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The Hustlers and Druids fight it out at soccer.

SJC sports: success at cost of Harvard's adhesive tape

by GLEN MEREDITH
St. John's Senior

In the fall of 1938, Stringfellow Barr, then in his second year as president of St. John's College, found himself with an unexpected problem: How was he to reconcile the conflicting requirements of intercollegiate athletics and a demanding liberal arts curriculum?

The situation was clear enough.

Klein's book best seller

Since November, when Jacob Klein's newly published book arrived at the St. John's bookstore, it has been a best seller. By winter vacation the bookstore had sold out of its 30 copies, and another 10 not immediately available were promised other buyers.

Published by the University of Chicago Press, the book is entitled *Plato's Trilogy; Theaetetus, the Sophist, and the Statesman*. It is the second commentary on Plato and the third book by the tutor emeritus and former dean, who reaches his 79th birthday on March 3. Previously Mr. Klein had written *A Commentary on Plato's Meno* and *GREEK MATHEMATICAL Thought and The Origin of Algebra*.

Still active in teaching, Mr. Klein conducted a preceptorial on Plato's *Theaetetus* during the semester which has just con-

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Education and athletics were working at cross-purposes. The system of intercollegiate athletics which had developed over the years no longer served its traditional function of supplementing and strengthening study. Something had to be done.

Mr. Barr was not alone in his concern. Educators across the country were expressing similar dismay. What distinguishes Mr. Barr is not so much that he recognized the problem, but that he did something about it. The intercollegiate athletic program at St. John's was replaced by an intensive intramural program which is today possibly one of the most successful in the country.

Mr. Barr announced his decision over the radio in one of his regular broadcasts to the college community. In that announcement, Mr. Barr characterized intercollegiate athletics as "a highly-organized 'big' business which substitutes spectator psychosis for actual participation, large business staffs with long-term schedules for the old-time impromptu challenge of natural antagonists, monotonous physical drill for learning to play by playing, pressure from fellow-students for zest to play, and the exhibitionism of star performers for the satisfaction of playing well because it is more fun to play a game well than badly."

Barr proposed to remedy the situation by offering a comprehensive program of amateur athletics "rich in terms of health, recreation, skill, and coor-

dination." He expressed hope that the system of "semi-professional intercollegiate athletics" would eventually collapse under its own weight.

"But meanwhile," he concluded, "athletics at St. John's will be for the student, not the

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Recruitment drive is on!

St. John's is conducting a major program through its alumni to assist the admissions offices in their recruitment efforts for the September 1978 freshman classes at both Santa Fe and Annapolis.

Mary Gallagher, Washington attorney, a member of the St. John's board and of the Class of 1960, is directing this effort. The campaign will continue through March.

"We urge all alumni to speak to high school students who may be interested in joining the September freshmen and ask them to contact the Admissions Office at Annapolis or the Admissions Office at Santa Fe," she said.

"St. John's College is too little known, we find, and the alumni are among those people who can best inform prospective students of the program."

Fund drive is expanded

Tutor gets grant for editing

Beate Ruhm von Oppen, St. John's tutor, has been awarded a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to edit the letters of Helmuth James von Moltke, a German opponent of the Hitler regime who was hanged in early 1945.

She will spend a year away from Annapolis on the project. Moltke, whom she considers perhaps the most impressive and interesting opponent of the Nazis, was an international lawyer before World War II and legal adviser to the High Command of the German armed forces during the war.

Miss von Oppen already has read hundreds of his letters, "letters in which he is very much alive, in his integrity, his intelligence, his seriousness, and his caustic wit."

"THEY GIVE A picture rather different from that in the literature about him," she said. It is to let the man speak for himself that she will devote the coming years to transcribing, translating, and annotating the letters Moltke wrote to his wife.

George Kennan, former ambassador to Russia, who knew this young lawyer and landowner in wartime Berlin before America entered the war, described him as "the greatest person, morally, and the largest and most enlightened in his concepts" that he met on either side of the battlelines in the

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Alumni score high on graduate exams

Although St. John's does not train its graduates for any specific graduate program, its alumni score dramatically higher than the national averages on their Graduate Records Exams, a study here has shown.

A nine year comparison reveals that alumni averaged 689.1 on verbal scores and 636.7 on quantitative scores. The GRE, extensively used at a university level to determine admissions for graduate study, rates students on a scale of 220 to 800.

The verbal score is 197.1 points or 40 per cent higher than that for the national average of 492 for examinees tested between Oct. 1, 1973, and Sept. 30, 1976. For the quantitative test, the difference was 127.7 points or 25 per cent higher. The national average for this test was 509.

