



# Reckoning with Our History: The UW-Madison Public History Project

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Who am I?



## A Few Things to Note

- Take breaks, stretch, eat, drink, doodle – do whatever you need to do!
- This event is being recorded.
- There will be breaks for questions and a Q&A at the end of the event. Feel free to drop your questions in the chat!
- A lot of history... but not all the history.
- Content warning



## The Badger



Top Row: Buell, Ardul, Tack, Jones, DeL. Page, Thompson, Becken, Hawley  
Second Row: Fairbanks, Vossogel, Stigeman, Blossen, Frantschi, Datto, Hook  
Third Row: Oxlind, Murphy, Clark, Warner (Pres.), Schae, Townsend, Grant

## Ku Klux Klan



Ku Klux Klan Honor Society in  
the 1924 Badger Yearbook,  
Courtesy of the UW Archives.




The UW-Madison Public History Project aims to recover and acknowledge the history of exclusion on campus through the voices of those who experienced and resisted it.




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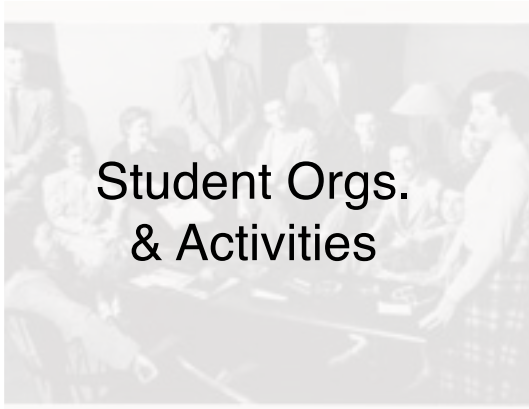
# Archival Research



Housing &  
Campus Life



Academic Life



Student Orgs.  
& Activities



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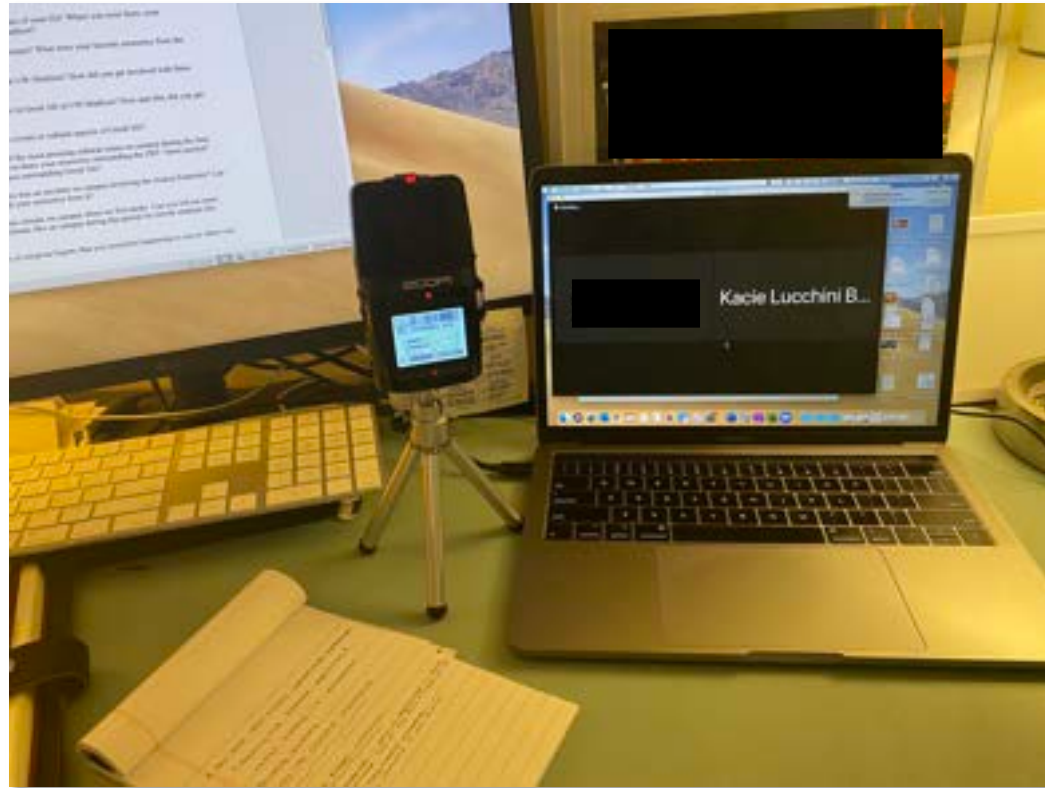
## The UW Archive



The UW Archives and Staff in Steenbock Library, Courtesy of the UW Archives.



# Oral History





# Research Numbers



## 170 CUBIC FEET

Graduate and undergraduate student researchers have accessed over 170 cubic feet of archival material.

*That's about .50 bathtubs worth!*

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## 168 VOLUMES

Student researchers read 79 volumes of the *Badger Yearbook* and 89 volumes of *The Daily Cardinal*.

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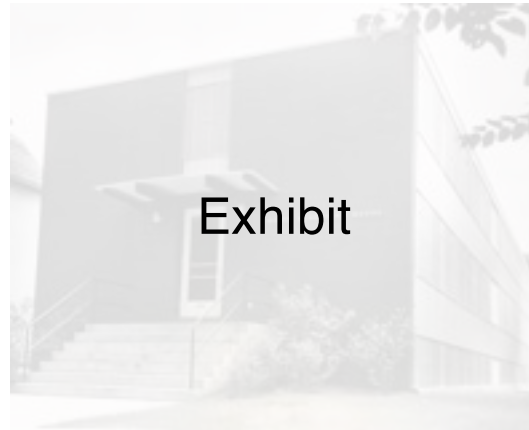
## 114 INTERVIEWS | 148 HOURS OF AUDIO

Student researchers completed 114 oral history interviews, with a total 148 hours of audio.

