

CLARENBACH / for Assembly



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I recently announced my candidacy for the State Assembly's 78th District (central and east side Madison & Maple Bluff), and am seeking your support. My active participation in community affairs and two-term experience on the County Board has given me valuable insight into many of our problems. I'm convinced, with your help, I will be an active progressive voice in the State Assembly. The Democratic primary is September 10, and the incumbent Ed Nager, is not seeking re-election.

This newsletter is the result of intensive study of the past legislative session. It covers some of their accomplishments and ways in which I would expand on new programs or offer solutions to unresolved problem areas.

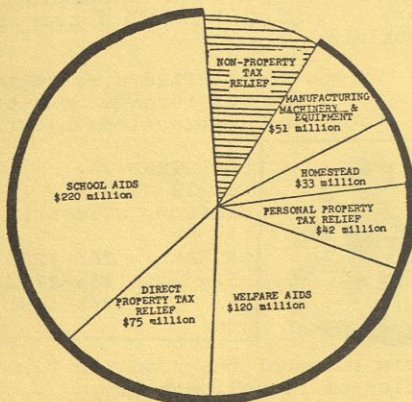
Before the end of my campaign, I will address myself to areas which do not appear in this newsletter. I am drafting position papers on major areas such as ethics, campaign reform, voter registration, equal rights and housing to mention only a few. I want to know how you feel--your suggestions and comments will be seriously considered. They will provide a base for my campaign and will give me a sense of direction when in the State Legislature. Please take the time to fill-out the questionnaire.

Budget-Taxes

During the 1973-75 Legislative Session a record provision of over \$602,200,000 in new tax relief went to the property taxpayer (renters and homeowners), schools, business and industry.

Tax relief for the City of Madison will total over \$36 million in 1974 which is \$5.5 million more than the city received last year. A composite breakdown shows:

	School Aids		Welfare	Payments to	Property Tax Relief		Homestead	Total
	Elem. & Sec.	Vocational	Aids	Localities	General	Personal	Relief	
72/73	4,530,181	1,284,317	3,975,263	9,423,905	6,980,567	2,501,310	322,908	29,018,451
73/74	4,126,303	1,791,153	6,961,194	9,589,154	9,572,589	2,789,008	950,278	35,772,679
Diff	403,878	506,836+	2,985,931+	165,249+	2,592,022+	280,698+	627,370+	6,754,228+



It was disheartening to see large manufacturers and big business interests get over \$100 million additional new tax relief and special tax exemptions while special needs grants for the poor were cut out entirely. Money for machinery as opposed to people is not my idea of correct priorities. Yet two very significant accomplishments were made as the state will begin to assume more of the cost of school aids and welfare programs, both of which have been funded by the property tax.

The more we rely on the income tax to support state services, the less we will have to use the regressive property tax which financially crushes many working people, senior citizens and those who live on limited fixed incomes.

Much hard work lies ahead if we are to shift to a truly progressive income tax based on an ability to pay with no special interests. Computer printouts only recently made available

show every negative expenditure (tax break) given by the state. It is time to responsibly plug those loopholes.

Senior Citizens

There were only a handful of legislative proposals which were directly aimed at helping senior citizens. Only one bill dealing solely with senior citizens became law. It is a good law in which a school board may, or if petitioned by 5% of the voters in the district, must set up a program allowing senior citizens to participate in a school's lunch program.



Participants are to get a hot nutritional meal at cost (not to exceed 65¢) and an hour or two to socialize. Meals may be served at any convenient site and may be transported to individual homes or given to non-profit groups for distribution.

A poor diet and loneliness are two of the most plaguing problems for many senior citizens and the new law attempts to correct the situation while economies of scale are used to provide benefits at little or no cost to the taxpayer.

However, if this is all we can do to help senior citizens, we might as well close up shop and go home. What would you like to see done? What general areas would you like to see the legislature deal with?

Health Care

The Governor's Health Care Task Force came up with strong recommendations for reform. However, during the past legislative session no bill was passed which would have truly come to grips with the serious problem of health care for all, regardless of income.

Presently Wisconsin has a state life fund which was adopted long ago under the administration of progressive Governor Bob LaFollete. It provides low cost life insurance and has withstood the test of time and vigorous efforts by the insurance lobby to dismantle it. There is good reason we should parallel that proven program by establishing a state health fund.

