ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT LIFE AND INTERESTS COMMITTEE

I. Introduction.

The Student Life and Interests Committee (SLIC) was established by faculty action on November 8, 1956. The committee was given "jurisdiction, subject to faculty direction and control, over all extracurricular activities and interests of the students." A restatement of SLIC's descriptive definition was recommended to the faculty by the committee and, on November 11, 1957, the faculty accepted this restatement. The November 11 faculty action dealt primarily with SLIC's membership (12 faculty and 4 students), the term of office of the members, and the manner in which the chairman and associate chairman are appointed annually. The definition and functions of the six SLIC subcommittees remained the same.

This year the committee, as a whole, has met weekly for a total of 26 two-hour conferences to date. Many problems have been referred to the six subcommittees for investigation and recommendation. Several of the subcommittees have met weekly also throughout the year. Once a subcommittee formulates its recommendations, the main committee takes final action on the submitted report. The six subcommittees are as follows: (1) Finance, (2) Fine Arts, (3) Fraternities, Sororities, and Social Life, (4) Publications, (5) Student Government and Student Organizations, and (6) Student Health and Housing.

In an attempt to create a better system of communication between SLIC and the administration, SLIC and the faculty, and SLIC and the student body, the policy of having open meetings was adopted so that all interested members of the University family could attend. Notices of all meetings are posted on bulletin boards in the Union, the Main building and the Administration building, and interested faculty and students are sent minutes of SLIC meetings upon request.

II. Discussions and Actions of SLIC.

The following SLIC actions and topics discussed by the committee are worthy of mention:

1. On October 16, 1957, the committee adopted a new policy on canvassing, peddling, or soliciting on the UW-M campus.

2. Policy was adopted at the October 16 meeting regarding eligibility of students to participate in extracurricular activities and organizations.

3. University policies were investigated which pertained to the possibility and desirability of paying students who hold positions of leadership in University Student Government and in the area of publications, i.e., Post, Ivy, and Cheshire.

4. Discussions on the improvement of the Orientation Week Program for new students identified several weaknesses in the present orientation system. SLIC is in the process of organizing a more effective program with the help of University Student Government, administration and members of the faculty.

5. A systematic procedure, which all student organizations must follow in order to have their constitutions accepted by USG and SLIC, was adopted on December 18, 1957. Over 100 student organizations are now registered in the Office of Student Affairs and these organizations are in the process of having their constitutions approved.
6. A list of criteria for UW-M student organizations to follow in drawing up their constitutions was presented for vote and passed on February 14, 1958.

7. An investigation was made pertaining to certain problems of student conduct and student needs on the Downtown Campus. On January 13, 1958, a proposal, which requested reallocation of space on the Downtown Campus for the purpose of creating additional student lounge and recreational areas, was sent to the Administration and the Space Allocations committee. The proposal was accepted. New furniture, totaling $2,000.00 to be used for the student lounges, was purchased by the University Student Government. Money was also appropriated by USG for the salaries of students who would manage the game room equipment and supervise the lounges and cafeteria areas. Four students are now employed and work under the direction and supervision of the Union Director.

8. On February 6, 1958, temporary procedures were adopted by SLIC which will permit student organizations to bring off-campus speakers to the UW-M campus. The policies and procedures now in effect on the Madison campus are being followed on the Milwaukee campus until such time as the SLIC subcommittee on Student Government and Student Organizations recommends a permanent policy and procedure for the Milwaukee campus. Forms for registering off-campus speakers who are sponsored by student organizations are now available in the Dean of Men's Office.

9. Regulations regarding the distribution of handbills, pamphlets and other similar materials on the UW-M campus were adopted at the February 6, 1958, meeting.

10. The establishment of limited check-cashing and change-making facilities on the Kenwood and Downtown campuses was recommended on March 25, 1958, to the Director of Business Affairs. These services became available to faculty and students on April 28, 1958, and are located in the two bookstores. There will be a ten cents service charge—five cents to go to the check-cashing fund and five cents to Auxiliary Enterprises. Check cashing will be limited to personal checks of ten dollars or less and government checks of larger amounts will be cashed as long as funds permit.

11. SLIC recommended on February 14, 1958, that in the next biennium a civil service position for a Photographer III be considered and that the cost be borne equally by the Office of Student Affairs, Inter-Collegiate Athletics, and the Administration.

