Public Protest to Regents Urged On Bascom Woods

A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM MRS. ALDO LEOPOLD*

"I have just heard about the proposal to destroy our beautiful woods on Bascom Hill for the purpose of erecting a new university building, or buildings, and I hasten to protest such a regrettable plan. I can hear what Aldo Leopold would say about this ruthless destruction of the small natural beauty on our campus, when there are many acres of unwooded land which can be used for more buildings.

"I wonder if there is no 'ecological conscience' among our university men, and 'no state of harmony between men and land.

"Please keep fighting against this unnecessary destruction. I know that all real conservationists and lovers of the beauty of nature are back of you, as am I."

January 31, 1959

Mrs. Aldo Leopold
155 Grant avenue
Santa Fe, New Mexico

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* This quotation: from a letter sent to one of those opposing the building in Bascom Woods is used with permission of Mrs. Leopold, widow of the conservation pioneer leader, Aldo Leopold, who died in 1948. In 1933 the University of Wisconsin created the Chair of Game Management for him and during his 15 years in this position, he worked to create a public awareness for the "ecological conscience" and "harmony between men and land."

IF YOU AGREE with the sentiments expressed above by Mrs. Aldo Leopold and wish to have your opposition vote registered with the UW Board of Regents on Saturday, February 7, please sign your name and state your address below, handing to the individual collecting them at the door as you leave. 'Thank you.'

Dated Feb. 5, 1959

Address

(Distributed by Emergency Committee on Bascom Woods)

The Emergency Committee on Bascom Woods has asked the general public sympathetic to its cause to join in a protest against destruction of trees in Bascom Woods on the University of Wisconsin Campus for construction of an Economics Sociology-Anthropology Building. The University Regents will act on the proposal here on Saturday.

Printed above is a form prepared by the Emergency Committee bearing a letter of protest from Mrs. Aldo Leopold, Santa Fe, N. M., widow of the famed Wisconsin conservation pioneer leader. Mrs. Leopold signed the committee to continue its fight against "this unnecessary destruction." The forms will be distributed at the meeting of the Madison Audubon Society at West public may register its protest by signing the above form and sending it to a University Re- gents prior to the Saturday meeting.

University Regents are: Mrs. Melvin Lahr, 208 S. Cherry St., Marshfield; William N. Resnik, Sun Prairie; Oscar Rennebohm, 201 Farrell Dr., Madison; Harold A. Konn, 401 Main St., Kake, A. Matt, Werner, Sheboygan Press, Shebe- gan; Ellis E. Jensen, Janesville, Sand and Gravel Co., Janesville; Charles Gelati, Northern Engraving and Manufacturing Co., La Crosse; Carl E. Steiger, 25 Wisconsin Ave., Oaklaksh; George, E. Watson, State Capitol, Madison; and Robert C. Basset, 233 W. Galena St., Shorewood, Mil-