We could create an insurance fund open to all which would use economies of scale to keep premiums down, quality service high and provide leverage to bring greater influence to the consumer. One of the biggest flaws now is the indirect relationship (through a private company) the health consumer has with health providers. Among the most important advantages the health fund would have, especially in light of efforts at the federal level for national health insurance, would be an administrative structure which would give us local control over federal funds.

I have worked with analysts and attorneys in the capitol and with Dr. M. S. Boyd, Medical Director of Saskatchewan's health program. That Canadian province started a comprehensive health program in 1961 which provided complete health coverage at an annual fee of \$12 per individual or \$24 per family. As of January 1, 1974 coverage is free. If they can accomplish that, why can't we at least try?

Rustic Roads and Bike Paths

One of the most refreshing bills enacted into law this session creates and preserves Wisconsin's scenic and rustic roads for recreational driving, bicycle travel or pedestrian travel. County highway committees in cooperation with a city, town or village may designate a road as a rustic road. The county highway department can then take various steps to preserve the scenic character of the road and insure people miles of protected roadway on which they can bike and hike in safety.

Another bicycle bill which passed this session establishes certain rules of the road for bicycles and for bicycle lanes and ways, in such areas as direction of travel, entering and exiting from lanes and yielding right of way. It applies separate and lower penalties for bicyclists (as opposed to automobiles) who violate these rules and requires motorists to be at least three feet from a bicycle when passing. Both bills are important steps yet there is much left to be done.



Wisconsin
Homestead
Credit

HOMEOWNERS! RENTERS!
NURSING HOME RESIDENTS!

HOMESTEAD TAX RELIEF..

significant tax
savings if you
are eligible.

The old Homestead Tax Relief program which was designed to soften the impact of property taxes and rents on those who are least able to pay has been expanded and re-termed Homestead Tax Credit. Even if you don't pay income taxes, the new program may mean that a check could be coming to you!

You may qualify for a tax benefit if:

- You were at least 18 years old by December 31, 1973.
- Your household income for 1973 was under \$7,000.
- You were the renter or owner of the homestead you occupied during the year.
- You lived in Wisconsin all of last year.
- You do not owe any delinquent taxes on your homestead.
- You were not claimed as a dependent on someone else's federal income tax return for 1971, 1972 or 1973. This does not apply to persons 62 years of age or over.
- You are not receiving general relief or aid to families with dependent children (AFDC). But, you may still qualify while receiving old age assistance, blind and disabled aid, and social security.

REMEMBER, you must meet ALL of the above requirements to be eligible for a tax benefit.

When the claim is based on real estate, a copy of the property tax bill is required. Renters must submit a rent certification signed by their landlord. (For Renters 25% of rent paid is considered property taxes.)

NOTE: Nursing Home Residents and Mobile Home Dwellers are also eligible.

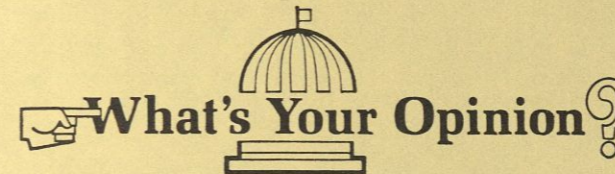
You have until December 31, 1974 to file your 1973 Homestead claim but if you must file a state income tax form by April 15, 1974, your Homestead claim should accompany it. An appropriate form is included in all income tax booklets.

If you do not file a state income tax form, you can receive Homestead tax forms and instructions by writing to:



HOMESTEAD
Box 19
Madison, Wisconsin 53701

OR CALL: 266-1236
266-2772
266-1961



To give me a better idea of your views on important issues, please fill out this questionnaire and return it to: David Clarenbach, 130 East Gorham, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. If you're not sure of your opinion on a question simply leave the question unanswered and it will be tabulated as undecided.

