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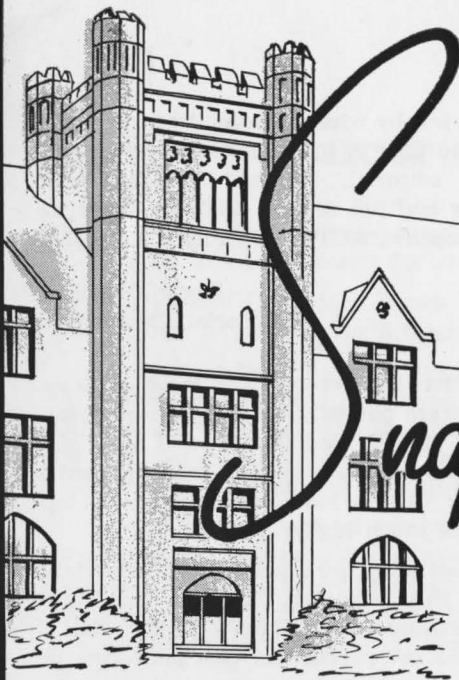
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Mrs Baehr

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## In Comment

IT IS very often the subtle that can stir up the greatest comment. An editorial labeled "In Perspective" was printed in the last issue of **Snapshot** — an editorial that did not reflect the opinions of **Snapshot** or necessarily that of the writer, but was used as an instrument for stirring up student comment. As a newspaper is an organ of the students' opinion, replies to it (and other criticisms) are printed below . . . tangible proof to indicate that Downer is a school where issues are important — where students are interested in what is said.

MAY I, too, look "In Perspective" at the Leadership Conference? I must admit, however, that I find this very difficult, because it seems that perspective comes with the passing of time and the Leadership Conference is **not** "old stuff."

In fact when you really stop to look at it — what was the Leadership Conference? It was not a conference at which spur-of-the-moment ideas for change were presented. It was a conference at which people thought about, talked about, and brought out in the open, ideas and ideals that have been brewing in their minds. And since these ideas and ideals existed, in a sense, before the Conference, I cannot but feel that they will continue to exist after it — only with more interest and vitality than before.

As for tangibles — yes, reports have been made and recommendations have been presented. C. G. A. has not yet had the opportunity to discuss all the items brought up at the Leadership Conference, and, actually, discussion is **not** the ultimate goal — action is.

Let us consider some of the action that is being taken. Ideas and recommendations for the orientation program are being channeled through Faculty-Student Council. Since the orientation program involves faculty, administration, and student policy, Faculty-Student Council seems to be the obvious channel. After consideration in this group it will come to C.G.A. for discussion and the final establishment of student policy. I'm confident that something constructive will evolve.

It also seems to me that the increased attendance at Chapel can in some small way be attributed to the Leadership Conference. I feel that the Conference discussion created an awareness of Chapel and prompted

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## To The Editor

YOUR so-called campaign issue of October 25th deserves, I believe, some comment. To begin with your front page article on Nixon's "Other Half" does not seem to me a current, vital, or important political issue deserving front page recognition. Almost anything else would have been more pertinent. If examples are needed I can furnish many — Stevenson and the H-bomb, Farm Prices, and Unemployment, to mention only a few.

"Impressions" sounded more like a fashion report than a report on a political rally. I also believe that the author of this article was somewhat misinformed as to the publication by the former Mrs. Stevenson of **The Egghead and I**, for, and I quote, "public consumption." Just where did the author obtain this information?

As a campaign issue I find the **Snapshot** of October 25th sadly lacking. As a first-time voter I received no information which would help me in any way.

— by Nan Seestand  
A Republican

As Social Committee chairman and as a participant in the 1956 Leadership Conference, I would like to answer the unlabeled "editorial" in the October 25th issue of **Snapshot**.

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## JUNIOR PROM

Again it is that special time of year for the Juniors! They are planning busily for a great event.

December 1 is, the date chosen for the Junior Prom. There will be dancing from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, with Don Martin providing

the musical accompaniment for this annual winter ball.

When will the Juniors reveal other important facts? Watch for the announcement of the Prom Queen and her court. They will also disclose the theme and price for tickets. Be on your toes for more news!