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# Final Products



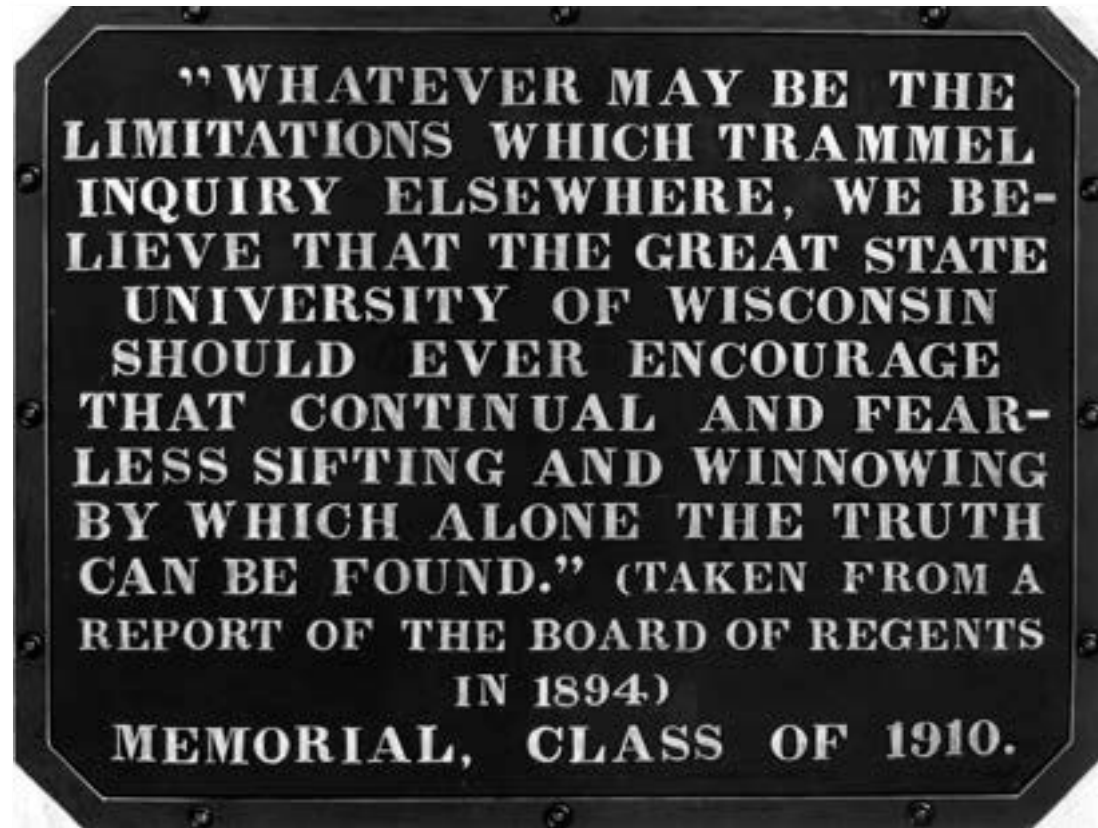
# Reckoning (noun)

1. The action or process of calculating or estimating something
2. A person's view, opinion, or judgement
3. A bill or account, or its settlement



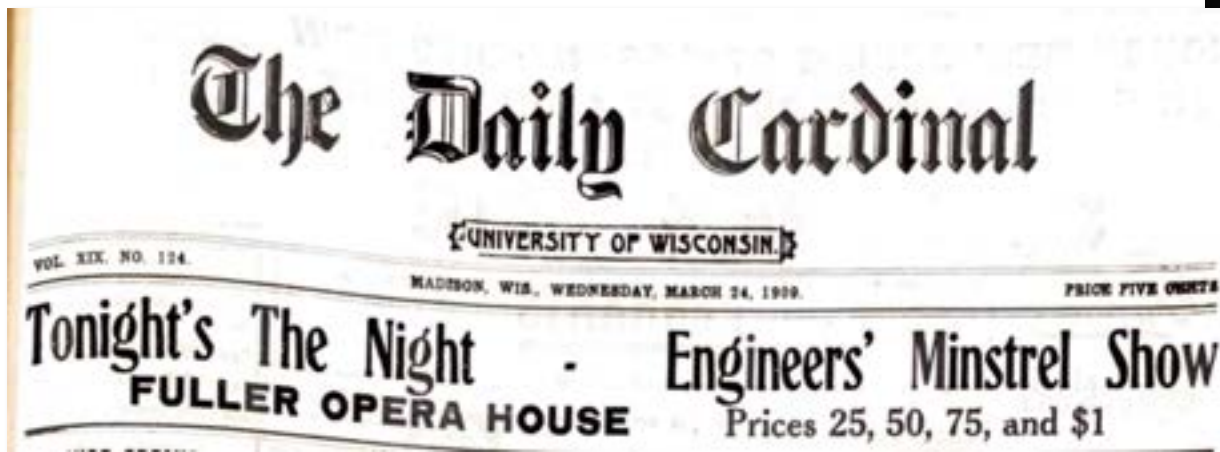
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## Resistance & Protest at UW-Madison



The Sifting & Winnowing Plaque on Bascom Hill, dedicated by the Class of 1910.

## The Early Culture of UW-Madison



The front page of the *Daily Cardinal*, March 24, 1909, Courtesy of the UW Archives.



Photo of the Pipe of Peace, Courtesy of the Wisconsin Historical Society.



Prom 1924, Courtesy of the UW Archives.

# Student Organizations



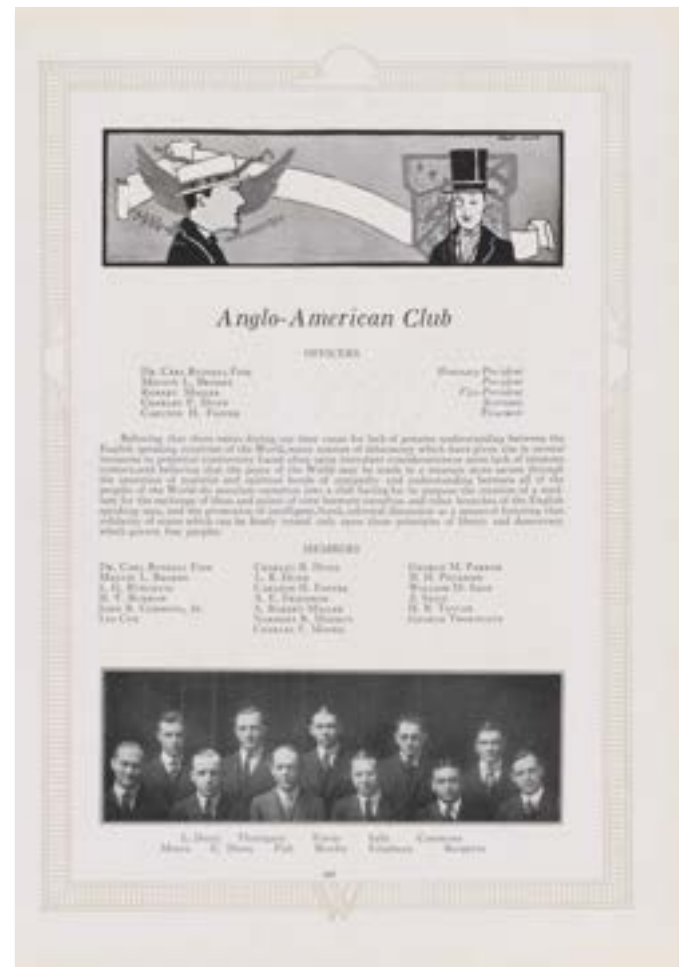
Dixie Club Yearbook page, 1915, depicted with a racist caricature, Courtesy of the UW Archives.



Commercial Club Yearbook page, 1915 depicted with an anti semitic cartoon, Courtesy of the UW Archives.



The Kappa Beta Lambda Fraternity in the 1928 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of the UW Archives.



Anglo-American Club in the 1921 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of the UW Archives.

# Student Organizations



Program for Chinese Night hosted by UW-Madison's Chinese Student Club, Courtesy of UW Archives.



1916 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.



