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Actors' growth priority in staging of Man Who Came to Dinner

By Rachel Payne

Rehearsal is underway for this year's spring play, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*. The three-act comedy, which will be directed by seniors Zoe Remillard and Kelsey Schelling, was written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

Schelling and Remillard, neither of whom have prior experience as directors, are feeling confident: their experience as actors will inform their decisions. "We have noticed what works and what doesn't work for directors," said Schelling, "because as actors we've been able to observe" how much freedom should be allowed to the

individuals onstage. She did, however, note the difficulty of having to direct her peers. Familiarity with the cast and authority must be carefully balanced. Experiences with the group, however, have given Zoe Remillard an optimistic outlook, and she appreciates all the energy, enthusiasm, and respect she has seen so far.

Teacher Tom Ostheimer will be providing guidance through out production. Both girls voiced their eagerness for his suggestions and criticisms of their direction. He was also active in the casting process. Nonetheless, said Schelling, "it's our show."

As for their goals as directors, both named the growth

of the actors as a top priority. "I want to see a lot of different acting," said Remillard. "There are so many people that are talented," and she hopes to push each one to "become a different person." Schelling echoed the desire to get the cast to move beyond the characterization that they are accustomed to and reach for something new.

Kelsey and Zoe, who have known each other almost since birth and have shared the Mount Greylock stage many times, are eager for the novel experience of directing and intend to put forth a comedy that is energetic and entertaining. "We want an exciting show," said Kelsey; "we don't want a boring show."

'Service learning' info session set April 11

In order to increase student participation in community service activities, the Mt. Greylock Regional High School service learning coordinators are holding a community morning meeting for interested students and community members on Monday, April 11th, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., according to Evadne Giannini, the school's service-learning coordinator.

She said the purpose of the meeting is to give both students and community organizations a chance to meet each other and become acquainted with the variety of volunteer service learning opportunities in the Mt. Greylock community. Interested individuals should contact Giannini, at evadneg@earthlink.net.

Overland sets March 24 information session for summer travel grants; up to \$3,400 in aid available

A Williamstown-based summer travel program is offering up to 50 partial scholarships to area students to give back to the region it calls home.

Tom Costley, director and founder of Overland Travel Inc., says this year's program of partial scholarships is being offered only to teenagers in the Northern Berkshire area.

The application deadline is April 1, and Overland is holding a one-hour information session at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, to outline the programs available and the application process. The meeting will be at Overland's offices at 63 Spring St., in Williamstown. Seating is limited and reservations are appreciated: 458-9672 or info@overlandsummers.com.

Overland offers hiking, bicycling, service and language study abroad programs in the United States and abroad to over 900 students ages 12-18 from across the country and around the world. Each program emphasizes an outdoor experience, language learning, or community service. Programs cost from \$2,400 to \$6,000; the partial scholarships offer a grant of \$1,000 to \$3,400 toward the program fee.

"We have done this on an informal basis for over 10 years," says Costley. "But we feel that the time has come to publicize our scholarship program more broadly." Costley says interested students should obtain an Overland catalog (go online to: www.overlandsummers.com to request one), complete the application and submit it by the April 1 deadline. Overland will notify all applicants by mid-April.

SPORTS



Matt Clement pins an opponent.

Western Mass. wrestling results

1st Place: 119 lbs. – Jon Girard (won by Major Decision); 152 – Jeff Brodeur (Decision)

189 – Tony Quagliano (Pin); 275 – Mike Williams (Pin)

2nd Place: 112 – Nikki Darrow (lost by Decision)

3rd Place: 130 – Matt Clement (Decision); 171 – Colin MacDonald (Pin)

5th Place: 215 – Jon LaCasse (Decision)

All wrestlers who placed 1st through 5th will advance to this weekend's Division III State Wrestling Tournament, held at Taconic High School.

Also, wrestlers Jon Girard and Tony Quagliano were recently recognized for never losing a dual meet in Berkshire County, each maintaining a perfect 66-0 record.



Photo courtesy Hank Gold

'Music Man' photos on web, disk

Photos of the MGRHS production of *The Music Man*, Feb. 24-26, may be viewed online at The Echo portion of the school website, and may be ordered on CD from photographers Karen and Hank Gold. (karengold@yahoo.com)

The Greylock Echo

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Staff meeting:

Tues., March 22, 2005

Staff meetings are open any Mt. Greylock student and are held at 2:30 p.m. in the back of the Carleson Library.

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