CAMPAIGN REFORM-Do you favor public financing of election campaigns as a way of reducing the influence of special interests in our political process? Yes _____ No _____

MASS TRANSIT-Do you favor expanding the use of the highway fund for mass transit (bus, rail, etc.) and bike paths? Yes _____ No _____

LAND USE-Do you favor strict state land use control to regulate development on agricultural and recreational land of regional or statewide significance? Yes _____ No _____

65-FOOT TRUCKS-Should the length limit for trucks traveling on Wisconsin's highways be increased from 55 to 65 feet? Yes _____ No _____

GUN CONTROL--Should small hand-guns (Saturday night specials) be outlawed? Yes _____ No _____

BILLBOARDS- Should state billboard laws be strengthened to reduce visual pollution? Yes _____ No _____

NO-FAULT- Would you favor adopting a no-fault auto insurance system in which claims are paid without the necessity of determining which party is at fault? Yes _____ No _____

BIRTH CONTROL-Should contraceptives and birth control information be available to anyone who wants them? Yes _____ No _____

NON-RETURNABLE CONTAINERS-Should the sale of beer and soft drinks in non-returnable containers be banned for environmental purposes? Yes _____ No _____

CORPORATE FARMS- Should corporate, non-family farms be heavily restricted? Yes _____ No _____

PAROCHIAL AID- Should the State of Wisconsin contribute funds to private schools or to parents of children in private schools? Yes _____ No _____

ABORTION- Do you agree with the U. S. Supreme Court that abortion should be left up to the woman involved and be legal if performed under the supervision of a licensed physician during the first 3 months of pregnancy? Yes _____ No _____

EQUAL RIGHTS- Do you favor state civil rights guarantees for women, Blacks, homosexuals and other minority groups? Yes _____ No _____

NEWSMEN'S SHIELD- Do you favor an unqualified newsman's shield bill to protect confidential news stories? Yes _____ No _____

HOUSING- Is there a need for the state to participate in providing low-and moderate-income housing on a non-profit basis? Yes _____ No _____

TEACHER'S STRIKES- Should public school teachers be allowed, under any circumstances, to strike? Yes _____ No _____

IMPEACHMENT- Should President Nixon leave office, either by resignation or impeachment? Yes _____ No _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS?

Probate

Wisconsin now has the most progressive probate laws in the country. Thanks to an overwhelming show of support by Wisconsin citizens, the 1973-75 Legislature succeeded in passing five major reforms. Generally speaking, Wisconsin residents may now probate their own estates through a system of simplified filing procedures without making court appearances and paying attorney fees. The new laws allow:



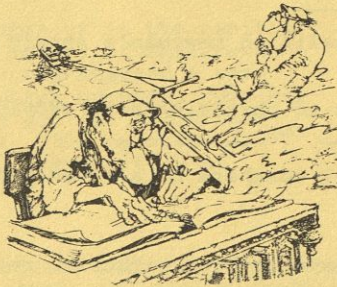
- * Informal Administration Heirs may settle estates of any size without continuous court supervision and without a lawyer if certain conditions are met which include the absence of disputed claims. This procedure has as a safeguard to the heirs a "yo-yo" principle which allows disputes to come before the court yet return immediately to informal administration upon settlement of the dispute.
- * Termination of Joint Tenancy By filing a simple form with the Register of Deeds, jointly held savings and checking accounts, U.S. savings bonds, and real property constituting the spouse's home can be transferred to the surviving spouse.
- * Transfer of Motor Vehicles Allows a surviving spouse to obtain full ownership of a motor vehicle (car, camping trailer, mobile home, motorcycle, etc.) by filing an affidavit with the Division of Motor Vehicles. Two vehicles may be transferred.
- * Summary Settlement & Transfer by Affidavit Creates a simplified procedure for probating estates of solely-owned property under \$10,000 (attorney needed) and a simple transfer by affidavit for solely-owned property estates under \$3,000 (no attorney needed).

Three immediate improvements to our new probate procedures can be:

1. Present law allows administrators to refuse to help heirs with their questions or problems. This is a most obnoxious provision that must be reversed.
2. The informal termination of joint tenancy procedure is working very well but is limited in scope. There is good reason to expand the procedure to allow almost all types of jointly-owned property to be transferred informally.
3. Often times even portions of savings and checking accounts are not released to heirs until probate proceedings have begun. Heirs should be allowed up to \$1,000 immediately for expenses arising with a death. This will speed things up for people at a time when unnecessary hardships can and should be avoided.

Legislative Reorganization

Not only is every Wisconsin Citizen required to abide by statutory law, we are also governed by administrative rules that have the force of law yet are made by non-elected officials. Policy-makers should be responsible to the electorate and not be allowed to hide in the folds of the state bureaucracy. To overcome the power of well-staffed state agencies which can simply overwhelm legislators, the Wisconsin Legislature should reorganize its committee structure and work on a full-time basis. These proposals which have my support are part of the recommendations coming from a special interim study committee on increasing legislative power which began meeting last summer.



