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# THE DOWNER DIAL



CATCH A CRAB?

## Regatta June 2

The sixtieth annual Regatta in the history of Milwaukee-Downer College will be held on June second this year.

Rowing was introduced to Downer in 1895. The first Regatta was held in 1902. Then, six-oared "barges" were used. They had no sliding seats. Later came the regular six-oared boats which we still have. Twenty-five years ago the eight-oared racing shells were purchased. These are the ones being used for this year's event.

This year there will be a new feature in the race. A team of alumnae will participate in the competition for the best form. A member of this team was heard to remark that they would compete for time, too, if they thought they would have "a ghost of a chance!"

Officials for Regatta are sharpening their wits and brushing up on techniques for the big day. Barbara Brandt is the student rowing manager for the affair. Judges will be Mr. H.O. Wolfe, Mr. Mueller, and Miss Heimbach, who taught rowing at Downer for twenty-six years. The starter and umpire will be Mr. Carl Holtz. The timers will be Mr. Peterson and Mrs. Leichtfuss.

The timers are ready, the judges are ready, the spectators are waiting, and the crews are "ready to race!"

## Changes in MDC Faculty

With the coming of the new academic year Downer will see several changes in the faculty. Among those positions that have been filled are replacements for faculty leaving in the psychology, occupational therapy, and physical education departments.

Mr. Romeo A. Olivas has been appointed as assistant professor in psychology. He received his bachelor and master degrees at Philippine Christian College in the Philippine Islands. He is currently working toward his PH.D. at Northwestern University. Before coming to Downer, he taught at Philippine Wesleyan College and Huntington College in Huntington, Indiana.

The replacement in the occupational therapy department, Miss Mary Frances Heermans, will be professor of occupational therapy and also head of the department. She is presently curriculum co-ordinator and clinical director of occupational therapy department at the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is also President of Illinois Occupational Therapy Association.

Majoring in biology, Miss Heermans received her bachelor and master degrees from the University of Illinois. She received her occupational therapy certificate from the University of Southern California.



Mr. Olivas



Miss Heermans

Mrs. Francis Wilson is an addition to our faculty next year as instructor in physical education and head of the department.

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**Leslie Paffrath  
to speak at  
commencement  
service**

On June 10th at three P.M. in the auditorium, Commencement Services will take place. The guest speaker at this one hundred and eleventh Commencement in the history of the college will be Mr. Leslie Paffrath.

In the past Mr. Paffrath has been secretary to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. A graduate of Union College in New York, he has worked with the Institute of Public Administration, as well as being a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the commission to study the Organization of Peace, and the American Association of International Law. In addition, he is a consulting member of the World Affairs Council of Milwaukee and on the Advisory Council of Dominican College, Racine. At the present time, Mr. Paffrath is the President of the Johnson Foundation in Racine.

Many girls at Downer have visited the foundation and met Mr. Paffrath. He is eager to lend his services to the interests of education. An important work of the foundation is to provide scholarships and financial aid to students and colleges. Milwaukee-Downer has just received a \$7,000 grant to establish a graduate course in Occupational Therapy. The foundation also supports various conferences for the general improvement of education.

Under Mr. Paffrath's supervision, the Johnson Foundation hopes to fulfill its goals in education. As Mr. Paffrath said, "The foundation is an instrument for creative programs which serve mankind."

## Letter to the Editor

The free and active exchange of ideas on our campus is vital to the educational process in which we, as MDC students, are engaged. In the firm belief that the campus newspaper has a vital role to play in these educational processes and exchanges, our primary goals and policies shall be geared to the promotion and expansion of such exchange.

We shall aim to adequately report campus activities and news which is pertinent and of concern to our campus and community. We will further strive to present intercollegiate and extracollegiate issues which fall within the context of general student concern. We shall comment on these activities and issues according to our honest convictions and to the best of our abilities. We shall be alert to the international, national, and local news analyzing and interpreting it in order to focus attention on it and report it accurately.

We want Dial to become a forum for comment and debate. We shall present any responsible ideas and opinions no matter how unorthodox they may appear to be, for we feel that debating and presenting such new ideas is essential to fill the intellectual gaps which exist on our campus. In this same vein we will aim to appraise college policies and issues as they arise, and thereby hope to provide a channel for free expression and the exchange of ideas within the college community.

