

Our School

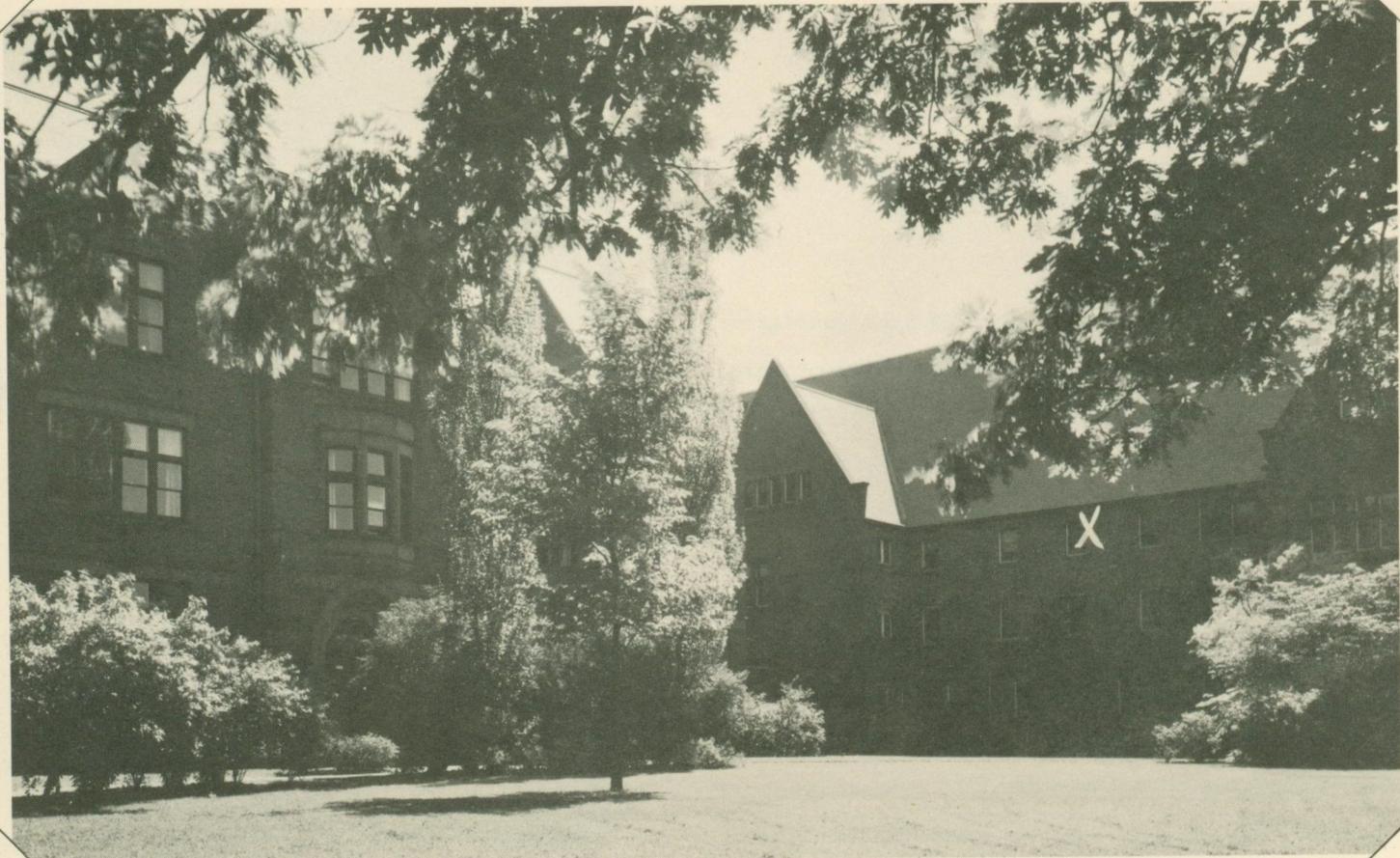
*Milwaukee-Downer Seminary
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

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You will find the Seminary a school with high scholastic standards, with excellent teachers, good college preparation, opportunities for study in special fields, and a well-rounded health and recreational program. The boarding school accepts approximately fifty girls in the high school department, including a post-graduate year. We have our own Head of Residence and many congenial resident faculty, so that you'll find the boarding school a friendly and pleasant home in which to live. We are only fifteen minutes from downtown Milwaukee and seventy-five minutes from Chicago. In the last few years we've had girls from many states and abroad -- from Florida, California, Wyoming, New Jersey, all the North Central states, Mexico, China, France, and England.