The difference is slightly less when the St. John's figures are compared with national scores limited to students who earned their college degrees during the years 1970-1976. During that span the national verbal mean was 508 and the quantitative mean 528, or a difference of 35.6 per cent and

Charles R. Feldstein, fund-raising counsel of the University of Chicago, has been named to assist in St. John's current campaign for \$25-million.

The drive, which is being restructured, also is being expanded to include the assistance of the Albuquerque public relations firm of Newsome & Co., West, a national organization based in Boston.

In approving the selection of both Mr. Feldstein and Newsome, West, at their January meeting, members of the Board of Visitors and Governors acted upon the recommendation of J. Burchenal Ault, vice-president of the Santa Fe campus who is directing the college's Fund for the 1980's. He is succeeding Charles Cooley, who last fall was forced to relinquish the office because of illness.

Mr. Ault stressed that all college constituencies — board, faculty, students, alumni, and friends — would be involved in the many activities of the fund along with the president, deans, vice-presidents, director of alumni affairs, and other officers of the college.

MR. FELDSTEIN has had extensive experience working in fund raising with colleges and universities, hospitals and museums, Mr. Ault said.

"He has had very solid experience on how to raise endowment, gather constituencies, and marshal effort," he informed the board.

Newsome, West, is headed by Lee and Marie Hirst, both of whom had extensive public relations experience on the East Coast before coming to New

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21.7 per cent respectively.

The nine-year period used in arriving at the St. John's score was for that between 1967 and 1976. Missing were figures for graduates tested in 1973, which were not available.

The year in which alumni take the test does not necessarily coincide with the year of their graduation from St. John's.

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Reporter plans new SF issues

The alumni class notes are being shifted from *The College* to *The Reporter* this month in line with a new publications program at St. John's. The St. John's magazine will appear as a larger issue published twice a year without any news copy. Its first appearance in this form will come in July. *The Reporter* is being expanded to include two more issues published from the Santa Fe campus, one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

Will Dunkum has rare scientific instruments

As a teacher, William Dunkum has a certain affection for the 19th century. Now that was an era when the teaching of science had a flare!

There was the instructor, as a sort of grand old man of science, who did his tricks while his assistants pulled some curtains, and there were the spell-bound students gasping over sparks made to leap a yard long from an early electrostatic machine. Those astonishing electricity producing devices were coming into the classroom.

As a kind of parlor game, eggs, held in place by wooden rings, could be mounted on one another while an electric spark was shot through them all, causing them to light up, and the room to be drenched with a sulphurous smell.

"The whole style of teaching in the 19th century was different," Mr. Dunkum observed. "I don't know whether it was better, but it had more flavor. A lot of showmanship has gone out of it."

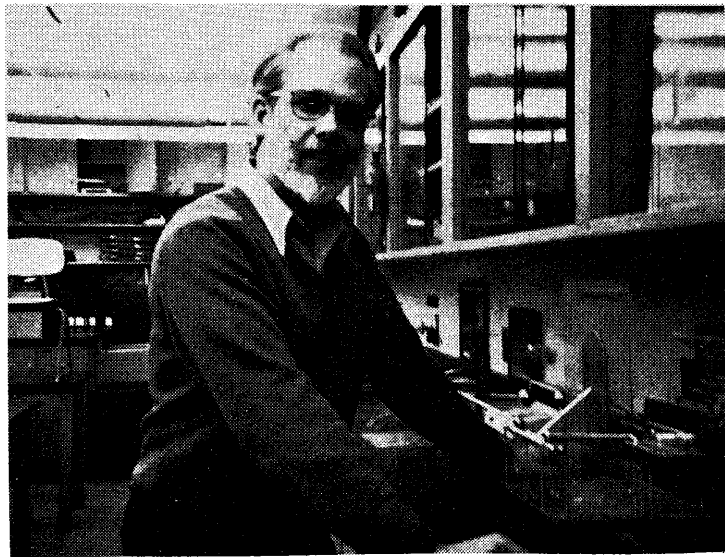
THE SHOWMANSHIP is gone, and with it the instruments which made it possible, some thrown literally out the window, Mr. Dunkum noted, as schools have been torn down and modernized, and science equipment brought up to date. A lot of them have wound up at the Smithsonian. Most of them have been lost.

Five years ago, this 1964 St. John's alumnus started a collection of his own when he saw a gyroscope offered by a New England antique dealer and fell in love with it. Built in 1870, it became the first acquisition in his collection of antique instruments, many of them having to do with electrostatic phenomena. Old as it was, Mr. Dunkum said this gyroscope, used to demonstrate principles of mechanics, actually worked better than those of later vintage.

