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Peaceful protesters arrested

By Michael West
Of The State Journal

It was an orderly, civilized protest. One law enforcement official even called it tame.

Nevertheless, 10 people went to jail Saturday afternoon for their part in protesting the presence of military helicopters at Truax Field in Madison.

The 10 arrested were part of a group of about 85 people who gathered near an entrance to the Wisconsin National Guard air base to demonstrate and try to dismantle helicopters parked in hangars just inside a well-guarded gate.

Friends of Nicaragua, organizers of the event, said the Truax Field helicopters were singled-out to demonstrate "public outrage" over U.S.-sponsored military intervention in Central America.

These helicopters, the group says, are used to train U.S. military pilots and are similar to those used for carrying supplies and troops in Central America.

The protesters, lacking any tools or equipment, planned to dismantle the helicopters "with their bare hands," according to a press release circulated by Friends of Nicaragua.

After an hour-long rally near the well-guarded Pearson Street gate, protesters attempted an end-around maneuver designed to circumvent the gate and its barbed wire.

Inside the gate, an alliance of law enforcement officials from the Madison Police, the Dane County Sheriff's departments and the local FBI office made it clear no one was coming through or over it.

Charles Steinmetz, local FBI supervisor, explained his presence by pointing out the helicopters are U.S. government property, the destruction of which is a federal crime.

He wasn't too worried about that happening Saturday, though, commenting that on a scale of one to 10, "this protest is a one. It's pretty tame."

Leaving the gate area — and the hangars — the protesters leisurely marched about 100 yards south on Pearson Street before leaving the road to continue west through a muddy field toward the air base.

Arriving at a moat, which encloses the southeastern part of the air base, the protesters squared off with about seven Madison police officers stationed on the other side.

To cross meant instant arrest, but 10 protesters cat-walked across a makeshift bridge anyway.

But no one ran, and no one put up a fight. Police apprehended the 10, one by one, as they crossed, handcuffed them and took them away.

Among those arrested was Samuel H. Day Jr., 60, longtime peace activist and former managing editor of the Progressive magazine.

A police sergeant said the 10 protesters were charged with criminal trespass and held on $100 bail.

"We stand here for justice, decency, equality and freedom," said Richard Pate, 40, a director for the Wisconsin Nuclear Weapons Freeze campaign.

Pate, who was later arrested, said the protest actions were important as a means of calling attention to the helicopters' "connection with violence in the Third World."

Jane B. Simonds, 27, who works at Nukewatch — a peace group opposed to nuclear weapons — said, "We will not be silent. As long as U.S.-backed atrocities abroad continue, we will continue to do this."

Simonds also was arrested after crossing the moat.

Others arrested were Berthold G. Zipperer, 30, of 444 Jean St.; Timothy Cordon, 27, of 1027 Sherman Ave.; Nancy K. Rost, 23, of 437 W. Johnson St.; Laurie S. Frank, 28, of 444 Jean St.; Bonnie L. Urfer, 35, of 1628 Winnebago St.; Susan D. Nelson, 42, of Brodhead; and John M. Hunter, 28, of 709 Orton Court.

Motorcycle shop burglarized again

Neither dead bolt locks nor Doberman pinschers could stop a burglar from hauling away more than $1,000 in clothing from Motorcycle Performance, 5201 University Ave.

It was the third time since September 1986 that the store has been broken into, Madison police said.

Since the second burglary in November, two watch dogs have been spending their nights guarding the store. But when employees arrived about 7:15 a.m. Saturday, they found the Dobermans in a back room. A wooden pallet blocked the doorway, preventing the dogs from escaping.

The front door was pried open, and several expensive motorcycle jackets, also the target in previous burglaries, were taken, police said.



Cary 'Rip' O'Dwanny hopes to awaken tourism industry in Horicon Marsh area.
—State Journal photo by Joseph W. Jackson III

Horicon area invites flocks to stay awhile

By Chris Martell
Regional reporter

Thousands of honking Canada geese are stopping for dinner at the Horicon Marsh this month on their way back to summer homes on Hudson Bay and James Bay in northern Ontario.

As always, tourists from hundreds of miles away will come to the 30,000-acre marsh to see them. But after visitors have seen the geese and maybe stopped for coffee, they'll probably head straight home — to the dismay of some officials in the bordering cities of Waupun, Horicon and Mayville.

Although the marsh has been called one of the top 100 tourist attractions in the United States, little effort has been made to cultivate tourism in the area. There are few places to eat or sleep, and aside from an occasional boat tour, not much helps a visitor understand the marsh and its wildlife.

That soon may change because two developers and a conservation group are working on major projects.

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It may be fitting that a man who is pushing to awaken Mayville, which bills itself "The Gateway to the Marsh," is nicknamed "Rip."

Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years and woke to a strange modern world. Mayville, the picturesque home of about 4,300 people, has dozed peacefully much longer than that — since World War I, when its days as an iron-ore boom town ended. Meanwhile, developer Cary "Rip" O'Dwanny has been investing heavily in the downtown areas of several small Wisconsin towns, one of which is Mayville.