# Dynamics, Now and Always

Betts Havens, Business Manager of Snapshot-Kodak

LET IT first be known that the attitude expressed in the editorial of the last issue is not the attitude of the whole staff of Snapshot nor of all the participants in the 1956 Leadership Conference — and is certainly not my attitude.

The “hum” is **not** dying down, the discussions of and about the Conference are **not** “old stuff,” and there **are** tangible results. The tangible results are the important things for the present and future and the discussions or “hum” are also important especially for future action.

C.G.A. is **not** through discussing, they are continuing to discuss and to **act**. Social Committee, Mountebanks, Religious Activities Committee, including Chapel attendance, S.P.A., the Junior Class, the faculty, and the majority of the student body at large, and indeed Snapshot, itself, to mention only a few are profiting from and acting on the discussions and suggestions of the 1956 Leadership Conference.

Of course some things are being acted upon more rapidly and noisily than others; however, in a student body many things may be accomplished at one time and without noise. As for why some are more rapidly and noisily acted upon, it is a case of deciding (with the aid of the ideas on misplaced values from the Leadership Conference) what is the most important to the greatest numbers of students in this democratic college community. Also, ideas which call for changes in existing ideas and procedures are always the ideas which bring about the most noise and publicity in the biggest hurry.

## To The Editor *(Continued from page 1)*

The suggestions and constructive criticisms presented at the conference on Social Committee were very helpful and are already **in effect**. In our discussions we decided that, firstly, Social Committee should be more of a co-ordinating rather than exclusively a planning group; and, secondly, that it should de-emphasize the Men part of its duties which seems to have stigmatized and limited the work of the Committee. Both of these suggestions are being used **right now**. We are helping S.P.A. with its elections returns parties in the dorms and also helped the Jr. Class and the C.S.O. on their party November 3rd. We are also planning an All College Open House to which all schools are to be invited, not only the male population of co-ed schools. As a matter of fact, **Snapshot**, one of your reporters came to me to ask about the next Social Committee event and I told her about the Open House and stressed the fact that the idea of inviting other girls colleges and having all of the clubs in school work on it was an idea that had come from the Leadership Conference.

I contend that the value of the Leadership Conference is in the fact that “hot ideas,” “brain storms,” and “hot-fire philosophy” have resulted in tangible recommendations and the carrying out of those recommendations. Progress is not measured by how much one

talks and discusses, but by what he **does**. I also contend that if **Snapshot** had done a little more research work before writing this “editorial,” it would have found out that C.G.A. is **doing** and not merely **talking**. For, trite as it may seem, **Snapshot**, **ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS**.

— Dorie Distell  
Social Chairman

The knowledge that the October 25th issue of **Snapshot** was to concentrate partially on politics was pleasing to me — that is, until I read the issue. I quite sincerely believe that as college students and supposedly well-educated young women your level of political appeal could have been much higher.

It seems to me that there are a great many important things going on in this campaign, far more important than either “Impressions” or “Nixon’s ‘Other Half.’” For example, articles comparing the two platforms or describing Mr. Stevenson’s hydrogen bomb test proposal or Mr. Eisenhower’s farm proposal might well have proven to be both informative and thought-provoking.

Objective reporting, in my mind, should be the goal of any newspaper, either off or on campus. If you believe that your articles are the achievement of that goal, then I would just as soon have seen you sacrifice the space devoted to politics in favor of a fair and comprehensive report of the Leadership Conference.

— Mary Anne Treutel  
President, Student Political Association

## Thoughts Produced by the Fall Play

(via a member of the cast)

THE unparalleled joy of finding out that you are **in** the play . . . the frantic studying during the day so as to be able to give full attention to “acting” in the evening, (but **do** we ever accomplish this?) . . . the thrill of an empty room echoing your voice and giving you a feeling of authority . . . the laughter of a high pitch of “excitedness” . . . and the tears, bitter ones, for feeling inadequate . . . a musty trip to the costume rooms . . . lines, over and over again, memorizing, remembering . . . pictures — appointments — tickets and on and on . . . will my parents be proud of me? . . . Oh, I won’t forget! . . . greasepaint . . . a play copy now tattered . . . footlight fears and expectancies . . . Fall Play of 1956.

