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THE EMPTY NEST NEWSLETTER

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"Oh could I fly, I'd fly with thee!
We'd make with joyful wing
Our annual visit o'er the globe,
Companions of the spring. ... John Logan

Kehaar
or
bust!

KRISTEN STEPHANIE HERE!

April 7, 1988, to Stephanie + Tom McPhillips + brother Sean. Welcome to the clan! K + David make 16 quads.

DAVID MYUNG-WOO HERE!

To Jackie Jo, Lee + Annie Guthrie. David, Oct 13 in Korea, arrived at the Guthries at 5 mo. Welcome!

R.A.D. OK AFTER OP!

Yes, Gang, the same old prostate. The limerick of 5 years ago will be repeated on an inside page.

DAMARIS IS IN RUSSIA!

Goes w/ quilting group, visiting Russian quilters. Details within, IF she's back before presstime.

KARL PRODUCES ADAMS-JEFF

Are you listening, over NPR, to "The Adams-Jefferson Letters" (a series, going on now) directed by Uncle Karl?

CRESS MAKES SPECIAL 1st GRADE

A mixed 1-2-3 ala Montessori, limited enrollment, University School, Reno. A few more details within.

ENNL ED HITS JACKPOT!

One Thousand Smackers, out of the blue! See inside for more details, as well as England trip.

SUZI GETS FAT GRANT!

Five Thousand Smackers, out of the blue! And tuition besides. Worth is recognized!

(BAD NEWS HEARD AT PRESSTIME: The 16 tomato + 8 pepper plants JJ planted in granite ground, + watered + mulched, up at the farm, so they'd all have tomatoes, were killed May 24 or 25, by a late frost. (207))

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Herewith Jackie's England Class Schedule: Gaze on a Work of Art & Love & Labour!

NOTE: We're taking 21 students, 20 days, for \$1380 each, which includes all travel and EVERYTHING ELSE except lunches, 4 London dinners, & a few entrancees. UCLA is taking students for 18 days. (Magan sent me a brochure), not doing half as much, providing only 6 dinners, and charging \$2590! Of course, they have twin beds & bathrooms--but our people have made their hostel sleep-sheets, and a rent complaining. Wish you could Allgo!

BRITISH LITERATURE: SIGHTS AND SITES

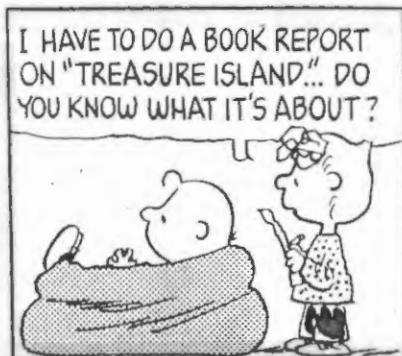
SOURCES OF BRITISH CHILDREN'S LITERATURE (SSU)

BRITISH LIT, 1800-PRESENT (DACC)

OUR SCHEDULE

- June 8, Day 1 : Drive to O'Hare; fly out on Air Canada at 3:55 PM
Wednesday Mary is getting a DACC van, free, Jackie HOPES to get the SSU soccer van, paid for by Arts & Sciences, but if not, we'll split the cost--under \$10, she thinks. (for each.)
at 7:50 PM.
- June 9, Day 2: Arrive at Heathrow Airport, London, We'll have a
Thursday pub lunch, walk through some famous gardens (Kew lost 500 trees in last fall's hurricane), perhaps take some bus rides past famous spots, get to bed early, at Holland House Youth Hostel.
at 7:35 AM.
- June 10, D. 3 Dickens House, Old Curiosity Shop, pub lunch at the
Friday Sherlock Holmes Pub, Westminster Abbey Poet's Corner, theater at night. Also St. Paul's Cathedral. (John Newbery, remember? And Sunrise in May.)
- June 11, D.4
Saturday FREE DAY. Shop, visit the Tower, ride down the Thames to Greenwich and stand on the International Date Line, watch the Changing of the Guard (you will of course all have the poem memorized); visit any galleries (mostly free), the British Museum (free) do anything you like. Those who wish can go to the theater again tonight. (Or pub crawl.)
- June 12, d.5
Sunday We'll take "The Perfect London Walk" through Hampstead Heath, visit Keats' house, Highgate Cemetery, etc.
- June 13, D.6
Monday Off early to Oxford by coach. Pause at Pangbourne, where Kenneth Grahame lived, also Ratty and Moley. Pub lunch at "The Eagle and Child" (known as "The Bird and Baby") where Lewis, Tolkien, Williams and friends used to lunch regularly; there is a plaque to the "Inklings" by their table. Afternoon, we will go with Walter Hooper, literary executor of the C.S. Lewis Estate, to Lewis's home, The Kilns, and Walt will talk to us, of his friendships with Lewis and Tolkien, and answer questions. Probably time in afternoon to visit Kenneth Grahame's grave with its beautiful inscription, and Tolkien's, and walk through some of the colleges. Sleep at Oxford Youth Hostel.
- June 14, D. 7
Tuesday Morning launch ride down the Thames (Ratty and Moley's Riverbank) to Abingdon. Picnic lunch. Possible afternoon activity: "The Oxford Story" exhibit, but certainly Alice's Old Sheep Shop and visit to Christ Church Hall (Lewis Carroll's college). 6 p.m.: Evensong at Christ Church, NOT TO BE MISSED. The hostel will delay dinner for us till 8'o'clock.

Visit Blackwells
children's bookstore
at same pt. in
Oxford Bodleian
exhibit.



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MORE ENGLAND SCHEDULE: (JJ's been working up to this trip/class for years, on her bicycling & other jaunts around England. Truly: a huge Beatrix Potter show is going on at the Pierpont Morgan library in NYC, decimating the England sites!)

SITES AND SIGHTS, Page 2

June 15, D. 8
Weds.

