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North Central Team Reports on Downer

Last March, a review committee from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools visited Milwaukee-Downer College. The committee, made up of two men, R. W. Holmstedt, President of Indiana State Teachers College, and Robert H. Farber, Dean of De Pauw University, commented on the college's right to accreditation by the North Central Association. In doing so, they made a study of Downer College as a whole.

Studying the students at Milwaukee-Downer, the committee noted that "Scores on scholastic aptitude and mental ability tests show that the Milwaukee-Downer students are considerably above the average of college students generally." Statistically, 50% of the students here graduated in the upper 10% of their high school classes. Eighty-five per cent graduated in the upper quarter.

A further note of interest to these men was that in recent years, 50% of the graduates from Milwaukee-Downer College continue their education in graduate and professional schools.

The faculty of Milwaukee-Downer rated high for above-average academic training and excellence in teaching. Special mention was made of "custom-made" courses for talented students.

Certain departments of the school received particular praise. The Art Department was characterized as "very outstanding", and the Occupational Therapy Department was noted as "unusually well-organized and complete--widely recognized for its excellence".

Curriculum at Downer was found adequate. A rather serious omission noted was that there is no graduation require-

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Leading Milwaukeeans Speak at State AWS Convention

"Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it--every, every minute?"

This quotation from Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* is the underlying theme for the Association of Women Students' state convention to be held in "our town" Saturday, October 24, on the campuses of MDC and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, co-hostesses of the convention.

The objectives of the convention are:

- 1) to pinpoint the educated woman's role in her community, "her town".
- 2) to create in each delegate a sensitive awareness of the need to utilize each moment to the fullest.

The highlight of the convention will be the keynote address by Mrs. Vel Phillips, Milwaukee alderman and the first woman Negro on the Milwaukee Common Council. Besides finding time for membership in many organizations, including the National

Conference of Christians and Jews, the YWCA, the NAACP, the League of Women Voters and others, Alderman Phillips is also married and the mother of two children.

In her speech, Mrs. Phillips will show that the educated woman's role in community affairs can be one of lively, exciting participation which is satisfying both to herself and to her community.

Following the keynote speech will be a panel discussion by leading Milwaukeeans who will point out opportunities in four areas of community participation: human relations, government, social welfare agencies, and religion and education.

Moderating the panel will be Mrs. Henry S. Reuss, wife of the well-known congressman. Included in the panel are Judge Robert W. Landry, Mrs. George Ettenheim, Mrs. Richard Krug and

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Mayor Appoints Committees to Study Crime in Milwaukee

Mayor Zeidler announced the formation of 9 committees Saturday, September 19, set up to study conditions and crime problems centered in the core of the city. Precipitating this action, and the September 12 announcement of a 14 member steering committee headed by Arthur Saltzstein, was the recent wave of juvenile outbreaks on the near north side of Milwaukee.

The committees will explore (1) population patterns, (2) community organization, (3) housing conditions, (4) educational backgrounds, (5) problem families, (6) youth development, (7) community facilities, and (8) police-community relations. A ninth, fact-finding committee, headed by Elmer Krieger, will

assimilate and analyze the reports of the other committees. Their findings and conclusions are due to result in new policies and methods in fighting social problems.

Population density was cited by Mayor Zeidler as a major factor contributing to problems in the core area. The near north side is 5 to 10 times as densely populated as the other sections of Milwaukee. Thirty families per acre reside there as compared to 1 family per acre in Brookfield.

Speculating on other factors aggravating the social problems in the near north side, Mayor Zeidler pinpointed lack of educational background and vocational skills.



Dear Diary,

10/2/58

Tonight a group of us were in one of the rooms playing the record player. Everyone was just sitting around being friendly. I looked at their "tennies" and at my new wool socks and then I really felt like a college girl.

Nowadays I can hardly wait to budget my time and wash my laundry and study English--and buy my own soap. Oh, Diary, college life is glorious!

I took a walk down the street and the trees were making splashy shadows on the walk. When I looked up, there was just me, in a strange town, full of strange people and I was walking down the street defying them to stay that way.

I am all alone with no reputation, no personality, no past. I am clean, because I'm starting clean. I can be anything I want now because no one knows me--yet.

Caroline



Caroline and Judy:

destination Downer

Dear Diary,

10/2/59

I'm at college now. After thinking about it so long, the shock of being here has hit, awfully hard. I don't know if I like it or not, but I know I'd rather be here than anywhere.

I do like it! I really like it! But I was thinking about Mama last night, and Daddy, and the house, and all my friends back home. And Spotty. It's fun writing them and saying what a super grand time I'm having, but their happy letters make me feel worse.