12. A SLIC Coordinating Committee with a total of twelve representatives from the Madison and Milwaukee campuses was established on February 20, 1958. The purpose of the Coordinating Committee is to serve as a recommending body in establishing joint policies on the two campuses because of the need for a closer degree of similarity. By the same token, it is recognized by the SLIC Coordinating Committee that often the needs of the Milwaukee and Madison campuses are different.

13. Considerable time has been spent in recent months discussing the ways and means of continuing state support to student activities and organizations. At the outset of merger, it was understood that student organizations at UW-M would begin making progress toward self-support. State allocations in the form of segregated student fees were to be
made only during an interim period. Moreover, the amount of state support each year would be a declining sum. SLIC recognizes, however, the need for continued state support for certain UW-M student activities that show no prospects of becoming self-supporting.

14. A request to place on the faculty agenda for discussion the question of the faculty choosing three students to sit on the Student Judiciary of USG was rejected by the Administrative Committee. Instead, it was recommended that the University Committee study the matter and make a concrete proposal to the faculty for the selection of the three students to sit on the Student Judiciary.

15. SLIC voted on March 5, 1958, to establish an ad hoc committee, (made up of three members of SLIC, two from the University Committee, and one from the Office of Buildings and Grounds) to investigate violations of the "no smoking" regulations in certain restricted areas on the campus and to prepare a pertinent recommendation for presentation to the faculty. However, the University Committee rejected the proposal to establish such an ad hoc committee on the grounds that the "no smoking problem" can be solved by administrative action and the provision of personnel to enforce existing regulations.

16. A considerable number of discussions has taken place during the 1957-58 academic year with the Manager of Auxiliary Enterprises, the Director of Business Affairs and the Accounting Officer regarding the relationship of SLIC to the control and management of funds in Department 5000 (segregated fees for student activities) and surplus revenue in Fund 52 (Auxiliary Enterprises) at the end of each fiscal year.

17. For the 1957-58 fiscal year, SLIC has allocated $41,725.00 of segregated student fees to 25 different student organizations at UW-M. The general classification of groups receiving financial support were: (1) Publications, $16,470; (2) Fine Arts, $8,108; (3) Student Services, $8,950; (4) General Activities Program, $10,255; (5) SLIC Unallocated Funds, $902. ($4,302.42 was reallocated by SLIC on April 16, 1958, to the Union Executive Board of University Student Government for the purpose of purchasing capital goods for the Student Union Building.)

III. Annual Reports of the SLIC Subcommittees.

A. Report of the Subcommittee on Finance. The SLIC Finance subcommittee has been concerned with the following problems during the 1957-58 academic year:

1. Establishment of a check-cashing facility on both campuses.
2. Determination of the relationships existing between Department 5000 of Fund 52, Fund 52, and SLIC.
3. Reallocation of monies remaining in Student Activities Accounts (Department 5000) for the budgetary year 1957-58.

SLIC FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

(faculty)
Edmund Feller
Richard John
Thomas Walton, Co-chairman

(students)
Phil Kunz, Co-chairman
Robert Mehigan
Richard Schmidt

1. Permission was voted on April 2, 1958, for Lester Fuhrmann, Speech Department, to spend $500 of the money allocated by SLIC on lighting equipment for the stage.

2. In discussions on the adequacy of the stage facilities, from a music department standpoint, it was pointed out that the stage cannot adequately accommodate either the band or the orchestra. Both the chorus and the choir need lighting that gives greater general illumination, rather than the highly concentrated light obtained by use of spotlights. The subcommittee recommends the purchase of striplights to overcome this problem.

3. Budgetary matters of concern to the subcommittee were discussed and approved for consideration by the Finance subcommittee of SLIC. It is recommended to:

   (a) Ask for continuance of the stage equipment fund for 1958-59; and,
   (b) Request funds for the Community Art Show to be held during 1958-59.

SLIC FINE ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE

(faculty)
Paul Anderson
Lester Fuhrmann, Chairman
Burton Potterveld

(students)
Carol Meissner
Marty Stoelzel


1. The subcommittee has been primarily concerned during 1957-58 with the nationalization of sororities on campus. A Greek Week plan had been started during the previous year. Questionnaires were sent to the sixteen interested national sororities. Letters of recommendation were requested and received from the deans of women on nearby campuses. All constitutions of interested national sororities were reviewed and approved by the subcommittee and by SLIC.