He has collected them from the half dozen dealers in the world who sell such antiquities, from schools, and from friends and acquaintances who now know he collects them and watch out for items for him. A couple came from the Lawrenceville School near Princeton, N.J., where their discarded scientific equipment had been pitched into a sub-basement. He even found a rotating prism from St. John's optics lab, probably dating back to the 19th century and blackened with age, which he is now having a machine shop polish up.

THE PRISM eventually will return to St. John's as will all of Mr. Dunkum's collection. Instruments will not be Mr. Dunkum's only legacy to St. John's. At least 14 students have come to the college from T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, where he is a faculty member, and a large proportion — ten — have been his students.

To digress a bit, Mr. Dunkum, whose interest in the history of science began as a student here, has acquired two master's degrees, one in mathematics from the University of Virginia in 1966, and another in physics from the University of Wisconsin in 1973. (At one time everyone had said he should be a lawyer so he started out at Virginia as a law student, but he quickly rejected



WILLIAM DUNKUM

that career).

He is scheduled to wind up his doctorate in physics at American University next August. In the summer of 1970 he also went to Cornell on a Shell Merit Fellowship and has won a number of awards for teaching.

Since 1965 he has been teaching in Alexandria, Va., in an unusually interesting school district and one of the few in the country where secondary aged students are grouped in the 9th and 10th grades at two schools, Francis Hammond and George Washington, and those in the 11th and 12th in another, T.C. Williams.

Alexandria decided to do this in 1971 on the grounds that the goals and maturity rates of 13-year-olds vary radically from those of 17 and 18-year-olds. "The school for the 9th and 10th grades is much like a battleship under wartime conditions while that for the 11th and 12th grades is like a Naval base in peacetime," Mr. Dunkum laughed.

HE HAS THRIVED on teaching. "I love it," he said. "I wouldn't do anything else." In 1974 he became city-wide chairman of mathematics and science, a sort of chairman of the chairmen with pseudo-administrative duties from kindergarten through the 12th grades.

Although he is the science department head at T.C. Williams, he is not teaching there this year, having decided, by way of a change from the advanced classes he previously was instructing and as something of a challenge, to teach general science at Hammond to 9th graders whose science interest is marginal.

As a St. John's alumnus gone for 12 years, he has had a remarkable record of directing students here.

"I look for the kids who will not be satisfied with the ordinary college, some who might go through college 'untouched by human hands,'" he explained. "I don't say St. John's is the place where you should go, but I'll talk with them about the college until they get tired."

But back to his collection, with its gleaming brasses and woods. One is impressed by the gracefulness and craftsmanship of some of the pieces, especially by those made in France, by their practicality, even by their

playfulness. There is something solid and individual about them, something to respect, and nothing to suggest they would fall apart once they are taken out of a delivery box and reassembled.

In the playful group is an instrument appropriately called a Paradox, with a rolling cone, which appears to be moving up a plane. In actuality the center of gravity for this diamond-shaped double cone becomes lower all the time, and, in an illusionary way, this pulls it along up-hill.

THERE IS A Zagroscope, also called a Cosmorama and by various other names as well, in which one can view a scenic card by double reflection from two mirrors and supposedly get a three dimensional effect. This beautiful piece, with its inlaid woods, dates back to 1850.

Mr. Dunkum has a planetarium of about 1815-20 in the form of an old-time lantern slide driven by gearing.

"It has the wrong number of planets and the wrong number of satellites, and they have the wrong speeds, but some move faster than others," he said. "And that's a first order approximation of the truth."

His most venerable piece is a cylindrical electrostatic machine, built some time between 1805 and 1825 to generate electric charges. It was made by William and Samuel Jones, of London, the men who constructed much of the science equipment for George III. (For dating purposes, Mr. Dunkum prefers the item to have the maker's name on it).

"It was probably used by some traveling charlatan," Mr. Dunkum thinks.

Another item which had a pseudo-medical application was two brass balls, discharge spheres once part of an electro-medical kit and probably used for shocking people, something done in an attempt to set bones.

AN ITEM WHICH turned up in a neighbor's basement was a monster of an old spark coil, used at the turn of the century to connect with DC batteries and produce high voltage sparks across the top, which he is trying to get to work for school use. Some pieces Mr. Dunkum declines because of sheer size. He turned down a vacuum pump of heavy brass weighing 400 pounds. "Where would you put it?"