* the Ridgeway

A drive to Uffington and the Vale of the White Horse, a prehistoric chalk carving, with a walk ~~down~~ as ancient a trail as there is in the world, * to Wayland's Smithy, a burial barrow (read Tolkien), excavated. Plan on larks and sheep and vistas. A pause at the Uffington church to see the memorial to Thomas Hughes (1822-2896), of Tom Brown's Schooldays. (The school is in the corner of the churchyard.) We'll picnic. This excursion is for Jackie's class primarily. In the ~~afternoon~~ we'll drive to Cogg's Farm Museum, 10 miles or so the other direction from Oxford (a working farm ala Hardy's time, 1880) and on to Minster Lovell, one of the gentlest most beautiful spots in the world, in the Cotswolds. This is optional if you want to stay in Oxford and wash your underwear.

June 16, D.9
Thurs.

Early start to the Lake District, via Stratford-on-Avon, brief time for viewing Will Shakespeare sites and a bit of picnic. On to Daresbury (near Chester) where Lewis Carroll grew up, and his father's church has an Alice window. Then we'll transfer to the fast motorway (superhighway to us!) to the Lake District and the Grasmere Youth Hostel.

June 17, D.10
Friday

Wordsworth Day. Dove Cottage, etc. Lunch at Ambleside. More W'worth in afternoon, but alot of lovely riding and walking, and soaking up Arthur Ransome's Lake Country.

June 18, D. 11
Saturday

Beatrix Potter Day. Visit Hilltop Cottage, at Near Sawrey. Perhaps a steamboat ride on Lake Windemere, the "Swallows and Amazons" lake (although Wildcat Island is probably located in Coniston Waters.) Afternoon tea at Newby Bridge, where Arthur Ransome wrote several of his books.

boat ride on Coniston?

June 19, Day 12
Sunday

Leave the Lakes, via Yorkshire Dales to Haworth, visit the Brontë home and museum. Time for a walk on the moors to the house said to be the model for the house in Wuthering Heights. If some of the group wishes, the coach will take us on an afternoon side trip to York, with the possibility of visiting the Jorvik center, a fascinating reconstruction of a Viking village, with live people and animals, smells, etc. Plus the York walls, cathedral, etc. We'll eat dinner and sleep at the Haworth youth hostel.

June 20, D. 13
Monday

Travel toward Bath, via Nottingham, Robin Hood country. Picnic here under the greenwood tree. On to Gloucester, see the house of The Tailor of Gloucester (B. Potter). The Bath hostel is full; at the moment we're booked somewhat north of Bath at Malvern Hills. Nope! South at Cheddar. (where the cheese came from.)



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AND MORE, AND MORE, AND MORE! (To quote Lewis Carroll: Gillian can supply the next line.) If you're wondering what we're doing with Hardy, Austen & Wordsworth on a Children's Lit tour, it's because Mary Coffman is bringing 10 Danville students on a general British Lit class. Some of her people are taking my class, & vice versa. We've combined bk lists as much as possible, i.e., Alice, Watership Down, Oliver Twist, Tolkien, Lewis, etc. A real credit bargain for those taking both classes!

SITES AND SIGHTS, p. 3

June 21, D. 14 Tuesday Drive on into Bath, walking tour of this beautiful city with its Georgian architecture and elegant crescents. We'll see sites associated with Jane Austen, and visit the Roman Baths and the Pump Room. We think our guide will be in period dress. Not sure where we're sleeping, probably head south of Bath. (Cheddar.)

June 22, D. 15 Wednesday We'll visit Lyme Regis, famous for its portrayal in Hardy novels, and also in John Fowles' The French Lieutenant's Woman. Onward to lunch in Dorchester, which is Casterbridge in the Hardy novel. Perhaps visit the museum here, but we will, ~~have~~ special permission, to visit Hardy's birthplace in nearby Higher Bockhampton. We'll eat and sleep at the ~~Litten Cheney youth hostel~~ near Dorchester, which was once a cheese factory, and is in the country facing the sea. (also Jane Austen)

June 23, D. 16 Thursday Drive North through Cerne Abbas, pause for a cup of tea with Jackie's friends Hugh and Jessie Perkins near Gillingham, and drive through Shaftesbury to see "Gold Hill" which is in every movie you've ever seen portraying 18th century England. On to Stonehenge, where (among other events over the centuries) Tess of the D'Urbervilles was captured. Back to Salisbury to view the cathedral, and on to the Winchester hostel to sleep. Sleep at Salisbury hostel. (alas, we'd be at Bridport.) (BUT, Bridport is home of the best ginger snap in the world - see joke p. 10 - I = Care!!!)

June 24, D. 17 Friday View Winchester Cathedral in the morning, then to Watership Down for a picnic, and to meet with the author of Watership Down, Richard Adams, in the afternoon. He'll talk to us on the down, if the weather is fair, and at the Overton hostel if it's pouring rain. Supper (made by us) at the Overton hostel, the smallest we'll be staying at. Meet the warden, Virginia Langer.

June 25, D. 18 Saturday Breakfast (made by us and Jackie is planning kippers!) at Overton, and on to Brighton, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ where we'll check into the hostel, and then go on to Kipling's home at Bateman's (1902-1936). Continue on to Hartfield, where we'll hike to Poohsticks Bridge and visit the Hundred Acre Wood. (Ashdown Forest) and "The Enchanted Place." There's a lovely shop in Hartfield, Pooh Corner, where you can buy many things with a Pooh theme. Sleep at Brighton. (Chawton at Alton?)

June 26, D. 19 Sunday We ride the steam railway, the Bluebell Railway, used in the movie version of E. Nesbit's The Railway Children. Free time in Brighton, unless we visit a Roman villa at Bignor, near Arundel, which has in place some of the finest mosaic floors in England. Sleep at Brighton. (Or go see Bodiam Castle--we're short on castles!)

June 27, D. 20 Monday Leave Brighton, drive to Heathrow Airport, and fly back to O'Hare. Selah!