2. March 27-30, 1958, was set aside as Greek Week at UW-M. To prepare for this week an ad hoc committee was organized to help the SLIC subcommittee. The ad hoc committee consisted of representatives from each of the participating local sororities. Greek Week proved to be very successful. The visiting national representatives were enthusiastic about UW-M local sororities and the Green Week program. The local sororities became very enthusiastic about affiliating with national sororities.

3. On Sunday, April 27, 1958, a second round of meetings was held. This was a preferential meeting based on both local and national choices. Nine national sororities and seven UW-M sororities participated in the second round.
4. In addition to Greek Week, the subcommittee has approved the constitutions of several national fraternities who were granted permission to affiliate with local fraternities at UW-M. During the past year, four local fraternities at UW-M have changed their status to national fraternities.

5. The subcommittee is on record as favoring Panhellenic and Inter-fraternity Houses to be financially self-liquidating but under the control of the University. This matter will soon be brought before SLIC.

6. The subcommittee is investigating the problems involved and desirability of bringing to the campus Delta Sigma Theta, a Negro sorority, which would permit students from other colleges and universities in the community to become members of the UW-M chapter.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES AND SOCIAL LIFE

(faculty)
William Butler
Pierce Kramer, Co-chairman
Charlotte Wollaeger

(students)
Joan Howard
Paul Schwartz, Co-chairman


1. After having met four times during the year, the Publications subcommittee of SLIC recommended to the parent group:

   (a) that Cheshire be permitted to publish three issues during the year;
   (b) that Cheshire be allotted $1,200 for that purpose;
   (c) that $1,320 be allotted for the purchase of photographic equipment necessary to carry on the work of providing pictures for student publications.

2. The subcommittee also:

   (a) has asked the staffs of the three publications to list what each expects of its advisers;
   (b) is investigating ways of solving the space problems of Cheshire and Ivy, now occupying quarters which the Journalism Department has reported it will need in the near future.

3. After hearing a report by the adviser for Cheshire, that it will be impossible both financially and from the standpoint of time to publish three issues of the magazine this year, the subcommittee approved a request by the adviser to appear before SLIC to ask for $120 in additional funds to make possible the
publication of a second issue of Cheshire. On April 24, 1958, SLIC appropriated an additional $120 to Cheshire.

SLIC PUBLICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

(faculty)
Harold Ahlgren, Co-chairman
Garold Bartness
Frank Campenni
(students)
David Branch, Co-chairman
Karyn Harker
Fred Urbanski

E. Report of the Subcommittee on Student Government and Organizations.

1. In November, 1957, the subcommittee began working on the problem of developing criteria for student organizations to follow in having their constitutions approved by USG and SLIC. The subcommittee cooperated with the Organization Committee of University Student Government in combining two sets of criteria into one set which was accepted by SLIC on February 14, 1958.

2. Since January, 1958, the subcommittee has met weekly to discuss the formation of a policy for student organizations to follow in bringing off-campus speakers to the campus. The subcommittee has thoroughly studied the policies in effect on the Madison campus and reviewed present practices on the Milwaukee campus. The subcommittee is now in the process of formulating UW-M policy concerning off-campus speakers. Policies will be submitted to SLIC for final approval.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT
AND ORGANIZATIONS

(faculty)
Lucius Barker
Mary Ann Hunt
Valeska Wollaeger, Co-chairman
(students)
Sandy Le Gath
Jerry Musich
Beverly Stehling, Co-chairman

F. Report of the Subcommittee on Student Health and Housing. The business of this subcommittee included the following projects:

1. The use of "sound cars" or broadcasting on campus.
2. What to do about the unhygienic conditions in the old cafeteria of the Main building.
3. The problem of keeping the snack bar open when other public and student functions compete for the use of the dining room in the Union.
4. The desirability of keeping the snack bar open when week end functions are held on the campus.
5. Consideration of other student insurance policies at UW-M.

SLIC SUBCOMMITTEE ON STUDENT HEALTH AND HOUSING

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George Bruner
Ernestine Troemel, Co-chairman

(students)
Barbara Bahr, Co-chairman
Tom Ferguson
Lee Witter

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