## Faculty Concert

On Nov. 4, 1956, Miss Marjorie Irvin was presented in a faculty recital in Merrill Hall. Her program included compositions by William Byrd, John Bull, Louis Couperin, Francois Couperin, Jean-Philippe Rameau, Beethoven, Chopin, and the contemporary composer Aaron Copland.

# Christmas Bazaar

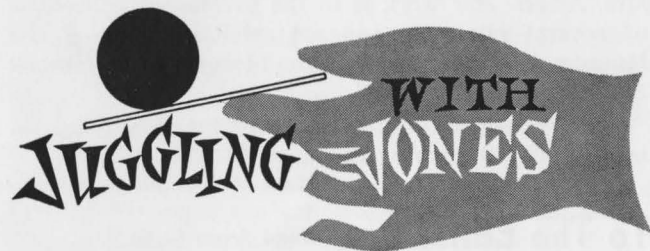
Lend an ear, all you Scottish inclined lassies! Be thrifty with your mad-money now so you can be a spendthrift later at Downer's Christmas Bazaar, Nov. 17.

This all-school project raises money to sponsor scholarships to Downer for foreign students.

Be sure to spread the word around to people outside of school—your family, relatives, and friends. They will be delighted, too, with the festive tearoom, Mistletoe Inn, that features tea, coffee, and cookies. Christmas carolers will add a note of tuneful gaiety to the Bazaar.

Also of interest, and on sale, will be knit and block printed goods, stuffed animals, aprons, and "white elephants," as well as books of all kinds and descriptions, Christmas cards, and stationery. Downer jewelry may also be obtained at the Bazaar, but it must be ordered in advance.

So don't forget! November 17 is Christmas Bazaar, the first touch of Christmas at Downer.



IN ANOTHER attempt to lure the population away from its TV sets, Hollywood has put its glamour boys and girls in storage and has led forth some of its meager store of true talent for brief appearances between the battle scenes of **War and Peace**.

These battle scenes, while considerably depleting the male cast, are complete with tons of artificial snow, authentic uniforms, and 18,000 Italian soldiers.

There's more: because like all good Hollywood productions, the romantic element is of the greatest importance (after the spectacle, of course). And there are enough characters in **War and Peace** for every one of them to have a fling. A brief run down of these love octagons:

Everyone loves Natasha (Audrey Hepburn) who is pursued by Pierre (Henry Fonda), who is married to Helene (Anita Ekberg), whose lover is Doloklov; Natasha also has Helen's brother Anatole (Vittorio Gassman) in the race for her affections. A third party in the super-complicated love affairs is Andrey (Mel Ferrer), whose wife, Lise, has conveniently died. Furthermore, Natasha's brother Nicholas has jilted his country cousin, Sonya, for Andrey's spinster sister, Mary. Pierre (he's mentioned in the first phrase of the explanation, in case you've forgotten) eventually wins the fair lady.

The moral of the story: And you think **you** have problems.

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## A Bit of the Cosmopolitan

AUTUMN is kind to the Thomas A. Greene Memorial Museum on Downer's campus. Brilliantly colored leaves and vines wend their way up the red brick walls and nestle snugly around the back entrance.

The museum was built in 1913 to house the Greene collection of fossils which was presented to the college by the son and daughter of Mr. Greene. Now, the second floor of the museum is lined with row on row of cabinets filled with hundreds of specimens.

But fossils don't make up the entire collection of the museum. One of the first things to catch a visitor's eye is the crocodile leering boldly from beneath a table filled with shells from the Mary E. Merrill collection. Oliver Wendell Holmes' "chambered nautilus" is here, part of a remarkably varied marine collection. A seal lolls nonchalantly beneath another display table, gazing up at the canoe that hangs from the ceiling—a part of the Rice collection of Indian pottery, baskets, etc. One of the most beautiful displays hangs on the landing midway between first and second floors. It is a Samoan tapestry made from wood pulp and decorated by island natives.

In effect, a little of all the world is in the museum—in the gold nuggets from the Ural Mountains of Siberia, in the White collection of petrified wood from the West Coast, in the rock specimens taken from what is today Twenty-Sixth Street here in Milwaukee. But how many students realize that the small building back of Kim holds all these treasures? It doesn't flaunt them before us. It stands silently in the late afternoon sun that streams through its gray-white windows.