At all times we shall assume full responsibility for all material published in Dial. As editors we feel ourselves obliged to present an accurate, fair, honest evaluation and expression of pertinent items.

We realize that Dial cannot be all things to all people, nor do we strive toward that end. Rather we are concerned that Dial be more to its readers and writers than merely a wholesome employment of their time. We do not consider any college newspaper to be a gadget or an educational toy; neither is it a stylistic training ground for English majors. We feel that the newspaper should be an integral part of the educational process for each individual and shall work to achieve this end.

Bonita Cheesebrough  
Editor

## Assembly Review

On May 15th Downer students were ushered into Pillsbury and there awaited a stimulating lecture on the place of Turkey in the world. Instead of an interesting lecture on the political or economic position of Turkey, they were given a lovely description of hotels, beaches, and women of Turkey. The narrator was not satisfied with this, but had to add his own brand of humor--to which the audience gave no response, for obvious reasons. Downer College presents an audience of intellectually interested and curious young women, not a woman's club; this speaker's presentation was definitely geared for the latter.

Nonetheless, the Assembly Committee deserves a large medal for outstanding service. The common opinion among Downer students is that we live as a community within ourselves; however this year the Assembly Committee has brought before the student body highly qualified people to give insight into the social, political, and cultural aspects of the world today. Particularly outstanding was the presentation of Dr. Pauling, the lecture on religion behind the Iron Curtain, the harpist-singer, and the serfies on China. The consensus among students is that the dynamic, well-qualified speakers of this year have enticed them to go to Assembly and have sent them away with something worth discussing.

## Ruddygore Reviewed

The Skylight on the Square Theater is presently staging a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddygore. This humorous romance is not as frequently performed as Mikado, H.M.S. Pinafore, Gondoliers, and Pirates of Penzance. A highlight in this operetta is the unusual ghost scene, in which the unfortunate young nobleman-hero materialize form their portraits to scare him into doing his duty to The Witch's Curse, the subtitle of Ruddygore.

The Skylight Comic Opera Company put on an extremely vivacious performance of this work, and the demanding parts of the unusual characters were played with humor and skill. To any Gilbert and Sullivan fan, this production of Ruddygore is a must!



from The Editor's Desk

It seems as though the birds have just awakened as the freshmen wait behind the power house before 6:20 A.M.

"Welllll freshman," echo the anticipated voices, "don't you have any waiting music?"

Hat Hunt continues with quite a bit of spirit for an hour before breakfast. "the mud is so deep you can hardly walk. It gets in your mouth so you can't even talk..."

How honest and simple the Hat Hunt seems to this senior as I realize two distinct feelings: a firm identity with the tradition and a real commitment to become a part of the bigger

"outside" world.

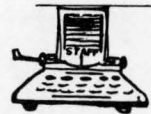
Senioritis! One minute I find myself singing ditty songs or worrying about a term paper due yesterday. The next minute I am planning my glorious future--trying to groom myself inwardly for the "cold cruel world," where positive proof of my education will be demanded.

Seniors have developed a more sophisticated dress and mien and the object of our hunt is not identified as clearly as a hat. Yet this senior still hears a booming compulsive demand for "waiting music."

As I evaluate, surmise, and intensify my relations at Downer, I wait for June 10--the day of commencement and another beginning. The traditional-song has much meaning now, as I wait and feel that there is nothing more important to do than sing, ra de do da, sing girl, sing.

Pat Landgraf '62

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## Student Academic Freedom Policy

Last fall a student committee was appointed by Executive Council to evaluate the existing guest speaker policy. In evaluating the procedure, the student committee felt a need for a broader statement of student academic freedoms and responsibilities.

Therefore they drafted a Student Statement of Academic Freedom and Responsibility. This statement was approved by the student body on May 7, 1962.

The student committee was granted permission to attend the May 14 meeting of Administrative Council, at which the statement was to be considered. (Administrative Council consists of the college president, the dean, and a faculty representative from each of the five academic divisions.)

