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New Personalities



Three new personalities will join the faculty of MDC this fall!

Modern dance is the specialty offered by Miss Susan Muscato, Downer's new physical education instructor. She replaces Miss Althea Heimbach who retired last year. A resident of Dunkirk, New York, Miss Muscato received her B.S. degree in physical education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

Miss Muscato's background of experience includes being a playground director, swimming instructor, physical fitness teacher, and a dance instructor for a dance studio. She was elected to Orchesis, an honorary modern dance society.

Specializing in elementary education is Miss Amy Peterson who will serve on the faculty as an education instructor. She comes from Western College for Women at Oxford, Ohio; and, in addition, she has served on the faculty at Stephens College, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Texas. Miss Peterson has also directed nursery schools and supervised student teachers at Chicago Normal College and the Winnetka Public Schools, Winnetka, Illinois.

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Dr. Barker to Speak at Downer Highlights Political Conventions



Have You Heard?

Prudence Schmidt will be doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis next year! She was recently notified that she was one of four nation-wide recipients of a \$100 scholarship from the Special Libraries Association.

The scholarship was awarded with the understanding that it be used at a school of library science by a student interested in entering the field of special librarianship. Prudence is interested in entering technical librarianship, and next year will study both library science and chemistry at the University of Minnesota in working toward her career in this field.

This September will find Eleanor Yamashita enrolled in the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

Ellie is the recipient of a fellowship from Johns Hopkins University in the sum of \$1800 in addition to tuition fees, which amount to \$1200 for the year.

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Dr. Lucius Barker, assistant professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will speak at Downer's Student Political Association organizational meeting, Wednesday, September 28. Dr. Barker's topic is a comparison between the two national political conventions. He has taught at UW-M since 1956 and received two teaching awards this past year for excellence. He was the recipient of the \$1000 William Klehofer Award as well as the \$500 Uhrig Award. Dr. Barker has also been awarded a Citizenship Clearing House Fellowship, which enabled him to attend the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles.

He received his B.A. from the Southern University of Louisiana. His M.A. and Ph.D. are from the University of Illinois. Dr. Barker also taught a course in political science at Milwaukee-Downer College in 1959. His articles have been published in professional journals and law review journals.

His talk September 28 will "kick-off" SPA activity for the coming year. SPA also plans to have a mock election before November's election.

Downer Sociologist Gains Fame

Dr. S.M. Peck, assistant professor of sociology at MDC, will present a paper at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in New York City, August 29.

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From The Editor's Desk

Normal...personality adjustment...the whole self! At long last the aura surrounding these odious terms is being extinguished by members of the National Association for Mental Health. The originators of the barrage of psychological advice have become their own iconoclasts, according to a report issued after a conference of experts at Cornell University. The psychological panaceas for success, happiness, and personality improvement have a dazed public thinking that, in the words of one psychiatrist, "if you weren't progressing and getting happier every day, then you just weren't doing the right thing. You were either a hopeless neurotic or a lazy slob."

One of the unhappy results of the search for "normal behavior", is that it seems to breed social conformity—people hugging the middle ground. Is it any wonder, then, that we find complacency and mediocrity on the campus—the supposed citadel of applauded individuality—the setting wherein the bizarre, the unique, and the new are nurtured and encouraged?

Yet, we see the horrible spectre of "normality" in the trench coats, the tennis shoes, and the Mort Sahl records. But it is certainly time to act when the spectre rears its head as "complacency of the intellect"—the shallow acceptance of the lecture and textbook, the less than remote awareness of the world beyond the campus, the dull and smug satisfaction with our "socially adjusted" selves.

The time is ripe for resolutions! We start a new college year next month. Let's electrify the classroom; let's intellectually revitalize the coffee breaks; let's not sell short our individuality with all its wonderful uniqueness and sparks of possible genius!

Jane Hoar, Editor

Integration: Washington, D.C.

"What's your purpose in picketing here?" I asked one young high school graduate. "...to make people stop coming?"

"To make people stop wanting to come," he answered.

He was one of a small group of Americans non-violently protesting the racial discrimination policy of Glen Echo, an amusement park in Washington, D.C. The Washington Post recently referred to this discrimination policy as being "hopelessly outmoded...belonging to an era that is happily by-gone so far as the National Capital and its environs are concerned.

I was pleased to find that this group made the demonstration seem, not forceful or radical, but as wholesome and American as the Fourth of July. Housewives brought lemonade and cookies--one colored boy called out the score of the Senators' afternoon ball game--they wore straw hats and bermuda shorts; they were courteous and cheerful, and tireless workers for what they believed just. As some cars hurried past the picket line not accepting the literature handed to them, one man said, "Well, that's their right just as it's ours to hand it out."

Exhibits Near and Far

Three members of the MDC art faculty will be exhibiting their work in the East, West, and Middle West.

