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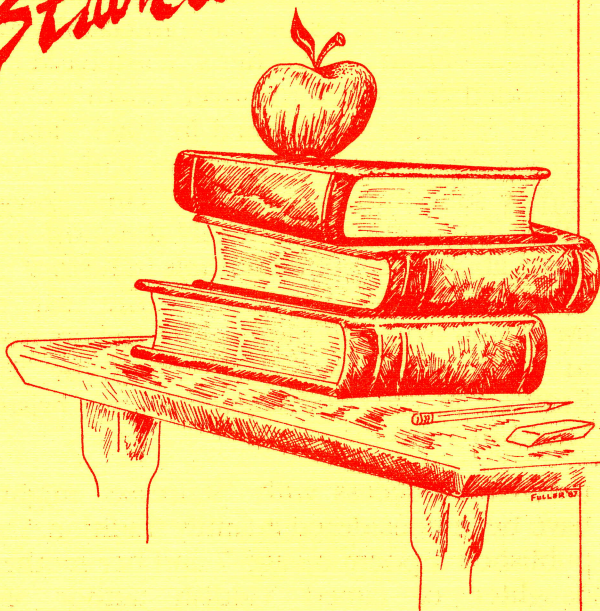
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Bel Kaufman's

UP *the* DOWN

Staircase



October 22, 23, 24, 25, 1987

October 29, 30, 31, November 1, 1987

*Little Theatre
Taylor University*

PROGRAM NOTES: ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Bel Kaufman was born in Berlin, Germany, raised first in Russia, and came with her parents to the United States when she was twelve years old. She received her B. A. degree (magna cum laude) from Hunter College and her M. A. from Columbia University.

Kaufman taught for twenty years in New York high schools. She was also an instructor of English at the New School for Social Research and assistant professor of English at Borough of Manhattan Community College, both in New York City. She received a Doctor of Letters from Nasson College in 1965 and was admitted to the Hall of Fame at Hunter College of the city University of New York in 1973. In addition to teaching, Kaufman contributes to "Esquire", "Saturday Review" and other publications.

In 1962, Kaufman published a satirical anthology of staff directives, lesson plans and faculty memos entitled "From a Teacher's Wastebasket." She extended that work to novel length in "Up the Down Staircase." Published in 1965, "Staircase" became an immediate bestseller with 1,500,000 copies sold the first month. "Time" magazine called Kaufman's novel "easily the most popular novel about U.S. public schools in history" and it was awarded the "Paperback of the Year" award for fiction from the National Bestsellers Institute in 1966. "Staircase" was filmed by Warner Brothers in 1967 and dramatized by Christopher Sergel in 1969.

Kaufman's success with "Staircase" might well have been considered a family tradition. She had published a poem by age 7 and her mother, the daughter of famed Yiddish author Sholom Aleichem, wrote over 2000 short stories which are still popular among Russian-speaking people. In her family, Kaufman has said, "Everyone breathes, everyone writes."

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"And gladly wolde he lerne,  
and gladly teche."  
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Chaucer's

"Clerke of Oxenford"
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## OUR NEXT PRODUCTION

**The Fifties: *White Bucks and Blue Suede Shoes***

December 10, 11, 12

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As a courtesy to the actors, please do not use cameras during the performance

UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE

Directed and Designed by Dr. Oliver Hubbard

CAST

Dr. Maxwell Clarke, *High School Principal* Bruce Fouse

MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY

Sylvia Baret Valerie Flower

Beatrice Schachter Mindy Mason

Paul Barringer Tom Halleen

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL STAFF

J. J. Mchabe Joe Maniglia*

Ella Friederberg Janeen Anderson

Frances Egan Melinda Flynn

Charlotte Wolf Lois Hochstetler

Samuel Bester Andy Winters

Sadie Finch Judi Gibbons

STUDENTS IN ROOM 304

Lou Martin Brian Smith*

Lennie Neumark Steve Barron

Carole Blanca Patricia Mumme

Alice Blake Peggy Byerley

Vivian Paine Lisa Snapp*

Rusty O'Brien David Benjamin

Linda Rosen Elyse Stirneman

Jose Rodriguez David Abraham

Carrie Blaine Maria Koelsch

Harry Kagan James Church

Jill Norris Becky Hubbard

Rachel Gordon Jennifer Baginski

Elizabeth Ellis Juli Chandler

Charles Arrons Cory Walsh

Edward Williams Toby Shope*

Joe Ferone Eddie Judd

OTHER STUDENTS

Francine Gardner Beth Kroger

Katherine Wolzow Dionne Grant

Ellen, *Sylvia's friend* Julie Miner

Place: Calvin Coolidge High School
New York City

Time: The Present

*There will be a ten-minute intermission
between acts*

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Our special thanks to the Eastbrook School Corporation for its help in preparing for this production.

A COMMUNICATION ARTS DEPARTMENT
PRODUCTION

* denotes Alpha Psi Omega membership

CAST LIST OMISSION

Other Students

Helen Arbuzzi. Angie Gollmer