— by Joan Ruthmansdorfer

## Region VII Girl Scout Leaders to Attend Workshop on Campus

"Adventuring in the Arts"  
to be Presented by Downer Faculty

MILWAUKEE-DOWNER College will be hostess, on Nov. 13, to over 750 Girl Scout leaders during the Conference of Region VII of the National Girl Scout Association.

The faculty of the Art, Music and Drama Departments will present workshops on the theme, Adventuring in the Arts. The groups attending these workshops will also be guests at a tea in the Teakwood Suite in Chapman Memorial Library. In addition to the activities on campus, Miss Hersh will conduct a choral speaking group of 75 Milwaukee Girl Scouts at the Conference.

Miss Florence Otto of Chicago, an alumna and trustee of Milwaukee-Downer, as Director of Region VII, is in charge of the Conference. Mrs. Fred W. Bush, another alumna-trustee, and Mrs. Wm. Chester, a trustee, as well as other alumnae in the community who are interested in Scouting will also be taking an active part in the Conference.

Acting as ushers and pages, both here and at the Milwaukee Auditorium, will be several Downer students including Betts Havens, Shirley Zurchauer, Pat Wood, Nan Hestand, Penny Spoor, Rosemarie Kosmatka, Pat Holt, Karen Christianson, and Judy Shaw.

The assembly on Nov. 13 will also be devoted to Girl Scouting. The speaker will be Mrs. Layton, the President of the National Girl Scout Association.

## Social Committee Plans Open House

IF JUST now someone asked you what the purpose of Social Committee at Milwaukee-Downer College is, what would your answer be? Would it be that Social Committee gives parties which give us an opportunity to become acquainted with men? Yes, that's the answer most of us would probably give. Actually, however, as determined by discussions held at the Leadership Conference, Social Committee's real purpose is to promote better social relations with other schools.

A College Open House sponsored by this Committee is being planned for December 8. Students from all of the colleges in Milwaukee will be invited to attend, giving us the opportunity to meet young women from other schools as well as young men, and thus furthering Social Committee's real purpose. Two representatives from each student organization will help Social Committee with their suggestions to make this a successful event.

## Textile Symposium

ON NOVEMBER 7, 1956, an all-day symposium on textiles was presented in Merrill Hall auditorium. The speakers were Mildred Davison, associate curator of textiles at the Art Institute of Chicago; John Syvertsen, Milwaukee interior designer; Dr. Jules Labarthe, administrative fellow with the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, University of Pittsburgh; and Anni Albers, textile designer, New Haven, Conn. The symposium was timed to coincide with the "Figural and Floral" exhibition now on display in Chapman Memorial Library.

Miss Davison opened the symposium with a survey of the history of textiles; Syvertsen, the next speaker, discussed the practical application of today's fabrics.

Dr. Labarthe, who, in his position as senior fellow on the Commodity Standards fellowship at Mellon Institute, has dealt with such problems as evaluation and establishment of specifications for merchandise, presented an evaluation of consumer problems which have arisen with contemporary textiles.

The role of the artist-designer was discussed by Mrs. Albers. Her work is in the permanent collections of several museums and art schools, including the Museum of Modern Art and the Museum of Cranbrook Academy of Art.

The symposium was closed by an informal reception in Holton Hall drawing room.

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some to at least give it a chance. That's all Chapel needed — a chance to prove its quality and worth.

It is my opinion that "the hot-fire philosophy of N.S.A., the ideas presented on misplaced values, the hope for better relationships between school and community, the swelling desire to leave Downer's Downer and join a community's Downer" are **also** pertinent to Downer. The mere fact that they exist in the minds of some Downer students makes them important to us as a college.

Positive and direct action concerning N.S.A. is being taken. Have you seen the C.G.A. bulletin board lately?

Have you observed activities of Social Committee, S.P.A., and other campus organizations? If you have, I think you've noticed an effort to make Downer not only a Downer's Downer but a community's Downer.

Yes, last year's Leadership Conference brought results. So is this year's. I believe that the Leadership Conference justifies its existence by its accomplishments, just as I believe our College Government Association justifies its existence by its accomplishment. I believe students, faculty, and administration at Downer are interested in the real importance of education — an education that will reach out through the years. I believe that we are constantly working to improve our concepts and accomplishments in this field.

—by Charlotte Strong  
President of C.G.A.