

# Joan Roberts Hasn't Dropped UW Tenure Fight

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Of the 38,000-plus students at the University of Wisconsin, it's a good bet that a third have never heard of Joan Roberts, and that another sizable group doesn't remember what she was fighting for when she was denied tenure in February, 1974.

Roberts, an assistant professor in the UW Department of Educational Policy Studies (EPS) and a woman long involved in organizing feminist groups, was denied tenure by the all-male faculty in her department. The denial came, her colleagues said, because she hadn't published enough scholarly research to satisfy their criteria for granting tenure.

Roberts chose to air her case publicly, not the usual course at the university which would rather see those denied tenure just fade away.

Several hundred supporters backed her at the meeting where the EPS faculty committee denied her tenure, and again when the full faculty met to reconsider and voted to sustain their decision.

Those supporters jostled the committee as they left the last meeting, and emptied a water pitcher at Protection and Security Chief Ralph Hanson.

Roberts filed a sex discrimination complaint in May, 1974 with the state Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, claiming she had been denied tenure because of her sex. She sought an "end to the pattern and practice of sex discrimination," a formal apology from the UW, and reinstatement.

After an investigation, DILHR initially determined in December there was probably cause to believe that the UW



Joan Roberts

discriminated against the complainant because of her sex.

Roberts is now in Syracuse, N.Y., doing research in several areas but not involved with teaching there. She told The Capital Times in a phone interview this week she was "delighted" with the DILHR initial finding, and would pursue the case either through DILHR or the courts.

In the embryonic field of women's studies, she insisted

throughout her case, what was needed was "synthesis," tying together existing writings in the field, as well as traditional research. In the next few months she said she would be finishing a two-volume anthology of work on women in education done by a collective of women.

Roberts said she would have another book coming out in the next few months, and reported she was "looking at physical education, now, in the socialization process as a rite of passage." American society, she explained, has few ceremonies or symbolic acts marking a change in status of the individual — marriage or high school graduation would be two — and she is looking into physical education as a rite of passage into puberty, and its effect on a student's "body image."

"During the last year I've taken care of the mechanics of production which were then in process," she said. "I've completed what I said I was doing during the open hearings."

The DILHR initial determination compared Roberts' teaching, research, leadership ability and publications with those of five males and another female in EPS.

"It appears that the EPS committee discounted a significant part of (Roberts') research, teaching and publications and committee work as evidenced by the fact that in all areas in which the candidates for tenure were supposed to be judged the complainant met the criteria equally if not better than the present male members of the department at the time of their candidacy for tenure. The criteria were applied differently on the complainant," the report said.

In 1972, the report also said, 16 per cent of the PHDs granted in the UW system went to women. In fiscal year 1973 12 women and 60 men were promoted to tenure — roughly the same per cent.

Of 24 new professors hired system-wide in 1973, one was a woman, it continued, and of 24 new associate professors three were women, but all in a "traditional female area of nursing or home economics."

The report, prepared by Equal Rights Investigator Therese Fernald, was an initial determination rather than

a final decision. The case could now go through a public hearing in DILHR, or Roberts could take it through circuit court.

Roberts' attorney, Cheryl Rosen-Weston, said they would "explore avenues for the most expeditious approach." Whether they choose the court or DILHR, the wait will be at least several months.

The significance of the report, Roberts insisted, was that it "broke the silence" around her case in particular and women's studies in general.

"If a woman can't assert what she knows, if she's silent because of the social milieu, then none of us can be full human beings," she said. "The positive result of the report is the validation of the position of those who had the courage to take a public stand."

She and other feminists insist that women's studies, to be meaningful, must delve into new methods and ways of thinking, restructuring of authority and changes in patterns in the learning process.

"You can't hope to generate new knowledge if you try to attain it through the same old knowledge-gathering methods. That's the essential problem," she said. "But the whole system of tenure has to allow people to think in different ways."