Vogel Hall, our Dorm.
It's like a second home to me.



The Campus - my room is marked with an X.

First Impressions

With a background of tradition of almost one hundred years, you find a modern school completely equipped for comfortable living and study. Upon arrival your big sister greets you, introduces you to the girls and faculty, helps you unpack, and makes you feel at home at once. You visit the library, the spacious art studio, the senior lounge, the gymnasium, the shower rooms, and the assembly hall, which is fully equipped for stage plays or sound movies. You walk through the conservatory, the dining room, the drawing rooms -- and you are glad you are here. You gaze through a window at the tree-shaded campus and look forward to your first walk to the lake shore. These are your first glimpses.



Friendship begins here —
a big sister greets each new girl.

Your New Home

Your room at Milwaukee-Downer is truly your own, an expression of your personality through your choice of curtains, rugs, couch covers, and reading lamp. You will also need a pillow, pillow slips, sheets and other bedding for a single bed, towels, bureau covers, two laundry bags, six napkins and a napkin ring, and a waste basket. You may bring an extra chair if you wish. In this way you will establish quite a bit of you in the Dorm. You will also enjoy the more formal drawing room and reception rooms on the first floor and the students' lounge with its piano, radio magazines, deep chairs and divans on the second floor. (Remember that room preferences are filed when the contract and application fee are received by the school!)



Time out for a chat!



This single room is like mine except for the color scheme.



We interrupt our Saturday free time for a welcome cup of tea.

Your School

All of us are members of the Student Association -- you will be, too. We elect representatives to the Student Council, which meets with Miss French, our Headmistress. This group discusses social activities, conduct, morale, and group government -- a miniature democracy at work.

Then, too, each of us has the benefit of frequent personal talks with Miss French and our Academic Dean. Every six weeks progress reports are mailed to our parents, including grades and faculty comments which are both helpful and illuminating. Each of us has a faculty adviser with whom we discuss our academic reports and personal problems.



One of our regular student council sessions. Can you find me?

We go to Miss French for advice.



Lots to Learn

Your program each year will include four academic courses meeting five times a week; a hobby course meeting twice a week (or once a week with preparation), such as art, music, dramatics, journalism, etc.; athletics; and supervised study.

The Seminary is accredited by the North Central Association; the requirements for graduation are 16 credits, including 4 years of English, 2 years of one foreign language, 1 year of mathematics, 1 year of a laboratory science, 1 year of history, and athletics. Not more than 4 of the 16 credits may be in music and art.

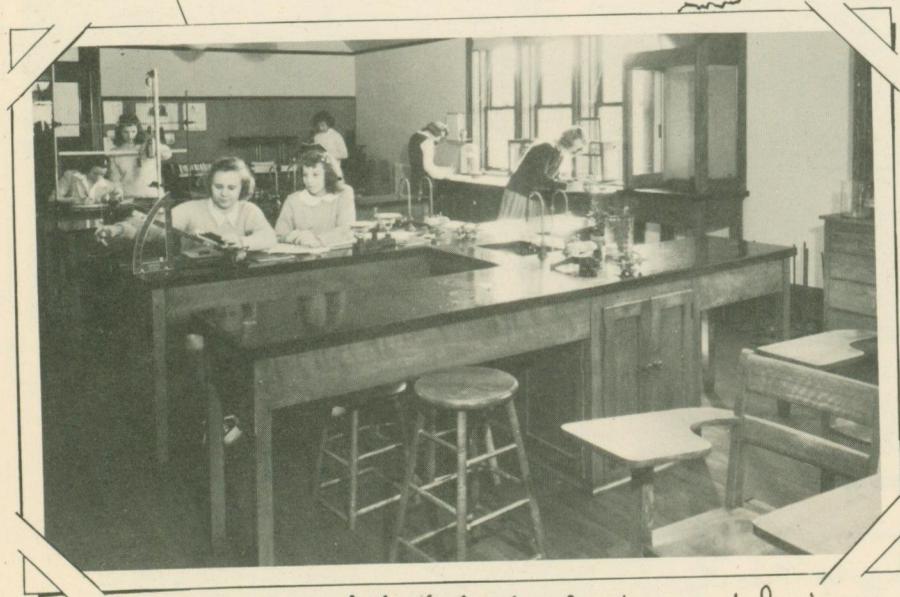
In English the emphasis is on comprehension and evaluation of literature, love for worthwhile reading, acquaintanceship with good books, literary types, styles, pleasure in writing well (self-expression on paper), ability to speak with poise, correct usage, and effective diction.