The purpose of this meeting was to pool suggestions for improving the statement. The faculty, administration, and students working together and exchanging ideas helped to clarify the philosophy and wording. This exchange provided members of the student committee with many constructive and useful ideas for their further consideration of the statement.

Besides offering suggestions for clarifying the statement, Administrative Council recommended that the students consider and research similar statements from other colleges and universities for additional thoughts. It was also suggested that the committee consult with the committee that drafted the Faculty Statement of Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

To further work on this statement, a new student committee will be appointed this month to replace those outgoing members of the present committee. Plans are being made for both the old and new student committees this year to gain additional suggestions on how to finish the statement.

Ethel Levy '62

The Social Actions Committee is sponsoring a luncheon on Friday, May 25 in the President's Dining Room. All those who are interested in joining or who wish to find out more about the Committee are invited to attend.

DON'T ANY OF YOU HAVE FINALS TO STUDY FOR?



## Reflections on the Peace Walk

Monday--the beginning of a dreary week at school, the week before Easter. Plans for an Easter egg hunt and Easter dinner at the home of a classmate did not lend excitement to my routine. I had learned that the Milwaukee Peace Council was to meet at the UWM Student Lounge and decided to attend.

I was not sure I approved civic groups which, as I supposed, made pleas for peace at any price. But because of curiosity and boredom, I decided to attend the meeting.

The meeting room was about half full when I entered and sat in a row near the center of the right section. Looking around, I saw several professors, students, and civic leaders whom I knew. The principal speakers, an economist and a historian, spoke on the stake of labor and management in the nuclear arms race. Their reasoning was so thorough that I was deeply impressed. The meeting closed with an announcement of a peace walk to be held the Saturday before Easter.

Finding myself in agreement with the ideas of the group, I decided to participate in the walk. I anticipated adverse reactions from my family and some friends. However, in view of the stalemate on disarmament negotiations and the resumption of nuclear testing by the United States, the time seemed opportune to voice a desire for a "Turn Toward Peace!".

With some uncertainty, I met the other peace marchers

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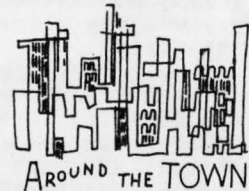
Continued from last column at the Public Library and began the trek down Wisconsin Avenue.

There was a certain dignity about this orderly and legally sanctioned demonstration. It was not easy or enjoyable to meet the curious stares and occasional taunts of people on the street. Across the street a group of people carried signs associating the United Nations and the Peace Walk with communism. Another group followed us with a Soviet flag and attempted to create a disturbance by placing the flag in our path.

During and after the walk I responded to it as a human experience rather than a crusade. The ideals of the walk are just; I am glad that I publicly supported them. However, I share the feelings of Yvor Winters toward "The Moralists": "No man can hold existence in the head.

I, too, have known the anguish of the right Amid this net of mathematic dearth, And the brain throbbing like a ship at night: Have faced with old unmitigated dread The hard familiar wrinkles of the earth."

A Student Who Walked for Peace



June in Milwaukee is bursting out all over with wonderful entertainment for your enjoyment.

The Swan Theater will feature Jack "Maverick" Kelly in F. Hugh Herbert's The Moon is Blue May 22 through June 3, and Denis O'Keefe in the comical Critic's Choice June 5 through June 17. The Theater for Eggheads will present Samuel Beckett's Endgame and readings by Sumner Kerman from Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass. Ruddy Gore or the Witch's Curse, a Gilbert and Sullivan Operetta, will remain at the Skylight on the Square Theater until June 6.

West Side Story, winner of ten Academy Awards, can now be seen at the Strand Theater.

With the approach of summer, you'll find also many fine forms of outdoor entertainment around the town.

# Traditions reviewed

In the world of today, life is being streamlined and the unnecessary details removed--but still Downer's traditions remain. Obviously they must give some lasting values to the Downer students or they would not continue. In order to gain insight into values placed upon or given by these traditions, I have asked a member of each class for her opinions on them.

