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Years Ago In Production

This year's fall production to be given on November 15, 16 and 17 is *Years Ago*, an autobiography by Ruth Gordon, a light comedy concerned with her family and its problems — with her.

The play revolves around Ruth Gordon Jones in 1913 — sixteen years old and a senior in high school — whose burning desire is to become an actress. Complications set in due to the equally dominant ambition of her father to have her do "something useful." Physical culture is his idea of this "something useful." Since Mr. Jones is *not* blessed with a mild temper, it becomes the task of mother and daughter to keep the subject of acting far from his attention.

Judy Knopp will play Ruth Gordon Jones; Dan Goetz, Mr. Jones; and Gretchen Brandt, Mrs. Jones, who struggles as the "go between" to keep peace in the family. Other members of the cast include: Barbara Crockett, Ilene Hanson, Sonia Bernhardt, Stuart Kendall, Richard Fird, and Donald Puliafito.

Years ago will be presented in Greene "in the round" under the direction of Charles McCallum, Roberta Jach assisting. Mr. McCallum is a special instructor in dramatics here at MDC and is Director of Administration at the School of Professional Arts, which is operated in conjunction with the Fred Miller Theater.

This play had been produced on Broadway and is popular in community theaters. Ruth Gordon appears in leading TV programs and on Broadway.

Library Features Manuscript Exhibit

Between November 10 and December 20, more than 50 illuminated manuscripts will be exhibited in Chapman Memorial Library.

Career Plus Marriage Home Ec Panel Topic

On November 14 there will be a panel discussion on "Combining Marriage with School or Profession." The panel will feature Mrs. Vorpapel, a home economist who graduated with the Green Class of '51, with Mrs. Jo Ann McClellan, a Home Ec. junior, Mr. Boyer, and Treva Novy. Mrs. Vorpapel has worked on television, and is now raising three children and doing part time T.V. work.

"Let's Live the Family Way" is the theme of the Home Economics Club this year. Linda Taagen, club president, urges all students to attend the meetings which are planned to benefit everyone on campus.

The majority of them deal with subjects of an ecclesiastical nature. Included are a portion of the *Koran* written in Arabic and volumes of antiphonaries on church music. Manuscripts in Latin of sacramentaries, psalters, missals, books of hours, and documents of Canon Law are also to be displayed.

The value of the manuscripts is extremely high. This is partially due to the age of the manuscripts, which fall between 350 to 1,000 years.

Lent by the Walters Art Gallery of Baltimore, Maryland, the Museum of European Culture of the University of Illinois, the Art Museum of Princeton University, the City Art Museum of Saint Louis, Missouri, the Hackley Art Gallery of Muskegon, Michigan and a private collector, Mrs. Helen Carew Hickman of Milwaukee, they will be on display during regular library hours.

Blueprint For Kodak

Kodak, the literary magazine, is published with the aim of providing a means for self-expression and communication among the students. Kodak is interested in each student and her ideas, beliefs, feelings and experiences.

To produce an effective magazine, one that interests the student, sufficient planning is necessary. Nothing can be planned until articles are submitted to the editor for consideration. This year, it is hoped, a master-file of submitted articles will be set up to form a nucleus for the four issues.

From this, two questions arise: what kind of material to write and how to submit it. Any form of literary or artistic creation will be considered. It can be poetry, an essay, a play, a short story, a sketch, a humorous piece, an illustration, a line drawing, or a discussion of ideas. The scope of Kodak will be limited only so far as the contributors allow it to be.

In answer to the second question, the articles may be submitted by posting them for the editor, Dorothy Santo, in Merrill basement.

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A Word Of Advice

Said the University of Toronto's President Sidney Smith to his students: "If you choose to work, you will succeed; if you don't, you will fail. If you neglect your work, you will dislike it; if you do it well, you will enjoy it. If you join little cliques, you will be self-satisfied; if you make friends widely, you will be interesting. If you gossip, you will be slandered; if you mind your own business, you will be liked. If you act like a boor, you will be despised; if you act like a human being, you will be respected. If you spurn wisdom, wise people will spurn you; if you seek wisdom, they will seek you. If you adopt a pose of boredom, you will be a bore; if you show vitality, you will be alive. If you spend your free time playing bridge, you will be a good bridge player; if you spend it in reading, discussing and thinking of things that matter, you will be an educated person.

