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## PTP Conference Held Oct. 7

Mickey Bonin and Pat Cartwright were delegates to the second state conference of University People to People at Madison, Wisconsin, on October 7. Mickey attended the first conference last spring where the delegates were brought to an awareness of problems that face international students when they enter American universities and colleges.

The follow-up conference was called to further discuss the PTP organization and how it is working on a world wide basis to promote better international understanding and person to person contacts among the peoples of the world.

It was brought out that there are 70,000 international students and a large percentage of these students return to their prospective countries and are influential in business and government. They come to the United States to learn more about Americans but unfortunately many return without the knowledge of how we truly live. They want to learn so that they might be better equipped to deal with Americans when they return to their own countries. Working with the international student and not for him is one of the basic ideas of PTP.

The latter part of the conference was concerned with national organization of PTP. Each college or university interested in this program can affiliate with the national organization and become a working group on campus.

Plans were made to start a PTP organization on our campus although Downer does not have an international student relations problem. Our association with other colleges and groups in Milwaukee with such problems could play an important part in improving relations with international students.

At a recent PTP meeting it was emphasized that PTP would not be restricted to the campus, but that individuals could plan anything they wanted and carry out such ideas as parties, speakers, or touring with international students.



"The Proletariat at Work" or "Who's Got the Magic Marker?"

## Student Leaders Meet

The now much publicized College Leadership Conference was held on Saturday, October 27 at the home of Mrs. T.R. Swansen in Troy Center. Members of all campus clubs and publications were present at this meeting as well as nine members of Executive Council. The subjects discussed centered on the problems of extra-curricular campus activities. The consensus was that the primary problem with many of these activities is the apathy of Milwaukee-Downer College students toward them. The delegates discussed generally the value of campus clubs and publications. Organizations not having problems with lack of student support and interest were noted. These included happily the Downer Dial, Social Actions Committee, Student Political Association, Orchesis, People to People, Kodak, Occupational Therapy Club, Junior Board, and Choir.

The problem of disbarring organizations was also noted. The predicament of some clubs wishing to change programs but unable to do so because of supposed faculty domination was discussed. Some activities carried on despite of lack of student interest were Athletic Association and Cumtux. It was thought that perhaps a solution to this problem would be a revocation of the charters of defunct and troubled organizations, on the recommendation of Executive Council of SGA. The possibility of further difficulties which may have resulted from this, particularly coercion on the part of certain

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faculty advisors to retain clubs despite student members apathy was noted. As such specific action which might be misconstrued as deemed inadvisable, a more radical resolution to abolish all organizations not specifically provided for by resident students, city students, or SGA organizational statements was propounded. It was hoped that in this way those clubs wishing to disband would be able to do so without complication, and those clubs that were functioning adequately would be able to resume activity almost immediately. After this resolution was unanimously adopted, the conference was adjourned.

## Pros and Cons on Cuban Policy

On Monday, October 22, the citizens of the United States were catapulted into a crisis as they listened to the grave words of President Kennedy announcing a quarantine or blockade of Cuba to prevent any further construction of missile sites on the island by the USSR. This action was of course followed by heated discussion in all corners of the world including MDC. In an effort to determine the general sentiment on this campus toward this issue, the Dial decided to take a random sample of both faculty and student opinions. Of the 35 individuals interviewed, 65.7% supported the action of the President, 25.7% opposed his decision, and 8.5% were undecided.

The majority of those supporting the action of the President felt that:

1. It was about time the U.S. took a stand on this issue.
2. This was the only course of action open to the President under the circumstances.
3. This action was necessary if this nation is to survive; we must stand up to the intimidation of any political power.
4. Sooner or later there was bound to be a clash of ideals between the U.S. and the USSR and it might as well be now.

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### From The Editor's Desk

Students, faculty, and administration have always spent a great deal of time discussing and supporting the abstract and noncommittal aspects of academic freedom, education in the liberal arts tradition, and student rights. Recently we at MDC have been called upon to do more than merely discuss in a passive way these ambiguous terms and concepts. The Wilkinson affair, the Executive Council action, and the non-existent student statement of academic freedom have caused a severe testing and inquiry into the aforementioned principles as found on our campus. A concrete attempt to propound and clarify our ideals as they apply to the rights and responsibilities of students, faculty, and administration has now pre-empted the traditional passive support of these vague ideals of academic freedom, student rights, and the liberal arts tradition.

The basic quarrel seems to be with the exercise, by students, of the ideals inherent in and inseparable from the principles of free inquiry.