READING LIST FOR JJ'S CLASS: all ENNL readers are invited to Read-a-long!

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| 1. OLIVER TWIST, Dickens | 10. A SWARM IN MAY, Wm. Mayne |
| 2. ALICE IN WONDERLAND & THRU THE LOOKING GLASS, L. Carroll | 11. THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS, Graham |
| 3. WATERSHIP DOWN, R. Adams | 12. THE RAILWAY CHILDREN, E. Nesbit |
| 4. LION, WITCH & WARDROBE, C.S. Lewis | 13. POOH books, A.A. Milne |
| 5. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, J.R.R. Tolkien | 14. Something by Kipling: JUST SO STORIES, THE JUNGLE BOOK, KIM |
| 6. WARRIOR SCARLET, R. Sutcliffe | |
| 7. PETER RABBIT, etc., B. Potter | Recommended but not required: SECRET GARDEN, a Jane Austen novel, Hardy novel & poems, Sherlock Holmes stories, any books on Mary's reading list. Oh, Robin Hood, King A. |
| 8. SWALLOWS & AMAZONS, A. Ransome | |
| 9. JANE EYRE, C. Brontë | |



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FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Professor of English Jacqueline Jackson was honored with the first annual Dennis C. Foss Award for Creative Excellence in Teaching. The \$1,000 award was made possible through an endowment fund set up by Dr. Foss, who previously served the University as acting

Vice President for Academic Affairs. Nominations for the Foss award were submitted by students.

Larry Korte
John M. Doyle

Spfld. There wasn't any citation, or certificate, or plaque, but there WAS a CHECK, Xeroxed here for posterity. You're seeing the first Dennis C. Foss award for Creative Excellence in Teaching, an award that just "showed up." (We've had awards at SSU, a teaching institution, for everything BUT teaching! Dennis Foss is a former prof, apparently wealthy, & why he's endowed an award I do not know: but I'm delighted to accept it! The nominations were by students past & present, the judges, professors emeriti, alumni, & students. The president read some of the nominating paragraphs at an awards bash. If I can get any from him, I'll print them in a future issue. Pretty neat! Question: What 'll I spend it on? I don't want to put it into taxes, or usual expenses, or previous planned expenditures.

BRIEFS

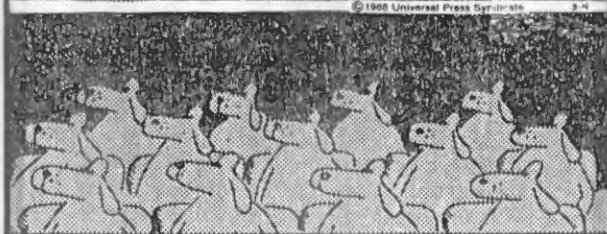
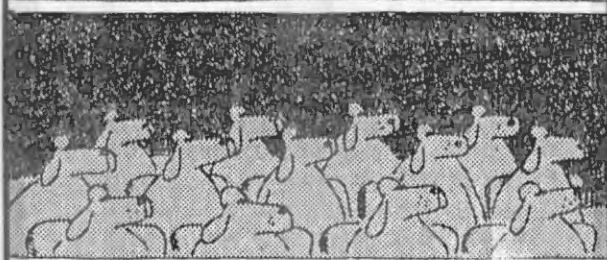
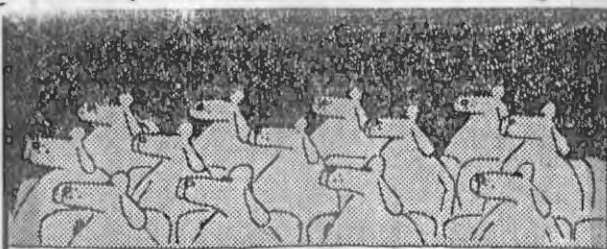
Mayfield Village, Ohio Kristen McPhillips was 7lbs 12oz at birth, blonde hair, blue eyes, lovely little face, all intact. Father Tom video'd the birth!

Philadelphia Guthrie parents, grand parents & sister are overjoyed w/ David Myung-Woo, born in Seoul, Oct 13 '87, and came home March 16 '88.

Reno It's part of the public school system, but is at the University, & has 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades in an ungraded classroom. They try to get a cross-section of kids, not just the super smarties, but of course Cressida's at the bright end of the spectrum! There's fierce competition; Gillian was on the phone the instant registration opened up. Cress got an interview, swaggered off to it all alone, came back beaming, and later came the word, she's IN! This means top notch education for three years. Bravo! (It's called The Early Learning Center.)

ished, and it's wonderful! We had a great Indian dinner out. Now. They're going to make, & sell, reproductions of ancient Cypriot pottery, which they've copied from the British Museum - remarkably good!... Anna Davin is the calm center of a huge net work of interesting women, family - men, too. V. knowledgeable in children's lit, historical children's lit, women's work in Victorian times, etc. I had a wonderful time there. Also a v. fine afternoon w/ Maggie Devereux in Oxford. I knocked on Richard Adams' door & he was charming, & will talk to our class on top of W. Down! With his reception, I took courage & knocked on Rosemary Sutcliffe's door, & she invited me to tea, & was gracious & (of course) interesting. I recommended her adult book to all, Sword at Sunset, K. Arthur as it could have happened. And all her children's historical fiction. I loved the hostels, as usual, had 'em pretty much to myself, & Arundel saved supper & had it set up in front of the telly, with Mystery tuned in, as I galloped in. I spent a wet afternoon finding Pocksticks Bridge, hitchhiked some, & found myself happy on my own for 17 days. Did all the nitty-gritty for the class. Met w/ the four people supplying the coach & making all our reservations, in Chester - a fascinating city. Mine was a business trip, but so much FUN, & a good break from classes. Every semester should have a 3 wk travel break!

