Black Symposium_General Student Senate Minutes on the Distinguished Lecture Series and Black Symposium Details

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THE DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
Fall Semester 1968-69
Sponsored by the General Student Senate

Wednesday--October 16--8:00 p.m.--
Mike Zagarell, Communist party candidate for Vice President.

Tuesday--October 29--8:00 p.m.--
Harry Reasoner, famed CBS news commentator, will be the central figure of a focus on the November elections.

November 6, 7, or 8--8:00 p.m.--
Dr. Benjamin Spock will speak in Memorial Gymnasium.

Friday--December 6--8:00 p.m.--
Andreas Papandreou, exiled leader of Greece's Central Union Party, son of the former premier, will discuss the Greek political situation.

Early February--
A three-day symposium on black America, tentatively scheduled to include Dick Gregory and other representatives of different perspectives of the problem.

Note: There are several other likely political speakers, arrangements for whom have not been finalized. Names will be announced as they become available.
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October 13, 1968

The Committee briefly discussed the planned Black Symposium for next semester. Larry outlined a possible 2-day program having a big-name speaker (perhaps Dick Gregory) open the Symposium and including panel discussions with local black leaders from New York, New Haven, etc. Programs would take place in classes, dorms, and fraternities as well as the auditorium on campus. The Committee was generally in favor of this plan. Details will be worked out after the mock election and Reasoner's appearance have taken place.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Charlotte Harrington, Secretary
The Distinguished Lecture Series Committee met at 7:00 p.m., November 5, 1968, to discuss plans for future speakers. Those present were:

Keith Carreiro
Dottie Rahrig
Pete Bergeron
Charlotte Harrington
Dick Hamann
Steve Hughes

Keith reported that Mike Reid of the Political Science Department had contacted him about a possible joint sponsorship of Chief Justice Earl Warren for next semester. Keith will check into the cost and available dates, if any, for Warren.

3-Day Symposium on Black America

Three key-note speakers were suggested for the Symposium—Dick Gregory and Ralph Abernathy for whom the American Program Bureau must be contacted, and Charles Evers who will cost $1,000 and must be scheduled through the Harry Walker Agency. Details of the Symposium were left to a later date when the Committee has definite speakers. Dates for the Symposium suggested were: February 9, 10, and 11; or February 16, 17, and 18, 1969.

Eldridge Cleaver of the National Peace and Freedom Party was a fourth suggestion made. Keith will contact agencies on prices and availability of all speakers suggested.

Discussion of Future Speaker Possibilities

Keith has received information on George Kavanaugh—priest-author of A Modern Priest Looks at His Outdated Church. Suggestion for a debate between Kavanaugh and a more conservative priest was suggested. No action taken.

Steve mentioned the possibility of getting Senator Dirksen sometime in the spring. Also, Steve plans to try to get Mayor Lindsey on his trip to New York.

The Committee decided against having Lord Arran—member of Great Britain's House of Lords—and William Hersey—a memory specialist.

Ranachandra Rea—an Indian lawyer, member of Supreme Court of India, lecturer, and past President of Rotarian International was also discussed as a possible speaker. Steve said he would check into the possibility of getting co-sponsors for Rea—either the Art Department or Rotary Club.

Keith has received a letter from the Socialist Labor Party member, Alfred H. Jarvis, who has contacted a party member in New York about speaking on campus in November.

Final Plans for Papandreou and Spock

Andreas Papandreou is scheduled to speak in the Main Lounge of Memorial Union December 6, 1968. Steve suggested Dick try to get Memorial Gym instead and
Black Symposium

The Committee wants to have both views of how to solve the Negro problem represented—that of working through the system and that faction which wants to break away. Suggestions for major speakers were:

- Sec. of H.E.W. Weaver
- Ramsey Clark
- Sen. Brooks
- Charles Evers
- Dick Gregory
- (Eldridge Cleaver cannot be found!)

Ramsey Clark

Charlotte was asked to contact NAACP leader in Bangor to get from him suggestions and his opinion on the Symposium.

New Business

The Committee is running low on money. We have gotten no support in the way of co-sponsors for our speakers this fall. If we have two major speakers for the Symposium, this will wipe out our finances. Charlotte offered to contact leaders of the four classes to find out when their class council meetings are so she can speak to the councils on co-sponsoring some speakers for next semester.