1951 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.



# Student Organizations



1923 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.



1924 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.



1924 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Student Organizations

Twenty-four fraternity chapters were active on campus in January 1947 compared to only six chapters that continued operations in wartime.

**As of a 1952 report, 30 percent of UW-Madison undergraduates belonged to a Greek-letter organization (more than double the 14 percent of students currently affiliated on the campus).**

14 out of 24 fraternities had discriminatory clauses.

# Student Organizations



1947 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.



1980 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.

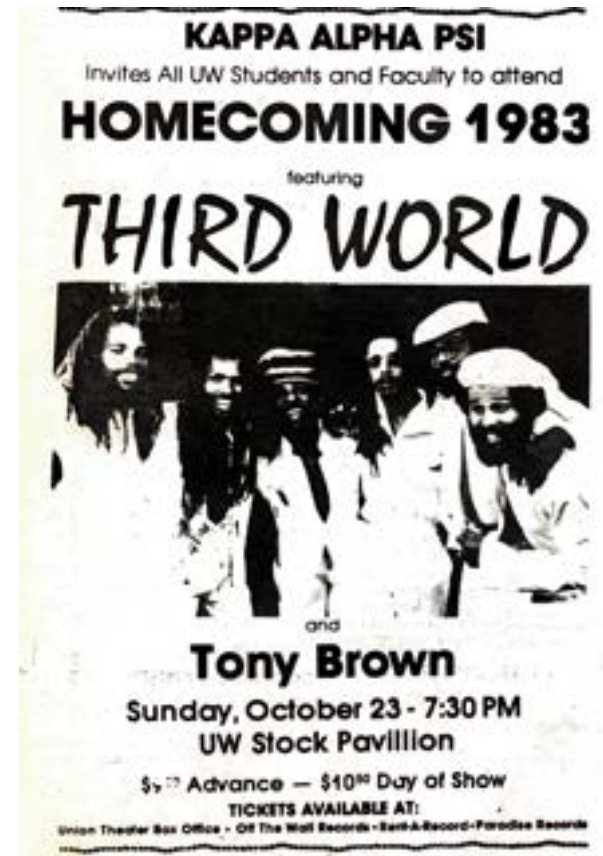


1959 Badger Yearbook, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Student Organizations



1969 Black Homecoming Queen, Carolyn Williams [3<sup>rd</sup> from left], Courtesy of UW Archives.



1983 Kappa Alpha Psi Homecoming Concert Advertisement, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Housing Discrimination at UW



UW dormitory, ca. 1950. Courtesy of UW Archives.



Advertisement for new UW residence hall, Courtesy of UW Archives.

# Mildred Gordon

## Ban Racial Tests, Mrs. Berger Asks

Madison, Wis.—(AP)—The question of racial discrimination at the University of Wisconsin was brought before the board of regents Wednesday in a resolution by Mrs. Meta Berger, Milwaukee, which asked the board to disapprove of any rooming house for students that discriminates against race, creed or nationality.

On the suggestion of Harry L. Butler, Madison, that the board should investigate any legal entanglements which might arise should a rooming house be sued, the regents referred the resolution to an executive committee. A report is to be made in March.

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The resolution came as an aftermath to the recent controversy over alleged discrimination by owners of Langdon Hall, inhabited by university women students. Mrs. Berger suggested that the regents should take a stand after recent publicity regarding the exclusion of Jewish students from the dormitory.

Miss Mildred Gordon, Chicago, brought suit against the owners of Langdon Hall for \$10,000. In her complaint she said she had told the owners she was Jewish and that after engaging the room was told the hall could not accommodate her.



Co-ed Asks \$10,000  
Mildred L. Gordon, 26, of Chicago, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, started suit Thursday, asking \$10,000 from owners of Langdon Hall, a women's dormitory. Miss Gordon charges discrimination against Jewish girls.

## Jews Barred, Suit Charges Chicago Girl Demands \$10,000 From U. W. Dormitory

A suit to collect \$10,000 from officers of Langdon Hall, a women's dormitory at the University of Wisconsin, for alleged discrimination against Jewish girls was begun Thursday in federal court at Madison by Mildred L. Gordon, 26, of Chicago, a junior at the university.

Summons were served on R. D. Idelson, Madison, secretary-treasurer of the Mendota Building Co., which operates Langdon Hall, by Atty. M. M. Wittenberg, counsel for Miss Gordon. She is the daughter of M. L. Gordon, 1414 N. Pauline, Chicago, a district manager of an insurance and guarantee company.

Miss Gordon, who says her room reserved at Langdon Hall was accepted last Aug. 21 with her application fee of \$25, was refused admittance to the dormitory when she arrived with her trunk and baggage to enter the university Sept. 19, she alleges.

No Notice, She Says  
Owners of Langdon Hall, recently completed at Lake and Langdon sts., told her Sept. 19 she alleges, that they could not accommodate her because the dormitory was filled, even though her application had been accepted and she had received no notice excluding her.

The application blank which Miss Gordon filed noted her church affiliation. She wrote that she was Jewish. Several other Jewish students who applied for admittance to Langdon Hall were rejected, according to Atty. Wittenberg. He cited the case of an Arogo girl, a member of a prominent family here.

Charges Jews Barred  
Miss Gordon charges that the owners of the building have adopted an iron bound policy to deny Jewish women at the university the right to live at Langdon Hall. Liberator sent no notice of discrimination against any race or religion. Refusal of the owners to allow Miss Gordon to live at Langdon Hall, she says, has humiliated and embarrassed her and caused her mental anguish.

Miss Gordon says filing of \$25 N. Frances st., Madison.  
Other officers of Langdon Hall are F. G. Oetting, president, and W. L. Bluzau, vice president. They have 28 days in which to file an answer to the complaint.

# Arthur Burke



Daily Cardinal coverage, October 24, 1944. Courtesy of UW Archives.



# Arthur Burke



Merle Curti, Courtesy of UW Archives.



Helen C. White, Courtesy of UW Archives.

Madison, Wisconsin  
651 University Avenue  
apartment B  
October 21, 1944

Dear Dr. DuBois,

The past ten days has witnessed at the University of Wisconsin a flagrant case of discrimination against a Negro student, Arthur B. Burke, who teaches at Hampton Institute and is an Adams fellow working for his doctorate at the University of Wisconsin.