JJ SPENDS 1/2 HOUR in LAKE DISTRICT Windermere, England When she got up there (long train trip) she found Beatrix Potter's cottage was closed till Apr 1, & this was Mar 5 (Her own not checking!) So JJ turned around & went to Oxford, snagged Walt Hooper to talk on CS Lewis to the class in June. Highlights of Mar 1-17 trip: Sev. days with ENNL readers Hugh & Jessie Perkins at their new bung-a-low; w/ Paul & Winnie Taylor, ditto (Hocking relatives) I climbed around Tintagel w/ Paul, & had other great hikes w/ her, Boscastle Harbor with a noisy blow-hole, & a Vermont like stream in the other direction, AND, a bronze age village, Carn Euny, with a bee-hive like room, & along tunnel (a "fogou"), near Lundy End. Made a new friend, Anna Davin, in London, where I stayed, instead of w/ Nancy Hocking. She, Ate & Tamar are moving to Cyprus for several years, their kids are in the house, & it's crowded & busy. The house is finally finished, and it's wonderful! We had a great Indian dinner out. Now. They're going to make, & sell, reproductions of ancient Cypriot pottery, which they've copied from the British Museum - remarkably good!... Anna Davin is the calm center of a huge net work of interesting women, family - men, too. V. knowledgeable in children's lit, historical children's lit, women's work in Victorian times, etc. I had a wonderful time there. Also a v. fine afternoon w/ Maggie Devereux in Oxford. I knocked on Richard Adams' door & he was charming, & will talk to our class on top of W. Down! With his reception, I took courage & knocked on Rosemary Sutcliffe's door, & she invited me to tea, & was gracious & (of course) interesting. I recommended her adult book to all, Sword at Sunset, K. Arthur as it could have happened. And all her children's historical fiction. I loved the hostels, as usual, had 'em pretty much to myself, & Arundel saved supper & had it set up in front of the telly, with Mystery tuned in, as I galloped in. I spent a wet afternoon finding Pocksticks Bridge, hitchhiked some, & found myself happy on my own for 17 days. Did all the nitty-gritty for the class. Met w/ the four people supplying the coach & making all our reservations, in Chester - a fascinating city. Mine was a business trip, but so much FUN, & a good break from classes. Every semester should have a 3 wk travel break!



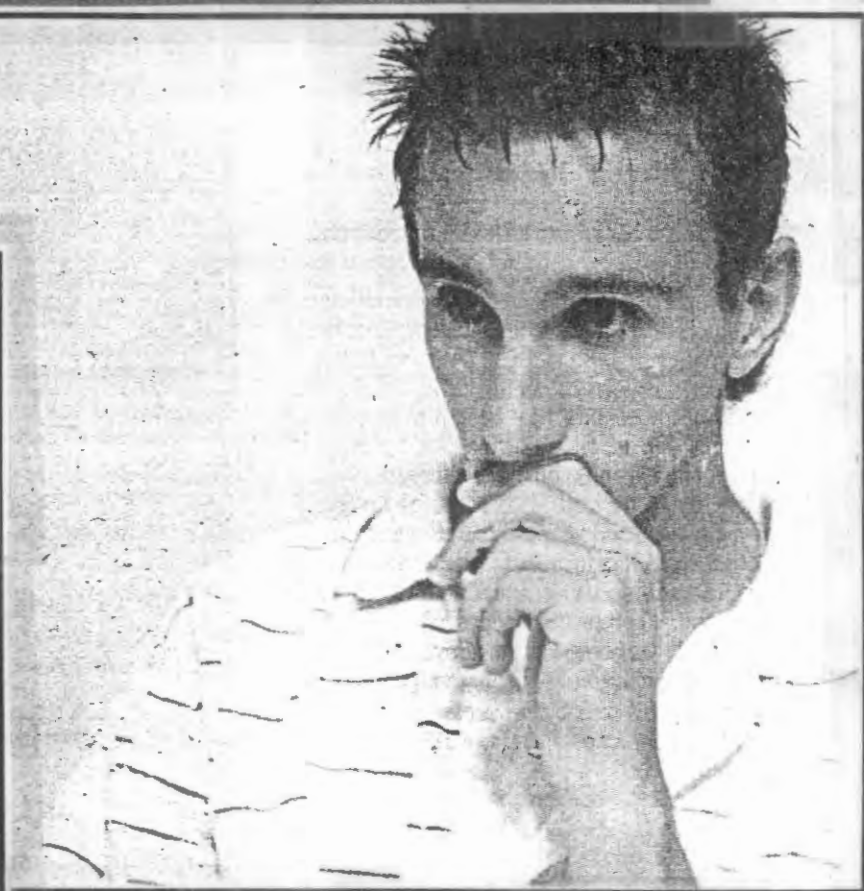
At the popular dog film, "Man Throwing Slicks."



FIRST
PRIZE
←
LEAVES
ME
COLD!

SECOND PRIZE →
DITTO

HONORABLE MENTION ↓



I ask you, though-- YOU be the judges! Don't you think Cress & the Angel should be FIRST PRIZE in her category, "Environmental Portraiture"? By the way, there were 400 entries!

THIRD
PRIZE →
CUTE, BUT...

Honorable Mention, Environmental Portraiture.

Illinois Times Apr. 28-May 4, 1988



Photograph by Jackie Jackson, Springfield

Last summer, Jackie Jackson, a professor of English at Sangamon State University, was bicycling just over the border from Illinois in Rock County, Wisconsin, the area where she grew up. She had decided to ride through every township in the county, partly for the exercise and scenery, and partly to get her mind off her mother's hospitalization.

Says Jackson, "I took side lanes and snooped at every point of interest. I found a little Lutheran (Norwegian) cemetery...set way back from the road on top of a little hill. In that cemetery were four stone angels. When my grandchild, Cressida, came to visit, I couldn't bicycle every day, but we swam every day. On the way to a swim one gray day we were driving my dad's car...and so I said, 'let's go see the stone angels.' Cressida was charmed with them and was used to having her picture taken. She hopped right up on the side of the angel, tossing my red T-shirt over the shoulder. It was purely fortuitous, as was the gray day." Jackson, who readily admits she is not a photographer, calls it "the best picture I've ever taken."