John Beisheim was given the list of suggested speakers for next semester (excluding those for whom we must go through an agency) so he could get some letters out to them. Mayor Lindsay, Senator Dirksen, and Ted Kennedy are three names not mentioned previously who were suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Harrington

Secretary
December 16, 1968

The Distinguished Lecture Series Committee met along with six guests to discuss the possibility of having a Black Symposium next semester. Committee members present were: Keith Carreiro, Dottie Rahrig, Charlotte Harrington, and Steve Hughes. Guests were:

Prof. Gerald Work--Chairman of Martin Luther King Memorial Committee
Frank Hample--member of same committee
Jim McLean--President of Freshman Class
Larry Moskowitz
Doctor Gillespie--of the Bangor NAACP
Bob Talbot--of the Bangor NAACP

Black Symposium

Steve started the discussion by asking for discussion on the need for such a Symposium.

Work: The race question is the biggest domestic problem facing our country. Maine students do not hear the voices of many factions of the black community. One purpose of the Martin Luther King Memorial Committee is to make Maine students aware of these voices. The Symposium should be a good drawing card, but that is not the point of such a Symposium anyway. Willing to give any support he can.

Moskowitz: Maine is behind the times--this is a chance to make Maine relate to this national problem. Students will be leaving the state to work and will meet these problems face on. Racism is #1 problem in this country--it is criminal to ignore it.

McLean: The need for such a Symposium is definitely present.

Hample: Maine students will be working in areas where racism is very evident. The Symposium is needed.

Work: Would like to have speakers in classes, in small groups of students. Contact of black militants directly with students. Just talking about problem, no good.

Dottie: Will the cost of the Symposium jeopardize any additional programs we might want for next semester? We need a Symposium on the conditions of the Maine Indian.

There was agreement on the need for such a program, but priorities must be set. After agreement on the need for the Black America Symposium, the Committee and guests then moved on to consideration of who to try to get for speakers.

Keith passed out material from the Harry Walker Agency about the package of speakers the Agency was offering. This included Charles Evers; The Honorable Carl T. Rowan; James Farmer; and two militants, one from SNCC and one from Black Panthers.

Larry Moskowitz suggested for militant speakers Bobby Seale (National Chairman of Black Panthers), Phil Hutchings, and Foremen, both SNCC people. Larry said that if we get the five speakers from Harry Walker, we would have to schedule two different speaking engagements because these black people don't want to
expose their differences in front of a white audience, as would be necessary in a panel-type discussion. Larry offered to get speakers from Boston, New Haven, and New York--actual workers from the ghetto--those who really know what it's like.

Frank Hample then mentioned that the big names probably would not have much time to spend in classes or small discussions either.

**Work:** With available money, we could make contacts and get good speakers without going through an agency.

**Keith:** A couple of well-known speakers would create interest in the Symposium--might encourage many to go to smaller groups, including some students who would not have done so otherwise.

**Hample:** A combination of the two types of speakers is needed--need good balance of two.

**Moskowitz:** We need to set up a priority list for speakers.

**Hughes:** We have $1,500 - $1,700 available and possible help from two classes.

**Moskowitz:** Suggested trying churches for support.

**Gillespie:** Suggested having dates of Symposium coincide with either Negro History Week or Brotherhood Week.

**Work:** Another good source for local speakers is the Poland Spring Job Corps--both the girls and the staff.

**Hughes:** Suggested the following names as possibilities:
- Roy Innis
- McKissick
- Clifford Mason

**Work:** Offered the following as possibilities, too:
- John Hatchet
- James MacDonald
- Clarence Mitchell (Washington office)

**McLean:** Said the Freshmen Class might contribute as much as $1,000 to the Symposium, but probably the amount would be between $500 - $750.

**Keith:** Said that Gary Thorne has tentatively offered about as much from the Junior Class.

**Moskowitz:** Speakers should be all from black revolutionary organizations, not establishment Negroes like Rowan--they are out of touch with black youth of today.

**McLean:** All sides of black community should be represented--not weight militant side.

**Hample:** Majority of blacks live in ghetto areas and in the South--these are the views that should be represented. The younger blacks are looking to the more militant leaders.

**McLean:** The Black Panthers have minority support in Negro communities--other side should be represented first.

**Talbot:** Agreed some with Jim McLean, but Rowan is completely out of touch with young Negroes. Rowan's politics represent those who have made it. McKissick and Evers are two different thinking factions. Charles Hamilton, editor of Harvard Crimson, first Negro to hold this post, might be a good possibility. Steve Hughes and Frank Hample thought Hamilton sounded like a good suggestion.

**Work:** Farmer is good speaker--might not be good in small group discussions. MacDonald would be excellent here.
The following were set up as priority lists for speakers. One will open Symposium and one will close it.