One piece of some novelty is a Doebereiner hydrogen-generator lamp, made after 1830, from Phillip Exeter Academy and which was made from a giant brandy-glass. There are a number of these at the Smithsonian, but the shape is usually straight. This one may be unique.

At Lawrenceville he found a radiometer built about 1905 with vanes blackened on one side and shiny on the other, which turn as they are heated by radiant energy to demonstrate the differential absorption of heat.

There is a Pickering Polaroscope, probably 1905, to demonstrate polarization of light, and there is pair of Magdeburg hemispheres, which would require a team of horses to be drawn apart when held together by a vacuum. There are electrosopes, Leyden jars, and other items of a rich scientific memorabilia. One Guinea-and-Feather tube to show how objects fall in a vacuum still has the 1887 Indian Head penny locked in it that served as the "guinea."

Mr. Dunkum believes that the pieces are valuable more for the peculiarities they tell of their time than for their actual demonstration abilities. But their simplicity has always intrigued him. And he has an archaeologist's view of their worth.

"T. C. WILLIAMS' advanced chemistry lab has just acquired an expensive, ultra-violet spectrophotometer from which students can get a digital read-out," he observed. "It's nothing but a big black box."

"I remember that old rock-grinding demonstration in St. John's lab, in which we produced a plane surface, and, as corny as it was, the imprint it made was

unforgettable because that experiment pointed to the principle that one's grip on knowledge is only as strong as one's ability to recreate that knowledge from the ground up.

"It shows how fragile our civilization is. It could vanish overnight, and the artifacts which would be left would be unsolvable. People would not know how they worked. We would never be able to recreate it. Their demise would be permanent — not temporary. Even some of the things I've found which are only a hundred years old require research to find out what they were for. Nobody remembers."

Jan Hamill is postulant

January Elizabeth Hamill, of Annapolis, who went to St. John's for two years before going on to graduate summa cum laude from Marlboro College, Marlboro, Vt., has been accepted by the Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland as a postulant for holy orders.

Miss Hamill is the daughter of Dr. Peter Hamill, who attended St. John's from 1945 to 1946 and who is now chief medical adviser to the National Health Survey, U.S. Public Health Service.

A 1971 graduate of Key School, Miss Hamill attended St. John's from 1971 to 1973 before beginning studies in French at Marlboro. Currently she is in her first year at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. Before reaching the decision to enter the priesthood, she was the admissions counselor at Marlboro.

Klein writes on Plato

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In announcing the appearance of his new book, the University of Chicago Press, wrote:

"In 1965 Jacob Klein published a commentary on Plato's *Meno* which still stands as an outstanding example of Platonic interpretation. Now Klein applies his finely-honed sensitivity to Plato's literary style and his formidable understanding of the Greek language to three major dialogues, the *Theaetetus*, the *Sophist*, and the *Statesman*, in order to demonstrate their unified nature.

"Klein's method is to treat each Platonic dialogue not as a treatise but, as Aristotle viewed them, as something akin to mimes, constituting a dramatic unity. Each dialogue must be understood in its own terms; each word must be assumed to contribute to the overall significance. Readers of the dialogues must participate as silent partners—weighing, accepting, or rejecting the solutions that are offered, ever sensitive to the playfulness of the language in even the most serious dialogues.