After the initial reaction . . .



... She accepted the award gracefully.

Thank-you note JJ sent to those students which she knew nominated her for said award. (Drawing by Edward Gorey.)

UPDATE ON VWD

Beib Grandma remains abt the same, sleeps a lot. Chimed in on some hymns I sang to her the other night. Jo an came down for sev. days after RAD's operation & played her fiddle some, which Gran enjoyed. She sits up when we can get 2 people to lift her. She's not in pain.

Innocence, on the Bicycle of Propriety, carrying the Urn of Reputation safely over the Abyss of Indiscretion

(But really Jackie accepting the Foss Award.)

ST. ANDREWS BY THE SEA CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

ARTS FESTIVAL, New Brunswick, Canada. Lewie is spearheading, directing this.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS--1988 Summer Arts Festival

RECITALS

Greenock Church

- July 9, Saturday, 8:00pm-Allegra Chamber Quartet - *Non-trad-String Quartet*
- July 10, Sunday, 3:00pm-John Hansen, Pianist
- July 24, Sunday, 3:00pm- soloist to be announced
- July 15, Friday, 8:00pm-possible student recital

WORKSHOP

- July 11-15, Piano workshop, Professor John Hansen, "U" of Acadia 1:30-4:30 each day, level 8-10, auditions for the Orchestra Concerto Competition

BALLET

- August 6, Saturday, 8:00pm, Dance East Contemporary Company, 12 dancers.
- August 13, Saturday, 8:00pm, Robinson Ballet Company, 6 dancers, classical
- July 23, Saturday, 8:00pm-Ballet Magnificat possible?

OPERA

- July 30 and 31, Saturday 7:30pm and Sunday 3:00pm, Surry Opera Company-60 member chorus and 40 Canadian singers ⁷⁵

ORCHESTRA

- August 20, Saturday, 8:00pm, St. Andrews Festival Orchestra Concert (Orchestra Concerto winner as soloist)

Meanwhile, back at the ranch . . .

Beating the drum for bucks

By LESLIE R. MYERS
Clarion-Ledger Staff Writer

The Jackson Symphony Orchestra must drum up \$500,000 to let the music play for a 44th season.

The Jackson Symphony — the state's largest performing arts group — is strapped with balancing the current 1987-88 season budget and paying off old debts.

The record-high fund-raising drive begins today.

"It's a do or die situation," said symphony president Stuart M. Irby. "But I feel if the problem is made known, people will respond. We don't want to leave any stone unturned."

"The symphony has been in transition for two or three years," said Holly Wagner, who became symphony manager in October. "The musicians with our new conductor (Colman Pearce) are performing at a level equal to any orchestra in this region of the country."

Symphony in transition

Here's a time capsule of the symphony's recent transitions:

June 1985: John Bland becomes symphony manager.

March 1986: 20-year veteran symphony conductor Lewis Dalvit resigns.

September 1986: Symphony musicians begin a 44-day strike over wages and working conditions.

May 1987: Colman Pearce becomes the new conductor.

June 1987: Bland resigns.

October 1987: Holly Wagner becomes manager.

"But now it's time to put this organization on firm financial footing," Wagner said. "That's what this campaign is all about."

"This has happened because of a number of things: The departure of a much-beloved conductor, the management dispute and the absence of an aggressive and strategic marketing and fund-raising plan to take place every year."

"And earned income and grants are not what they were six or seven years ago, in terms of our overall budget."

If the fund-raising goals aren't met, the symphony's fate would hinge on how close they come.

"I don't mean that everything would be erased — but we would have to restructure the operation," Irby said. "I don't see any other way."

(Mississippi, of course)

and we all know who that is!

(Longish article excerpted by ENNLEd.)

Chapter a Day's 'voice'

[The best-known voice in Wisconsin! Looks a bit Mephistophelean, doesn't he!]

speaks at Beloit library

Karl Schmidt of Wisconsin Public Radio's "Chapter-A-Day" will speak at the annual meeting of Friends at the Beloit Library (FABL).

FABL will present his talk "Telling Stories" 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in the library, and invites the public to attend.

Schmidt will discuss how he chooses a book and the problems of copyright, plot and length, and will also give a short reading.

"Anyone who has ever heard his marvelous voice will not want to miss him," said Annie Collins of FABL.

Schmidt, professor-emeritus at University of Wisconsin-Extension in Madison, serves as producer-director of radio programs and of other audio materials for the Telecommunications Center on the Madison campus.

From 1971 to 1983 he headed the "Earplay" project, a national program producing radio drama for public radio stations funded by the



Karl Schmidt

Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Endowment for the Arts.

From 1968 to 1971 he originated and directed the National Center for Audio Experimentation, and during the same time served as director of

radio for WHA, the University of Wisconsin production center for the statewide FM network.

With the exception of 1941-45 military service, when he worked in the Pacific Theater establishing and operating Armed Forces stations, he worked from 1940 to 1967 with WHA, first as student and later as producer and production manager.

His numerous awards include the Prix Italia, broadcasting's premiere international award, and distinguished service awards from National Public Radio and UW-Extension.

Schmidt is also known here as the husband of Joanne Dougan, and son-in-law of Ron and Vera Dougan.

He has free-lanced in commercial broadcasting as an announcer, narrator and actor in New York, Chicago and Madison. He has been a jury member for both the Prix Italia and the Prix Futura. His degrees are a BA in economics and and MA in speech both from the University of Wisconsin.

AND, DIRECTS

"THE ADAMS-JEFFERSON LETTERS" ON AMERICAN PUBLIC RADIO. This

terrific drama may well be on your public station, call

• ask when it starts. Tell them Amer. P. Radio, KSTN in St. Paul,

is distributing it, it's entertaining & educational, & you want to hear it.