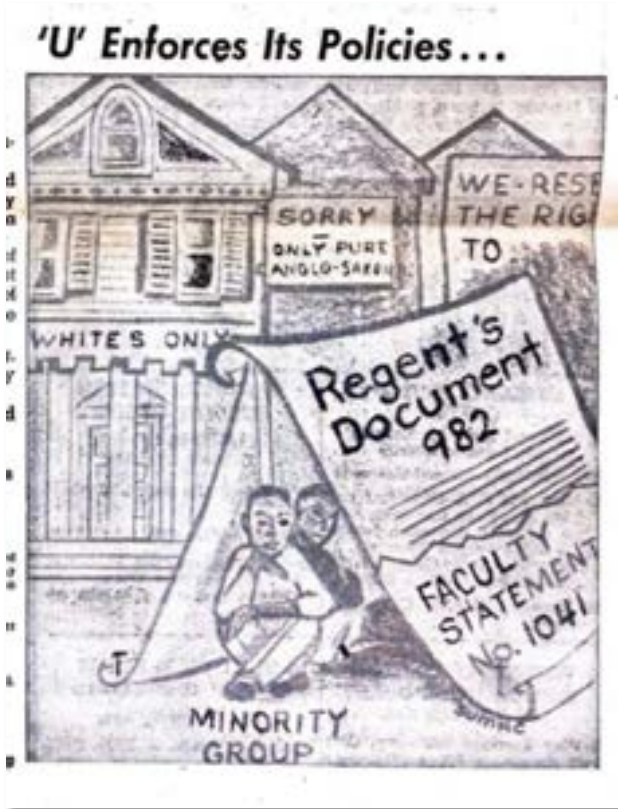
Burke through correspondence secured a room at the University Faculty Club which is available for graduate students and faculty members. Twenty four hours after he moved in he was visited by Mr. Bean, Chairman of the Housing Committee, and was asked to move because Mr. Bean felt there would be strong resentment of club members against Negro students. Mr. Burke

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A letter to W.E.B. DuBois about Arthur Burke, Courtesy of DuBois Archives.



# Housing Discrimination at UW



Cartoon critical of Board of Regents lack of action on housing discrimination, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Raps Student Housing Body

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### Race Bias Charged

Journal Special Correspondence

**Madison, Wis.**—The University of Wisconsin student housing bureau is tacitly approving racial and religious discrimination by owners of private dormitories, the *Daily Cardinal*, student newspaper, charged Friday.

The paper said that members of the Wisconsin Student association's human relations committee, posing as Negroes, had telephoned 59 houses seeking accommodations. Fifty houses turned down the applicants on grounds of their race.

#### House Owner Quoted

One house owner said, "The housing bureau knows we don't take Negroes; why do they keep sending you people around?" the *Cardinal* reported.

Prof. John E. Conway of the student-faculty human relations

committee, referring to the survey, commented that "if anything your figures are too low."

The only recourse of students who feel they have been discriminated against by private "dorm" owners is to the human relations committee. But, the *Cardinal* charged, the housing bureau has not been informing students of this right.

#### Penalty Is Provided

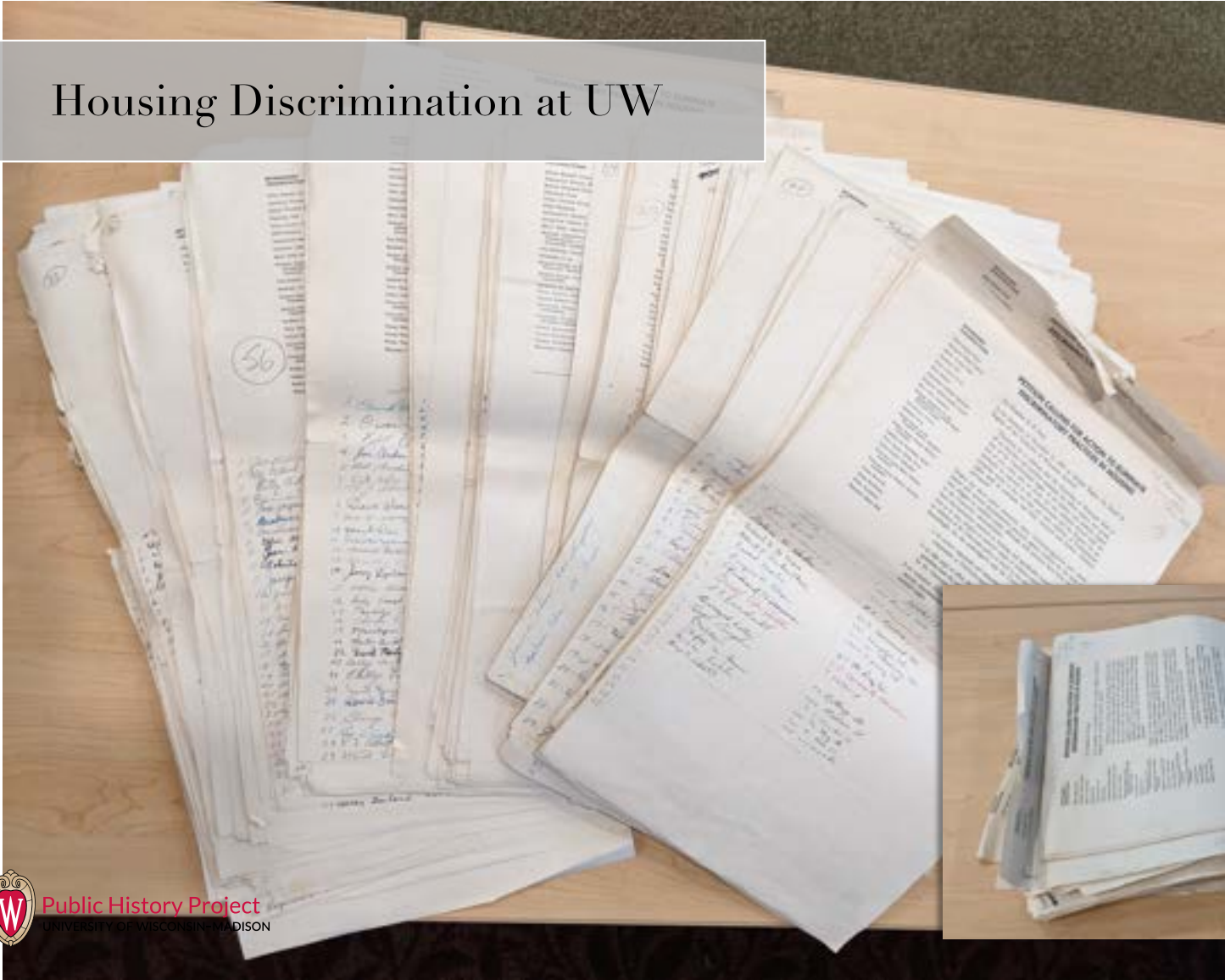
A house which is proved guilty of discrimination can lose university approval, which means that its rooms cannot be rented to students.

The university faculty and regents are on record as opposing discrimination.

Mrs. Blanche B. Stemm, director of the housing bureau, said that "there is a housing shortage and the university must find room for all students, not minority groups."

Newspaper coverage on extent of housing discrimination, Courtesy of UW Archives.

# Housing Discrimination at UW



# Academic Life

Document 216, December 3, 1949

STUDENT LIFE AND INTERESTS  
RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING

UNIVERSITY POLICIES ON BASIC RIGHTS OF STUDENTS

The Committee on Student Life and Interests has received the Student Board's report of its Committee Against Discrimination, and has given careful study to its recommendations.

The recommendations of the Student Board report fall into two categories:

- (1) Policies and practices of agencies, units, or officers of the University.
- (2) Policies and practices of private individuals who furnish employment, housing or other services to students.

