

# 'Yippies' Now Aim At Football Games

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Student demonstrators at Ohio State may have a new target this fall, according to flyers currently being circulated on campus.

The flyer, which is directed to "yippies only," is aimed at "keeping things hot on campus this fall" and suggests that "maybe we can f... up a football game later in the year."

The idea of creating a disturbance at big athletic events is not new. Black militants at the University of Wisconsin surrounded the basketball court during a Big Ten game last year in protest of that university's policy.

Ohio State's athletic department is aware of the possibility of such disturbances and plans to meet with security forces in the very near future to discuss plans for increased protection, according to Edward Weaver, associate director of athletics.

"Our security for games comes from five main sources—University police, city police, Franklin County police, highway patrol and some military personnel," Weaver explained.

## Plan To Meet Soon

"We plan to meet with these people, probably within the week, to decide whether or not to increase our security forces," he said.

Weaver believes the primary interest that demonstrators have in athletic events is the big crowds which they draw rather than any quarrel with athletics in particular.

"I don't think the demonstrators, have anything against football or the athletic department. The big crowds are definitely the attraction," he said.

Weaver went on to say that threatening phone calls are not uncommon during the football season and that a number of crank calls are usually received on game days.

## Security Handles Calls

"Whenever we get a call like that, we turn it over to the security men immediately. These people are trained for this sort of thing and know how to deal with it," Weaver said.

"Naturally we're concerned about this," he added. "Our basic responsibility is the safety of 80,000 people. The basic function of our security forces is crowd control."

Weaver doubted the feasibility of cancelling the season if violence broke out during the first few games.

"We have an obligation to the conference to play the games. I suppose if it became necessary to cancel games we would investigate the possibility of shifting games to the opponents' stadiums, but I hope we don't have to do that," he said.

## Disruption planned

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Like Jericho, "the walls are going to fall," at least that's the threat made to campus area McDonald's restaurant (1972 N. High) manager, Joe Beckwith, by members of the Columbus Youth International Party (YIPPIE) and Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell (WITCH).

In a press release to the Lantern, Leon Yipsky, minister of offense of the Yippies, outlined plans for a "massive disruptive yet nonviolent action against the management of the campus-area

McDonald's," Oct. 30.

He outlined three alleged reasons for this action. First, McDonald-hired policemen make arrests nightly. Second, McDonald's discriminates against those with long hair. Third, the restaurant's food is of poor quality.

Beckwith acknowledged that he does hire an off-duty policeman from 8 p.m. until closing each night and two policeman on Saturday nights.

He said, "It's paid off. People who come here to eat, can eat in peace."

# Vagrancy law to be tested

By Jim Konkoly

2-3-72

Steve Conliff, staff member of the Columbus Free Press and member of the Youth International Party (Yippie), said he will challenge the constitutionality of the city's vagrancy law at his trial today in Municipal Court.

Conliff said he was arrested while distributing leaflets in front of the BBF, 2020 N. High St., in August, a few days before the first summer Yippie demonstration at the restaurant.

Two Ohio State faculty members,

John Behling, associate professor of social work, and Anthony Libby, assistant professor of English, and former Ohio State economics professor Terry Paul will testify as expert witnesses, according to Conliff.

Conliff said their testimony will attempt to establish that a "counter" or "Youth" culture does exist and is a valid life style.

He contends that the vagrancy law discriminates against the poor and those who do not follow the conventional life style because, "a person is arrested if, in the opinion of an officer, he has no visible means of support."

Conliff said, "Hemingway did not have a job, Howard Hughes and some people in Upper Arlington are not currently employed, but they are not arrested."

He added there have been several recent precedents throughout the country that have repealed vagrancy laws.

"We are going to try to prove that 'street people' have as valid a right to live their life style as other people do,"

he said.

Conliff said he will have witnesses to prove that he was employed by the Columbus Free Press at the time of his arrest.

He alleges that the arresting officer, William Lawson, campus community relations officer of Mini-City Hall, did not consider the Free Press a legitimate place of employment.

He also stated, "We were interrogated about our political views, and were treated as subhumans throughout the whole affair."

Conliff will be defended by lawyers Bill Boyland and Don Rubin. Boyland has been a co-defender with William Kunstler in several cases and worked on the case of Charles Ross, according to Conliff.

Conliff said he will ask for dismissal of charges if the arresting officer does not show up at the trial, as he did in December.

Conliff and his lawyers will hold a press conference about the trial at 4 p.m. today at the Wesley Foundation, 82 E. 16th.