Have fun this summer.

David

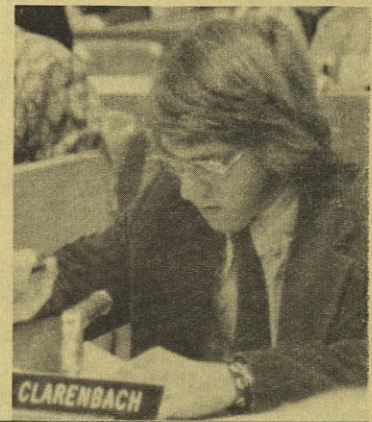
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78TH DISTRICT: EAST AND CENTRAL MADISON



DAVID CLARENBACH HAS LIVED AND WORKED IN THE MADISON COMMUNITY MOST OF HIS LIFE, AND HAS BEEN POLITICALLY ACTIVE FOR MANY YEARS. AS YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, CLARENBACH WILL DEVOTE FULL-TIME TO HIS LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PROVIDE THE PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP THAT CENTRAL MADISON HAS COME TO EXPECT.

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ISSUES . . .

ETHICS & FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

As a member of the Dane County Board, Clarenbach led the fight for strong financial disclosure laws for all public officials. The public's business must be conducted openly, and no special interest groups can be allowed to exert influence. Strict campaign laws must be enacted to improve public confidence in government.

ACCESSIBILITY

Clarenbach takes pride in keeping in close touch with constituents. As your State Representative, he will continue to remain accessible to the public, both in person and by office and home phones.

EQUAL RIGHTS

Clarenbach favors strong legislation to eliminate discrimination against women, minorities, and homosexuals. The State Legislature must adopt the Equal Rights implementation package defeated last session.

HOUSING

A vigorous state-wide housing program for low- and moderate-income persons is needed. A truly progressive income tax could relieve the property tax burden on both renters and property owners. State enabling legislation is necessary for municipalities to consider responsible approaches to rent control.

LABOR

Clarenbach strongly supports the United Farm Workers, and urges fellow citizens to boycott non-union lettuce and grapes. He also recognizes the right of public employees to strike.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tough state level anti-pollution laws with strict enforcement are needed. Clarenbach supports urgently needed aid for Madison's bus company and bike path construction, and has authored a plan to create an Environmental Protection agency on the county level.

TAXES

The State Legislature must control its own spending, and can act to shift the tax burden away from working people and small business to Wisconsin's large manufacturers who received millions of dollars in tax relief last session.

DAVID CLARENBACH: ACTIVELY SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF MADISON....

- * COUNTY BOARD - 2 TERMS
- * CITY COUNCIL, 1974
- * STATE SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO SEN. CARL W. THOMPSON, 1972-74.
- * ENVIRONMENT WISCONSIN (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)
- * MEMBER, DANE COUNTY WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS
- * WISCONSIN COALITION FOR BALANCED TRANSPORTATION (STEERING COMMITTEE)
- * WISCONSIN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION (ACADEMIC FREEDOMS COMMITTEE)

GENERAL ELECTION: NOV. 5TH

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: You can register to vote in Madison at any library, post office, fire station, or the City-County Building. Deadline for registration for the Nov. 5th election is OCT. 23.

David's campaign needs your active support. If you can volunteer or contribute, please visit our headquarters at 924 E. Johnson St. (257-4900). Or send us the following information:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