## Policies and Practices within the University

The University of Wisconsin stands squarely upon a policy which treats all students upon their qualifications and merits as individuals. The University strives to promote the fullest possible measure of democratic living in all aspects of University life. Students are admitted without respect to race, religion, or national origin. The University keeps no census of its students by color or creed. University courses of instruction, residence halls, student activities, and student services are open upon an equal basis to all students. Students of all races, creeds and nationalities share the social, recreational and cultural activities provided by the University and enjoy positions of honor and leadership in student life. We believe that the University now enjoys a high degree of democratic living.

There is no reason, however, to be complacent. There is need to safeguard human rights, and to extend them. It was toward the extension of these rights that the report of the Student Board was addressed.

Our Committee believes that the entire University strongly disapproves any policy, practice, or act, either by students or staff, individually or by groups, which violates the basic right of each human being to consideration upon his individual qualifications or merit.

It is a matter of deep concern whenever a student is denied a University benefit or service, whatever its nature, because of his race, creed or national origin. We believe that University staff members should exercise every care that all students receive equal consideration and treatment in the administration of University services. If and when situations arise in which basic human rights are violated by University staff members, we believe that the University administration should take immediate steps to correct them.

## Policies and Practices of Private Individuals

Our Committee believes that it is a matter of equal concern whenever a student is denied basic human rights by persons other than University personnel. We recognize the right of private individuals to select the students who are to live in their homes, or who are to perform services for them; we do not believe that the right justifies practices which discriminate against students

WISCONSIN (MADISON CAMPUS) FACULTY DOCUMENT 160 - March 3, 1949

COMMITTEE ON STUDIES AND INSTRUCTION IN RACE RELATIONS

It is clearly a vital intellectual and practical task of the University to lead in articulating the Afro-American heritage, to examine our culture, coming to terms with problems of poverty, racism, and to educate a new generation of black Americans in those fields of knowledge which are of significance to their people, and indeed to our society. This is the content of the following report.

This report stems from an extensive examination beginning in the fall of 1948 of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in the areas of offerings, staffing, research efforts in this area, and other matters. The course of our inquiry was set with every individual in the University community to consider the needs of this University in the field of Afro-American studies with students in October, we dispatched a sub-committee to study Afro-American studies with scholars inside and outside the University. The program of several other universities. Our sub-committee held a series of meetings over the past six months. Throughout the process we have benefited greatly from the suggestions and assistance of faculty members in the meetings of the Sub-Committee and the Committee.

Two approaches we have considered both the content of studies and the methods of such are worthy of a brief examination here. The liberal arts type we would distinguish two approaches, the first of existing disciplines like History, English and Anthropology concerns of black people. The second approach is the creation of new disciplines which starts with a study of black experience and the older disciplines where needed. The distinction is a matter of approach.

From the above two liberal arts types of study is the "how to" approach the student on how to be of use in practical problem solving. The general heading would be study of how to adapt primary needs of slum-dwelling children; how to improve housing conditions; how to organize a cooperative health clinic; how to improve the lot of black workers; and how to improve the competitive chances "of black

education is, of course, conceptually distinct from the content which are familiar to us are interdepartmental (e.g., the Law, the Industrial Relations Program, and the East Asian Studies Department), the Indian Studies Department, the Scandinavian Studies Department, the School of Social Work, the School of

Conduct and Appeals Committee  
April 12, 1949, 10:30 a.m.  
New Hall

Williamson (chairman), Cassoway, Davidson (until 10:50), Sherman, Harriott, Elvin, Bookman (until 11:00), Labery (until 11:00), Peckham, Price, Vesting (until 10:50), Young, Williams, Murphy, (convenor)

Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:30 and summarized the report of the Appeals Section by a current case involving homosexuality.

Dr. Williams presented the history of the committee's handling of cases of homosexual or illicit behavior. He pointed to the involvement of the Erie Division of the Department of Student Health as an evaluative aid to the committee's deliberations. He reported the recent breakdown in this procedure in that department's refusal to present the committee with evaluative data on cases now being considered.

Dr. Williams and Dean Labery reviewed the background of the present investigation -- its beginnings, development, and "essence".

Dean Price reported to the committee the results of a meeting he attended representative of the Appeals Section, between himself, Williams and Labery, and Dean Gladstone, head of the Psychiatric Division. Dr. Gladstone refused to agree to normal committee-department procedure apparently because of his own in the investigation and his staff's conviction that effective action under stress circumstances was not possible.

After considerable discussion, the committee agreed to reach general agreement with the University, in the exercise of its disciplinary authority, should be concerned with the homosexual orientation of a student. It is not to be concerned with another student's heterosexual orientation. Instead, the committee should be active in the case of a student's homosexual orientation, which properly might lead to disciplinary action.

The committee agreed to agree also that the fact of a student's homosexual orientation might well be of assistance to the school or college granting him a degree and thereby certifying to his good character.

There seemed to be a general consensus that the "recruiting" aspect of homosexual behavior was a matter of particular concern to the institution and ought to be dealt with directly.

The committee agreed to meet again, this time with representatives of the Department of Protection and Security. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

## Japanese American Badgers



# Agitating for Change in the Classroom

Students march down State Street during the 1969 Black Student Strike, Courtesy of UW Archives.



Students gather at Memorial Union to organize for a Chicano Studies Department, Courtesy of Wisconsin Historical Society.



Native students protest against Menominee land sale, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Asian American studies?

Student coalition seeks support for new UW program

By DEBBIE L. HERRING

Asian American studies programs are already under way at Yale, Stanford, Princeton, Cornell, the University of California-Berkeley and UCLA.

The UW's College of Letters and Science committee has a report ready on Asian American studies and a Chicano studies program. The School of Education has an hour-long...

The coalition will be a student-led effort to request the program become a fully fledged department of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It will be a coalition of students from the College of Letters and Science, the School of Education and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

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Newspaper coverage of formation of Asian American Studies Program, Courtesy of UW Archives.

# The Joan Roberts Tenure Case



Prof. Herbert Kliebard, left, and Prof. Joan Roberts, right, discuss procedures with interested women before beginning of tenure meeting.

—State Journal Photo by A. Craig Benson

## Tenure Denial Spurs Hassle

By GEORGE BENDELBERG  
Of The State Journal Staff

A militant side of women's rights surfaced Thursday night as activist Asst. Prof. Joan Roberts was formally denied tenure at the University of Wisconsin-Madison by an all-male executive committee.

After the 12-3 educational policy studies department committee decision, Prof. Roberts announced in a parked, tense meeting room: "I suppose we go to court next."

Then, women's groups and supporters harrumphed all exits from the room and threw a metal water pitcher at US Protection and Security chief Ralph Hanson, dousing his head.

### Chairman Roughed Up

They roughed up tenure evaluation chairman Prof. Jürgen Herbst and other committee members as they tried to leave through a side window.

After leaving eight remaining members of the 13-man commit-

tee qualifications

she produced point-by-point evidence of her published articles, books, and reviews, and provided proof of at least three books in the preparation process.