The freshmen have by now tasted Downer's tradition, not only of academic excellence, but also the lighter rites of initiation into college life. From this vantage point, Barbara Allen writes on traditions:

"Traditions are deeply imbedded in Downer's makeup. Foremost among these is the academic tradition, to which Downer has held and must continue to hold. Supplementing this, various traditional events which are enjoyable diversions occur throughout the year.

I feel that those who try to psychologically justify any tradition are making a mistake. These traditions are meant to be pure fun; those to whom they are not fun should simply avoid them.

People who think Hat Hunt is tradition at Downer are in error. They are talking themselves right out of Swing-In, Regatta, Christmas Dinner, Cabaret, and other such events. Hat Hunt is, in my opinion, the most unique of all our traditions. It provides the most "fun" in the sense of its being a battle of wits coupled with a spirit of complete and uninhibited abandon.

Tradition must be kept in the proper realm--fun!!"

A sophomore has drunk more of Downer's traditions and has instigated the organization and co-operation necessary for the continuing of many of them. Viewing traditions from this point, Judy Jahnke writes:

"One of the first words you hear at Downer is the word tradition. Tradition has always been a part of your life, whether it is a family, community, national, social, or religious tradition. At Downer you become a member of a new community and become a part of its traditions and values.

Tradition is more than the word alone implies and the material symbols which remind us of it. There is a hidden quality about Downer that comes to life in each girl as an individual.

Any of Downer's traditions, and probably most of all Hat Hunt, brings to each girl a host of experiences. It is a real Downer girl, and likewise a real woman of the world, who can dig in the mud for Downer's Hat and then trade her muddy clothes for her finest formal attire; and her fun and games for poise and practiced manners.

Tradition is not a static act passed on from year to year because it is the thing to do---it is a dynamic, integral part of you and your college."

To the juniors goes the responsibility of guiding the freshmen in their acceptance or rejection of traditions and their values. A junior has not yet forgotten how it felt to be a part of tradition for the first time, nor how it felt to pass on a tradition. She is in a position to look at both aspects and evaluate from there. Mickey Bonin says of Downer's traditions:

"For me, Hat Hunt is the chief of Downer's traditions



in that it affects, indirectly or directly, many of the functions throughout the school year.

Must all activities have a tangible, black or white value? I don't think so and I use Hat Hunt as an example. It has no great symbolic or deep meaning. The Hat is an excuse for fun, and isn't this a part of college life? Ex-

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Before coming to Downer, Mrs. Wilson was employed at Milwaukee-Downer Seminary where she served in the admissions office and also took part in physical education activities.

Miss Ruth Smiley will be assistant professor of OT. She received her bachelor degree at Wells College in New York and a graduate of advanced course in OT at Columbia. She also received her masters in student personnel and a masters in psychiatric occupational therapy at the University of Nebraska.

Miss Smiley was employed as staff therapist of the OT department at Connecticut State Hospital and acted as director of psychology of OT at New York Hospital, White Plains, New York.

Other members have been added to the departments of language, geology, and geography. Mrs. Sommerauer will be teaching German full time the coming year. Mr. Tank will teach geography and geology. Positions yet to fill for the coming year are in the departments of English, zoology, and Home Economics.

Some of the faculty that are leaving Downer have made plans for the next year.

Miss Gillis has been selected for a summer institute for College Teachers of Psychology at Iowa City Campus. College professors from 24 states will be attending this institute June 12 - August 8, which is sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Miss Gillis anticipates teaching next year in her special field of social and personality psychology.

Mr. Fossland will be at Eau Claire State College next year where he will be associate professor of biology.

Miss Vogt has planned to work on her PH.D. at the University of Illinois next year and also teach English at the University.

Miss Hungate's plans at this moment are indefinite, but she hopes to teach in a professional preparation department where it is possible to earn a major in physical education. She would also like to do further study in the fields of health and administration.

Miss Brunyate and Miss Odle are still indefinite on their plans for the coming year.





Ruth Gienapp

## SGA Plans for next year

No, SGA isn't the name of some exclusive club. These letters stand for Student Government Association, an organization to which every Downerite belongs and in which she can be active. SGA is involved in many activities. It sponsors a number of campus events. It is closely connected with all the campus organizations.