The cause of academic freedom is not served or furthered by a debate on whether or not a speaker will be allowed to appear before a student group on our campus; but rather by allowing all speakers invited by student groups, controversial or not, to appear. So far our concern with academic freedom has been limited to a debate on the principles of academic freedom rather than to our seeing it in action, i.e. by allowing any and all controversial speakers, who are so invited, to appear on campus. After all, all topics have their controversial side in an educative student discussion. It is our right and privilege to examine and advocate any and all views. It is by such conflict of ideas that we are able to test the validity of issues and ideas. It is by this process that we come to formulate our ideas. We must be allowed to be informed and to examine head-on controversial issues. We must meet varying points of view at

the level of argument and counterargument, rather than avert our faces from them. We must be aware of the products available in the marketplace of ideas before we can make a wise decision as to what we shall invest and take stock in. This process of choice per se is actually academic freedom; obviously our choice is limited by the products allocated for display before us. Is it not about time we enjoyed our inherent and traditional rights as consumers in the free marketplace of ideas instead of merely windowshopping?

Bonita Cheesebrough, Editor

### Letters to the Editor

Dear Miss Cheesebrough:

Enclosed you will find payment for my subscription to the Dial. I thought the first issue was very fine; the layout had style, the format made for easy reading, and above all, the news was well-written and interesting.

Considering the seriousness of the academic freedom question on our campus, I thought your editorial was altogether too mild and restrained. The speaker policy council should have been severely criticized for its decision against the SAC program. At several points in your editorial the facts are misstated. For example, you write that one of the implied functions of the speaker policy council is "to make sure (italics mine) that the programs are times so as to present an immediate and rigid balance of opinion..." What is your documentation for this assertion? There are other points of error which "space" does not permit me to explore.

If the editor of the student newspaper can be so misinformed about the issue then other student leaders and the general student body may be equally misinformed. This is a matter of vital importance to the intellectual health of our college community. An all college meeting devoted to a full and open discussion of the points at issue is sorely needed at this time.

In all your coverage of the Social Action Committee program no one thought to commend the SAC members for deciding to sponsor the HUAC debate. This action was a courageous witness for free speech on our campus and in the larger Milwaukee community. The SAC students expressed a firm commitment to the principle of "free and open discussion in the marketplace of ideas. They are students in the finest tradition of our college. I am proud to know them, for they are sensitive, intelligent persons who have the courage to stand publicly for academic liberalism against those who would shut the doors on meaningful human controversy.

Sincerely yours,  
Sidney M. Peck

Editor's note: The documentation for the implied functions of the speaker policy council is a statement from a faculty member of this council.

Dear Miss Cheesebrough:

In a recent editorial you criticized the Faculty-Student Council which decided against the appearance in debate on this campus of Frank Wilkinson and Thomas Herz. May I point out that the procedures as adopted by the student body and approved by the trustees were very carefully followed to the last detail. Your cry of "Foul" is the reaction of a person who cannot have his own way. Nothing illegal or unfair was done.  
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con't Letters to committed by the Council in spite of what your article so strongly suggests.

You imply that the Council was unfair to the Social Action Committee because its members were not invited to the meeting. At the later meeting of the Student Government Association at which the Council members were present it was explained that this was a matter of time and nothing else. As editor you should have been at that SGA meeting. The Council met on a Thursday afternoon at five o'clock. It was pointed out in our discussion that no second meeting could be held for the purpose of inviting the SAC to send representatives before the following Monday, and the proposed program was to be the week-end after this. It was considered necessary to settle the matter immediately. I am quite certain that not a single member of the council would have opposed bringing SAC representatives into the discussion had there been time for other meetings.

A further comment about the much-discussed subject "Academic Freedom." At this college we have almost total academic freedom. No one is required to take a loyalty oath, no student nor faculty member is forbidden to hold or express an opinion, the classes are not in any way censored, the administration does not advise faculty what or how to teach, there has never been interference with the freedom of thought and speech of students or faculty.

In the light of this current furor about academic freedom seems strange indeed. To my knowledge none of those who are so vigorously protesting that their rights are being denied has ever spoken even a single word of appreciation for the policy of the administration towards academic freedom. That policy, which has been demonstrated on many occasions, is clearly to create on this campus an atmosphere in which all ideas may be freely discussed and exchanged. The very fact that the present controversy is permitted is proof of the point.

How lacking in understanding is the statement in the recent

article in the Dial "Academic Freedom at MDC"; "The faculty of Downer College has worked hard for the principles of academic freedom." The answer to this is that the faculty has not had to work hard at all. We have, in the eight years that I have been here enjoyed the privilege of free speech and thought.