Prof. Andrew Kazanas said he "resented any nasty insinuations about our motives in making the decision," and added that the denial was not based on any opposition to women studies.

"In my nine years I have consistently tried to base my judgments on these established criteria," he said, which is essential in training graduate students.

### 'Unacceptable' Choices

"Unfortunately," said Prof.

Philip Altsch, who emerged as the main ally for Prof. Roberts. "The choices you have made are not acceptable intellectual concepts for getting tenure."

After the decision, Prof. Roberts said, "I am sorry that a group of men whose judgment I respect could not understand what we are asking for. But I want to thank them for their decorum and decency to me today."

She left immediately, and was not present for the incidents that followed.

### 'Warning' Given

One member told Prof. Roberts that she had been "warned

enough along the way" to devote less time to research.

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"No, but, asking the award?"

"Anyone who brought to study has a time for the ten penalties."

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Headshot of Joan Roberts, Courtesy of the Daily Cardinal.

# The Joan Roberts Tenure Case



Photos of Joan Roberts protests, Courtesy of the *Daily Cardinal*.

Coverage of the Joan Roberts tenure case in the 1974 *Wisconsin State Journal*, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Women assault UW panel chairman

MADISON (UPI) — Prof. Jurgen Herbst, chairman of the University of Wisconsin Educational Policy Studies, was recovering Thursday from a scuffle with about 175 women Wednesday night.

Herbst was prevented from leaving a room after the studies committee voted 12-3 denying tenure to Prof. Joan Roberts, described as a pioneer in the field of women's studies.

Herbst said he was kicked and painted with lipstick following the decision of the all male committee. Once outside, he was forced to watch himself burn in effigy.



PHOTO TAKEN BY LEO THEINERT

## The Color Line in UW Athletics

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“I hope you will plan to have any Negro members of your track team stay at home.”

-- Letter from University of Missouri Athletic Director to UW-Madison Track Coach Tom Jones; March 29, 1939

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“Ed Smith will definitely not compete,” but he expects the rest of the team to make the trip “unless the agitators get to work and keep us from it.”

-- UW-Madison Track Coach; Capitol Times Interview April 3, 1939



## The Color Line in UW Athletics



*First row—Gar-  
mott, Mgr. Pad-  
way, Fenske,  
Mehl, Petrie,  
T. E. Jones, Coach*



## The Color Line in UW Athletics

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“The real question is, Do we mean what we say? Do we actually mean that Negroes, for instance, have equal rights with those of other races, and that those rights are so dear to us as Americans that we will make some sacrifice to protect them?”

-- Letter from UW alumnus Charles G. Gros to the Daily Cardinal; April 5, 1939

## The Color Line in UW Athletics

“It is generally known that Negroes are not allowed to compete on Big Ten basketball teams. There exists a “gentlemen's agreement” among the coaches of basketball in the Big Ten that they will not use Negro players no matter how good they are. Is this not an opportune moment to right our own house? Speak out Mr. Foster!”

-- Letter from UW alumnus Forrest Oran Wiggins to the Daily Cardinal;  
April 7, 1939



## The Color Line in UW Athletics



Freshman Coach Al Howland and freshman captain Ivan Jefferson.

Bob Litsow, star senior forward, books one in against Notre Dame.



Jim Biggs leaps for a jump shot from the free throw circle.

# Athletics

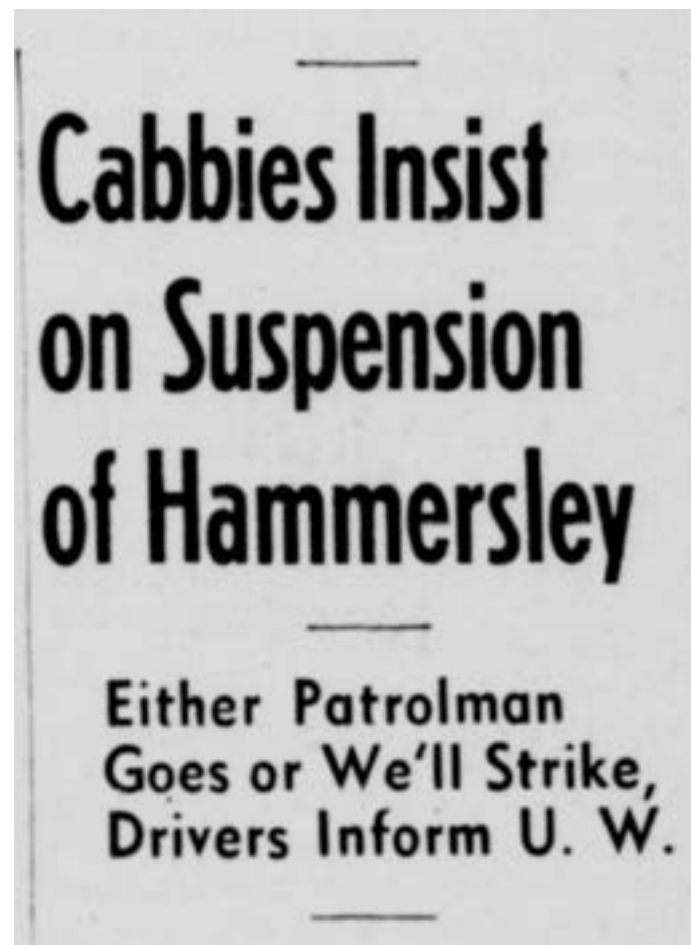




## Student Organizing



Newspaper coverage on Officer Joseph Hammersley,  
Courtesy of UW Archives.



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## History of the UWPD



Officer Joseph  
Hammersley, Courtesy  
of UW Archives.



## The “Gay Purges” at UW-Madison

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Classif.</u>	<u>Type of Offense</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
75	Jan 26/54	[REDACTED]	LS 4	Homosexual activity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. May not be permitted to re-register for 2nd sem 1953-54 academic year;</li><li>2. May not re-register in subsequent terms without permission of the admin. section of Com. on SC&amp;A;</li><li>3. Strongly urged to seek competent psychiatric assistance;</li><li>4. Suggested to Grad School that their recommendation of [REDACTED] for Fulbright Scholar, be rescinded.</li></ol>

Excerpt from the Conduct Case List, 1954. Courtesy of UW Archives.

## The "Gay Purge" 1948

### 2 Plead Not Guilty To Sodomy Here

Arnold Meier, 47, and Carl R. Boyd, 26, both of 1514 Adams st., pleaded not guilty today in Superior court to charges of sodomy and the possession of obscene literature. Meier and Boyd each posted a \$1,000 cash bond and were ordered to appear for preliminary hearing June 18, by Judge Roy H. Proctor.

Madison police, led by Detective Capt. Harry L. Milsted, raided the home of Meier and Boyd Tuesday after a search warrant was issued by Judge Proctor. Milsted reported that a two-hour search of the house uncovered a large supply of obscene literature. Asst. Dist. Atty. Glenn Henry said today that there may be further arrests on the basis of evidence uncovered by the district attorney's office and Joe Hammersley, university police officer.

