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At the risk of ruining my reputation by praising an administrator in print, we are all lucky to be living in the same historical epoch as Don Barshis. At my request, he has succeeded in making possible an extremely interesting and important opportunity to Great Books Curriculum students. Don has arranged for Wright College to underwrite the cost of 30 tickets to a Dionysian Festival at the Court Theater for Saturday October 4th. Students and faculty will meet at the theater at 1:30 p.m. But the free tickets will only be available to students who reserve them through Don by stopping by his office or calling him at 481-8026. (And here all praise is due to Chuck Guengerich for approving the proposal.)

Needless to say, we faculty, let alone students have almost no opportunity to see Greek drama other than Antigone or Oedipus Rex. For these kids, this festival is a chance to, in an encouraging environment, get comfortable with classical literature emotionally and intellectually. The experience should increase their appreciation and interest and can make them more enthusiastic and effective students in your classes.

Don has suggested priority be given to students studying Greek drama but, short of a mad rush to his door, it will otherwise be first come first served. The outing will involve two plays concerning Iphigenia with a Greek meal at intermission and a discussion of Greek drama led by an expert supplied by the Court Theater. The playhouse is located at 5535 S. Ellis in Hyde Park.

Please announce this event to students. Hopefully I will have some fliers for you to pass out to interested students in your classes. Obviously, it would be fantastic if you joined us.

Best,

Bruce