# Vagrancy charges dismissed

By Jim Konkoly

2-4-72

Municipal Court Judge Sidney Golden Wednesday dismissed charges of vagrancy against Steve Conliff, minister of information for the local Youth International Party (Yippies) and staff member of the Columbus Free Press.

Conliff called the decision a "partial victory" in his attempt to prove the city's vagrancy law unconstitutional.

Conliff said he was arrested for vagrancy Aug. 3, 1971, while distributing leaflets in front of the BBF Restaurant, 2020 N. High St. The arrest was made a few days before a Yippie demonstration at the restaurant, Conliff said.

During a press conference at the Wesley Foundation, Conliff said the dismissal could set a precedent because "Judge Golden talked extensively on what exactly constitutes vagrancy."

Conliff believes the trial will make it very difficult to convict anybody on vagrancy because the judge made three points about the law.

Conliff said Judge Golden stated:

• The appearance or dress of a suspect is not sufficient to establish vagrancy.

• The admission of unemployment or the failure to give an employer's name and address is not sufficient without "corroborative evidence" to prove vagrancy;

• To be convicted of vagrancy one must clearly be "loitering or strolling," and passing out leaflets cannot be considered as either.

Conliff said Golden's opinion will probably serve as a precedent although the judge did not make clear what "corroborative evidence" would be necessary to prove vagrancy.

Conliff said he may file a lawsuit against William Lawson, one of the arresting officers, for false arrest. He claims Lawson, campus community relations officer of mini-City Hall, harassed him and interrogated him about his political views.

Conliff said he originally hoped to lose the trial and then prove the vagrancy law to be unconstitutional by winning on appeal in a higher court.

He believes the law discriminates against poor people and nonconformists because "not all people who are unemployed are arrested." "The law is used to get people the establishment considers undesirable off the street and to harass them." Conliff said.

The charges were dismissed after testimony by two Columbus policemen. Conliff said, "In most cases that is enough evidence for conviction. The judge saw that we are prepared to present a case."

He said his lawyers, Bill Boyland and Don Rubin, were going to call two Ohio State faculty members as expert witnesses to establish that a "counter" culture does exist and is a valid life style.

The maximum penalty for vagrancy is 90 days in jail and/or a \$300 fine, according to Conliff.

# 13 arrests recorded during tower concert

## *Yippies protest proposed bill via 'smoke-in'*

By Sue Dickman

5-14-74

An Ohio State University student was one of 13 persons arrested Saturday following a marijuana "smoke-in" at the Morrill Tower athletic field during a rock concert, University police said.

James R. Hammond, a junior from Granville, was arrested and charged with possession of hallucinogens. He was released on his own recognizance.

### Protest

The Youth International Party (Yippies) promoted the "smoke-in" to protest H.B. 1090 which would stiffen penalties for first offense possessions of marijuana and LSD.

The proposed Ohio drug law revision calls for a three-month jail sentence for first-time marijuana users and five years imprisonment for first offense possession of hallucinogens.

Yippies literature publicizing the "smoke-in" charged that enforcement of the bill would require

"building concentration camps for potheads."

One Yippie leaflet said, "If enough of us do it (smoke marijuana), anything is legal!"

Hammond was the only student arrested.

### Others arrested

Bryan C. White, of Columbus, was arrested and charged with possession of hallucinogens, possession for sale of hallucinogens and carrying a concealed weapon. He was the only person incarcerated, police said.

Steven A. Rowland, also of Columbus, was charged with second offense possession of hallucinogens.

Others arrested and charged with possession of hallucinogens were, according to police: Christopher A. Rogers, Donald E. Hutchinson, Kathleen M. Wade, Arthur L. Kegler and James W. Torrence, all of Columbus.

### Name release

A juvenile, whose name police would not release, was

arrested and charged with possession of hallucinogens.

The names of the other four arrested will be released pending processing of the arrests, police said.

Police said all of those arrested were under 30 and will appear in court pending summons.

Police reported no serious incidents at the concert.

## **Yippies organize Oval pot smoke-in**

6-15-74  
The Columbus Youth International Party (Yippies) planned to hold a smoke-in on the Oval from dusk Monday until dawn today.

Steven Conliff, co-founder of the party, said Monday that the smoke-in would conclude with a march to the opening ceremonies of the Ohio State Fair this morning.

Conliff said the planned smoke-in would feature the power pop group, "Vorpall Gallery," a slide show, a pair of solo acts, and "hopefully a couple of movies."

At last year's fair-opening ceremonies, Conliff struck Gov. James A. Rhodes in the face with a cream pie.

He was later acquitted of attempting to cause Rhodes personal injury.