Review On Chapel

Each Thursday at 12:30, Chapel Services, sponsored by the Religious Activities Committee, are conducted in Merrill Hall. Members of the faculty, administration, student body, and outside guests are conducting the short services this year. Attendance is voluntary. This past week, some students and faculty members were asked why they do or do not go to Chapel.

Justine Kuhlman: "My noon hour is taken up many times with other activities."

Gwen Lang: "I would go more often if I were reminded. Perhaps if someone announced Chapel in the Commons, it would help."

Mary Shipper: "Enjoy taking time out for meditation, pleasant

An Editorial Opinion

A Critical Examination Not Just A Dream!

The All-College Conference, held at beautiful, "isolated" Green Lake, had accomplished part of its purpose before its participants had even returned to Downer's routines — that of thinking. Things got off to a fine start with Mr. Boyer's "kick-off" speech which suggested such goals as "critical examination," "self direction," and finding "self-identity."

From here the four small groups, headed by student leaders Joan Christophersen, Sandra Erickson, Kay Sheppard, and Carolyn Westgaard, went on to discuss these aims in relation to themselves as individuals, to all types of school activities, right down to specific problems. No group came back with "sure-fire" answers to any of our problems; however there are a number of suggestions certainly worth looking at twice — such things as study courses for freshmen, an evaluation of House Board, promoting better inter-school relationships through the help of a small "nucleus-committee," scholarship requirements, adjustments, and the addition of more research-type courses.

Naturally some of these sugges-

tions deal directly with administration, but we may aid the realization of all the "dreams" by our continued interest and participation. We have a good start toward real progress, but the serious effort of the whole school is needed in order to help us realize these goals.

Don't let the spark generated at the conference die out, letting the small routines bog us down again. We have the power to accomplish many of these goals — Let's use it!

Letter To The Editor

Editor's Note: An Editorial Opinion is written each issue by a member of the staff of the paper. It is an unsigned opinion of an individual on a pertinent subject and does not necessarily reflect the views of the paper.

First, a statement of my position in regard to your article, *An Editorial Opinion: Health Facilities Insufficient*. I believe that an "editorial opinion," since it is not clearly acknowledged as being that of either or both Snapshot editors, should be dignified with a signature. In as much as this article criticizes a department of the college and comes close to criticizing the personnel of that department, I believe your writer should also list her qualifications for making such a statement. . . .

I believe that I am qualified to speak in favor of our present health service . . . [because of my own experiences in hospitals and with our health services].

These are my own opinions on several of the points which your writer mentioned.

1. We do not need a nurse's aide or assistant. The health service is generally admitted to be better this year than students can remember it being previously. For the first time there is no assistant nurse. Any girl who was too sick to be left alone for half an hour would certainly be taken to a hospital. As to emergencies — does your writer seriously believe that a nurse would knowingly remain in the infirmary if someone in a dormitory was seriously ill or injured? I cannot believe this of anyone, particularly of a nurse. . . .

2. If girls are allowed to remain in their rooms while being excused from classes, it is because they are

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Next issue: Snapshot asks the administration why we have not received the flu vaccine.

What Is An Editors's Job?

As the college year gets underway, many editors found themselves seriously thinking and writing about their proper function on a campus. Should a paper take sides or shouldn't it? Is it an honest paper if it accepts censorship from anyone? Here are a few views as expressed in different college newspapers in the country.

Explosive

University of Kansas's DAILY KANSAN reprinted an editorial from the WICHITA BEACON on the college paper and its role.

(ACP) The dean of the William Allen White school of journalism and public information has declared that it is absolutely essential that the DAILY KANSAN remain neutral in all political situations.

We wonder what the great Emporia editor, who was seldom neutral about anything, would think of such a dictum.