Those responsible for the show are 2 Carlton & 1 St. Olaf's

prof. (a poly. sci prof from each institution, & drama prof from C.)

They asked Karl to produce it, & Karl found two Quaker

Theater actors w/ perfect voices to be A. & J. in their old age.

Karl worked w/ Carlton & St. O. on the scripts & details abt a year, then recorded it in

St. Paul. It's the letters of the 2 old friends after the 13

year split. • Abigail in it, too. TOO FINE TO MISS!

THE GOOD NEWS ON SUZIE

Minneapolis It's \$9000 AND tuition, and it fell from heaven into Suzie's lap: Three of her musicology teachers got together and nominated her for a fellowship at the U of Minn. It's a Grad School Recruiting Fellowship, and the competition was school wide - and Suzie got it! (Or one: if they give several.) This means good opportunities for TA's, later, too. Congratulations, Suzie! You deserve it: and 3 teachers thought so too.

NEWS BRIEFS

Reno, NV. Gillian & Cress's new address is: 1325 Hillside Dr., Reno 89 503, & the phone, 702-329-9480. She's now a block or two off campus, and Cressie won't get histoplasmosis (Nutmeg apt. had mucho pigeon poop!) Sharing the house is Gillian's friend Joe Bumstead. Welcome from ENNL, Joe!

Minneapolis Demi has done her first Residency in the schools! She did quilting with kids for 5 days, & feels it went pretty well. Pretty good pay, too.

St. Louis A quilt of Demi's will be on display in July.

Calamity City Pat & Lewie Dalvit have been relieved (by thieves) of a considerable quantity of best clothes, plus all their wedding silver. Wailing & gnashing of teeth!

Santa Cruz, CA. Megan Jackson is taking a typography class and hating every minute of it. Too much math! She's also done some figuring, & to rent a car when ever she needs or wants to go out of town is cheaper than buying even a used car: insurance, license, repairs, etc. Math has its value!

Beloit-Spfd, May 8. JJ drove home from Beloit with tornado warnings the whole way. There were white-caps on the borrow pits! At one point she saw a black column crossing a field ahead of her, she swooped into a farmyard, kept out of the car, & the farmer's wife was holding the door open for her! (She's learned her lesson, from the time she & Carol Delf drove straight into a black wall, on way to Burlington, saying, "It's a good thing Vt. doesn't have tornadoes!"... and found 5 had hit, to the lake cottage.)

REPEATED BY POPULAR DEMAND

(in honor of RAD's second prostate operation, and his 86th birthday May 20. This Limerick was published 5 years ago in ENNL.)

"Our worthy progenitor, he

"Was finding it pain free to pee.

"With consummate art

"They reamed out his part,

"And now it's all piddle-dee-dee!"

(RAD now has his hospital ward whipped into shape.)

SLEEPS WITH MOUSE

Beloit ENNL Ed sleeps regularly with Mickey Mouse, in Spfd, but this was a mouse mouse, in Beloit. JJ comes up abt once a month for a couple of nights, & so tells people not to change the sheets. Last visit, JJ looked critically & decided they needed a change. In doing so, out cascaded

seeds, crumbs, etc. A mouse had a nest where the sheet tucks in at the foot. JJ trusts it's been comfy.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THIS FISH STORY?

Portland Dr. Craig Dougan swears it's true: when he was interning at L.D. Hosp, Salt Lake, he had 3 weeks doing circumcisions. Every chance he got, he went fishing in Little Cottonwood Canyon. One day he took a handful of foreskins & used them for bait, and found that the fish really went for them. A fisherman downstream came up to see "What was causing Craig's success," & Cr. confessed he was using foreskins. "Are you a rabbi too?" asked the fisherman.

DAMARIS, Cont from p. 12 (last page)

-- In the writeup of Demi's impressions, I ran out of space before saying how WARM she found the Russian people, and hospitable. Their guide, provided by the Board of Trade Union, was a delight, & they all loved her - a woman abt 40. D. found in the people a great love of country, tho they would like more things. D. was glad they stayed off the beaten, touristy track,

MORE BRIEFS

Philly When Anne Guthrie saw her new brother, David Myung-woo, she remarked, "His eyes are tight."

Montpelier, VT. There's a **WARDNER FAMILY REUNION** this summer, August 4-7. JJ expects to be close by at Mole End, & to attend much of it. Who else from our branch is going? Paul? Mig? Bobby Smith? How about the next generation? Mary Ellen? Maggie? Gordon? Let's all go!

New Brunswick Video of Sean McPhillips, not yet 1, last summer: You see him mouthing something for several minutes, as video scenes come & go. Suddenly they realize he's chewing a bug. Also on video: the terrific log block-house that Pat & Lew are building for grand children. It's a magnificent structure w/ great view of the sea.

Madison, WI Chad Dell has received funding for a Masters thru a Ph.D. at U. of Wis. He'll be a T.A., & start in the fall. Meanwhile he's working up a local talent TV show. Concord, Windermere, England The 1/2 hr. JJ spent in the Lake District was spent pursuing a small bottle of local perfume, "Green Linnet." (Unfortunately the distillery had moved twice since Megan was there, and is now in Kendal, 9 mi from where JJ was (even the Toonerville Trolley went thru there.) it's June!

Peterborough, N.H. Carol Dell has switched jobs: from the Emergency Room to the Operating Room at Monadnock Hosp. Means less hours, same pay, time for a painting course, doing some writing, other activities. Hurray!

Beloit WI Ron & Georgine Freitag have moved out of the Big House on the Dairy, & now strangers are there (and in the Little House) although Ron is still farming the land. Jackie had removed from the Big House: the flour-box from the kitchen, the marble tabletop, an iron bed, & a nice chest of drawers. Oh, and the mirror out of the upstairs bathroom. All else long since gone. The flour box is sentimental: RAD used to sit on it & argue evolution with his mother as she cooked, & all four grand children sat on it in their turn, to be in on kitchen activities but out from under foot.

