

Union Happenings: What Gets Done in that Plush Office

by John Ladd

At this time the Union is organizing in a number of areas. The Union has the responsibility of spending about \$18,000 in student activities fees for the year. As a lump sum this sounds like a lot of money, but when it's divided up among the various committees and spread out over the year it really is a bare minimum.

CONCERT COMMITTEE

One of the things that is going on is the selection of a major concert for the first semester. Several of the artists under consideration are: John Prine (\$3,250), Pappa John Creech (\$3,000), Tim Weisberg (\$2,750) and Jerry Jeff Walker (\$4,000). If you have a preference or would like to get involved in the selection process drop the Union a note or come up to the office and talk it over with us. There are a number of bands that were under consideration: Weather Report, Orleans, Roger McGuinn, Return to Forever, Bruce Springstein, and Fairport Convention.

Weather Report cancelled again this year. A terse, unexplained cancellation by the agent of Fairport Convention stopped plans already underway for their concert on campus. The booking of major concerts is a tricky business, made more difficult by shrewd and greedy managers. Still it is one of the most rewarding aspects of the Union when a major concert comes off well.

The "mini-concert" section of the Concert Committee is making progress. Mike Williams an excellent composer, singer, and guitarist, has been booked for a concert on September 26, at 8:15 in Sternberger Auditorium. A prolific songwriter from Denver, Williams' work has been recorded by a number of other artists including John Denver.

Other acts under consideration are: Good Rats (a fine New York City rock band); a six-man jazz band from Chapel Hill; the James Montgomery band from Boston; and several blues and bluegrass acts. If you know any really good and fairly cheap bands - perhaps from your hometown or one you've seen elsewhere - bring their names by the Union office and we'll see what we can do.

With one successful dance under its belt, the Dance Committee is looking for bands to book for the remaining 5-7 dances. The number of dances depends on the prices we pay for the bands. There are a number of bands that have been brought to our attention: Will T and the Workshop; The Walnut Band (from Boston); Hits & Misc.; the Embers and others. Know any good dance bands? The committee needs good people to help bring off the dances. If it sounds good to you we could really use your help.

Presently the Irving Committee is cleaning up and renovating Irving, in Bryan, under Bob White's office (that must mean something). Folk, blues and mountain music will be the bulk of Irving's offerings this year. If you know any artists who like to play in a coffee house setting, pass them on to us. Paul Murray is the chairperson of the Irving Committee.

The Film Committee is already beginning to look to next semester. During November at the latest, the films for second semester must be booked. Also a series of films on the arts, environment, sciences, etc. is being selected. Among the films available are: the "Ascent of Man" Series; musicians such as Brubeck, Bernstein, and others; poets; and Sierra Club films. Want to help select films for either series? There are dozens of catalogues in the office for you to look through.