David Hanson, legal counsel to UW Chancellor Edwin Young, played down the significance of the initial finding of probable cause by DILHR: "The report only means that DILHR has concluded there's some evidence that could support the charge of discrimination. But that's a long way from determining there actually was any discrimination."

"We don't share their belief that there was probable cause, and we certainly don't believe there was any discrimination in the Joan Roberts case," he said.

Whether or not Joan Roberts was discriminated against in the decision not to grant her tenure will not be decided soon. DILHR admits a backlog of almost six months in equal rights cases, and Hanson claimed it was closer to a year. The courts could move as slowly.

## Madison and Area

### DEATH NOTICES

**Black, Reuben R. — LOGANVILLE**  
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**Zwicky, Mrs. Faith M. — MADISON**

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 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Open Sunday 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Black, Reuben R.**  
 LOGANVILLE — Reuben R. Black age 72, of Loganville, died on Thursday, January 15, 1976, at Reedsburg Memorial Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Augusta, a daughter, Miss Margaret A. Black of Petersburg, Va.; a daughter, Willis of Beloit; and a sister, Miss Nellie Black of South Euclid, Ohio. Funeral services will be held at the NORTH FREEDOM BAPTIST CHURCH, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 18. The Rev. Alvin Gerber officiating. Burial in Oak Hill Cemetery, North Freedom. Friends may call after 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17, at the HAMMER FUNERAL HOME, Reedsburg.

**Braun, Oswin W.**  
 MIDDLETON — Mr. Oswin W. Braun, age 76, of 7101 South Avenue, Middleton, died unexpectedly on Friday, January 16, 1976, at a Madison nursing home after an extended illness. Born March 20, 1899, in the Town of Cross Plains, he was married to the former Cora Lee on May 5, 1921. Mr. Braun was a member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Middleton. He is survived by his wife, Cora; three sons, Marlin, Middleton, Roland and Robert; two daughters, Madeline and Deborah, Naperville, Illinois; four daughters, Mrs. Robert (Arlene) Jacobs, Madison, Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Decker and Mrs. David (Margie) Jacobs, both of Chicago, Wis.; and Mrs. John (Caroline) Haugen, Middleton; a brother, Frank, Madison; three sisters, Mrs. Hupp (Tillie) Faust, Madison, Mrs. Earl (Selma) Lee, Black Earth, and Mrs. Bill (Ann) Welch, Cross Plains; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Harley, and a grandson, Jim. Funeral services will be held at ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Middleton, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 19. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Friends may call from 9-8 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, at the GRUBER FUNERAL HOME, 7432 Elmwood Avenue, Middleton.

**Hansen, Mary A.**  
 MADISON/CHETEK — Mrs. Mary A. Hansen, age 81, of Madison/Chetek, died on Friday, January 16, 1976, at a Madison hospital. Born March 4, 1894 in a Madison hospital. She was a resident of the Chetek area since she was a young child. She and her husband retired from farming in about 1956. She is survived by a daughter, Rose, (Mrs. Dean Faust) Madison; her adopted son, Harley Burch, of Rural Chetek; her grandsons, Robert J. Hansen, Lake Mills, Doniel Burch, U.S. Navy, and Gregory Burch of Chetek. She was preceded in death by her husband, James, who died in 1968, and her son, Milne, in 1967. Funeral services will be held at BURNHAM FURNAL HOME, Chetek, at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 19. Burial in Chetek Cemetery. Arquette and Elgin Jensen officiating. Burial in Summer Cemetery. Friends may call the evening before the services at Burnham Funeral Home.