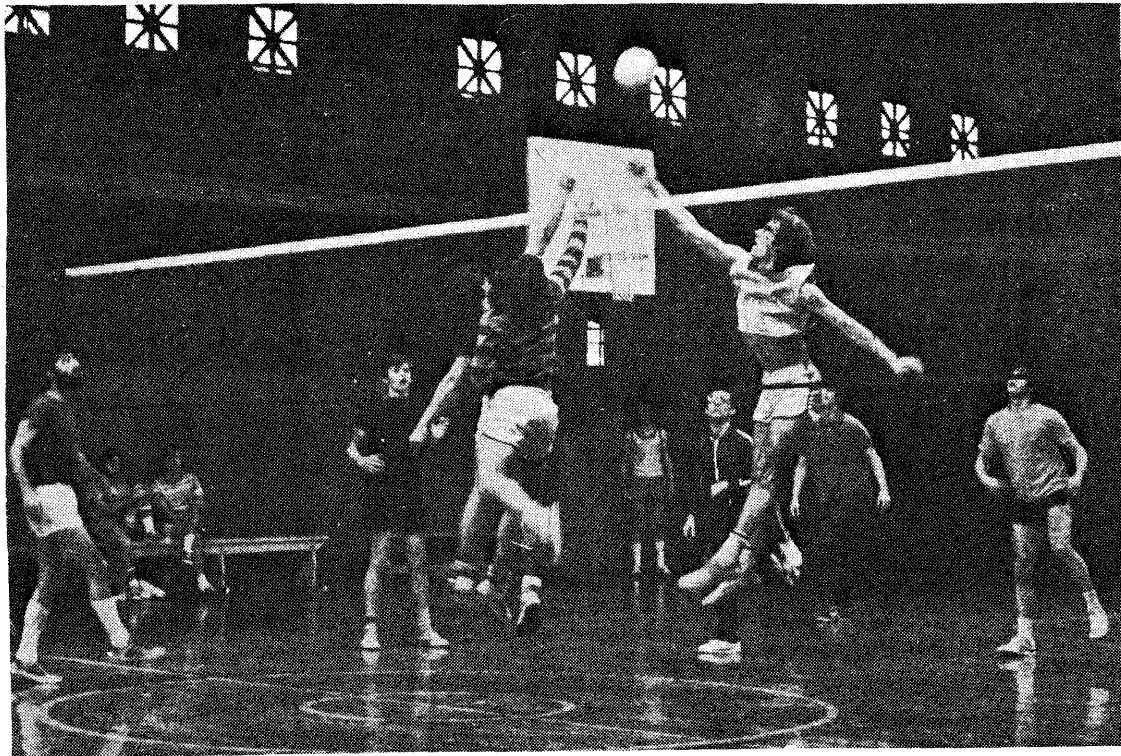
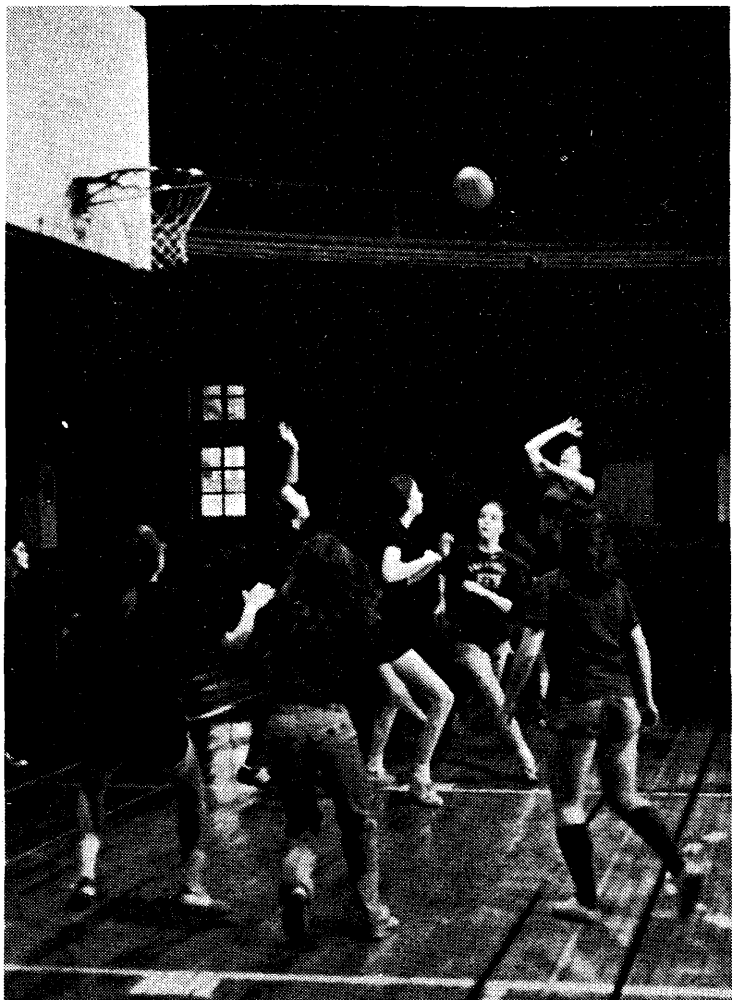
"Klein begins with the linking, intermediate dialogue, the *Sophist* then moves back to the *Theaetetus*, and ends with the *Statesman*. His provocative conclusion is that the form of the

dialogues symbolizes the answer to the central question uniting them: whether the professor of wisdom (the sophist), the lover of wisdom (the philosopher), and the statesman are one, two, or three distinct types. Plato's unstated answer, as revealed by Klein's detailed analysis, is that there are only two kinds, not three, to be distinguished.

"Klein's concern for symbolic form is evident in his attention to the exact center of each dialogue, to the number of times certain key words appear, and to Plato's dramatic playfulness. He offers programs which carefully schematize the often confusing Platonic method of dialectic. The result is a challenging work of interpretive scholarship."