Springfield, IL About half the plants at 816 N. 5th (Most of them NOT JJ's) have gone to summer camp in the backyard. Surrounded by a fence, they will stay out in the sun & rain till late Sept. A few tender plants (Megan's rosary, etc.) will stay inside, in the bay window.

Peterborough, Ontario Heather Dell has just finished teaching a Mystery Class which culminated in a bus trip to Toronto & Murder at the Royal Hotel. Heather is going to teach Intro to Anthro this summer at Trent U., & is going to publish her thesis - on murder mystery weekends - w/ U. of Western Ontario. Great going!

Chicago Elle Jackson was recently stunned by the cost of routine visits to the vet of her two kittens, Bonnie & Clyde (so named because of their destructive personalities). She brought them up to Beloit for their second sets of shots, & plans to have them spayed & neutered, when the time comes, by Dr. Kailans Jr. at a reasonable fee.

Dorset, Eng. Hugh Perkins dug a nice little pond in the garden of their new bungalow, lined it with stone, put in water plants, planted rose bushes, set out a bench, & stocked the pond with lots of gold fish. The next day they found a large heron standing in the pond. It ate all the goldfish but three!



Through some unfortunate celestial error, Ernie is sent to Hog Heaven.

NOT TO BE OFFENDED

Chatham, IL Becky Veach invites all readers of ENNL to Tim & Chris's wedding on July 2, in Bloomington, IL, & begs you not to be offended that you won't be getting an invitation. A certain number were printed up; Chris's parents took a bunch, Tim & Ch. took a bunch, & Becky & Jerry got the remainder: NOT ENOUGH! So Becky's divided the guest list into 3: those who have to be invited & will come; 2, those who won't or can't come but will be offended if they don't get an invitation, and 3) those who can't come but know they're welcome, & won't be offended not to get an invitation. You ENNL readers from a far fall into Category # 3. You're wanted, Gillian, Cress, Megan, Damaris -- and others.

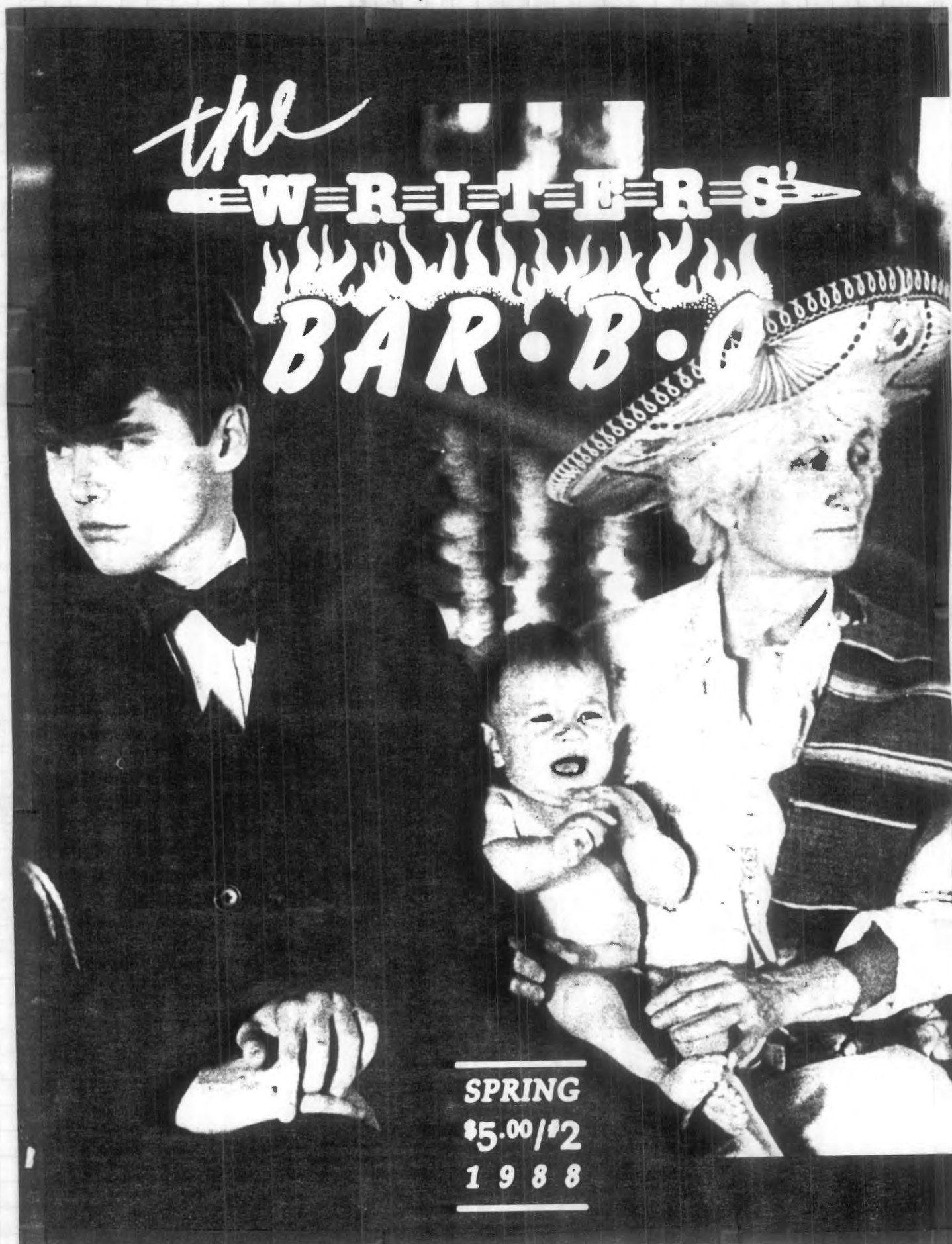
WATCH OUT FOR PORRIDGE!

