



Person
November 28, 1962

Miss Wendy Gunderson
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Dear Wendy:

C I am very happy to answer the questions that you sent to me for use as a project in your speech class. To answer them by number:

O (1) I decided to study law because I felt that law offered me an excellent opportunity to work on problems meaningful to people, and also to pursue a career in politics which I had always been interested in. I did consider for a while the study of medicine because my father had been a country doctor and I was greatly interested in his work.

P (2) I received my undergraduate degree from San Jose State College in California which I attended because I wanted to see another part of the country and because I had relatives in that area. Following that, I returned to Wisconsin and received my law degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Y (3) It's hard to say when I decided to devote my time to politics, because politics were always of great interest to my family and I had probably heard about politics from my earliest conscious moment. My father was very active in the LaFollette progressive movements, served as county chairman and delegate to many state conventions. Much prior to that, a distant relative of mine was one of the people who helped to found the Republican Party at Ripon. Thus, I became interested in politics at a very early age and have continued to be so throughout my entire life.

(4) I do not think that the student loan program enacted at my suggestion will be the primary reason for the decentralization of the University of Wisconsin. The decentralization will be caused more by the exploding number of students we need to educate and the limitations on space inherent in the University physical set-up. I don't for one moment believe, however, that the University of Wisconsin will ever have anything other than a primary role of the greatest importance in our state higher education system.





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(5) The knowledge and information I have concerning conservation once again is due primarily to being a resident of northern Wisconsin where we have such bountiful outdoor resources. Without a doubt, some of the drastic effects on the resources of other areas caused by the population explosion, particularly as I have witnessed in California, made me aware of the need for a program in Wisconsin to protect our outdoor resources. The startling fact that motivated me is that this is a "now or never" proposition. Were we to fail to protect our lakes, streams, forests, wetlands and fish spawning grounds in this crucial period, they would be lost to us forever. I am very proud that we have instituted such a meaningful program.

C I hope this helps you a great deal.

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Sincerely yours,

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Governor Gaylord Nelson
Executive Office
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Wisconsin

Dear Governor Nelson:

I would consider it a great favor if you could find time to answer the following questions for me. They are for my speech class at Rosary College.

My mother, Mrs. Gwen Gunderson, spoke with Mrs. Kaplan November 19th to see if an interview with you would be possible on the following Friday or Saturday. Since this was not possible, I would be very grateful to you if you would answer my questions.

1. Why did you decide to study law? Did you ever seriously consider another profession?
2. Where did you receive your degree? Why did you select that school?
3. When and why did you decide to devote your time to politics?
4. Through your fine efforts many students have^{been} enabled to receive higher education. Will this, in any way, effect the decentralization of the University of Wisconsin during the next ten years?
5. Going to school in Illinois has only made me appreciate the wonderful hills and beautiful countryside of Wisconsin. I admire you for the fine work you have done in the field of conservation. What are the sources of your knowledge and information concerning conservation?

Thank you very much, Governor Nelson.

Sincerely,

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