Arthur Thrall, assistant professor of art, has been invited to exhibit some of his prints this December at an exhibition in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

E. Dane Purdo, assistant professor of art, has been invited to show some of his silver in a three-man show at New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, New Mexico, August 15 to October 15. Two other artists exhibiting will be Peter Voulkos, showing ceramics, and Leonora Towney, fabrics, Mr. Purdo will be showing 20 pieces of silver work.

Carrying signs that said such things as "Stay Outside for a Freedom Ride", "Glen Echo Should Echo Democracy", and "Don't Buy Segregation at Glen Echo Park", they walked back and forth; and handed literature under the heading "Attention Americans" to cars every night at 7 o'clock and every Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Some actually demonstrated twelve hours a day.

They didn't stop when George Rockwell, an American Nazi leader, now being examined for insanity, sent into their picket line such vile signs as "Integration is Jewish".

And what are these zealous patriots accomplishing? Having demonstrated about a month, one man said, "We must be making some progress, cars seem to be parked farther apart." Some were more, some less optimistic; but all were strong in their conviction, like the one of almost 200 years ago in another struggle for freedom.

Judith King '63

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The paper to be presented is entitled "Role Strain for the Union Steward".

Dr. Peck, recognized in his field, presented a paper at the Midwest Sociological Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, entitled "The Political Consciousness of Rank-and-File Leaders".

Hans, Juergen Hohlwein, instructor in art, will hold a one-man show in the Marian Studio at Mount Mary College. The show will open with a reception on September 18 and will remain open until October 17. The exhibition will consist of drawings, paintings, and prints, all of which are recent works.

This summer Mr. Hohlwein was also invited to show a gouache painting, "A Station of the Cross", at the Chataqua, New York, exhibition. This is a national competitive show which is part of the art festival sponsored by Syracuse University this summer.



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Who's Who in American Education lists Miss Hollie White, who will join the faculty of the Home Economics Department. In addition to textiles, clothing, and related arts, Miss White specializes in home economics education, which is the subject of a book she is preparing, to be published by Prentice-Hall, The Classroom Supervisor in Home Economics.

Miss White graduated from Northwestern State College in Natchitoches, Louisiana; and received her M.A. at the Teachers College, Columbia University. She has also studied at the University of Maryland and Cornell University. Miss White has had a wide range of experiences within her field including college teaching at Keene Teachers College, Keene, New Hampshire, the University of Mississippi, and Louisiana College, Pineville, Louisiana; high school teaching at New Caney, Texas, and Hammond, Louisiana; and direction of workshops in home economics education at Utah State University and Keene Teachers College.



Rally 'Round Los Angeles

Though Dad always had a great interest in politics, he never had any intention of becoming involved in it. However, this winter he began to feel a gentle prodding, pushing him toward the Democratic Convention, which was culminated with a visit and a phone call from the brothers Kennedy. In some cases it is very difficult to say no, so...on June 29 three-sevenths of our family, along with delegate-at-large Dad, were on the way to Los Angeles.

I like to think that I went out to the convention with a deep interest in moral stands, a strong concern for the party platform, and a studied concentration on political maneuvering. However, it took one session at the Sports Arena and I was sporting buttons, cheering wildly during demonstrations, thinking of the marvelous hot dogs, and eyeing with an hostile stare everyone wearing a different button.

There was a feeling of fervent, almost fanatical pride in the Democratic Party, the city, the weather, and most of all, the candidates, which seemed to prevail over the whole city. I was rather disgruntled when even the Los Angeles Dodgers were included in the general praise.

We stayed at the Los Angeles Athletic Club where we had an excellent view of people mobbing other people in front of the party headquarters at the Biltmore Hotel. This display of "enthusiasm" seemed to reach its peak as we arrived at the Biltmore to attend a Kennedy reception. At first glance, fearing for life and limb, we didn't think we would chance doing through the crowd. But then, with my mother at the helm, we decided we would plunge on in. Moving at the rate of four feet per hour did not seem too conducive to getting us where we wanted to go--when Mother spotted the American flag, and we discreetly filed in behind it. It wasn't until we reached the end of the hall and Dad was declared "a true Dixiecrat, suh", that we realized we



had been in a rather prominent position in a "Faibus for President!" parade.

After a short, lively debate on the merits of Senator Kennedy and Governor Faibus, we left the Biltmore to look in on the deserted Wisconsin headquarters. This was very interesting, for after this glimpse I could easily see how the phrase "smoke-filled room" became identified with politics. The aroma from the cheese which was there in abundance blended with the smell of cigar smoke to make an interesting, if not unique, meeting place for the Wisconsin delegation.