ACADEMIC COURSES

Classes at the Seminary average fourteen students; this number allows the teacher sufficient time for each student and yet is large enough to provide many points of view for interesting class discussion.

English, 4 years
French, 4 years
Latin, 4 years
Spanish, 4 years
German, 4 years
World History

American History and
Civics
Problems of Democracy
Biology, 2 years
Physics; Chemistry
(alternating)
Algebra, 2 years
Geometry
Practical Mathematics
Practical Art



A corner of the Lab where Juniors and Seniors battle with equations and "irresistible" forces.
(The biology Lab is next door)

Latin, French, German, and Spanish classes stress our knowledge of grammar and our ability to read with understanding. Correct pronunciation in modern languages is developed through constant classroom use.

The History department offers courses covering the ancient, medieval, and modern world, and American history. A course in Problems of Democracy introduces us to current national and local problems such as immigration, welfare work, foreign exchange, and taxation.

Mathematics courses promote clear, logical thinking, accuracy and facility in mechanical operations. Our new Practical Mathematics course introduces us to the fields of banking, taxation, savings and checking accounts, insurance and investments.



9:45 a.m.
*Life is real,
life is earnest -
when we study.*

Art is a full time or a hobby course. If you are like most of us, you'll see a lot of this studio!

Special Interest Electives

These courses add much to our life here at school - they inspire us with self-confidence and help us to explore fields of interest which may become leisure-time pursuits. You should plan to choose at least two courses from the three major fields of art, music, and drama, since these are important for all educated persons.

Art offers creative experience and individual expression -- drawing, painting, clay modeling, and design.

Music includes assembly singing for all, and courses in Glee Club, in an Ensemble Group which furnishes accompaniments at school affairs, and in Music Appreciation, which presents the history of music and composers, as well as musical forms. Our Magna Vox and excellent record library are in constant use. Two lessons per week for a year for any instrument or for voice give one-half credit toward graduation.

Speech gives training in overcoming careless diction and in developing a well-modulated voice. You must complete this course before entering the dramatics classes.

Dramatics develop our poise and self-assurance through the workshop plays done in classes. Every girl in school is eligible for try-outs for the two annual productions -- the Christmas play and the Spring play -- sponsored by the Curtain Club, the honor dramatics group.

Stage Technique girls make the scenery for all the plays, shift scenes for the actual performances, and handle all the lighting.



Semaphore Staff - a posed snap, but it had to be to get all of us in it.

The Newspaper (Semaphore) and Yearbook (Crest) staffs gather the record of the activities of the year. We interview visiting celebrities and report social events. We develop the ability to write graphically and become familiar with financial arrangements, setting up copy, and editing.

Photography Club teaches us how to take, develop, enlarge, and finish good pictures. Many photos are used in the Semaphore and Crest.

Bible class takes up the Old and New Testament stories, with explanation of literary allusions. It develops informal discussions of biblical characters and events as a background for today's reading and living.

Typewriting has many practical advantages for our personal use and benefits us fully as much as it does our readers.

Dance Club gives advanced work in technique and composition, developing physical expression of creative ability. We have dance recitals once or twice each year. Dance Club may be substituted for an athletic period.



Making the sets - it looks like hard work, but it's really lots of fun.



Two stage lighting experts ready to dim out the house.