**Less Militant**
- Evers
- Farmer

**More Militant**
- Seale
- Foreman
- Hutchings
- Julius Lester

The exact set up of the whole Symposium was not pinned down in order to see how many contacts could be made over vacation and how many speakers will be involved. Suggestions made for inclusions in the Symposium were: having speakers in classes, dorms, fraternity houses, dining hall lounges, on ETV, and one on "Let's Talk it Over" on WGUY.

The following assignments were made for making contacts for speakers:

- Work--check on Poland Spring and see some of his Hartford contacts
- Talbot--check on Evers
- Moskowitz--try for Seale, and for four or five speakers from Boston, New Haven, and New York
- Carreiro--try to contact Hamilton of the Harvard Crimson

The dates of February 16, 17, and 18 were agreed on, and the inclusion of some of the Martin Luther King Scholars on campus was suggested and agreed upon. Doctor White and Wally Williams were also mentioned as good people on campus to include. McLean said that some of the programs should be held at South Campus. There was general agreement to this idea.

The Committee will meet right after vacation to fill in details of the Symposium.

**Additional Business**

Keith announced that the Socialist Labor Party member, Henry Blomen, will be in the Main Lounge of Memorial Union January 11 at 8:00 p.m. Keith and Prof. Reid will meet with Tsurutani and Mawhinney and draft invitation letters to Justice Douglas.

Steve will invite Senator Muskie up for next semester. Dottie wants to invite Regan and Buckley up for next semester.

The Committee voted to ask Frank Hampl to take Larry Moskowitz’s place on the D.L.S. and to add a freshman, Jim McLean, to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Harrington

Secretary
DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Distinguished Lecture Series Committee met at 6:00 p.m., January 6, 1969, to further discuss the upcoming symposium on Black America. Members present were Keith Carreiro, Steve Hughes, Dottie Rahrig, Pete Bergeron, Dick Herrmann, and Jim McLean. John Beisheim and Charlotte Harrington were absent. Guests included Dr. Gerald Work, Dr. Duff Gillespie, Mr. Robert Talbot, Larry Moskowitz, and Frank Hample.

Keith reported that Charles Evers would be unavailable as a keynoter during that period. James Farmer, the second choice, was also unavailable.

The Committee decided Mayor Richard Hatcher of Gary, Indiana and Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP would be good choices as replacements. Steve and Bob will contact these two. James Forman looks like a good possibility as another major speaker.

Larry reported that he had contacted about six representatives of the Black Movement in Boston and New York and that they would be available. Formal invitations will be sent.

Doctor Work reported that a large number of Job Corps girls and staff from Poland Springs would be available. He will arrange further details.

Doctor Gillespie and Bob Talbot suggested a number of NAACP people from Maine who would make good participants, and they will contact these people.

Responsibilities were assigned to various members of the Committee. Dottie and Charlotte will contact the girls' dorms about their role in the symposium. Keith and Dick will contact fraternities. Keith and Steve will contact men's dorms. Frank Hample will contact the Sociology Department, Pete Bergeron—History, Jim McLean—Education, and Steve—Political Science.

Frank and Keith will come up with an appropriate title for the symposium. Steve will contact the appropriate people about the faculty seminar.

It was decided to extend the symposium for four days beginning with an emphasis on national problems, then state problems, then University problems, and finally with a summation speaker at the end. It will be a concentrated four-day series of speakers, seminars, smokers, etc.

The next meeting will be held January 13, 1969, at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Student Senate office.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen J. Fields
Acting Secretary
Distinguished Lecture Series

February 5, 1969

The Distinguished Lecture Series Committee met to discuss further the black Symposium. Those present were: Keith Carreiro; Steve Hughes; Dottie Rahrig; Frank Hample; Charlotte Harrington; Larry Moskowitz; Jim McLean; Dick Hamann; Pete Bergeron; John Beisheim; Jim Simpson, new president of the Class of '70; and Andrew Kirk from MMEB.

The following schedule was decided upon with the following assignments made:

Sunday, February 16

Rev. Hosea Williams from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will open the Symposium with a keynote speech at 8 p.m. in Lengyel Hall. There will be a reception in the Main Lounge of the Union starting approximately at 9:30 p.m. Steve Hughes volunteered to take care of the arrangements for Williams.

Monday, February 17

Rhody McCoy from New York City will speak at 8:30 p.m. in 137 Bennett Hall. A reception at Estabrooke Hall is tentatively planned provided the dorm is willing. McCoy is interested in speaking to classes on Monday, and there is a possibility that he might speak to the ED B 3 class at 9 a.m. on Tuesday if his schedule permits. Keith Carreiro volunteered to host McCoy.