The convention itself was everything we had anticipated. Again we had to buck a crowd--this time in front of the arena--but this time, with Dad playing defense, we were inside in record time. Dad left us for the convention floor; and we, complete with binoculars, transistor radio, and political score sheets, settled in our seats, especially enjoying the excellent picture of Senator Kennedy on a straw hat three rows below us. Approximately 37 speeches, 5 favorite sons, and 2 boxes of popcorn later, the balloting began! This turned out to be a very nervous time, made more so by my mother who, in her haste, added 100 votes too many to Senator Kennedy's total. This puzzled us for a short time for, according to our tabulation he had 800 votes, yet no one on the floor was doing a thing about it.

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Sentimental Journey

At this time last year I was anxious to begin my freshman year at MDC. I suddenly found myself fearful of taking this big step. I say "big" because Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is not exactly a stone's throw from New Haven, Connecticut. My friends and relatives were teasing me about going to the big "beer center". Since the state of Wisconsin is known as America's Dairyland, I had in mind a somewhat bucolic picture of Milwaukee. I wondered what the campus looked like.

Would I be able to adjust to this new college life? Would the work be too difficult for me to handle? Should I venture to this foreign land called Milwaukee, or would it be wiser to remain in my own back year? Of all these questions the one of the most concern to my parents was the question of distance and possible homesickness.

"You won't be able to come home on weekends you realize, Diana," warned my parents. "only at Christmas and spring recess will there be enough time to warrant your coming home."

Meanwhile, I had been receiving letters from my Big Sis who attempted to answer the many questions I had about Downer. Actually she was my most valuable source of information during those final weeks of preparation. She seemed to know just what apprehensions my mind harbored. At this moment as I sit at my typewriter, the keys are moving frantically with the same exuberance that I know my Big Sis's pen did last year.

As my parents and I approached Milwaukee's city limits on that unforgettable day in September, that "bucolic land" materialized in a somewhat different manner than I had imagined. As we proceeded down Wisconsin Avenue, the heart of the city, it reminded me of New York City on a smaller scale. It was much cleaner than New York, however, and much less confusing. As we drove along North Lake Drive, the beauty of Lake Michigan captivated us. It was only three blocks from this lovely lake that Milwaukee-Downer College stood.

This August I am excited once again as September draws

near. But this year I am free from apprehensions as I foresee a Sophomore year as rich and rewarding as my freshman year. It is no longer a foreign place but more like another-- HOME.

Diana DeVita '63

Freshmen Face Big Change

Muster your pens and notebooks, and sharpen your wit! Exciting new changes in content, planned for English 101, 102, spells a challenge for Downer students. The title of the course is also being changed from Principle of English Composition to Composition and Literature.

This chronological survey will cover the Fourteenth through the Eighteenth Centuries, Chaucer through Samuel Johnson.

Dr. Thomas R. Dale, chairman of the English Department, explained that there were two basic aims of the revision action. First, an integration of the development of communication skills with a coordinated study of English literature would allow for a more meaningful application of communication skills. In addition, it would provide an essential knowledge of the tradition and heritage of English literature --a knowledge upon which the study of modern English literature can be based.

Jane Hoar '61

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Senator Kennedy finally did receive the nomination and his brothers soon scooted by--the younger, the picture of joyfulness and exuberance, and the other, scowling past, the picture of concentration. From the platform it appeared that Senator Kennedy was pleased with what had happened that night--and, as we left the area, sporting our "Kennedy Will Win" hats, so were we.

In all, the convention was a real experience--entertaining, educational, dramatic, even inspiring--and certainly unforgettable.

Jane Conway '62

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Prudence, a resident of Milwaukee, and Ellie, a resident of Kurtistown, Hawaii, were both graduated cum laude from MDC this past June.

Hobble Skirts, Anyone?

"Ladies' fashions do affect heavy industry," remarked Dr. Walter Peterson as he explained one of three research projects on which he is presently working.

The statement about fashions and heavy industry is a result of Dr. Peterson's study of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company. He is writing a history of this concern during the period 1901 to 1940. It appears that the innovation of the hobble skirt as the fashion vogue in 1909 caused A-C to lose about \$1,500,000.

Prior to 1909 (and the hobble skirt), A-C had acquired patent rights on the air brake which was used in street cars and interurbans. The body of these vehicles was built quite a distance from the ground--a distance too great to be "negotiated" by ladies wearing hobbled skirts. Transit companies were forced to build lower riding cars and purchased air brakes elsewhere because A-C couldn't retool its shops fast enough to supply them.

The writing of biographies for the book, Notable American Women, 1607--1950, sponsored by Radcliffe College, is another task on which Dr. Peterson is working. He is writing biographies of Miss Ellen C. Sabin, president of MDC from 1895 to 1921, and Miss Mary Mortimer, president of Milwaukee College in 1852 to 1857, and 1866 to 1874--two very notable MDC women!

Last, but not least, is the continued research on the Social Gospel movement in American Protestantism. Jane Hoar '61