Copies of Mr. Klein's new book are available through the St. John's bookstore for \$16. The Festschrift written for Mr. Klein in his honor on his 75th birthday also is available through the bookstore at a cost of \$10. Both books involve an additional \$1.25 for postage and handling. The Festschrift has been acquired by the University of Chicago and Harvard. A review of its contents by Joe Sachs of the St. John's faculty will be published in a forthcoming issue of *The Independent Journal of Philosophy*, published in Vienna.

'Highest priority is everyone has good time'



Women's and men's basketball games this winter.

(Glen Meredith photos)

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student for athletics."

Athletic Director Bryce Jacobsen, a St. John's student (and athlete) at the time, describes the initial reaction to the announcement as that of "tremendous shock and dismay." In the late 1920's and early 1930's, St. John's had been a national lacrosse power, completing in 1929 an undefeated and untied season against such powers as Yale, Harvard, Maryland and Army. An athletic tradition had been established which many of those associated with the college found difficult to give up.

Today, that tradition is more or less forgotten. Much has changed since 1939 — the first year under the new athletic system. In its 38-year history, the intramural program has evolved traditions of its own. New rivalries have supplanted the old. Some new sports have been added. Some of the old sports — including lacrosse — have disappeared.

More important, athletics at St. John's has, in a fundamental way, been given back to the students. Mr. Jacobsen estimates that nearly two-thirds of both men and women now participate on a regular basis in the athletic program — an impressive figure by any account.

As for finances, there are no traveling expenses, no stadiums to build, no elaborate uniforms to buy. In almost all sports the college provides only the ball and the referees. The percentage of the budget allocated to athletics is small in comparison to that of other colleges and universities.

"Last year," says Mr. Jacobsen, "Harvard University spent more money on adhesive tape than we spent on our entire athletic program."

But this is not to say that athletics is taken casually at St. John's.

"The competitive spirit on the playing field," says Steven Scott, New Canaan, Conn., senior, "is just as intense, just as high-powered as it is at any school. The basic difference is that at St. John's the competition exists on the field, on the court, in the actual game situation; it does not exist outside the playing area."

Mr. Scott, who was an All-American lacrosse player in high school, turned down the opportunity to play lacrosse at any of several universities.

"I felt that the program they were forcing me into was obligatory in the sense that if I were to go to one of these places I would have to play lacrosse, and I didn't like that feeling."

Student Lucy Tamlyn, who attended another small liberal arts college before coming to St. John's, also prefers the intramural approach.

"I was required for graduation to attend gym classes in which we were given drills and rarely got the chance to play," she remembers. "The emphasis was on the acquisition of skills and not at all on enjoyment."

Miss Tamlyn feels that one of the virtues of the St. John's athletic program is the wide variation in the experience of the participants. Those of less experience are given the opportunity to develop their capabilities. Those of considerable experience must learn tolerance.

How do the better athletes feel about having to play with those who may not be so talented?

"Because students can participate in as many as seven sports," says Mr. Scott, "they often discover that while they might be great in four of them, they are not so good in the other three. This fact has the effect of tempering any intolerance that might arise."

In fact, Mr. Jacobsen — now in his twentieth year as athletic director — has actually built a spirit of toleration into the competitive structure of the intramural program. It is unlikely that a given team could ever win the annual championship on the basis of the major sports alone.

The marathon and physical fitness test are set up in such a way that those teams which do

best are those teams which can get the most people out. Teams which do not actively encourage participation throughout the year often find themselves short-handed when these events roll around.

Anyone who has ever watched or participated in one of these intramural games knows that nearly everyone plays to win. But at St. John's, winning is not everything.

"The highest priority," says Mark Sugg, Miami Beach, Fla., senior, "is that everyone has a good time. To whatever extent I have personally enjoyed athletics at St. John's, it's because everyone has a good, decent attitude about competition. And I think this is a function of what we read here. When students go out on the field you see a reflection of it. It's a reflection of what I think is very fine in the St. John's program."

McLanahan museum head

Alexander K. McLanahan, chairman of the St. John's Board of Visitors and Governors, has been named as the first, full-time salaried president of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, a position created for him.

Scheduled to assume his duties in the spring, Mr. McLanahan will leave his position as first vice-president of the brokerage firm of White Weld and Co., Inc.

Mr. McLanahan served as president of the museum's board of trustees from 1969 to 1975. During that time he was instrumental in raising the endowment of the museum from \$3-million to \$20-million and doubling the physical size.