Very truly yours  
Eugene Casselman

To the Editor:

The Speaker Policy Council's refusal of permission for the SAC-sponsored debate on the HUAC demonstrated the effect which social and economic concerns can have on the exercise of intellectual inquiry. The degree to which these pressures influence the pursuit of knowledge and the presentation of ideas is determined by students, faculty, and administration.

As a student who feels that unimpeded learning should be the primary concern of a college and is of long-run benefit to its social, economic and intellectual survival; I was grateful for the opportunity to attend and assist in the programming of the Wilkinson-Herz debate. The varied points of view held by the principal speakers, members of the student panel, and the audience provided a rich learning experience. It would have been to Downer's credit to have held this informative, orderly, and well-attended program on campus.

Gretchen Akers  
Secretary of SAC

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to express my views concerning the action taken by Exy Council under the guidance of the Dean in its decision to dissolve all campus organizations, and to clarify the issues involved in this decision as propounded in the recent SGA Leadership Conference.

Since I did not participate in the conference I must rely upon the minutes of the conference and verbal reports from those in attendance as my sour-

## Academic Freedom

On December 18 last year a two year trial period of the temporary student speaker policy procedure expired. Until a new speaker policy is adopted the following procedures are necessary in student invitations to guest speakers: Recognized student groups may sponsor a speaker on campus only after consulting their advisor. In addition they must send copies of their invitation and information concerning the speaker's background to the president, the dean, the director of public relations, and the department or division head involved. If any one of these people questions the desirability of a speaker, a speaker policy committee consisting of four faculty members and four students are to meet in order to decide whether to approve or reject the invitation. As a six to two vote in favor is necessary to approve the speaker, any individual student wishing to have a speaker appear on campus would have to obtain the support and sponsorship of a recognized organization on the campus.

The academic freedom committee drew up a tentative statement last year which covered the speaker policy and all areas of student freedom from their organizations to excluding individuals.

During the summer members of the committee carried out various phases of research, and soon after they returned to school the committee was reorganized.

The present problem is not to carry out further study or to get a few people to write a statement for the student body. The real problem is to enlist the concern and support of all students in regard to their academic freedom.

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ces of information for the following statements.

Sometime during the first hour or two of the conference it was suggested that the existing clubs on campus did not

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Cuba watches Twisty World

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Others supporting the decision of the President felt that it was moderate in light of the situation and that it was indeed well thought through and rational.

Those in opposition to the decision of the President based their arguments on the following points;

1. The action of the U.S. is unlawful under international law.
2. The U. S. clearly committed an act of aggression.
3. The U.S. is presumably a peace-loving nation and yet this act concerns the possibility of wiping out all of civilization.
4. This action was unwarranted since there was clearly a lack of effort to negotiate a peaceful settlement of disagreements.
5. Now that the USSR is proposing possible peaceful settlements of the situation, the U.S. looks like a war-monger in the eyes of the world.

One individual felt that perhaps the basic question is not one of judging the act but one of determining how to alleviate the present situation. This may well be the crux of the matter, since we are all involved in what shall happen in the future regardless of our opinions concerning the decision of the past.

47 MORE DAYS  
UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS!



## News Flashes

The United Fund Drive, under the direction of Katy Ghawi, was quite successful this year. A goal of \$1300 was set and \$1200, just short of the goal, was collected. A total of \$101.95 was donated by the student body, the rest having been contributed by the faculty and staff.

New members of Judicial Council are as follows: Diana Devita, Meredith Murray, Patti Nell, Sally Haynam, and Elaine Templin. Members elected last year are Diane Burgelis and Mickey Bonin.

Marilyn Belcher, '65, was accepted by the U.S. Peace Corps. She will be located in either Thailand or Malaya.

There will be a panel discussion on November 15 at 7:30 P.M. in Alumnae Hall on the subject "Faith or Philosophy" with Father Kriege, a Roman Catholic; Pastor Prenzlou, a Lutheran; and Reverend Agto, a Methodist. Refreshments will be served.

Last week Miss Hermann, head of the Occupational Therapy Department, and eight O.T. majors attended the Third International Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists held in Philadelphia.

The five-day conference sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association was held for the first time in the United States. An estimated 1,500 professional occupational therapists and students from thirty-three different countries were in attendance at the meeting.

All of the girls felt that the conference was very worthwhile. In addition to the formal conference sessions, they had the opportunity to tour hospitals, clinics, and other such places of interest in Philadelphia. Soon these students will address the Occupational Therapy Club on their experiences at the conference and Mary Gibbon will be interviewed on the radio for her impression of the conference.

## SGA Revokes Organization Charters

At the SGA meeting on Friday November 2, an overwhelming majority vote approved the motion commanding Executive Council to revoke the charters of certain organizations on campus.

