

Committee agrees merger is feasible

By JIM PODGERS
of the Cardinal Staff
The Merger Implementation Committee approved Friday a proposed state statute that will make University merger "feasible," according to a committee resolution.

The proposed chapter 36 of the Wisconsin state statutes passed unanimously, and now will be sent to the State Legislature about Feb. 1 for consideration and approval.

THE COMMITTEE also approved a resolution which stated in part: "The merger of the two systems is, at this stage, feasible." This judgement falls somewhat short of the directive the Legislature gave the committee when it passed initial merger legislation in October 1971. The group was directed to evaluate the "practicability, feasibility, and wisdom of merger," according to the bill.

However, in Friday's resolution the committee recommended that the proper time to judge "the practicability and wisdom" of the merger would be after the scheduled 1977 re-evaluation.

The committee was also directed by the Legislature to address itself to specific areas of policy concern. Its resolution stated that the committee "has dealt with some of the specific areas of policy concern and has directed that the Board of Regents continue studying additional areas of legislative concern."

Revisions have also been made in other portions of the document, most notably the controversial provision for tenure review. At a previous January meeting, a

motion by Joe Nusbaum was approved which removed the wording providing for the "periodic review of tenure status."

This in essence removes the possibility of regular review of tenure status. The inclusion of a provision calling for tenure status review met strong resistance from faculty groups and led Wick to warn the committee that it had ruined tenure.

In a speech before Madison faculty members Dec. 19, Gov. Patrick Lucey voiced his support for the retention of a strong tenure system and opposition to regular tenure status review, and Nusbaum's motion reflected his feelings. Introducing it, he argued that the tenure provision had been misinterpreted.

NUSBAUM TOLD the Cardinal: "People reading our early draft interpreted it to mean that tenure was only for a period of time, but the real intent was to set up some system of review, a problem brought up by the committee's student members. I offered the amendment to make it clear that this was a review of performance, not status."

He admitted that the governor's statements before the faculty had influenced his amendment. "The governor was saying the same thing that I tried to say in my memo. We're dealing with two things—tenure and review of faculty performance. These are not that closely connected."

The changes would have been made sooner, but committee chairman Regent James Solberg (Menomonee) decided to go through the entire statute first,

and then make changes," maintained Nusbaum. "My memo was written immediately after the December meeting on tenure."

Student Committee member Randy Nilistuen echoed Nusbaum. "When we originally passed the provision, we didn't intend that we should destroy tenure as people interpreted. The regular tenure review satisfies my intent to have review," he said.

THE TENURE provision in its revised form states: "The Board of Regents and its several

faculties after consultation with appropriate students shall develop rules for tenure and probationary appointments, for the review of faculty performance, and for the non-retention and dismissal of faculty members."

Despite heated debate, committee members generally expressed satisfaction with the final merger document. Acknowledging disagreements, Solberg said, "We're submitting a statute that has to go through all the regular

channels that safeguard against problems. There will be public hearings and people, including committee members, will have a chance to voice their concerns on the statute."

State Sen. Walter Hollander (Rosendale) stated, "I feel so darn proud of what we've done, especially setting the direction and tone of the new system. I don't agree with everything in it, and we've had a hell of a time getting through it, but I'm very proud of it."

Rise in fall of the GPA

By PAUL BLUSTEIN
of the Cardinal Staff

The chances for immediately implementing the new undergraduate grading policy passed at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting are slim, according to Assistant Vice-Chancellor Joseph Corry.

The policy allows students who fail courses to exclude their F's from their grade-point averages if they repeat the failed course and earn a passing grade.

THE POLICY also incorporates the "intermediate" grades of AB and BC into the present system, and it requires that students must earn grades of C or better to pass courses in which they have elected the pass-fail option.

Corry said the different schools and colleges have been asked to submit lists of problems that they foresee in implementing the policy in their particular departments. In addition, bureaucratic and computer

problems in the university Registrar's office must be considered, he said. The new policies will most likely take effect beginning next fall.

Corry said that he understood the new policy concerning failed courses to mean that students earning F's this semester, or even previous semesters could exclude the F from their GPA if they retook the course and passed it.

In explaining the new policy, Corry pointed out that courses this semester may not exclude their "F's" from their GPA, any F's earned this semester or previously may be erased from the GPA by a passing grade

earned during or subsequent to the fall, 1973, semester.

He said, however, that the faculty would have to determine how recently an "F" may have been earned to be excluded from the GPA by a subsequent passing grade. "Courses change a great deal over the years," he noted.

Regarding the new grades of AB and BC and the requirement that students earn a C or better to pass in a pass-fail situation, Corry said, "The University has made something of a contract with the students for this semester regarding how it will grade courses, and we really can't change that in mid-semester."

Campus Briefs

CONFLICT STUDIES

There will be a meeting Thursday for students interested in the University Conflict Studies Program at the Center for Conflict Resolution, 420 N. Lake St. For more information, call 263-1747.

SEVENTH SEAL

The Seventh Seal, an Ingmar Bergman film, will be shown tonight at 1127 University Ave. at 7:30 and 10 p.m.

PUSHOVER

Pushover will be shown at 604 University Ave. at 8 and 10 tonight.

Women's groups demand protection against rape

By CHARLOTTE FELDMAN
of the Cardinal Staff

Rejecting confinement to the home as a solution to rapes, a coalition of over 30 women's groups met Sunday afternoon to discuss possible actions.

The main purpose of the three-hour conference was to present a general overview of the problems of rape and to formulate concrete proposals to be presented at a larger meeting Thursday night.

OFFICIALS of the Madison Police Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Department will meet with representatives of women's groups and other interested persons at Thursday's meeting to investigate possible measures for the city to take.

SUNDAY'S CONFERENCE was chaired by Barbara Ellingson-Waugh and Ald. Susan Kay Phillips, who said they were moved to action by an earlier, but ineffective police conference on rape, in which no women were involved.

Among the topics slated for discussion at the Thursday meeting are police pressure on the City Council for increased street lighting, better bus service, a city statute which would force landlords to supply strong locks for apartments, revisions in police interrogation procedures, a careful examination of the makeup of the police force, and an emphasis on education of cadets and patrolmen.

The coalition divided itself into three sub-groups to discuss various aspects of rape and possible solutions. The sub-groups are publicity and education, transportation and protection, and the formation of a crisis center. The publicity group will be in charge of setting up panels and speakers available to all groups around Madison upon request.

THE RAPE crisis center group will examine presently existing centers in other cities and formulate plans for such a center in Madison. Such a center would provide any victim of rape with a source to contact for instructions on what to do or help in ac-

companying her through the rigorous procedures of reporting the rape.

The transportation sub-group has formed a Women's Transit Authority which will organize a women's evening shuttle/cab system. This group is in need of cars and/or women drivers to help out. All interested persons should contact the Women's Center or Betsy Eckstein at 255-4153.

The next meeting of the women's coalition on rape is scheduled for Feb. 11, at 1 p.m. at the YWCA, 101 E. Mifflin St. All interested women are encouraged to attend the Thursday meeting, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Bldg., room GR29.

PERSONAL GROWTH

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Both John and Sandy have had extensive experience working as co-leaders in group practice.

CO-LEADERS — SANDFORD SETZEN & JOHN BATIALIO

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