The first mixer was really awful! I didn't know a single boy and was supposed to talk to them anyway! It was just awful! However, I'd better start talking or I won't see a boy all winter.

The nicest part of college is strutting along the white walk in a hurry to get to a class. It's nice to have someplace to hurry to. It's nice to belong. All of us girls belong here.

Downer is beautiful. I love the red castles and quaint classrooms and all the romantic traditions. I'm so happy that the faculty is so very nice, and the girls, of course.

I've got much more to write but I must run along now.

Judy

Mead of the Matter (Lady Chatterly's Lover)

The recent decision of the post office to deny the use of the mails to the unexpurgated edition of Lady Chatterley's Lover brought the question of government censorship dramatically to the fore.

Fundamental issues of freedom under the Constitution were once again reviewed by those who refuse to have their reading and thinking controlled for them, as well as those who feel that some degree of censorship is necessary as a safeguard of those values shared by a majority of our society. Although this case has been decided by the courts of our land, the issue will always be open for reevaluation by a free people.

Besides the legalistic argument, there was the argument that a department of government, which was established to carry the mails, had set itself up as a better judge of the value of a piece of literature than many leading critics and writers who consider this novel to be a modern classic. I find myself in agreement with those who think Lady Chatterley's Lover is a sensitive and beautiful book, in every way worthy of D. H. Lawrence, whose reputation speaks for itself.

Ann Mead '61



Reading, Writing and Arithmetic . . .

Almost every institution of higher learning has its own particular and often peculiar way of introducing freshmen to college. However, as a recent publication makes quite clear, to what are the new students oriented? Is their orientation primarily social or intellectual, or is it a fair amount of each? This publication, Freshman Orientation, by Fred H. Werner, student government vice-president of the National Student Association, was writ-

ten to help colleges devise better ways of orienting the new student.

Milwaukee-Downer College added some of Mr. Werner's suggestions to its orientation program this fall. The academic orientation for freshmen and transfer students was composed of two sessions. The first was a surprise exam asking questions concerning their choice of college and why they wanted

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Who Wrote "On Wisconsin?"

What is a "hulligan?" Whose portrait is on a \$1,000 bill? Do you know the answers to these questions? If not, could you run to the library and find the answers immediately? Chances are, if you are not certain where to locate the answers to these questions and any other questions that you might have, you would profit greatly by learning all you can about the reference room of Chapman Memorial Library. Here's how to do it.

Starting October 15, and every Thursday evening for six weeks following, there will be a library course sponsored by the library in cooperation with SGA. Mrs. Loella Baehr, head librarian, will help students become familiar with the material in the reference room and show them how it can be of assistance to them in their classes.

Attendance for this course is optional, and students may attend as many sessions as they are able. Diana DeVita '63

Calling all Studio Club members to a luncheon meeting with the MDC art faculty, October 6, at noon in the President's Dining Room. City students may bring their lunch; dorm students will be served there. The coffee pot will be on, so be prompt.

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"an education"--a term often used a little too freely. Two of the questions in this section are thought provoking even for those of us who have been here before. "What is your concept of a liberal education?" and "What is your responsibility as an intellectual to your community?" This first session also included a discussion of the test the students had just taken and the differences between high school and college learning.

The second of the sessions became a little more personalized. New students were divided into four groups and workshops were held in the library seminar rooms. These discussions revolved around issues such as,—what role do I expect to play in the college? What

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Mayor Zeidler — Socialist, Author, Humanitarian (Reporter interviews Milwaukee Mayor)



Gallery Guide

Chapman Memorial Library threw its doors open to a fresh new school year with an exhibit that can well be classified in the same terms. The exhibition is a collection of jewelry by contemporary American crafts men, twenty-one in number, whose originality and ability in design have made them very well-known in their field.

The jewelry, ranging from pendants to hair combs, is done primarily in silver, though there are a few done in stainless steel, gold, white gold, and a combination of the latter two. A three-dimensional quality is achieved through the "cast" method in a number of the pieces, while others are formed with silver wire or cut from silver plate.

Pendants, forming a large part of the collection, as a rule hang from black nylon cords fastened with hand-made clasps. They are accented with a variety of other materials: ebony, polished wood, crystal, pearls, moonstones, or opals. Arthur Vierthaler sets a pendant fish in a turquoise mosaic-type design, and Stanley Lechtgin achieves an unusual effect by melting enamel, not on the metal, but between open parts of it, producing a somewhat suspended effect.

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Milwaukee is unique in that during the last 50 years, city government has been shouldered by three socialist mayors. They have held the reins of city government for 37 of the last 50 years.