In Mayville, O'Dwanny thinks he has found a perfect example of how a small town can be renewed with its charm intact.

Last fall, O'Dwanny bought two large buildings on Main Street — an old dry-goods store and a hotel built in the 1890s — and renovation began this winter.

The "Audubon Inn," which will cater to the marsh's visitors, will be open by migration time next fall.

O'Dwanny is convinced that after a day of geese-watching, visitors will flock to what he promises will be "an elegant country inn with the most beautiful bar in the state," a full-service restaurant and a whirlpool.

The inn will be the most recent incarnation of the old Beaumont hotel and will soon be on the National Register of Historic Places. In recent years it has been a target for vandals — and had been sliding into derelict condition for decades before that. The 30 existing rooms in the Queen Anne-style building will be converted to 18 spacious rooms. An elevator, the original staircase, doors, hardware and some walls will be salvaged. A missing cupola on the roof of the building will be replaced.

O'Dwanny, owner of a Milwaukee brokerage firm, has a track record that inspires confidence. His "52 Stafford" — an Irish-style inn and bar in a Victorian building in Plymouth — has been such a success since it opened last spring that visitors from Ireland, China, Australia, as well as many Chicagoans, have signed its guest book. Another project is his transformation of the old Anheuser-Busch mansion in Oconomowoc into an inn with a German theme.

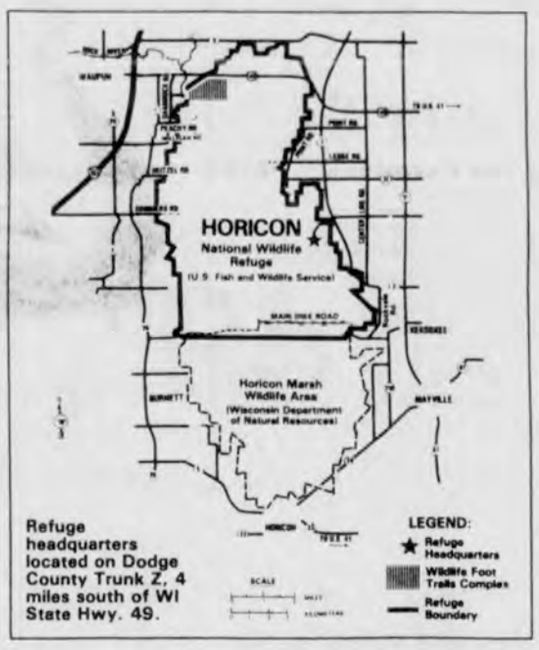
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Hugh Brown has even grander plans for the area — a $12 million resort at the edge of the marsh, just north of Mayville.

The project is not a sure thing, however, since problems with original financial backers arose during years of wrangling with the Dodge County Board over zoning.

Brown, a Mequon developer, claims the Department of Natural Resources has tried to torpedo his "Canvasback Club" resort.

"The DNR thinks the marsh is theirs. It isn't. It belongs to the taxpayers. The DNR only wants people to enjoy things from a distance, through binoculars."



Refuge headquarters located on Dodge County Trunk Z, 4 miles south of WI State Hwy. 49.

Brown said he has an option on 100 acres, tentative zoning approval from the county and a verbal agreement with Mayville about sewer extensions.

The design includes a main lodge and seven smaller units with 24 rooms in each. One unit would be rented to the public, and the rest would be sold to club members.

The buildings would be V-shaped in tribute to the geese, and would offer a panoramic view of the marsh.

Tom Nigus, the DNR's wildlife manager in Dodge County, said the department is not officially opposed to Brown's project, but there are concerns.

"Big developments near wildlife areas tend to overrun state property, create litter and put demands on resources."

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On the western side of the marsh near Waupun, 46 acres of grassland and woods along Highway 49 have been purchased for an interpretive nature center.

For more than three years, volunteers and naturalists of the non-profit Marsh Haven Nature Center, Inc., have been trying to raise more than $400,000 for the museum they plan to build.

The group's president, Todd Jensen, said it is hard for tourists to appreciate the marsh without something to help them understand it.

"People drive to the marsh, then sit in their car and wait for the geese to come," Jensen said.

"Maybe they'll get out of the car and walk a little. They might come at the wrong time and miss the geese completely. People get impatient. If they do come at the right time, odds are they don't understand what they're seeing."

The museum would explain the history of the marsh — the glaciers that created it, the Indians that lived near it and left some 400 mounds, and wildlife displays.

There would be nature trails, waterfowl ponds, observation decks, picnic shelters and an outdoor amphitheater. The center would have a kitchen, banquet hall, classrooms and lab space. A cattail pond and pens for injured or orphaned deer would also be built.

Someday, the center could be an attraction for bus tours, Jensen said. For now, the group is trying to raise money by "selling" 25-by-30-foot pieces of Marsh Haven land for $25. Investors will get a vial of genuine Marsh Haven soil.