Because SGA is so far reaching and covers so many areas, it has to begin to plan early for the coming year. Already planned is a detailed evaluation of the first SGA Prom, to decide what changes and improvements we'd like to make. Tentative plans for a smaller follow up conference to College Conference, to be held off campus, are being considered. Also in the hopper are ways to expand our discussion program to include discussions on current affairs and to increase participation in book discussions. Minutes of Exec'y Council meetings will be posted on all the dorm bulletin boards, instead of just near the bookstore. Read them and keep yourself informed, for we want SGA meetings to be interesting and not just an hour of minor announcements. To encourage active participation in SGA, there will be a suggestion box in the office next year and we hope you will use it. If all of you give SGA your wholehearted support, SGA will continue to move forward next year.

Ruth Gienapp SGA President

## Memorial Purchased

Two new Magnavox stereophonic record players have recently been purchased by the library staff. Money for the phonographs came from a fund raised by contributors as a memorial to the late Mrs. Loella Luhrsen Baehr.

Mrs. Baehr, who was head librarian at Downer for many years, died in July, 1961. She joined the Milwaukee-Downer College staff in 1949; she became acting Head Librarian in 1951 and Head Librarian in 1953. In 1959 she became the advisor to the green class of 1963.

## NSA: What we do with what we have

With a low rumble our train pulled out of a Chicago train depot, bound for Milwaukee. It was the last lap of our homeward-bound journey from Champaign, Illinois; in ninety minutes the experience of attending the Wisconsin-Illinois Regional Conference of the National Student Association would be a thing of the past. Bonita Cheesebrough and I plunked our luggage and ourselves into the first available seats.

The weekend that lay behind us had been a busy one, packed full of various meetings and countless new ideas. Small legislative committee groups had met Saturday morning and afternoon to discuss topics ranging from "Human Rights" to Student Government and the Academic Community," and then to draw up resolutions which would be presented to the plenary session that night. It had been a weekend of making new friends, informally discussing over a meal the common media known as "college life", and discovering what was involved in the vast world of student politics.

The 150 collegiates who convened on May 12 were delegates from the member schools of NSA and were there to represent their schools in drafting policies and discussing issues pertinent to students in this region. And yet to me it was more than spouting gripes and drafting resolutions; it was a sudden awareness that college students have a role to play other than that of being "a part of their college"...each was a fast maturing citizen of the United States and of the World.

We are so apt to become entangled within the four walls of our alma mater that we often tend to forget that there is a world beyond the safe boundaries of school property. NSA is one step toward student involvement in society. It exists as an instrument for this end.

Neal Johnston, student speaker at one of the sessions, said: "A student often loses his ideals when he graduates, coming suddenly in contact with the outside world. We need to divide our time between mastering subject matter and forwarding social action. A balance

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must be reached between the overall student and the mature graduate."

NSA is a tool that is here to be utilized. But in order to get value from any tool, we must first put it to work. A shovel is no good unless there is a man behind the handle; a plow is useless unless someone is able and willing to set it to work. One is useless without the other.

An identical relationship will be found between each member college and NSA which is set up to work for each student. NSA is of no good use unless we do something with it, make it work for us by taking an active part in making it go. We must do more than be apathetically aware of its existence, criticizing its very being with "I sure don't see it doing anything for MDC."

We, as students, have certain ideals; but what good are ideals if they are housed behind ivy-covered walls? We, as students, form ideas that may someday "revolutionize" human thought; but of what use are ideas then concealed behind stacks of books? We, the college students of the 1960's, have the potential (our own abilities) and the tool, (NSA) to make ourselves known in the world. What we do with what we have is entirely up to us.

Karen Roang '65

## Summer Renovations Scheduled

Three new summer projects of renovation are underway on Downer's campus. Our Art department is becoming more centralized. The art history visual aids material, consisting of photographs and reproductions, is being moved from the library to the Art Department in Sabin. Art history classes will be held on second floor of Sabin beginning in the fall.

Also beginning this summer the Admissions Office is going to be remodeled with partitioned offices, similar to the office of the Dean and the Registrar.

According to Mr. Bell, new power feeders are being installed from the power house to Sabin. These, along with new distributing panels, will ready the building for installation of new lighting, which is scheduled to follow this preparation.