We make good use of our Magna Vox.



Some of us
boarding our sem
bus for a field trip.



A botany group investigating native flora.

In the Community

The Seminary is fortunate in its location. Milwaukee is rich in cultural advantages which we all enjoy throughout the school year.

A yearly deposit of twenty-five dollars makes possible our attendance at all worthwhile performances of famous orchestras, vocalists, and instrumentalists, as well as the finest plays from Broadway. Any unexpended money is returned at the end of the year, but we always wish we had more funds available.

Field trips for art, science, history, and mathematics courses make our classes come alive and help us to correlate our textbook information with life situations.

A joint Glee Club Concert and Dance with our brother school.

A joint Glee Club Concert with Milwaukee Country Day School, our brother school, is presented each year for the benefit of the American Red Cross or other charitable organization. We knit, collect books for the U S O, pack Junior Red Cross boxes, and work Saturday mornings at Red Cross headquarters. We also send out Thanksgiving baskets to needy families, dress Christmas balls, and give a Dog Show for the Community Fund. Throughout the year we participate in a drive to sell war stamps and bonds, and we contribute to many other causes -- civic, national, and international.



Two of our knitting champions!



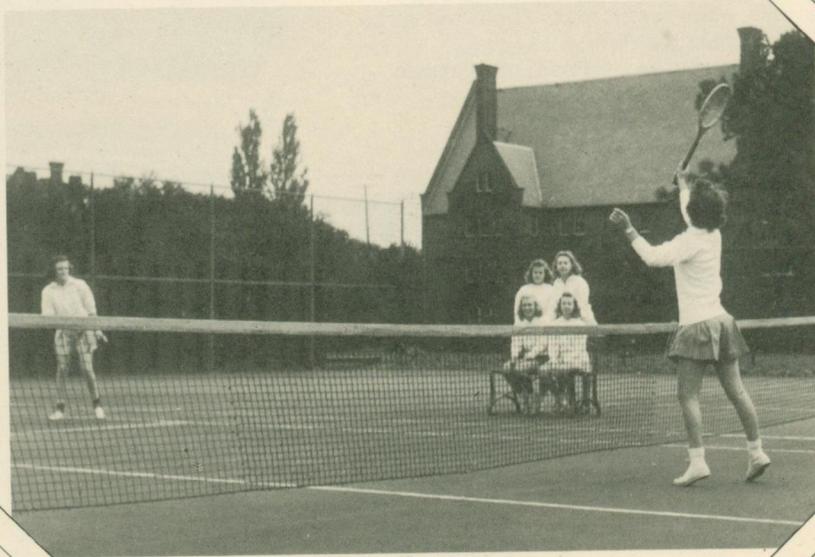
We collect books for service men several times a year.

Sports

We each belong to the Athletic Association and participate in gym classes four times a week unless excused on physician's recommendation. Two traditional athletic teams, the Reds and the Whites, provide keen rivalry. Each of us is a Red or a White forever 'n ever!



We ride at one of the best stables I've ever seen. We're just off for a Sunday afternoon canter.



This is one of the Reds reaching for a high one. She missed it—good! I'm a White.

For sports, we have about everything any one can want, including archery, badminton, baseball, basketball, *fencing, hockey, ice skating, *riding, soccer, *swimming, tennis, track, and volleyball. We also have folk and modern dancing, and posture classes.

(*Nominal fee is charged for these activities only.)

We particularly enjoy the field sports which take us out on our two big hockey fields, new tennis courts, and baseball diamonds. A lighted skating rink is also very much in demand in the winter, especially for our week-end parties.



She has a good right arm!

Sen girls always keep their eyes on the ball.

Health Program

A regular school physician supervises our health program with a resident nurse who is always in attendance at the school. A physical examination is given to each of us every fall, and a tuberculin test, either by the home or school doctor, is required of all new



The infirmary - "How to live alone and like it!"

students. Parents are urged to have their daughters vaccinated against smallpox every seven years and to have the Dick and Schick tests given as preventives for scarlet fever and diphtheria.