**Overland, Mrs. Hilda M.**  
 MADISON — Mrs. Hilda M. Overland, age 69, of 103 S. Slaughter Road, died on Friday, January 16, 1976, at a Madison hospital. Born September 16, 1906, in Sparta, Wis., she was the former Hilda Johnson and has been a Madison resident since 1963. For at least 10 years she had made dolls and sold them through the Easter Seals shop. She was a member of Madison Baptist Temple. She is survived by a son, Iro, 5221 Academy Dr.; a daughter, Mrs. Harold (Florence) Bladine, Route 1, Stoddard, Wis.; a brother, Forest Johnson, Colarosa, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Della Nolan, La Crosse, Mrs. Bernice Scafe, Sparta; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Orlin in 1973. Funeral services will be held at RYAN-PETERSON FUNERAL HOME, 6025 Monona Dr., at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 19. The Rev. Clyde E. Barnes officiating. Burial in Rose Lawn Memorial Park. Friends may call from 2-8 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18, at the funeral home.

**Ryan, Paul L.**  
 MADISON — Paul L. Ryan, age 48, of 5316 Lake Mendota Drive, was found dead at home on Thursday, January 15, 1976, of an apparent heart attack. He was born on April 7, 1927 in Chicago, Ill., and was a Madison resident since 1968. Mr. Ryan was employed as an accountant by Curly Call Communication Co. for the past seven years. He was a naval veteran of World War II. Mr. Ryan was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church. He attended St. Paul's College and the University of Wisconsin and served in the naval training program at the UW. He was also long-time editor of the National Bedding Association publication. He is survived by two daughters; Miss Linda and Mary B. Ryan, both of Chicago; his father, Dr. Frank S. Ryan, Stoughton, Wis.; a brother, William (Eleanor) Curtis, 4037 Tokay Blvd., and a brother, Robert J., La Grange, Ill. Funeral services and burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, on Saturday, January 17, 1976, at 10 a.m. at the RYAN-PETERSON FUNERAL HOME, 2114 N. Sherman Ave. in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Nazareth Home, Stoughton, Wis.

Millie Methodist Association, and the Lake Mills Methodist Church all his life. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Brockhaus Wollin; a daughter, Mrs. Donald Dominick, Wausau; two sons, Albert Jr., Lake Mills; and Roger, Lake Mills; Eleven grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Sylvester Olson, and Mrs. Ella Goltzschalk, both of Lake Mills. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Edwin. Funeral services will be held at LAKE MILLS METHODIST CHURCH, at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 19, Pastor Everett officiating. Burial in Rock Lake Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, at BOSLOUGH FUNERAL HOME, in Lake Mills, also friends may call at 12:30 until time of service at the church on Monday, January 19.

**Zwicky, Mrs. Faith M.**  
 MADISON — Mrs. Faith M. Zwicky, age 73, of 2108 Keyes Ave., died on Thursday, January 15, 1976, at her home after a long illness. Born October 28, 1902 in Monroe, she was the former Faith Baumgartner. She was married to Edward H. Zwicky in 1928. She graduated from Milwaukee Normal School, and was a graduate of the first class of the University of Wisconsin School of Nursing in 1927. She worked as a nurse at the children's orthopedic and pediatric hospital of University Hospital from 1948 to 1962. Mrs. Zwicky was a member of First Congregational Church and the UW Nurses Alumni Association. She is survived by a son, Stephen E. of Madison; a grandson, Matthew Stephen of home; three sisters, Mrs. R. H. (Maxine) Quade of Sedona, Ariz., Mrs. Roy (Nelle) Zimer of Pretty Lake, Wis., and Mrs. Glenn (Edna) King of Dausman, Wis. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1947; and a brother, Will Baumgartner. Memorial services will be held at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH CHAPEL, 1609 University Ave., at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 18. The Rev. Graham Ward officiating. There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Congregational Church Foundation.

## Protection of 'Dormant' Savings Accounts Urged

The Associated Press

Testimony on the treatment of "dormant" accounts by saving and loan institutions stirred a state lawmaker into action Friday.

State Sen. James Flynn (D-West Allis) ordered Daniel Fernbach, a staff member for the Legislative Council, to look into practices of eliminating interest payments and assessing service charges on accounts that have not been used for a certain amount of time. Flynn said legislation also should be drafted to halt such practices.

"I'm afraid people are having their accounts stripped of them without knowing what the law is," Flynn said.