It is easy to understand the dean's point of view. He is in a ticklish spot because the university is a tax-supported institution. If a student journalist whipped out some sophomoric bit of political writing that offended powerful persons, the dean would take the rap.

And yet surely the philosophy of neutrality is a subject that should not be taught in any institution of higher learning. This is not a neutral world.

A neutral campus newspaper is a poor laboratory for training reporters and editors. American newspapers have a noble tradition of championing the cause of good government and social reform and freedom. . . . The history of American journalism is filled with the stories of brave publishers, editors and reporters who have dared to take sides. . . .

They were all partisan men. We defy this dean to name one man who has brought honor to journalism by being neutral. . . .

A school of journalism should, we think, teach its students how to fight by writing. It should teach them how to choose the better cause and support it effectively. It should teach them not to be bored hacks, but to be great, smart, able editors and reporters in the noble American tradition.

And on our campus —

The editors of **Snapshot** would like to hear Downer's views on the content of the paper. As a college newspaper it can contain only what its readers want it to. Your comments, criticisms, and suggestions are the basic criteria of our plans for each issue. A neutral newspaper or an explosive one — this is the choice of the members of the Downer community.

Neutral

UCLA'S DAILY BRUIN sees it another way, emphasizing: "It is not an editor's job to take sides." Here, condensed, is the BRUIN editor's view:

(ACP) A number of comments have been received this semester about the lack of "explosive material" in our pages. The paper, it seems, has lost the crusading, banner-waving, big city personality which the "OLD BRUIN" and numerous other college newspapers have had.

An answer requires, first, a description of what a college paper's duty is. Splashing crusades and expositions are fine for a metropolitan newspaper, but with a university publication both the audience and the information are more limited, which they should be.

The staff believes the main duty of the DAILY BRUIN is to present news about UCLA to UCLA, which it is doing. Anyone feeling cheated because we don't crusade day-by-day to get the campus trash cans painted or something on this order will continue to be disappointed.

Also, if something does take place on campus which is pertinent and explosive, it will be handled neutrally by presenting both sides of the situation by interested parties and with a minimum of opinion on the part of the editorial board. This, I feel, is the real duty of journalism. It is not an editor's job to take sides.

(ACP) LOYOLA NEWS, Chicago, defined the paper's work in a single sentence: "A newspaper's job is to objectively report the news, and then to candidly comment on it."

On The Athletic Scene

Due to the absence of Miss Hunge, the individual sport programs began a little later this year, but are now in full swing. The official Blue and White hockey teams have been selected with Nan Haley and Joan Christopherson as captains. Class teams will also be picked and the girls are working hard to develop their skills so that a college team may be chosen.

Extra time will have to be allowed next spring for beginners in crew, because of an unusually low water level this fall. Not a single shell has been able to leave the dock since the opening of school.

On Sunday, October 27, Joan Ruthmansdorfer and Helen Bystol attended a conference of the Wisconsin Athletic and Recreational Federation of College Women at Alverno College. They were selected as delegates by the A.A. Board.

OT Looks Ahead

The Occupational Therapy Club has made plans for an active year, relates Nan Haley, club president. At the November meeting, the O.T.'s who are taking their clinical training will tell some of their experiences to the club members. The December meeting will be combined with the Home Economics Club, featuring items pertaining to the holiday season.

The club will feature lectures by faculty members and outside guests. Possible speakers are members of the Armed Forces who will explain the work of the Occupational Therapists and available clinical training in the services, faculty who will relate their particular field to occupational therapy, and foreign students who will speak about this field in their own countries. All clinical students will be present at the May meeting to talk about their experiences of the past year.

Some of the meetings will be devoted to teaching projects which can be taught in one evening, such as lusrolace and copper enameling.

Academic Awards

At Honors Day, held every spring, awards are given for outstanding work. A mathematics award and a chemistry award are given to the freshmen who attained the highest achievement in these classes during the first semester. The French Department's award, a book donated by the Alliance Francaise, is given to a second year French student; the basis for the award changing each year. Last year the award was given for the best French essay.

