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Activists Bernardine Dohrn and Bill Ayers smile as they look over the University of Chicago United for Palestine encampment on the main quad of the University of Chicago on April 29. Ayers and Dohrn are former Vietnam War-era activists who co-founded the Weather Underground.  
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## Campus protests evoke ‘the struggles of the past’

Parallels are seen between pro-Palestine engagements, Vietnam-era uprisings

By Angie Leventis Lourgos  
Chicago Tribune

Alongside fellow protesters, a DePaul University senior lived in one of a sea of small tents on the quad for a little over two weeks, until police on Thursday cleared out the pro-Palestinian encampment — the last one standing on a Chicago-area college campus.

To the 22-year-old peace and conflict studies major, the campus protests against the Israel-Hamas War in Gaza and its ensuing humanitarian crisis have been inherently connected to university protest movements of the past, with echoes of student uprisings against the Vietnam

War and other conflicts throughout history.

“There are so many historical parallels to be drawn, from not only the strategies of organizers and the demands of organizers but also the responses of administrations,” said the DePaul student, who wanted to be identified only by his first name, Ethan, for fear of harassment or reprisal. “I don’t think we can separate ourselves from the struggles of the past.”

The hard-line reaction of many university officials has been particularly reminiscent of widespread college leadership opposition to anti-war demonstrations

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Chicago police clear the pro-Palestinian encampment on DePaul University’s campus Thursday. Protesters moved to a nearby gas station to continue their demonstration. ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

## Reports of gun points by officers falling off

CPD, city officials appear to miss goals on requirement

By Sam Charles  
Chicago Tribune

Five years after pledging to firm up recordkeeping on incidents where police officers point their weapons at people while performing their duties, the Chicago Police Department and other city officials appear to have fallen short of goals outlined in a federal consent decree guiding reform, the Tribune has found.

That consent decree calls for CPD officers to notify the city’s Office of Emergency Management and Communications each time they point a weapon at someone. OEMC is then required to notify the officer’s supervisor, and those records ostensibly are available to the public through the Freedom of Information Act.

But in a response to a FOIA filed by the Tribune seeking those records during the five-year window since CPD agreed to the more stringent disclosure requirement, OEMC first provided records that indicated just 12 incidents where officers had made such a notification. Later, the office provided a spreadsheet with nearly 17,000 rows listing “firearm-pointing incident reports,” or FPIR notifications, made since early 2019.

It is unclear though how many raw incidents there were since many data lines repeat, and OEMC did not provide associated police incident report numbers which would indicate the reports had been forwarded.

The consent decree makes it clear how such information is supposed to move up the chain of command after it is gathered by OEMC, saying “notified CPD supervisors will ensure that the investigatory stop or arrest documentation and the OEMC recordation of the pointing of a firearm are promptly reviewed in accordance with CPD policy.”

The consent-decree monitor-

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Former President Donald Trump sits at the defense table Monday in Manhattan Criminal Court in New York.  
MARK PETERSON/AP

## Prosecutors rest case in Trump trial

Cohen says he stole cash; judge rebukes witness for defense

By Michael R. Sisak,  
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and Jake Offenhartz  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The prosecution in former President Donald Trump’s hush money trial rested its case Monday after several days of testimony from Michael Cohen, Trump’s loyal attorney-turned-adversary who

was portrayed by the defense as a serial fabulist on a revenge campaign aimed at taking down Trump.

Over several hours of cross-examination, Trump’s attorneys tried to sow doubt in jurors’ minds about Cohen’s crucial testimony implicating the presumptive GOP presidential nominee in the hush money scheme.

In fact, Cohen testified earlier Monday that he stole tens of thousands of dollars from Trump’s company, an admission that defense lawyers hope to use to undermine Cohen’s credibility as

a key prosecution witness in the former president’s hush money trial.

Cohen claimed to have paid \$50,000 to a technology firm for its work artificially boosting Trump’s standing in a CNBC online poll about famous businessmen. Cohen said he gave the firm only \$20,000 in cash in a brown paper bag, but he sought reimbursement from Trump for the full amount, pocketing the difference.

“So you stole from the Trump

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## Funding for venue for women’s sports on lawmakers’ minds

Aiming to ensure that they’re not left out of any Bears stadium deal

By Dan Petrella  
and Jeremy Gerner  
Chicago Tribune

As the Chicago Bears’ proposed lakefront stadium plans remain in Springfield purgatory, some Democratic lawmakers are using the opportunity to begin discussions about public funding for women’s professional sports facilities should the Bears’ plans see movement in the legislature.

An unorthodox proposal filed earlier this month, which faces long odds of passage before lawmakers are scheduled to adjourn the spring session on Friday, calls for the state to set aside an unspecified amount of funding for a women’s sports stadium if Illinois helps finance a new home for the Bears, the Chicago White Sox or any other

men’s pro team.

While the legislation is ambiguous in parts and likely to change if it comes up for a legislative vote, it strikes on the issue of equity, politically popular among Democrats, that many Illinois elected officials have raised in recent months as the Bears and White Sox have come to the statehouse with their hands out.

It also comes amid a heightened interest in women’s sports and as owners of the Chicago Red Stars women’s soccer team, including Chicago Cubs co-owner Laura Ricketts, have been steadily but quietly making a case that the public could help build a new stadium for the National Women’s Soccer League club.

“Anytime we talk about anything in this building, we talk about equity,” the bill’s main sponsor, Democratic state Rep. Eva-Dina Delgado of Chicago, said during an interview in the

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