The motion read as follows: Be it so moved that Executive Council of SGA revoke the charters of the following organizations: Athletic Association, Cumtux, Dial, Hat Committee, Home Economics Club, Kodak, Occupational Therapy Club, Orchestr, Social Actions Committee, Student-National Education Association, Student Political Association and Studio Club. The aforementioned organizations are to remain legally dissolved permanently or until that time when they choose to reorganize. The pre-requisite for the reinstatement of an organization on campus is a written constitution or statement of purpose which is to be submitted to Executive Council for its approval or rejection as outlined in Article III, Sec. 4, D. of the SGA By-Laws."

This action of the student body was brought about due to the strong recommendation of Executive Council after it received the report from the SGA Leadership Conference of October 27th on the present state of extra-curricular organizations on the MDC campus.

As of Friday, November 2, at 5 p.m. the foregoing organizations were legally dissolved. These organizations will not be permitted to function again until their constitution is approved by Executive Council.

## CUMTUX Situation Critical

Due to lack of student interest and support, Cumtux is following the way of MDC dramatic productions. This year there are only six people willing to devote their time to Cumtux. Anne Juneau, editor, reports that staff efforts to improve the book will be nil without greater student participation.

The Cumtux situation is a prophetic warning of what must inevitably happen if we do not support a publication.

## Where the Boys Are—Downer Social Functions

The social year at Downer started out with a boom at the Freshman Mixer and has been going strong ever since. This has happened thanks to the Social Committee under the chairmanship of Mickey Bonin. Because this group is one of the most successful organizations at Downer, it may prove helpful to many to examine its goals and how it is able to achieve them.

Social Committee brings to Downer a most welcome species—namely, MEN. It is the goal of the committee to encourage the participation of groups of men as well as individuals who will regularly attend the social functions and whose company will be both socially and intellectually pleasant.

Good organization insures the fulfillment of this goal. Attendance at Social Committee meetings has been excellent. Representatives from all classes and groups within the student body have worked enthusiastically. This is probably the main factor in the success of the group.

The main problem facing Social Committee is a surprising one. There is a lack of participation on the part of the girls at Downer. However, the month of November will be very active, giving an opportunity for many girls to show their interest by attending the functions. There will be a mixer on the 10th, Know How To Series on the 14th, a Fraternity Desert on the 15th, and a concert by the Wabash Choir from Indiana on the 16th.

Complaints will be accepted with enthusiasm by any of the committee representatives. If you have none, then put those books, knitting needles, and cards away! See you at the next social function!

Holton reps: Sandi Corwin, Marty Burke; Johnston reps: Connie Nickols, Patty Nell; McLaren reps: Lee Goltermann, Camille Eakins; Seniors, Ann Polek; Juniors; Sue Stapleford; Sophomores, Linda Evans; CSO, Heidi Wilde, Rosey Bock; appointees: Lee Dodds, E. O'Connor, Judy Jahnke, Nancy Habetler, The officers of the Committee are: Chairman, Mickey Bonin; Secretary, Connie Nickols; Treasurer, Heidi Wilde.

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seem to reflect the interests of the students and that perhaps it would be desirable to dissolve all organizations on campus. This suggestion met with some dissent; however, toward the conclusion of the conference, a resolution for this action was adopted by the conference with the provision to refer it to Exy Council for approval.

There happened to be eight voting members and the President of SGA, which constitute a quorum, plus the Dean in attendance at the conference. Ruth Gienapp, president of SGA, called a meeting of Exy Council to discuss and subsequently unanimously adopt this resolution. Thus Gretchen Akers, Secretary of SGA, Laura Garber, rep. to Exy Council from the Sophomore Class, Lynn Deisher, rep. to Exy Council from Holton Hall, and I, rep from City students Organization, received no written notice of this meeting. In the past, Exy Council meetings have always been announced in writing. Furthermore, there was no written notification prior to the conference that an Exy Council meeting was to be held. Does not this breach of procedure render the meeting invalid?

Further decisions made at this meeting were:

1. to take down all bulletin board posters of the "to be" dissolved organizations on campus
2. to call an emergency meeting of SGA for Monday, October 29, to announce this resolution. This announcement was not to be made until Sunday evening.

On Monday, October 29, at 12:30 P.M. a meeting of SGA was called to order by Ruth Gienapp.

The minutes of the SGA Leadership Conference were read as well as the aforementioned resolution. Before a discussion on these matters could take place a motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn the meeting and hold a discussion on the resolution Friday, November 2, 1962.