The Lady Butterfield Peace Award of twenty-five dollars has previously been awarded for the best essay written on a given topic. Since there were no entries last year, the award was given to a student outstanding for her citizenship and responsible service to the community. It is not known, at this date, if this award will be continued due to the death of Lady Butterfield.

Students in art may enter oil paintings in competition for the Elizabeth Richardson Art Award of twenty-five dollars.

Departmental honors may be earned by any senior student. These honors are based upon independent study. Application for this must be made in the spring of the junior year, a 3.5 grade average in her major field, being required. The department in which honors is usually done is usually the major field of the girl.

If accepted, independent study during the summer before the senior year is necessary. An exam is given at the end of the year. This exam may be written and/or oral in some other form, dependent upon the type of study.

There are no credits given for



with an American Tragedy

He read the textbook,
He studied the notes,
He outlined both,
Then he summarized his outline.
Then outlined his summary on
3 x 5 cards.
Then reduced the card outline to
one single card.
Boiled the card down to one
sentence.
Boiled the sentence down to a
phrase.
Boiled the phrase down to a word.
Entered the exam,
Analyzed the question,
And then,
Forgot
The
Word.

departmental honors. Rather, the student receives special recognition at graduation. Departmental honors will be under the consideration of the Special Committee on Honors, including Miss Knueppel, chairman, Miss Bever, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Casselman, Miss Damkoehler, Miss Dart, and Miss Hadley.

Phi Beta Kappa's Delta Chapter of Wisconsin at this school presents an award of books to an outstanding junior girl. It also may make an award of membership to senior girls among the highest ranking in the college. "Election is primarily on the basis of academic rank; consideration is also given to good moral character cultural qualities and broad intellectual interests."

(Next issue: graduation honors explained.)

be found in the library nowadays. Her main activity off the Downer campus is collecting and converting furniture for the home she and her husband are furnishing.

. . . Mrs. John Verhulst is President Johnson's new secretary. The Verhulst family, which consists of Mr., Mrs., and 13 year old Joan, moved to Milwaukee from Sheboygan. With two trophies in her possession, Mrs. Verhulst should be an enthusiastic competitor in any fu-

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suffering from a non-communicable disturbance, or have passed the communicable stage of an illness. I do not sympathize with anyone's sad story of being forced to remain in the infirmary. I have seen too many "infirmary graduates" living it up back in their dorm until they became too exhausted to do justice to their academic work for several weeks. . . .

As to bringing food to sick friends — I have been at Downer long enough to see the possibilities in this. "A sick friend" has long been considered an alibi for other things than smuggling food out of Commons. I don't believe Downer girls are above misusing such a privilege.

3. To call the infirmary "*the last resort*" of the campus is grossly unfair. Professional medical care is recognized as being of that nature. One also enters a hospital when no other alternative is feasible. I am speaking as a former nurse's aide who performed some singularly unappreciated services.

4. The illogical paragraph concerning doctors' appointments is almost laughable. I speak from my own experience in saying that "a full explanation at the infirmary" of what was bothering me in no way postponed my seeing a doctor. The nurse secured appointments for me with both a dentist and a doctor (not the [school physician], incidentally) in a minimum of time and with no effort on my part. I was satisfied with the services of both men and the bills were not excessive. Your writer mentions dialing a doctor "when we *think* we need one." Perhaps a short consultation with the nurse would remove this doubt. . . .

My conclusion is that the purpose of the college health service is to maintain high standards of health according to professional criteria. — Barbara Mayne

ture bowling tournaments we may have here at Downer.

. . . Instructing in the chemistry department is Mrs. Angelo Qualich, the former Miss Ruth Legler. Another Downer alumna, she was a member of the last Green Class and editor of the Snapshot. Classical music, bowling, and good conversation are among her pastimes.

Introducing

. . . Mrs. Rose Nelson is the new resident counselor in Holton Hall. A former house mother for a fraternity house at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, she spent this summer traveling in Europe.

. . . The junior and senior classes remember Miss Diane Yampol, now Mrs. John Schroeder, a member of the last Yellow Class, who may

Remember to support Christmas Bazaar — Saturday, November 16.