1991-92 Annual Report of the Lectures Committee
September 25, 1992

In 1991-92 formal meetings of the lectures committee were held on November 1, November 22, and December 16, 1991, and on January 13, February 5, and February 26, 1992. Various members of the committee also met with Chancellor Schroeder on November 15, 1991, and on March 12 and August 26, 1992.

At the first meeting, Martin Rosenblum (Learning Skills) was elected chair of the committee. Michelle Szkilnik (French and Italian) volunteered to be secretary of the committee. The committee voted to adopt the following new functions to be part of the lectures committee charge:

1. The committee allocates funds provided from an annual budget furnished by the University to bring speakers to campus.

2. The committee initiates on its own or cooperates with other campus units to promote the development of an annual UWM Lecture Series with broad campus and community appeal.

3. The committee collaborates with other campus units to evaluate lecture series proposals and formulates recommendations for programming.

At subsequent meetings, the committee explored possible sources of funding and proposed various speakers for a major public event in the fall of 1992. Speakers suggested included Ken Burns, Hannah Holburn Gray, Donald Kao, Spike Lee, Stephen Jay Gould, Garry Trudeau, Cornel West, and John Updike. Ultimately, Mr. Updike was invited, and he agreed to come to UWM to give a public reading on Monday evening, November 16, 1992. As part of his visit, Mr. Updike also agreed to meet with UWM creative writing students. Funding for Mr. Updike's appearance at UWM was secured from the Office of the Chancellor, Union Programming, the UWM Bookstore, the L&S Constituent Alumni Association, and the Center for Twentieth Century Studies. The event will be advertised as the "First Annual University Lecture."

At the December 16 meeting of the committee, Chair Rosenblum announced that he would be away from UWM from March 1 to September 1. Carol Tennesen (Center for Twentieth Century Studies) was elected interim chair for the remainder of the year.

At the first meeting of the new year on September 4, 1992, Gil Snyder (Architecture) was elected chair of the lectures committee.