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SNAPSHOT - KODAK

Milwaukee-Downer College

Friday, Sept. 23, 1955

INNOCENTS ABROAD

So another batch of freshmen has arrived. Still feel a bit bewildered, '59? Well, you are not unusual--each one of us has experienced the same sense of newness and uncertainty, and just look at our casual savoir-faire no* (outside of classrooms, that is)! When classes get started and you have a schedule to guide you, you'll have an opportunity to sort of sit back and decide just what college has to offer you. Most important, of course, your reason for being here, a fine education ---if you take advantage of it. Secondly, and hardly less important, are the many and varied activities which will make your years here rich in associations and allow you to practice your particular talents where they will gain the most worthwhile expression. You'll grow familiar with every nook and cranny of Downer, and you'll learn to love it because it will be your home for the following four years. And finally, you'll

form deep and long-lasting friendships, with the faculty as well as with your bunk-mate or the two odd-balls down the hall. This is just a light scratching on the surface, though, you have a great deal to look forward to, '59, so let's go out and collect some memories.

To the new members of the faculty---Snapshot-Kodak welcomes you to Downer and wishes you happiness and satisfaction here. A feature in the next edition will introduce you each more formally. Notice to the students ---read these articles carefully.

A TRIBUTE

From Snapshot-Kodak:

Welcomes and farewells must often be said together, and so the welcome being completed, a farewell must be paid---to one of Downer's most outstanding faculty members, Miss Rossberg.

She and Miss Beckwith, a retired faculty member of the col-

lege, were on their way to Door County, when an accident near Manitowoc claimed both their lives.

At Downer she was chairman of the languages and literature division, chairman of the curriculum committee and faculty head of McLaren Hall. She was a member of the Modern Language Association of America, The American Association of Teachers of German, The Wisconsin Association of Modern Foreign Language Teachers, The American Association of University Women, and Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary teachers' sorority.

Travel was her avocation. She had made 18 trips to Europe. From these trips she brought foreign customs and objects of art to Downer. Having received her Ph.D. in German most of these were German in origin. The German Christmas was heralded by the Advent season. At this time she presented an annual Christmas play which combined literature and music. After this she served the German cookies she had spent days prepar-

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themes. A person of rigid exactitude when she held a student's laboriously written German theme in hand, she was generous with the red pencil marks when even the tiniest mistake appeared; but when a paper was completely flawless, and only then, did she inscribe in big bold letters at the top of the theme "Sehr Gut!" How the students worked just to see "Sehr Gut!" prefacing their themes! This was the ultimate achievement of the German class and was worth all the efforts involved in

struggling with inflections and inverted word orders.

But if Miss Rossberg was meticulous with the correct usage of the German language she was not limited in the breadth of the fields she covered. Besides monotonous learning of case endings, students were encouraged to probe into the more interesting aspects of learning. Great musicians and poets lived once more when Miss Rossberg brought them into the classroom by playing their masterpieces.

Miss Rossberg showed a rare quality in her willingness to be of assistance to each student to the extent that she would conduct individual classes for them. She was deeply interested in the development of the stu-

dent's personality as well as her scholastic achievements.

From McLaren:

Homemade Christmas cookies, the smell of evergreens, the lovely hand-carved figurines, all these were part of the German Christmas play--and most important, Miss Rossberg herself. Already her presence is missed in McLaren, but it is at Christmas time when her inspiration and enthusiasm will be deeply missed.

As was announced at the meeting of the freshmen with the officers of student organizations, there will be a meeting of Snapshot-Kodak on October 4, 7:30 p.m., in Kimberly. Anyone interested will be welcomed, experienced or not. Members of chorus who would like to come may come over when they are through.

Mountebanks is having try-outs for the Fall play next week. There will be a sign posted, so all who are interested in playing a part will know when and where to show up. All of you are welcome whether you have had stage experience or not. See you there!

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When Miss Rossberg wasn't teaching or traveling, she was collecting necessities for her adopted families in Europe. Each year she would look at her black cloth coat and decide that it could do for yet another year while she gave unstintingly to others.

A scholarship fund has been started in her name--a fitting tribute to one to whom culture was so much of life.

A final farewell will be said Sunday, September 25 at 4 p.m. Memorial services will be held in the chapel at Milwaukee-Downer College.

From the students:

Perhaps the most memorable classroom activity was the way in which Miss Rossberg corrected weekly