### Eight More Men Taken to Court As Police Push Morals Probe

Eight youths were arraigned in superior court here today in connection with an investigation of local officials into alleged immoralities involving men only in Madison.

This brings to 12 the number of men and youths who have been brought before the court on charges growing out of the morals investigation. Included among these is a 17-year-old Central high school boy whose case was transferred by Judge Roy H. Proctor today from superior court to juvenile court.

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**FIVE OF THOSE** arraigned today are university students. Another is a student in a Madison beauty culture school.

Of those arraigned today four were charged with a morals offense

and three with disorderly conduct. Those charged with a morals count are Thomas Wilkie, 36, of 2524 Sherman ave.; Lawrence de Nio Board, 27, of 610 N. Frances st., a student; Lyle Dhein, 24, Adams Hall, a student; and Paul V. Power, 18, of 708 Langdon st., a student.

Wilkie, represented by Atty. Darrell MacIntyre, pleaded not guilty. Judge Proctor set bail at \$500 and preliminary hearing for June 18.

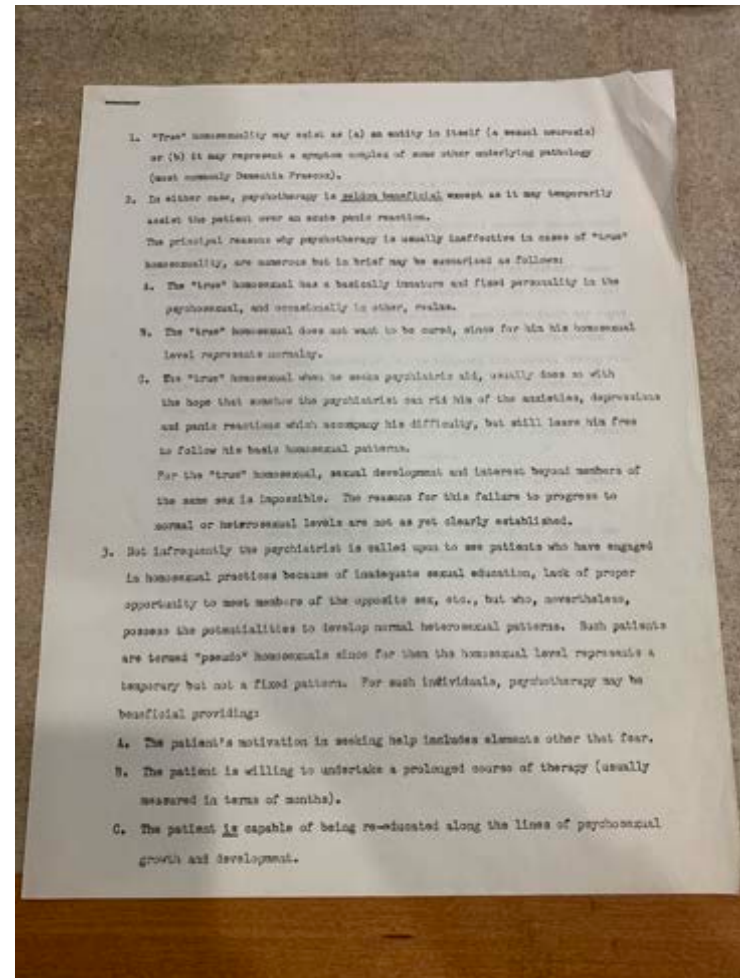
Board and Power pleaded guilty and were remanded to the custody of the sheriff to await sentence. Dhein pleaded guilty and Judge Proctor postponed sentencing until June 17 and placed Dhein un-

Newspaper coverage of the first "purge," 1948. Courtesy of UW Archives.

## The “Gay Purge” 1948



Dr. Annette Washburne, the first female doctor in the UW Medical School. Courtesy of UW Archives.



Dr. Annette Washburne's policy for the handling of homosexual students, Courtesy of UW Archives.

## The “Gay Purge” 1948

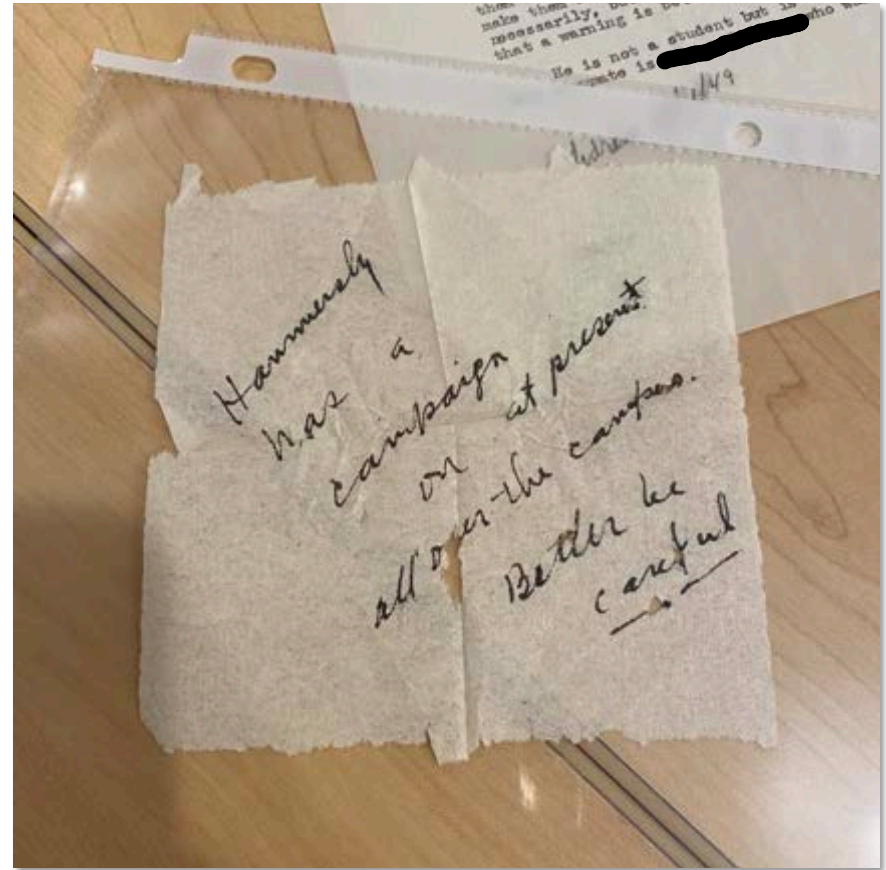
“...Must homosexuals go on being treated in this day and age as if they were common criminals? How can intelligent citizens of the state and city stand by silently and see reasonableness and justice made a mockery in the hands of prosecutors and muck-rakers?... **This witch hunt and this witch burning is an act of the most vicious bigotry.** There are ways to handle cases of this sort, but they are not through the open court and most certainly not in the press...” – A Doctor



Newspaper coverage of the first “purge,” 1948.  
Courtesy of UW Archives.