For more information, contact The Marsh Haven Capital Fund Drive, Waupun Chamber of Commerce, 9 Fond du Lac Street, Box 328, Waupun, Wis., 53963.

UW sticking to guns over ROTC, gays

By David Stoeffler
State government reporter

University of Wisconsin administrators are downplaying complaints that ROTC programs are biased against gays, saying it is futile to try to stop the discrimination and action against it could threaten millions in federal research grants.

UW President Kenneth Shaw, in a Feb. 24 letter to the UW Board of Regents, said he hoped the regents would not get involved in the controversy, despite earlier agreement to take up the matter.

Shaw said the staff believes Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs, long the subject of anti-military protests, should be continued, despite clear conflict with state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

UW Regent John Schenian, a UW-Madison Law School student, said he will nonetheless ask regents to condemn the discrimination policies and seek federal legislation to allow gays to enroll in ROTC.

Schenian said, though, he will stop short of suggesting elimination of ROTC on 11 UW campuses, including UW-Madison, though he said such a move would send a clear anti-discrimination signal and "would certainly get national attention."

Elimination would penalize certain students who are able to afford college only because ROTC pays their way, Schenian said. More than 1,500 UW students received financial aid totalling $1.2 million from ROTC in 1985-86, a report to regents showed.

Plus, UW attorneys found the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration could pull grant money out of universities refusing to offer ROTC programs.

The federal agencies have even threatened to pull grants from colleges that restrict ROTC recruiting, Schenian said. They have never actually followed through on any threats, though, UW officials said.

In 1986, UW-Madison received $16.3 million in DOD and NASA money.

While saying he is not a "militaristic person," Schenian said: "There is a place for ROTC. If that's what a student wants to do, he should have an opportunity, but not at the expense of discrimination against others."

Condemnation of the programs is more politically possible, given administration reluctance to even discuss the issue, Schenian said.

The issue was raised last fall by Schenian, several gay organizations and then-Gov. Anthony Earl's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues.

Homosexuals are barred from military service by federal regulations, though state law forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual preference.

Any student may take courses in the military science programs and participate in ROTC, but only to the point before enlistment in a service branch is required.

At that point, avowed homosexuals are prohibited from participation.

Patricia Hodulik, a UW System attorney, reported there is no recorded instance of a UW student being denied admission to ROTC on the basis of sexual preference.

Hodulik wrote that court challenges to the federal policy have been unsuccessful in showing the government was illegally discriminating. She said the courts have held the regulations are reasonable given the military's "unique needs" in terms of discipline, security and morale.

The state cannot pre-empt the federal government on this issue, Hodulik said, citing a 1983 attorney general's opinion on the matter.



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Also, UW-Madison, in order to fulfill its obligations as a land-grant college, must offer studies in military tactics, Hodulik said.

Since the federal government paid all but about $120,000 of the $1.6 million cost of ROTC at Madison in 1985-86, ROTC is a cheap way of meeting the obligation, not even considering the positive financial benefits given directly to students, Hodulik suggested.

Other UW campuses are not required to offer such courses.

The chief of personnel for the U.S. Navy, in an interview last week in Madison, said the military has no intention of changing its policy.

Allowing gays would be "counterproductive to good order and discipline," Vice Admiral Dudley Carlson said.

Carlson said ROTC programs are important, steady sources of revenue for universities, and programs are at their strongest in years.

He said ROTC had recovered from the early 1970s of campus unrest, which he described as a time of "significant undisciplined conduct on campuses."

At UW-Madison, the Navy division was the most popular ROTC program in 1985-86, enrolling 122 of the 355 first-semester ROTC students and 100 of the 291 second-semester ROTC students, the report to regents said.

The UW-Madison students shared in some $622,000 in ROTC financial aid.

State taxpayers contributed $121,000, plus about 26,000 square feet of office space, for the ROTC program at UW-Madison, according to the regent report.

In all, 1,557 UW System students were enrolled in ROTC during the first semester of 1985-86, while 1,252 were enrolled during the second semester.

The state paid $536,000 for the supplies, salaries and fringe benefits related to the program, plus provided more than 122,000 square feet of space.

Besides UW-Madison, campuses with ROTC programs and the largest semester enrollment during 1985-86 were: UW-Milwaukee, 198 students; UW-Green Bay, 75 students; UW-La Crosse, 212 students; UW-Oshkosh, 119 students; UW-Platteville, 156 students; UW-Stevens Point, 204 students; UW-Whitewater, 180 students; UW-Superior, 35 students; UW-Fond du Lac (two-year campus), six students; UW-Waukesha (two-year campus), 19 students.

Milk marketing head Giraud dies of heart attack

NORWALK (AP) — Dowaine Giraud, president of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board for nearly three years, has died at the age of 51.

He died Friday at his rural Norwalk home following a heart attack.

Giraud has also served as Norwalk town chairman and as a member of the Monroe County Board.

Funeral services are pending.

Because of Giraud's death, the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board has postponed a regional information meeting scheduled Tuesday in Fond du Lac.



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