In 1977, with two other Houston leaders, he was successful in getting the Texas Legislature and Houston City Council to form a new Cultural Arts Council for Houston, which will dispense some \$1.1-million this year in hotel-motel tax revenue to dance groups, operas, symphonies, and museums.

Last year, when the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York announced it would create the salaried administrative position of president — a position still to be filled — Mr. McLanahan was one of the men it interviewed. It may have been that interview which prompted members of the Houston board's executive committee to propose a similar

position.

"While we aren't as complex as the Metropolitan, we have gotten pretty big, with a \$2-million annual operating budget," Mr. McLanahan said. "It requires more time than a purely voluntary trustee can put into it."

Mr. McLanahan will work with the development fund and put priority on new acquisitions, including private collections.

Born in France and educated at

Yale, Mr. McLanahan said:

"I grew up in France with art, with Gothic things. In 1959 I was taken through the Albright-Knox Gallery in Buffalo, N.Y. — one of the truly great museums for the art of our time — by Seymour Knox. I saw magnificent paintings by Adolph Gottlieb, Franz Kline, and Clyfford Still, and it changed the way I looked at things."

Ault redesigns effort

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Mexico, where they developed a close relationship with the college and where Mr. Hirst acquired a master's degree from St. John's Graduate Institute. Recently they opened the Southwestern division of the Newsome firm.

In presenting a new program for board approval, Mr. Ault along with Board Chairman Alexander K. McLanahan emphasized that there is much to be done to achieve the campaign goal of \$25-million.

"We will have to sprint the whole way in order to come in where we want to be in June of 1980," he said with reference to the closing date of the campaign.

"This is not a four-mile walk but a half-mile run."

Some \$7.4-million has been raised for both campuses, an

increase of \$400,000 since the board's September meeting. Toward the current budget for the 1977-78 academic year, however, only \$188,000 has been raised at Annapolis and \$152,747 at Santa Fe. The Annapolis figure includes Maryland State aid.

THE ANNAPOLIS campus will need something in excess of \$500,000 and the Santa Fe campus \$800,000 to meet current cost before the end of the fiscal year on July 1.

Mr. Ault stressed that, while the annual fund and construction money is important, the critical need is for money to increase the endowments of both campuses in order to reduce the heavy load of fund raising which has been facing the college each year.

Letter to Editor

Alumnus dismayed at SF's enrollment

This is in response to the Report of the President in the October issue of The College.

I am shocked and dismayed at the serious problem concerning admissions at the Santa Fe campus. I have been mentally "stewing" about this for several weeks now and debating to whom I should address my thoughts. Since I don't have any solutions off the top of my head, and am not in a position to make a formal presentation of anything, I have decided to send this letter to "The Reporter," and you can decide what, if anything, you want to do with it.

First of all, my underlying premise is that St. John's College is the greatest college in the country.

Secondly, my initial gut reaction is that if St. John's College cannot recruit enough applicants to fill its freshman class (which is small enough by any standard), something must be wrong with the College.

But this cannot be true because (1) the College has survived 40 years now under the New Program; (2) it has overcome many difficult obstacles; (3) it has proven leadership; (4) it has a competent faculty with many stars in it; (5) it is not financially so secure that it can sit back and let nature take its course; (6) it has a top-flight governing Board including many successful alumni of the New Program; and (7) it presumably has on the ball administrative people handling admissions, recruitment, etc.

Third: So where to look for the cause of the problem?

President Weigle's summary and analysis of Mr. Richard Stephenson's (director of admission's) report forces one to face some rather harsh and unpleasant realities. Frankly, I am reluctant to accept the validity of the facts asserted. But this does not mean that I doubt Mr. Stephenson's research or conclusions. I don't know enough about the data or the principles applied to them. My instinct is to challenge them; I suppose because I don't want to believe that it is true.

The charts and figures in President Weigle's Report are in some ways more depressing than he suggests and in other ways less so.

But it appears that for this year there were almost 12,000 interested potential applicants (total of "material sent"), and only slightly more than 300 warm bodies (applicants). That is less than 3%.

To me, that figure is more shocking and distressing than the approximate 50% figure representing enrollees compared to approved applications.

How is it that in this day and age in this country, with the so-called liberation movements, free speech movements, Vietnam, Watergate, presidential impeachment proceedings, etc. only one out of about 250 (i.e., 12,000 out of 3 million approximate total of high school graduates) is interested in St. John's College? That is less than 1/2 of one percent!!!

And only 320 or so apply for admission. This is only about 1/100 of one percent (of 3 million); one out of ten thousand! It seems inconceivable.