I can: ___ leaflet ___ type ___ phone ___ office work

I can contribute \$ _____

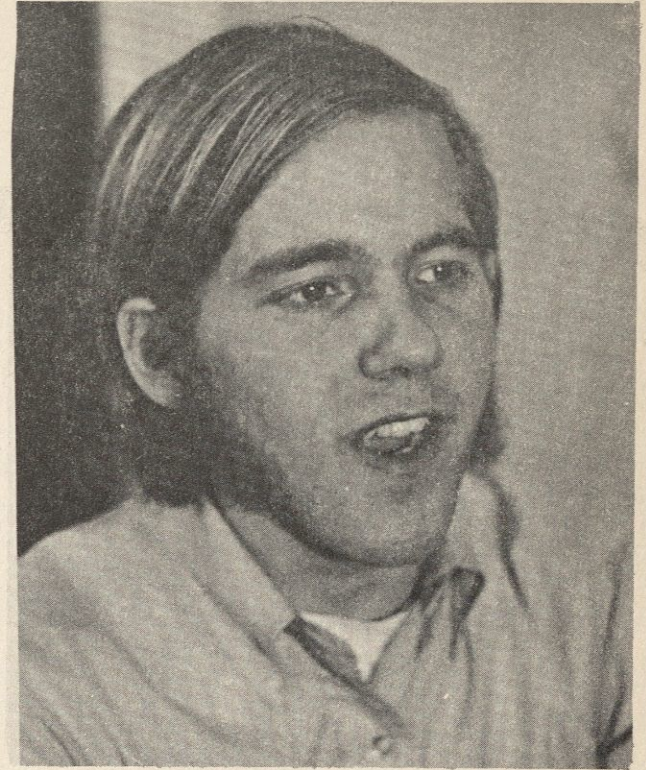
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For ASSEMBLY-DEMOCRAT

ENDORSED BY:

CAPITAL TIMES
DAILY CARDINAL
AFL-CIO C.O.P.E.
KING STREET TROLLEY

PETER ANDERSON, *former Board candidate*



ELECT David Clarenbach
County Board Dist. 4

*Authorized and Paid for by CLARENBACH FOR SUPERVISOR
Thomas B. Lyman, Chairman, Madison*



ARE YOU LEAVING TOWN?

- * *Worrying about someone ripping-off your apartment while you're gone?*
- * *Troublesome school work hanging over your head?*
- * *Afraid that Mayor Dyke will re-route State Street through your apartment?*

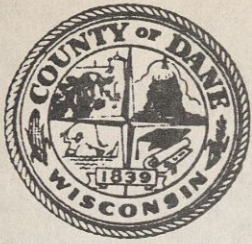
YOU'LL HAVE ONE LESS THING TO FRET ABOUT IF
YOU CAST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFORE LEAVING

FOR DAVID

CLARENBACH

COUNTY BOARD, DISTRICT 4

VOTE ABSENTEE AT CITY CLERK'S OFFICE THROUGH MONDAY, APRIL 3RD.



County of Dane

MADISON, WISCONSIN



DAVID CLARENBACH

YOUR COUNTY SUPERVISOR
DISTRICT 4

To encourage greater citizen input into our governmental process, I have prepared the following questionnaire covering major local issues. Please fill it out, and mail or deliver it to me at:
130 E. Gorham, Madison Wisconsin 53703.

- 1 Do you favor strict land use controls to stop development and urban sprawl?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 2 Are present laws on lake pollution:
 - a. too lenient
 - b. about right
 - c. too tough
- 3 Should Dane County expand its mass transit programs?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 4 Should county elected officials be forced to publicly disclose their financial income and interests annually?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 5 Should county billboard ordinances be strengthened to reduce visual pollution?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 6 Should the Dane County Housing Authority expand its presently limited scope?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 7 This year Dane County is spending \$25,000 for bike paths. Next year should this be:
 - a. increased
 - b. maintained
 - c. decreased
- 8 Should county government use recycled paper exclusively?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 9 Should Dane County participation in the Metropolitan Narcotics Squad be stopped?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided
- 10 Should a separate facility be maintained for Huber Law inmates, instead of their current status in the over-crowded Dane County jail?
 - a. yes
 - b. no
 - c. undecided

CLARENBACH for ASSEMBLY

Hamburgers and Beer

LABOR TEMPLE — 1602 SOUTH PARK STREET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1974

4:30-6:30 P. M.

\$5.00 per person

Authorized and paid for by CLARENBACH/ASSEMBLY, Vickie Johnson, chairperson, 912 E. Gorham St., Madison, Wisconsin 53703.



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Clarenbach

Democrat for Assembly



★ **FREE CONCERT - Saturday, SEPT. 11**

1 P.M. AT JAMES MADISON PARK (EAST GORHAM STREET)
LIVE BANDS! RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

★ **BENEFIT - Sunday, SEPT. 12**

4-8 P.M. AT CARDINAL BAR (418 E. WILSON STREET)
\$2.00 PER PERSON FOR FOOD AND BEER

CLARENBACH / **for Assembly**

My Friends,

Since I announced my candidacy for the State Assembly over one month ago, I've had a chance to talk with many of you about the problems which face us today. Many of you have expressed an interest in helping in the campaign.