# Hard Earned, Well Deserved

Although many Downer students seem to doubt that they will be able to exist through another week of completing term papers and projects, many of the hardier souls who do survive will be rewarded on May 29th at the Honors Assembly. Awards will be given for excellence in scholarship, athletics, art, and citizenship.

At the top of the list is the Athletic Association Award. This award is given to a senior who has shown skill in various sport activities as well as true sportsmanship. Included in sportsmanship are such activities as smiling calmly as an opponent places a well-directed blow to one's shin with a hockey stick, or allowing oneself, on catching a crab in rowing, to be quietly thrown from the boat so as not to disturb the rhythmic stroke (exaggeration) of the crew members. It is the little things like this which, adding up over the four year period, actually show a girl's true character.

On the more academic side a Chemistry Award is given each year in gratitude for the fact that the roof of Sabin has not been blown off.

Also in academic light is the Elizabeth Richardson Art Award. This year two such awards will be given as extra money was found in the award fund. It might be interesting to inquire into the process by which the award fund was doubled, and the writer plans to do this immediately for future betterment of her own financial situation.

A Math Award may also be given this year to some deserving freshman, providing she has been able to discover a formula which would allow persons planning student activities to deduct from the total number of student's names on sign-up sheets, the actual number who will arrive at the event.

The Mary Ann Treudel Citizenship Award will also be given. The rather broad heading of this award encompasses such enterprising actions as volunteering for extra duties (the first three weeks of freshman year don't count) and otherwise being helpful to the community.

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A new award is also to be given this year by the Student Government Association to a senior who, through her life at the college, has been able to work well with her class, in campus organizations, with faculty and administration, and at the same time has managed to keep a fairly balanced mental state.

Added to these auspicious awards are the announcements of graduation honors and the Phi Beta Kappa awards.

Awards which are given at Honors Day Assembly fill a very important need on campus by giving formal recognition to deserving students.

## NSA Summer Congress community: the continuing "Student Challenge"

Are you interested in student government activities? Does the role of the collegian in politics hold a special fascination for you? Are you concerned about the student image in world affairs?

If you can affirmatively answer any of the above questions consider the following. The Fifteenth National Student Congress, the highest legislative body of the National Student Association, will be held this summer on the Ohio State University campus August 19-30. Approximately 1200-1500 students are expected to participate on the annual meeting including member school delegates, non-member school observers, educators, and foreign guests.

Interesting, exciting educational, would probably describe your experience as a delegate of Milwaukee-Downer College. A melting pot of problems, programs, and policies of other campuses across the nation would characterize the numerous official and non-official meetings and discussions of this convention.

The theme selected for the 15th Congress is "Student Community: The Continuing Challenge." This phrase will be dissected, discussed, and defined during each of the three major parts of the Convention. The first three days will be

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periencing a tradition such as Hat Hunt also creates a personal bond between the participant and her college. Tradition can be a strong binding force which will produce common experiences and memories and is therefore a needed part of any small school such as Downer."

It seems the role of the senior in the perpetuating of traditions is that of remembering. She has been the receiver, giver, and guider of traditions and is now in a position to sit back, smile, and remember. From this position Ginny Popko writes:

"As a senior, I feel the value of Downer's traditions stems from the fact that they provide an opportunity for nonsensical, but at the same time meaningful, fun. Nonsensical in that it is actually quite silly for college women to charge around back campus for a specified time hunting for a hat. Meaningful are those situations which occur during the activities that make one feel a part of her class as well as a part of Downer. Due to these common experiences new friends are found and old friendships are strengthened.

Traditions should not be carried on for the purpose of gaining respect; respect must be earned before it can be shown.

Therefore, fun is the key word in evaluating Downer's traditions. So long as this element is present, their value should be obvious. If this factor disappears, I can see no value in their existence."

Ginny Varcoe '64

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Each of the four hundred member schools, depending on their enrollment, is entitled to send from one to eight delegates to the Congress. Downer is allowed one voting delegate and as many non-voting, observing delegates as would like to attend.

MDC students interested in representing the college at the Congress should contact Flo Vaccarello for further information.