Don Halfkenney, a member of the Roxbury Freedom Control, will arrive Sunday night and be available for classes on Monday. He will speak in the Main Lounge at 4 p.m. Jim McLean will be McCoy's host.

The Job Corps Girls and staff will arrive late Monday afternoon and will be available for dorm meetings from 6:15 to 7:30 or 8 p.m. Dottie Rahrig and Charlotte Harrington are responsible for arranging hostesses and programs for the girls in the dorms. Steve is going to try to get meal tickets for the girls and staff at no cost to the Senate.

Tuesday, February 18

Charlene Mitchell, black candidate for President on the Communist Party ticket, will speak from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. in Hauck. Larry Moskowitz will host Miss Mitchell.

Mr. Talbot and Mr. Evans are arranging a program on the Governor's Task Force to be presented at 8:30 following Charlene Mitchell's talk.

MUAB will present a movie, The Jungle, Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with the Symposium.
Wednesday, February 19

James Foreman will speak at 7 p.m. in Hauck. There will be a reception in the Main Lounge following his presentation. Dick Hamann will make arrangements for Foreman.

Thursday, February 20

Arrangements will be made to have the Main Lounge from 4 to 10 p.m. A 7 p.m. Summation Panel with Professors Work, White, Gillispie, Mr. Tribor, and Dr. Foreman is tentatively planned. Keith will invite President Libby to make some remarks to close the Symposium. He and Dr. Work will plan and clarify.

Larry Moskowitz will provide biographical data for all the speakers.
John Beisheim will coordinate any additional speakers.

Andrew Kirk from WMFB has requested biographical data on some of the speakers for the Symposium and would like to interview a few members of the Committee about the Symposium.

There is a possibility that Clarence Mitchell may be available. If so, he will be housed on South Campus.

Keith Carreiro will be the overall coordinator and will be on hand to introduce the committee members and co-sponsors to the audience.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Socialist Labor speaker is planned for February 11 in the Main Lounge. There has been some problem in contacting him.

Governor Reagen has been invited; and the senior, sophomore, and freshmen classes are available as sponsors. William Buckley will be asked if Reagen is unavailable.

Justice Douglas will speak in Memorial Gym at 8:15 p.m. on April 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Harrington
Distinguished Lecture Series

February 14, 1969

The Distinguished Lecture Series met to finalize plans for the Symposium. Those present were: Keith Carreiro, Frank Hample, Steve Hughes, Jim McLean, John Beisheim, Dottie Rahrig, Pete Bergeron, Dick Hamann, and Professors Gillespie and Work. Brad Peters from ETV was also present.

Peters was interested in covering some of the Symposium on ETV. A tentative press conference with Rhody McCoy and Beulah Sanders was set up for 3:00 p.m. on Monday to be covered by ETV. Charlene Mitchell and Don Halfkenny had no free time on their schedules to fit in an ETV program. Steve suggested that ETV cover a discussion between McCoy and Hillel on the antisemitism charge. It was discussed, and instead of this discussion the Committee decided it was more important to get McCoy into education classes.

Work reported on the plans for the panel discussion to be held Thursday as a reaction session to points brought up during the Symposium. Members of the panel are: Prof. Work, Prof. Maurice White, a Martin Luther King Jr. scholar, James Tierney, and tentatively a grad student, Jerry Jackson. Steve Hughes will be moderator. Each member will prepare two segments, 10-12 minutes each. One will be on the individual views of race relations on our campus; and the other will be on how the panel members think UM should react. Open discussion will follow. The panel will be at 7:00 p.m. in Hauck.

Gillespie reported on progress of the program on the Governor's Task Force on Poverty in Maine. Plans were still very much up in the air. Steve suggested inviting the legal advisor writing up the final draft of the report of the Task Force, Mr. Halphrin, to participate. Nevel Knowles may fill in if Halphrin is not available. Another suggestion was having politicians in to react to the Task Force--its creation and findings.

Charlene Mitchell's itinerary is as follows:

Arrival--3:30 p.m.
Speak in Pol 136--4:00 p.m. (tentative)
Dinner with Larry--5:00 p.m.
News conference--6:00 p.m.
Speech--6:30-8:15 p.m.
Departure--9:00 p.m. (?)

James Foreman will speak at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday and will stay in Dunn Hall. At 10:00 p.m. in Dunn there will be a smoker with Foreman as guest.

Dottie and Charlotte reported on the completed arrangements for the Job Corps Girls Brief biographical data and itineraries were passed out for Charlene Mitchell, Don Halfkenny and Beulah Sanders. Itineraries for the remaining guests were drawn up.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Harrington,
Secretary