There are less than 100 days left before the September 10 Democratic primary, and there still is much to do and many more people I must talk to.

But before the campaign can proceed further, the important task of circulating nomination papers so that my name can be on the ballot must be completed. I'm asking if you could please spend a few minutes to collect signatures from your friends and neighbors. If you can, please get the nomination papers notarized. If you can't, please send them back anyway on or before June 22.

We'll be having an open-house at the campaign headquarters from 1-4 PM on Saturday June 22, and you're invited. It will be a good chance for us to meet and talk. You can also return any signatures you might have collected and have them notarized then.

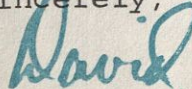
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If you have any questions or comments, please call me or contact the headquarters at 257-4900. I'm eagerly looking forward to the campaign, and representing you in the State Assembly.

Government must be closer and more responsive to our needs. This can be achieved by working to elect progressives to office. I need your help. To be sure, anything you can do will be very much appreciated.

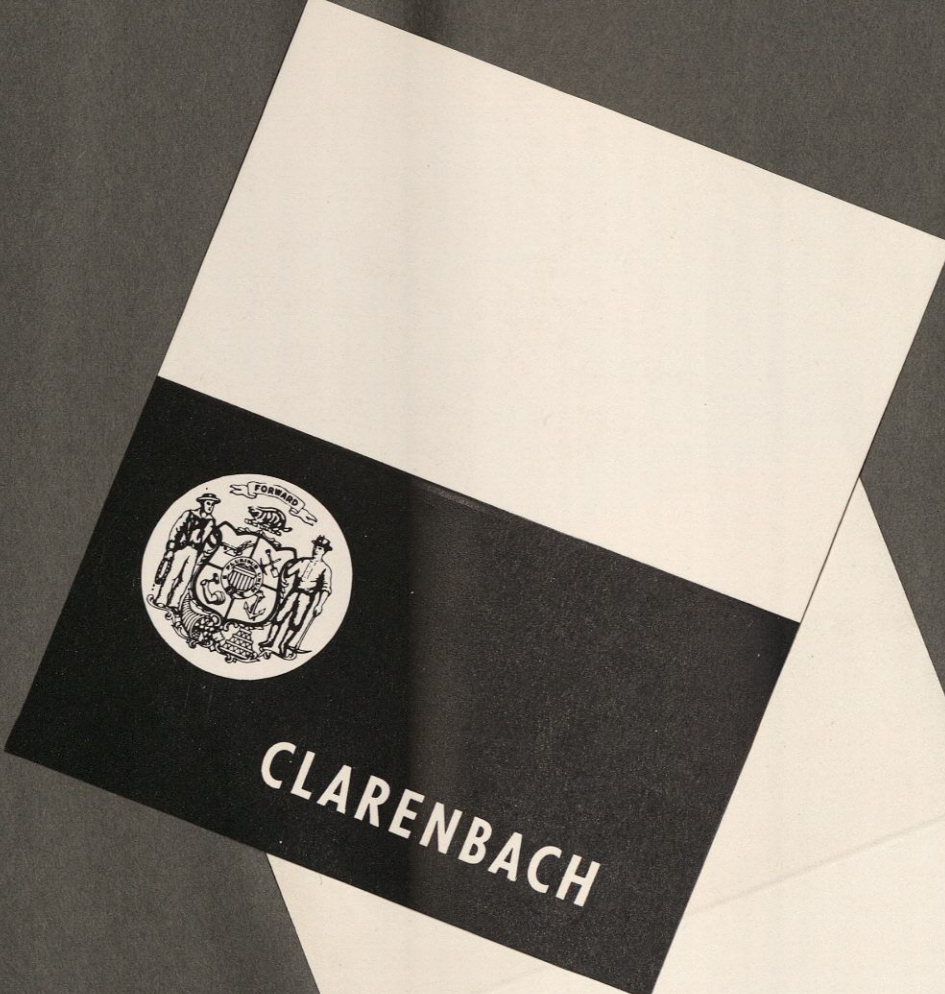
Thank you.

Sincerely,



David Clarenbach

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