A yearly infirmary fee of five dollars entitles each of us to the advice of our resident school nurse whenever necessary and to infirmary care for five days without charge. Any expense for a private nurse, when needed, is borne by the girl's parents. At the school physician's recommendation, any girl may be transferred to a private room at a city hospital.

Our meals are all prepared and served under the supervision of an experienced dietitian, always with plenty of fruits and fresh vegetables. No food other than fruit, crackers, or nuts in small quantities may be kept in our rooms - and don't forget your tin box for them!

Free Time

Life is very full -- classes, study, athletics, and other similar activities take up most of each week day, yet you will find sufficient free time in which to relax, read, play the radio or piano in the lounge, toast marshmallows, cook up a batch of candy or make a sandwich in the kitchenette, or just loaf in your room. Free time on Saturdays and Sundays permits church, movies, walks, riding, outdoor sports and recreation, and much more visiting than on week days. In addition, certain evenings, either a Friday or Saturday night, are unscheduled in order to allow time for all-school parties or other similar events, or to catch up on our private lives.



*Our student lounge —
it's not hard to relax here.*



*Some choice snacks
have come from this
kitchenette.*

Wieners, marshmallows,
and songs around
a bonfire.



A house dance -
a special thrill!



Pajama breakfast
after the house dance.



Off to church.

Week Ends

Two week-end permissions during the first semester and two during the second semester can be so planned that with vacations we can get home for a visit approximately once each month. In addition, we may have an overnight each year in Milwaukee, usually with the day girls.

Due to war conditions, members of the faculty meet any of us coming into Milwaukee at railway or bus stations after dark, at regular chaperonage rates. Free chaperonage is provided by the school when necessary for our regular activities, but if our parents specify chaperonage for other occasions there is a moderate fee.



A Christmas Formal - climax of many weeks' anticipation.

Our week-end program at school is planned by the Student Social Committee with the Head of Residence. Pajama breakfasts, bowling and swimming parties, and senior "sleep-overs" on Sunday mornings are among our favorite events.

Day girls are often included in informal parties, picnics, and attendance at fine plays or symphony concerts. On many week-ends all-school parties are held, and there are several dances with boys.

Oconomowoc
Two days of winter sports! We love it!



High Lights

Extra-curricular activities, those big and little happenings which are separate but still a part of our life at school, include:

Oconomowoc Week-End, at a miniature Sun Valley less than one hour away. Crisp winter air, fresh, clean snow, tricky skis, enormous appetites -- amidst a full two days of fun.



The "play's the thing" when we do it ourselves from making stage sets to the final curtain.



Just a sampling of our hundred candidates for Dog Show laurels

Fun Day, planned by the Student Council for the mutual amusement of students and faculty.

The Horseshoe Hunt, when we follow elusive clues to a final victory, culminates in a bonfire for the lucky finder.

Father-Daughter Banquet, when first we take on our Dads at baseball, then entertain them royally with dinner and skits.

The Christmas Dance -- a traditional formal -- a Christmas Party for Orphans, and a Roller-Skating Party for the whole school, as well as a Prom, a Freshman-Sophomore Dance, and a House Dance.



*All out for base ball,
and our Dads all in.*



*Our last Fair was partly for
China relief.*



Free time in the Senior Room.

CHARGES OF THE SCHOOL

Room, Board, Tuition \$1,025.00

A \$10 registration fee must accompany each application. This will be applied on the second semester's tuition.

\$525.00 is due on or before October 1; \$500.00 is due on or before February 1.

FEES

(Payable with the First Semester's Tuition)

Infirmary Fee	\$ 5.00
Concert, Lecture, Theater Fund Deposit	25.00
Bookstore Deposit	30.00
Activity Fee (optional)	15.00
Music—Instrumental or Vocal—2 lessons per week	100.00
Laboratory Fee for Science and Art, each	5.00

Applications are not subject to withdrawal after the first day of September preceding the school year. and after that date the parent or guardian is liable for the sums stated above.

No student is received for less than the entire year or the remainder of the year in which she is entered. No deduction or refund will be made for absence, dismissal, or withdrawal except in cases of prolonged illness involving an absence of at least a semester, in which event not more than one-half the charges for the one semester of absence will be refunded.

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