Several of the actions mentioned in this letter which were taken by Exy Council under the guidance of the Dean evoke numerous questions.

1. The Exy Council meeting of Saturday established a number of strange deviations from normal procedure. Does this not make the meeting invalid?

2. The SGA meeting which was held on Monday noon is seemingly illegal in that it violates Art XI Sec. I of the By-Laws of SGA which states:

"Public notice shall be given at least one full class day before the meeting."

Does the time between Sunday evening and Monday 12:30 P.M. constitute one full class day?

3. The Exy Council had based its decision to approve the aforementioned resolution on Art. XII, SEC. III of the By-Laws which reads:

"Established activities which are under the jurisdiction of a particular student organization shall be the responsibility of that organization. SGA shall be concerned with these activities only upon the request of the group involved or if Executive Council believes these activities to be detrimental to the best interests of the College."

Is the resolution to dissolve or legislate all campus organizations out of existence an accurate and advisable interpretation of this article?

Is the very existence of student organizations subject to the judgment and virtual control of SGA or Exy Council?

5. As an ex-officio member of Exy Council, being advisor to that body, was it not incumbent upon Dean Falvey to advise Exy Council of the illegal and untoward nature of its proceedings?

Sincerely yours  
Ellyn Johannes



Works by Max Fernekes are on exhibit through November 10th at the Wauwatosa Adult School.

An exhibit of works done in the Art Center's childrens' classes is on display through November 25 at the War Memorial Center.

On display at the Milwaukee Public Museum are Australian bark paintings and other crafts in the Concourse area through November 16.

The National Players, sponsored by the Society of Fine Arts, Alverno College, are presenting "School for Wives" and "Othello" November 11.

The International Institute's Holiday Folk Fair will be held at the Arena-Auditorium November 17-18.

Helen Hayes and Maurice Evans will star in Shakespeare's "A Program for Two Players" November 9-10 at the Pabst.

The Village Playhouse of Wauwatosa presents "Music Man" November 9-16, 17-23, 24-30; and December 1.

The Swan Theater presents Jane Wyatt in "Tea and Sympathy" from November 6-18, and Vivian Blaine in "Guys and Dolls" from November 20 to December 2.

What fun and how easy it is to go to a play! Just a bus ride down to Wisconsin Avenue and a short walk to the Skylight Coffee House Theater results in a unique evening of entertainment.



One finds the atmosphere and caliber of the theater most enjoyable. The theater itself is very small. The coffee counter serves as the stage proper. The cast sits among and behind the audience while singing and reciting the drama, thus making the audience not solely a passive recipient of the art but an active participant in what is aptly described as stereophonic drama.

Mr. Clair Richardson, stage director and sodaboy, said that he aims to do the intimate works that lend themselves to the unique setting of the coffee house. He likened his theater with the off-Broadway avant-garde theaters which strive to present the unusual and avoid the commercial.

Presently playing is the "Coffee Cantata" by Bach. This is a hilarious tale about a girl who is a compulsive coffee drinker. The Skylight on the Square, which has recently opened, is concurrently presenting "Little Mary Sunshine."

The Skylight is not the only accessible theater to Downer students. A walk of approximately fifteen minutes (ten if you are a track star) can find you at the Fred Miller Theater. For Downer students tickets for these theater-in-the-round productions are one-half the regular price.

Mr. Paul Shyre, the newly appointed artistic director of the Fred Miller, hopes to make this nonprofit theater, which is owned by the citizens of Milwaukee, a permanent theater in this area. In order to achieve this objective he will produce plays of the well known playwrights and recruit the service of excellent artists. He said that he would like to see the Miller "evolve into a permanent home for a selected group of actors, directors, designers, and playwrights. The Miller can be regarded as a kind of artists' Shangri-La."

Currently the Miller is presenting Eugene O'Neill's "Beyond the Horizon." On November 14 through December 2, Don Passos' "U.S.A." will be presented.

## Students Learn of American Role in Arab Countries

In "The Arab and Moscow" Mr. Grant Butler clarified distorted reports of a backward, middle class developed and with it the revitalization of their civilization.

An important point which Mr. Butler presented was how many Americans discredit America while working or visiting in foreign countries. He stressed how this plays right in the hands of the Soviet Union. Mr. Butler maintains that the U.S. government must present the spiritual and cultural side of America to the Arab world for peace. Guns and tanks will not solve the problems of the world. "Love thy neighbor as thyself"-

It was not until 1933, after centuries of oppression, that the Arabs began to rebuild their civilization. Oil was discovered, and almost overnight the Arabs were thrown in to the modern world and began working alongside the Americans. The shepherd turned oilman. A point to ponder for peace.

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