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STUDENT BOARD
of the
WISCONSIN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
Memorial Union Building
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

May 10, 1951

President E. B. Fred
161 Bascom Hall
University of Wisconsin

Dear President Fred:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Student Board Resolution regarding the police force. It is the result of an investigation conducted informally during the past few months.

The Judicial Chairman, Jim Weber, and I had pleasure of discussing this with Mr. Peterson yesterday. At that time, of course, no definite agreements were made, though we did delete one portion of the report on the advice of Mr. Peterson.

We would appreciate it very much if we could arrange to discuss this with you: Perhaps sometime in the latter part of next week, or at any time convenient to you.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Searle / s

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President, Student Board

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As a result of an investigation of the University Police conducted by Student Board, and as a result of a desire on the part of Student Board to aid in solving the problems of the police force by constructive proposals rather than by attacks on individuals or the use of adverse publicity:

Resolved that Student Board makes the following recommendations to the University Administration:

1. That there be a re-evaluation of the philosophy of the University Police force: The primary function of a university police force should be to educate the university community in regard to the University regulations and to promote respect and obedience for those regulations. Its function should emphasize preventative rather than punitive measures. Above all, it should recognize that University police problems are of a unique character, and cannot be regarded as those dealt with by Police in society as a whole. The University, and the police force as a part of the University, have an obligation to the students to promote education and correction rather than punishment and intimidation.
2. In order to implement this philosophy, the administration of the police force should be transferred from the Buildings and Grounds Department, and should be placed under the authority of an administrative official trained in human relations, with particular reference to modern methods of youth counselling.
3. In order to establish policy for the implementation of the preceding philosophy, we urge the immediate creation of a committee consisting of representatives from Faculty, Students, and Administration. This committee would formulate specific policies in regard to police work and would periodically advise the above mentioned administrator on any matter pertinent to the police work.