The third and present socialist mayor is Mr. Frank Zeidler. A Milwaukee son, Mr. Zeidler attended grade school and high school in Milwaukee. An all-around West Division High School graduate, he worked on the school newspaper, played varsity football, and graduated salutatorian of the Class of '29. He has done undergraduate work at Marquette University and the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin.

Mayor Zeidler stated that he acquired his views on socialism during the depths of the depression. After critically analyzing the political parties in relation to the events of the depression, he felt that the Socialist Party offered the most humanitarian and efficient method for dealing with problems of American society.

Socialism in Milwaukee in the past 50 years has an impressive record, Mayor Zeidler pointed out. Under the leadership of socialists such as Mayor Seidel (1910-1912) and Mayor Hoan (1916-1940), Milwaukee has pioneered in the area of adult education and vocational training which was originally set up for the immigrant population in Milwaukee. Socialist activity in the area of workmen's compensation and unemployment benefits led to legislation of this type at the state level which was later embraced in the New Deal policies. During Mayor Seidel's term, the city and county park commissions were established, playgrounds extended, and important strides in city planning were effected.

A lettered man, Mayor Zeidler has written modern translations of Macbeth, Hamlet, Midsummer Night's Dream, and Julius Caesar. A former reporter for the Milwaukee Leader, he now writes plays and poetry in his spare time. A unique and well-rounded individual is our Mayor Zeidler, one of whom we can be very proud.

Jane Hoar '61



AA Sleeps Out Oct 3

Reading

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do I expect the college to do for me?

Downer's 1959 orientation program has not ended. The program will be continued through a series of workshops to which students are encouraged to bring problems or ideas. Students who have planned this new and helpful orientation are Ann Kuetemeyer, Ann Mead, and Sheila Rosenthal. They have invited other students to attend these workshops, although they were primarily designed for freshmen.

Jan Mueller '62

Gallery

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contrast between the highly polished surface and the darkened interiors.

The work of E. Dane Purdo, who teaches a course in metal working and jewelry here at Downer, is already well-known to us. Perhaps the most stunning of his selection, is a silver pin in free form design centered with a large Mexican opal that contains softly muted tones of green, blue, and lavender

A dull matte finish is used by several of the artists-Betty Cooke, for example, whose pieces are styled in soft, extremely simple designs. Ronald D. Hickman, in the other extreme, buffs his jewelry to a high lustre, accentuating his pieced-type designs with the

Corki Parmentier '61

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ment for basic courses in economics, government, or sociology.

The Committee also reported that the high degree of cooperation between the administration, the faculty, and the students made for high morale at the college. Noted, too, was the great amount of individual attention and counseling given the students.

Admissions received special credit for beginning to enlarge the geographical distribution of student population.

The report of the reviewing committee gave a general summary of the college as a good liberal arts school with a fine reputation for high academic standards. It specifically noted that Milwaukee-Downer has an excellent location as far as Milwaukee's cultural, educational, and recreational facilities. It further reported that the college has "well formulated plans for future development which are beginning to show results."

This is not a complete review of the report. It should be of sufficient interest for each student to read it for herself in Chapman Library.

Also the recipient of particular praise was the library. According to the committee, "The relatively high level of library use by students and faculty, the excellent book collection and physical facilities, and efficient management make the library one of the outstanding features of the instructional progress."



Chairman and Mrs. Hoyt chat with student at Trustees Dinner,

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Rev. John W. Cyrus.

Judge Landry, who will represent the area of social welfare, has been a Civil Court judge in Milwaukee since January 1954 and before that was a representative in the Wisconsin legislature. He is president of the Volunteers of America Day Nursery, vice president of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and participates in other welfare organizations. "A friend of the college", it was Judge Landry who arranged a tour of the Court House for Downer students last spring.

Representing the area of human relations, Mrs. Ettenheim belongs to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the NAACP and is the president and managing editor of the Settlement Cookbook Association.

Speaking on women's opportunities in government will be Mrs. Richard Krug. Mrs. Krug is a member of the St. Lawrence Seaway Commission, the Legislative Reapportionment Committee and Milwaukee Phi Beta Kappa board. She is past president of the League of Women Voters.

John W. Cyrus, pastor of the Unitarian church in Milwaukee rounds out the panel, representing religion and education.

Also featured at the convention will be discussion groups composed of students and deans at which will be discussed such problems as courtship and college, college drop-outs, inter-collegiate communication, individual moral values in college, and femininity and college.

All Milwaukee-Downer students are urged to attend the convention. The registration fee is \$3.00 but SGA hopes to be able to pay a part of this amount.

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