Beta Phi fraternity from Spencerian Business College will be guests in the Commons Tuesday evening, May 2, for the May fraternity dinner. Following dinner there will be a party in Greene Hall.

A pre-prom dinner will be held Friday evening, May 5. Sign up for a free meal ticket for your escort at the Social Committee office.  
**ATTENTION ALL**

Dr. Gerald Rosenbaum, associate professor of psychology at Wayne State University, Detroit, will be on campus April 13 and 14 as a visiting lecturer. He will meet a number of psychology classes with a different topic for lecture-discussion at each meeting. These meetings will be held in East Kim. Bulletin boards contain a schedule with topics indicated of Dr. Rosenbaum's appearances, and faculty have been furnished with this schedule. All faculty and students are cordially invited to attend any or all of Dr. Rosenbaum's appearances.



## Housing Conference To Be Held at Marquette

The Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations, in co-operation with more than 30 agencies and organizations, will sponsor an all-day conference on housing from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at Brooks Memorial Union, Marquette University. The conference theme will be "Integrated Housing--The Number One Challenge of Urban Communities Today."

The keynote speaker of the conference will be Mr. Charles Abrams, noted housing expert and distinguished author. Milwaukee Mayor Henry W. Maier has been invited to address the opening session of the conference; Wisconsin Attorney General John W. Reynolds will address the afternoon session.

The conference will be open to the public. For further information regarding any phase of the conference, please contact the office of the Milwaukee Commission on Community Relations, Room 706, City Hall.

Jane Hoar '61

## Prom Plans Announced

With glowing Japanese lanterns and a profusion of cherry blossoms, "Sayonara," the Japanese goodby, will highlight the Senior Prom, Saturday evening, May 6. To be held in the Blatz Pavilion in Lincoln Park, the prom will feature Russ Roland's band.

Guests of honor will be Miss Enid Bever and Miss Frances E. Falvey. In addition to students faculty and staff, the Purple class trustees are being invited.

Handled differently this year, the invitations will be sent to each class, requiring no individual replies. Tickets may be purchased in Holton and McLaren Halls from Holly Habegger and OS students from Winnie Mading.

Sheri Biegelaar, senior class president, described the Blatz Pavilion as being small and comfortable featuring a modern decor throughout. "The porch," she commented, "extends around the front of the pavilion and overlooks the Milwaukee River."