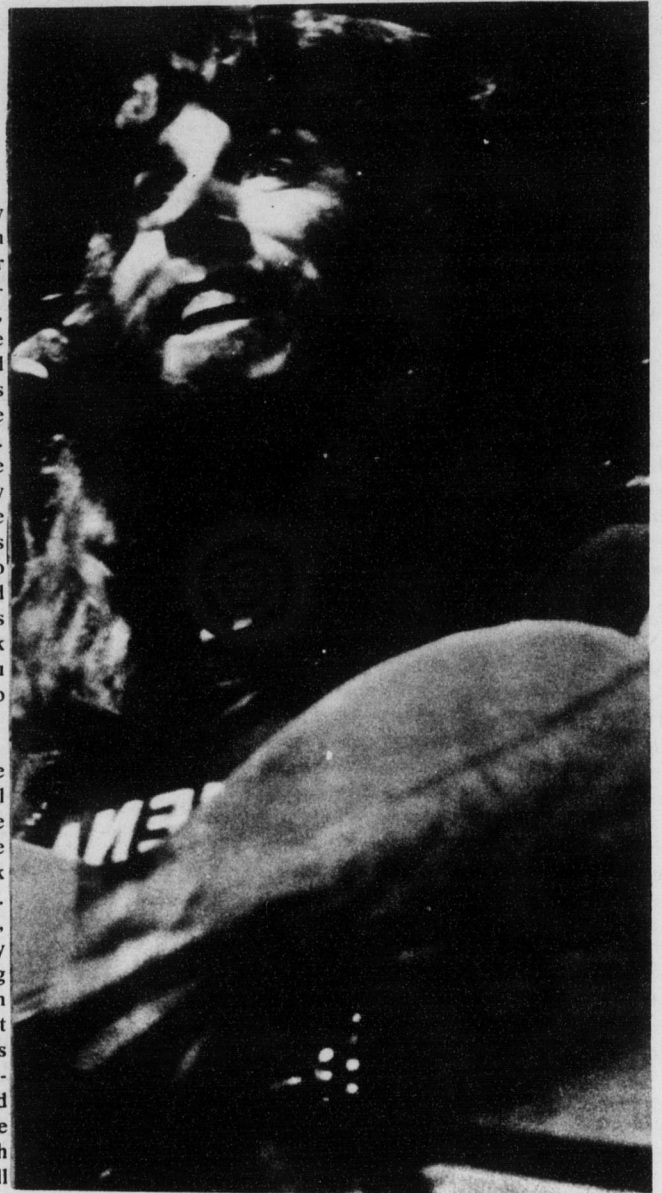
The Recreation Committee is now organizing. The Recreation room, in the basement of Founders under Sternberger, will be open very soon. It will have pinball, foosball, pingpong, pool, air hockey, and a jukebox. Chess, checkers, cards, etc., will also be available.

Other ideas that can be worked on through the Recreation Committee are: ski weekends; canoeing trips; a trip to the mountains during the fall leaf change; camping trips; and tournaments in chess, bridge, ping pong, etc. Jody Wood is the chairperson. People are needed to work on these ideas and to come up with other suggestions.

People on the Publicity Committee get their fingers in all the goings-on of the other committees. People are needed to write, do art work, distribute publicity, etc. There are already several good people working in these areas but more are needed to make sure that none is overworked.

Also a number of people are needed who don't necessarily belong to any one committee to do various things as events come up. If you feel unable to join any committee but would like to get involved, give us your name and come and talk with us. We'll make sure you get involved, but not too heavily.

This committee is in the process of considering several possible activities for the semester. Negotiations are under way to bring Dick Gregory to campus in March. A series of speeches, films, exhibits, and class visits by NASA scientists is being organized over the next ten days. Other activities that agents have suggested to us include the "National Lampoon Show" and "Who Killed JFK?" (with a showing of the Zapruder Film). Also a search is under way for several small classical ensembles to bring to campus. Sound interesting? Any ideas? Come see us.



Mike Williams, singer, composer, guitarist, will appear at Sternberger Auditorium Friday September 26 at 8:15.

Used Kazoo Opens?

by Karen Frame

A group of students is trying to reopen the Used Kazoo, a co-op that was in operation for around two months last year, but due to red tape and lack of organization, they have yet to get it off the ground.

The Used Kazoo will be a student operated store with the profits going back into the store and paying a small wage to the workers, students or whoever would have a place to try and sell things they no longer wanted; clothes, books, albums, nearly anything they think others will be willing to buy.

It will be a good way to make easy money and an excellent place to find bargains. The Used Kazoo would take 20% if and when sold.

Sure, it is a great idea, but more people are needed to make it work. Ideally, it would

be open four or five hours Monday through Friday, which means a fairly large work force is needed. It could prove a very interesting place to work.

If you are interested in helping to organize, or even just curious about the idea, contact Karen Frame in 226 Binford Hall, or through box 17160, and/or come to a meeting at the 'passion pit', second floor Founders, Thursday at 6:30.

What she needs, money can't buy.



There are old people who need someone to talk to. Boys who need fathers. Guys in veterans' hospitals who need someone to visit them. Kids who need tutors.

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