Collector Cox, an aide to State Treasurer Charles Smith, discussed the practice while urging support of legislation which would prohibit the savings and loans from setting the service charges on property considered to have been abandoned under state law.

She told the Senate judiciary and Consumer Affairs Committee that some

banks and savings and loan institutions stop interest payments to savings accounts considered to be dormant.

Accounts are considered dormant, she said, when there have been no deposits or withdrawals for a certain amount of time such as 18 months or two years.

In some cases, she said service charges are assessed against savings accounts if they are considered dormant.

One example, she said, was a Christmas club account of \$50 which was depleted by \$48 after service charges were levied.

Flynn said there apparently were no state statutes or guidelines to define dormancy of savings accounts.

"If this is the present state of the law, that lending institutions can arbitrarily determine when a savings account becomes dormant, then the public is really being misled into believing that its deposits are secure and are assured of a return of interest," Flynn said.

## Beltline Highway Issue Is Topic of Meeting in Monona

A public meeting to discuss issues in the controversy over a proposed new Beltline Highway through the Upper Mud Lake area will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Monona City Library.

The meeting, sponsored by the Southern Wisconsin Wetlands Association and the Monona Jaycees, will be televised by the Monona Cable TV and questions may be telephoned in.

Naturalist James Zimmerman, co-author of a recent report for the Regional Planning Commission on the

## Westby Contest

WESTBY — Four candidates have filed nomination papers for the two vacancies on the Westby Area Schools board of education.

They are Mrs. Marilyn Bell, incumbent, Westby; Keith Melby, Westby; Sarah Keimowitz, Coon Valley; and Martin Ohlert, Coon Valley. Mrs. Bland and Robert L. Erickson, Westby, are incumbents. Erickson is not a candidate.

wetlands of Dane County, will discuss the effect of the proposed highway on the Mud Lake marsh.

Kenneth Kosciak, director of public works for Dane County and former city engineer for Monona, will discuss the need for the road.

## 42 Guns Stolen At Monroe Store

MONROE (UPI) — Police Friday investigated the robbery of a Martin's Sporting Goods store where 12 shotguns, 25 handguns, 12 rifles and an undetermined amount of ammunition were stolen.

Police said the thieves broke the glass out of the front door to gain entry Thursday night. The robbery was discovered Friday morning.

The guns had a total value of more than \$9,000. No money was taken, and the National Crime Center in Washington, D.C. has been informed of the theft.

## 'Chicago Investor' Gets Dresser Another Delay

Special to The Capital Times

SPRING GREEN — Spring Green architect James Dresser Friday won another delay of bankruptcy after telling a federal judge that a Chicago investor offered him \$3.6 million to regain the Valley of Epernay homesites he lost last fall in a sheriff's sale.

But in Chicago, court records showed that a man of the same name and address was sentenced to a year in prison last week for his part in a Malaysian timber cutting scheme.

Dresser won the delay until Friday, Feb. 13, after telling bankruptcy Judge Leonard Bessman "I am in continuous negotiations with Mr. Calvin Buehrer and his group in Chicago and I have the outline of an agreement, dated Dec. 33, which calls for him and his group to come in with \$600,000, shall we say immediately, and \$3 million soon after. I beg the court for additional time."

Bankruptcy trustee Jerry J. Armstrong of Madison raised the question of Buehrer's identity, but Bessman said the source of a loan was of less concern to 100 creditors than the likelihood they will lose \$600,000 in claims unless Dresser can obtain funding.

Dresser appeared startled when Armstrong told the court "a Calvin Buehrer has recently been sentenced for an investment fraud in Chicago."

"I have no knowledge of the man," Dresser replied.

Last month, Dresser presented a letter from Calvin Buehrer, 401 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, offering a loan if certain conditions were met. The letter gained Bessman a 30-day continuance until Feb. 13.