Oxford, Eng. JJ's friend from early days in England, ENNL reader Maggie Devereux, has been having a strange & ominous eye malady; blurring, double vision, other troubles, so that she can no longer drive a car, read only some of the time, etc: really incapacitating but some days, her eyes would be OK - OK for a while. Drs. were baffled. Then her daughter read an article abt overeating oatmeal (or other grains) causing eye trouble. Maggie had begun eating lots of porridge awhile back. She cut it out, & the recovery's been magical! Now she's carefully working thru other foods to see what else causes the eye-reaction. If you



with a copy of the article, & Maggie's experience, write me. I'm relieved to find you've found the cause, Maggie! But what a villain-like Mom, the flog apple pie!

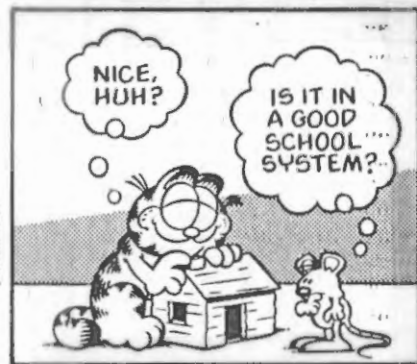
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ENNL EDITOR IS COVER WOMAN!



This is issue # 2 of a new (national!) literary magazine, published in Spfld by some of my students, my former students, & John Knoepfle's former students. They asked me to dress up on the cover, & of course I accepted! I was honored! I called "the Brooding Young Man, the Naked Baby, & the Wacky Ol' Lady." Send manuscripts, or subscriptions (1, 2 or 3 issues, \$ 5, 10 or 15) to 924 Bryn Mawr, Spfld, IL, 62703.

This issue's cover was shot by the Springfield photographer, printmaker and artist, BRIDGET WALSH STONE. Our subjects are JACKIE JACKSON, whose novels and stories have inspired so many people, and whose creative writing classes are still among the most popular offerings at Sangamon State; TOWNSEND REGAHR, whose working manuscript is entitled *Hidden Driveways* (TR is a long time member of Sangamon Writers, usually to be found Friday evenings at our workshops); and DANE NICHOLAS ALEXANDER GAYDOS, son of local artists and patrons, LARZ GAYDOS and JULIE SLACK, whose artistic arena is yet to be defined.

This cartoon commemorates Jeremy & Wendy's new log cabin home (of greater dimensions) plus Cressida's getting into a good school system!



STOPPRESS:DEMI BACK:BORSCHT WORTH TRIP!

Russia And alot more, besides. D reports she couldnt get enough of the borscht; it was of many varieties. She was with a group of quilters from Seattle, (8) 2 from Iowa, & 3 strays, making 13. Their purpose was to meet the Russian people, and see the folk arts. Their guide, Valentina, met them at the airport, & had been told they were interested in folk dancing, which of course they were, too - esp. Demi. It was overcast as the plane descended to Moscow, D. felt like Alice going down the rabbit hole: what was she falling into? When they landed, she cried. (Result of all those yrs of grade-school Russian, & the abiding interest that spawned.) They stayed at hotels the Russians use, not the "intourist" hotels, & so had heavy meat & potato breakfasts, more Russian-style meals. They didnt meet quilters! they saw people at work in a textile mill, & 2 museums of old wooden houses - winter rooms, summer rooms - and saw old quilts in those houses. But it is hard to get fabric to make quilts and, the people dont have time for quilting, or to give to folk arts - the women work full time, must stand in line 2 hrs. a day - cook, clean, wash, & dont have driers. Quilting hasnt swung around again, as it has in the U.S. & elsewhere. If you have any money, you buy a blanket. D. gave the fabric she brought to a woman whose home she visited, who does sewing. The queues were not as bad as D'd expected. Longest line at liquor store, open only 2 hrs. a day. If people see a queue forming anywhere, they just get into it, then find what's available, & whether they want to stay in line! There's nothing much to buy: The food stores are dismal (no color) & poorly stocked, the goods in the "universal" stores are high priced, & not enticing - \$30 for a duster-type house dress, etc. D. couldnt find film ex. in Moscow, & that, black & white. Teenagers would stare D. w/ their eyes, land on her feet (Reeboks) and stay there. D. tried to use her Russian, but didnt have the vocab, & this prevented her understanding much. She used simple phrases. The bldgs. are drab, but inside have areas w/ beautiful art work. D. came home feeling v. rich in possessions... couldnt explain to Russians the downside of consumer culture - R. kids desperate for a tape recorder like Demi's (she got good tapes!) She visited schools.

Tombstone territory

Place: Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Time: After hours.

Principals: A Sangamon State University professor, a white-aproned maid and two pistol-packing blond detectives.

The scene of a crime? No. The scene of a field party to mark the conclusion of JACQUELINE JACKSON's "Women and the Mystery Novel" course.

Jackson led her students, in costume to depict characters in books they had read in class, via car caravan, to the cemetery to check "mysterious" grave sites. Once the mystery was solved, all except SSU Professor JUDITH EVERSON and three students headed for home.

The four lagged behind to visit the Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial. By the time they reached the main gate, they found it closed and locked.

There seemed to be two choices: Spend the night in the cemetery; or abandon the car and scale the fence.

However, keener minds prevailed. Honking the car horn alerted someone at the caretaker's residence, the gate was unlocked, and the storybook characters - none of whom thought to explain their garish attire or purpose - were freed.



The above showed up in the local newspaper's gossip column, several weeks after the fact! It was a good night & a great party. ☺

Kindergartens & 4 other palaces - the state spends money on quality care & education for their children. Lots of culture, etc. D. doesnt think the adults have it so good, but the state is trying, w/ the children. D. says she's just beginning to sort out, assimilate, her myriad impressions & experiences, & of course this writeup is a lame attempt to convey some of these. -- We're GLAD you went, Damaris!!

CJS gave up, this year, trying to sort out what & went for

LEONARDO MEETS THE IRS.

what project. All her writer friends said, 'this is the year to go!' - they were all of us going!