## Resistance

“Hammersley has a campaign on at present all over campus. Better be careful.”



Toilet paper note, ca. 1950. Courtesy of UW Archives.



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US & JAPANESE  
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**THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES:  
WEEK END ON IMPERIALIST RESIST**

**Friday:** 7<sup>PM</sup> films and discussion

**Saturday:** 1<sup>PM</sup> Mass Meeting, Resisters and the 15 Demands (2nd)

2<sup>PM</sup> Workshop: Resisters in America and the University

**Sunday:** 4<sup>PM</sup> OPEN FORUM: Resisters issues and future actions  
(corner table)


6<sup>PM</sup> Food

7<sup>PM</sup> Action to Resister: Faculty  
BECOME GET READY



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For more information call 222-7222

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Speaking  
March 14, Sunday  
Great Hall, 3:30 p.m.

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APRIL 24**



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bus ticket: 36<sup>00</sup>  
leaves Friday, April 23, 6pm - returns Sat. 10:15am  
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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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**FIGHT FOR FREEDOM**

**Liberate Southern Africa!**

dance to authentic **AFRICAN MUSIC**

Tripp Commons  
-50c-  
March 6  
8:30pm



show solidarity!

**DUMP THE DRAFT**

**JULY 1**

**A FORUM!**  
for the Public On  
**DRAFT REPEAL**

Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2:00 p.m.

At These 4 Locations:

1970s Lady Queen of Jazz  
444 4th St. Room 20

Cherry Edge C.C.C.  
144 42nd Street/2nd St.

20 Friends Meeting House  
400 2nd Street/2nd St.

1st Union Church (University St.)  
144 11th Street/University St.

## Resistance & Protest at UW-Madison



### Law student saws desk

A wheelchair-bound UW-Madison law student, Brigid McGuire, uses a power saw to cut off part of a desk to protest a need for greater classroom accessibility. McGuire may face disciplinary action, an administrator said Thursday. McGuire had a seat in front of the class, but McGuire told about 100 students in the civil procedure class that she had complained about the lack of classroom accessibility to law school officials earlier. The students sit in rows behind long desk tops that extend from one side of the room to the other. McGuire cut part of the end of one desk top away so she could fit her wheelchair in the front row. By cutting away part of the desk, McGuire was able to get about three feet closer to the center of the room. Many of the students applauded her action, but Law School Dean Daniel Bernstine contends the school is not in violation of provisions of the American Disability Act. He said a decision on any disciplinary action would be made within days. McGuire was a carpenter for 12 years but broke her back in an industrial accident.

Associated Press

Newspaper coverage of Brigid McGuire taking a chainsaw to her desk, Courtesy of UW Archives.



## Resistance & Protest at UW-Madison



Photoshopped Admissions Brochure, 2000, Courtesy of UW Archives.



Student Inclusion Coalition Takeover of Bascom Hill, 2019, Courtesy of WSUM.



Black Lives Matter Protest, 2016, Courtesy of WSUM.



# Reckoning (noun)

1. The action or process of calculating or estimating something
2. A person's view, opinion, or judgement
3. A bill or account, or its settlement

“Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

-- James Baldwin, *I Am Not Your Negro* (documentary, 2017) based off of Baldwin's unpublished work *Remember This House*

# Public History Project Blog

## **“A National Problem”: Badger Athletics and the Fight Against Segregation**

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## **“Successful Beyond Expectation:” Blackface, Minstrelsy, and Racist Entertainment at the University of Wisconsin–Madison**

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## **Surviving Conditions and Competing Visions: The Fight for a Chicano Studies Department**

Posted on October 5, 2020

## **The Rise and Fall of “Ethnic Centers” at UW–Madison (1968–1974)**

Posted on May 12, 2020

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## **Access Denied: Brigid McGuire vs. the University of Wisconsin–Madison**

Posted on April 1, 2020


“I’d like to take my place among you as your classmate,” UW law student Brigid McGuire announced to her civil procedure class on September 7, 1994, before revving up her circular power saw and cutting off a portion of her desk to make room for her motorized wheelchair. Amid applause, she added, “My hope for this action today is for this law school to get a carpenter in here and do the right thing.”

# Public Events & Programming

THE FRIENDS OF UW-MADISON LIBRARIES PRESENT...

## THE CAMPUS COLOR LINE

College Presidents and the Struggle for Black Freedom



**FREE LIVESTREAM EVENT**

**MARCH 4TH, 2021**

**4PM CST**

**LIVE ON YOUTUBE**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23x8xe6MT3k>

**AUTHOR**  
**EDDIE R. COLE**  
In conversation with...

**UW-MADISON'S PUBLIC HISTORY PROJECT DIRECTOR**  
**KARIE LUSCHINI**

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## SIFTING AND WINNOWING AND FILM BURNING: THE FILM UW RESTRICTED

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#UWCELEBRATESADA30

## Disability History at UW

April 30th, 6 p.m. CT

Presentation + Q&A  
by Karie Luschini Bahler and Emma Watkins

Presentation will be captioned. For any other accommodations, contact [ada30@wisc.edu](mailto:ada30@wisc.edu).

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## VOCES

### WHAT IF THEY HEARD OUR STORIES?

Want to tell your story and gain virtual access to the Latino Cultural Center? Then this program is for you! Join us to talk with us on the importance of our storytelling and the amazing Wisconsin Latino History Collectives

Thursday, February 18th at 6pm

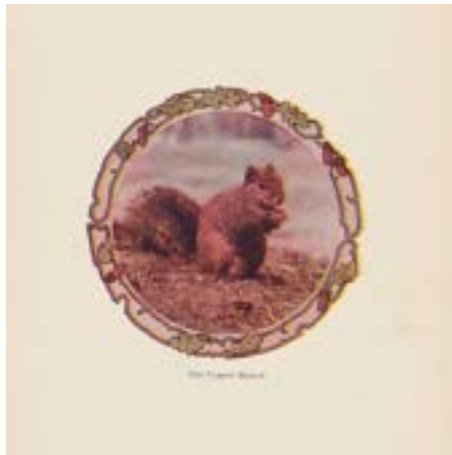
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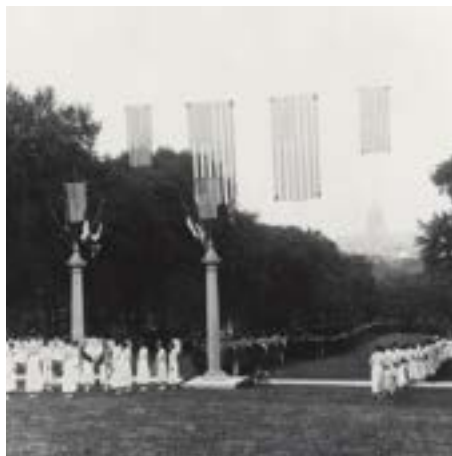
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## Reckoning With Our History: UW-Madison's History Of Discrimination And Resistance

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## Questions?



Concept drawings for  
Bucky Badger ca. 1950,  
Courtesy of UW Archives.