## In Chicago federal court a Calvin Buehrer, of the same LaSalle Street Man Who Got Girls for Caesar Gets 3 Years

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — A Milwaukee man was sentenced to three years in prison Friday for soliciting a prostitute for comedian Sid Caesar when he starred in a play here last February.

Circuit Judge Victor Manian handed down the sentence against Anthony Pipito, 39, who was found guilty by a jury. During the trial Caesar testified that Pipito arranged for him to have sexual relations with four women at his hotel room.

Caesar was starring in the play "Prisoner of Second Avenue" at the Centre Stage Dinner Playhouse and Pipito was working there when he met Caesar.

## Deadline Nears For UW Enrollment

Prospective freshmen and transfer students planning to enter the University of Wisconsin this summer or next fall are reminded of a Feb. 1 filing date for applications and transcripts.

This year the Madison campus is limiting undergraduate enrollments. According to Director of Admissions Lee Wilcox, the Madison campus will be able to accommodate all qualified transfer students who file by Feb. 1. However, freshmen applications received after Feb. 1 will be considered in the order they come in, and on a space-available basis.

## Viet-English Guide Is Available

"Your New Country," a Vietnamese-English guide to language and culture in the United States, is available upon request as long as supplies last. Contact the Dane County Red Cross at 255-0021.

address, and two other men were convicted Nov. 13 and sentenced Jan. 9 by Judge Hubert L. Will.

One of Buehrer's co-defendants was William H. Buehrer, former President Nixon's 1968 Illinois campaign manager who was fined \$5,000 and sentenced to 90 days on a work release program.

The other man, Lloyd Hardesty, drew a one year prison term, the same as Buehrer.

They were accused of bilking investors of \$79,000 by claiming they had a concession to cut 40,000 acres of timber in Malaysia.

Dresser filed for bankruptcy last May but soon afterward was granted a succession of delays.

He claimed investors were interested

in his Valley of Epernay which he had named after the champagne producing region of France.

Last summer Dresser told Bessman that London bankers paid his plane fare to London to discuss a \$3.7 million loan. When it didn't come through, Bessman permitted the Thorp Finance Corp. to support a \$300,000 judgment against Dresser with a sheriff's sale of the 652-acre property.

Thorp was the only bidder and acquired it for \$302,000.

In November, Dresser informed Bessman that he and his wife Barbara lacked funds to pay their remaining \$600,000 in debts. But when he appeared before Bessman on Dec. 15 to be adjudged bankrupt, he won a 30-day delay by presenting the letter from Buehrer.

## Residents Ask Congressmen to Intercede with FmHA

Three Wisconsin congressmen have been asked to start an investigation of the Dodgeville office of the Farmers Home Administration by three residents who feel they have been cheated by the FmHA.

They are Harry and Myrtle May, who will lose their farm Jan. 27 in a sheriff's sale to satisfy a debt to FmHA, and Marie Claire Goldthorpe Strand of Dodgeville, who believes the FmHA swindled her after her husband's death several years ago.

The Mays called upon Congressmen David Obey, Alvin Baldus and Les Aspin to stop the sale of their farm until their case is investigated.

The letter went on to charge that the earlier Department of Agriculture investigation into the two cases was "fraudulent" and inaccurate.

The Mays' complaint is against former FmHA Dodgeville supervisor James Honer, whom they believe is "guilty of fraud and conspiracy in our case," and the Goldthorpe Strand case as well. They also have complaints against the current supervisor Bernard Dregme.

Honer, now an FmHA official in Washington, D.C., has denied that there was anything improper in the two cases.

May owes the FmHA \$136,000. In November May and his friends thwarted an attempt by federal marshals to seize his farm equipment by blocking his driveway with a baler.

## Planetarium Program

A program will be offered at the Memorial High School Planetarium on Jan. 29 at 7 and 8:15 p.m. titled "Viking To Mars". There is a limited seating capacity and no late admittance. The fee is 50 cents per adult and 25 cents per child. The program is not considered educationally suitable for children under 10 years of age.

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