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Senate

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Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources

Senate Bill 234

Relating to: the consumption of alcohol beverages in public places.

By Senators Kedzie and Taylor; cosponsored by Representatives Lothian, Mursau, Spanbauer and Townsend.

June 22, 2009 Referred to Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

July 16, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Neal Kedzie — 11th Senate District
- Tom Lothian — 32nd Assembly District
- William Duncan — George Williams College
- Ted Parge — George Williams College

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Paul Nelson — Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

September 3, 2009 **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kedzie, seconded by Senator Sullivan that **Senate Bill 234** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators Holperin, Sullivan, Plale, Hansen, Leibham, Kedzie and Grothman.

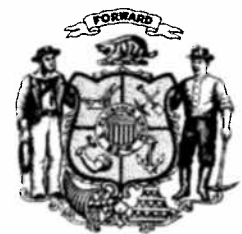
Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0

Elizabeth Novak
Committee Clerk



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE





State Senator

Neal J. Kedzie

11th Senate District

**Testimony on Senate Bill 234
Senator Neal Kedzie
Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism,
Forestry and Natural Resources
July 16, 2009**

Senator Holperin, members of the Committee, thank you for holding a hearing today on Senate Bill 234.

I am joined today by my co-author, State Representative Tom Lothian, as well as Dr. Bill Duncan, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer from George Williams College of Aurora University, who brought this issue to our attention.

Under current law, no person or entity in charge of a public place may allow the consumption of alcohol in the public place unless they have an appropriate retail license or permit. There are many exceptions to this law, such as municipal and county property, churches, and certain athletic fields and stadiums. In those cases, the owner or entity in charge has the authority over whether or not to allow the consumption of alcohol.

Senate Bill 234 would include "campuses of private colleges, as defined in S. 16.99 (3g), at the place and time an event sponsored by the private college is being held" under the list of existing exemptions. Again, this would allow the private college to make the decision as to whether or not to allow the consumption of alcohol at events they hold.

This issue was brought forward to us by George Williams College in relation to their Music by the Lake Series. Each year, they have series of musical performances in their outside pavilion. In addition to their reserved seating area, they also have a picnic area where guests are allowed to bring in their own food and beverage. Recently, George Williams College was notified by local law enforcement that state law prohibited guests to the Music by the Lake Series from bringing and consuming their own alcoholic beverages. Senate Bill 234 was drafted to address not only this specific issue, but to provide private colleges throughout the state the ability to make their own determination as to whether or not people who attend events on their campuses can consume alcoholic beverages at those events.

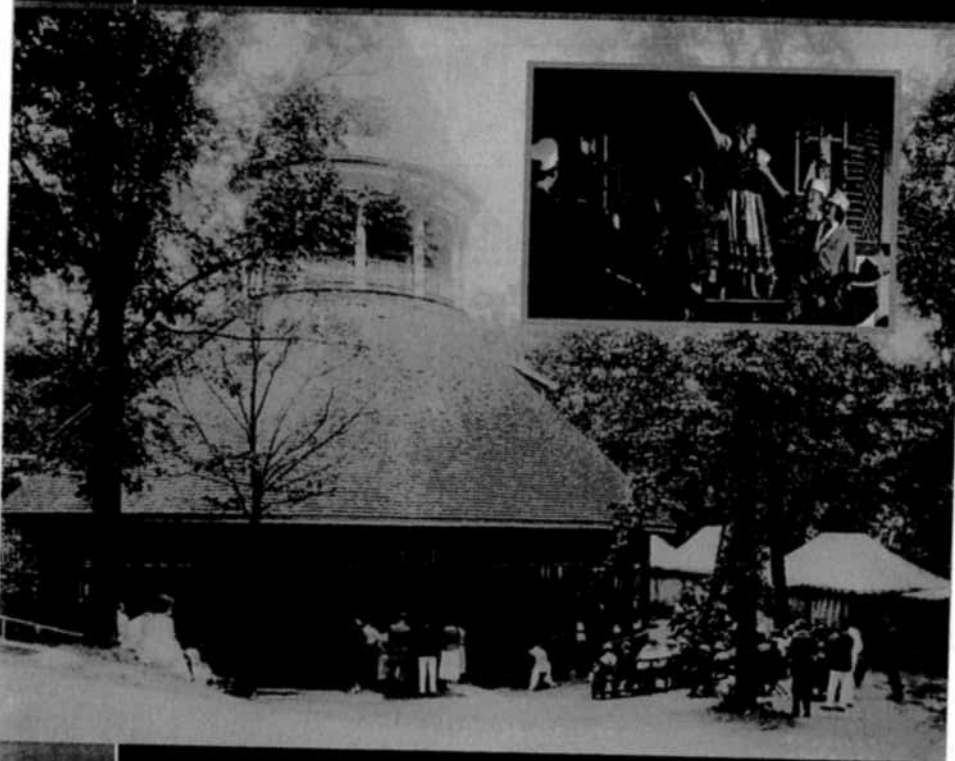
Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 234, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



The Legacy of



*Music by
the Lake*



GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE
AURORA UNIVERSITY

From Tabernacle to Lewis Auditorium



▲ College Camp Choir, 1938.

▶ Lewis Auditorium was located in a central location on the George Williams College campus.



Music by the Lake 1951-1969

◀ The inaugural season in 1951 featured the De Pair Infantry Chorus, Williams Kappel, Elena Nikolaidi, and Three Young Artists. Isaac Stern performed at Music by the Lake in 1952 and Robert Merrill appeared in 1955.



▲ Doc Severinsen played both classical and popular selections accompanied by a professional instrumental group at the 15th Annual Music by the Lake in 1965. The following year, John Denver appeared as a member of The Mitchell Trio and Sherill Milnes was featured.

HISTORICAL TIMELINE

- 1880
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The seventh season of Music by the Lake featured Rise Stevens of the Metropolitan Opera; the Fine Arts Quartet; the Chicago Swedish Glee Club; Edward Gordon, pianist; Gold and Rizzdale, duo pianists; and William Warfield, baritone.

Music by the Lake 2001–2008

The 2001 season featured soprano and Grammy winner Sylvia McNair accompanied by Ted Taylor. The sold-out performance by conductor Frank Winkler and the Chicago Symphonic Pops Orchestra featured a salute to Hollywood. The first revival season ended with a Young Artists Performance.



The sixth season of Music by the Lake featured Peter Nero and members of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra; The Ramsey Lewis Trio; "The Student Prince," an operetta; and The Irish Tenors with Arnie Roth and members of the Chicagoland Pops Orchestra.

Mission and Vision

The mission of the Music by the Lake summer festival is to present and create excellent musical programs for the enrichment, education and entertainment of our friends, neighbors and visitors in the Geneva Lake community. As a program offered by George Williams College of Aurora University, the Music by the Lake festival embodies the following values:

- A belief in the transformative potential of the arts to elevate the human spirit and to change individuals and societies for the better
- A commitment to enhancing the cultural and intellectual life of the Geneva Lake community
- A dedication to providing varied, accessible and affordable musical experiences to participants of all ages and traditions

1990

1995

2000

2005

2010

1998

Lewis Auditorium is demolished. The Allyn Pavilion for the Performing Arts is constructed on the same site in 2001.

2001

Music by the Lake is revived. The first season features Sylvia McNair, soprano, the Chicago Symphonic Pops Orchestra, and a Young Artists Performance.

2005

Music by the Lake celebrates its fifth season with much success — between 6,000 and 7,000 people attend. Sponsorship gifts reached an all-time high this year.

2008

Opening of The Ferro Pavilion.