I remember very vividly when I was a senior in high school, in a small upstate New York city, and feeling a great curiosity to learn, my father giving me a St. John's catalog (about 1939 or 1940 issue) that some friend or acquaintance had given him. I took one look at it, and my decision was made.

I suppose the biggest shock of all is the suggestion that St. John's seek to recruit applicants on the basis of the weather, geography, scenery, etc. On the face of it, that seems intolerable. I consider that it undercuts the basis and validity for the existence of St. John's College.

On the other hand, as a practical lawyer, specializing in a very practical field of law which accentuates the harsh realities of life, I fully appreciate the fact that if the College cannot obtain students, it cannot exist — period.

This poses a direct confrontation with the question: do the ends justify the means? Must one reluctantly say "yes" in this particular situation?

But for whatever it may be worth I simply pass on to you my feelings and reaction to President Weigle's message, and I hope that other St. Johnnies who may feel the same way that I do will be able to come up with some good ideas for solving the problem.

Very truly yours,
Robert J. Scolnik
Class of '45 ('48)

In Memoriam

1916 — Lt. Gen. Thomas Eugene Bourke, Los Altos, Cal., January 5, 1978.

1919 — Dr. Charles Frederick Fisher, Houston, Tex., November 21, 1977.

1930 — Thomas Elliott Dryden, Baltimore, Md., December 11, 1977.

1933 — Philip R. Piper, Farmington, Conn., December 30, 1977.

1942 — Charles Hoyes, West Newton, Pa., October, 1977.

1945 — Robert L. Campbell, Jr., Boonton, N.J., October 1, 1977.

1947 — Daniel Brown Barber, Charleston, W. Va., November 11, 1977.



Caroline Allen, left, and Marjorie Allison gather at David Doremus's desk in the Admissions Office.

Why students take time off

by MARJORIE ALLISON

(The writer, who comes from Bethel Park, Pa., left at the end of her sophomore year to spend a year gaining more experience in writing.)

More and more students are taking time off from their studies at St. John's to pursue activities as diverse as their reasons for leaving.

Thirty-three per cent of last May's graduates took a year or more off. In 1966 only 17 per cent of the graduates did not matriculate with the class with which they graduated. During their years off Johnnies have done everything from sailing from Annapolis to Mexico to working as an apprentice blacksmith.

Anne Fitch, Annapolis senior, started with the class of '73 and left school for several years. Her sailing expertise got her a job crewing on a boat from Annapolis to Mexico. Once in South America she taught Spanish.

DURING THESE years away Anne, whose maiden name was Hawk, married John Fitch, also of the class of '73.

"I'm comfortable both with my decision to leave school for a while and my friends who have Ph.D.'s," Anne said.

Alan Bowers, Annapolis junior, left and worked as a maitre d'hotel and cook at what *The New York Times* described as "the most famous unknown restaurant," Joe's Restaurant in Reading, Pa.

Alan abandoned studies because he said he needed a break.

"So little of what we do at St. John's can be pinned down," he explained. "One can almost never say, 'Look at what I've accomplished.' You're always somewhat uncertain about what it is you're doing and how important it is. And although many will disagree with me, the purpose of St. John's is, in the end, practical. It's a practical world."

"Working for a year gave me a different perspective on my studies and made me appreciate them a lot more. St. John's is a rare opportunity. No one talks about virtue or justice in a restaurant kitchen."

CAROLINE MANDY, also a junior, hoped that a year off "would be impetus for a change of habits."

After working as a bus girl, cook, and cashier for a steak house in New Mexico ("I never made it to Santa Fe even though it was only 60 miles away"), this Woodbridge, N.J., student came back East and got a job as an executive secretary at E. F. Hutton, a stock brokerage firm, in New York City.

Caroline was a little anxious about returning to St. John's.

"I thought I'd be the only one dropping into this class," she said. "It was a nice surprise to see so many familiar faces."

Another Caroline and junior, Caroline Allen, now living in Annapolis, was forced into a year off as the result of a tragic event: the death of her mother and stepfather in a plane accident. Later she also went to New York City where for a few months she was employed as an editorial secretary by Harcourt Brace, working closely with editors on projects such as Anais Nin's *Delta of Venus*.

CAROLINE ALSO went to Italy and Greece which she said, "Every Johnnie should see." For the final month before returning she was an apprentice blacksmith.

David Doremus, of Deerfield, Ill., now taking a year off, is seen frequently on campus since he is serving as St. John's admissions representative. David's thinking is that a year off "will catapult me into a good senior year. It's a sort of motivational strategy."

Although David is glad he is taking a year off and enjoys his job, he expects that "it will be wrenching to see old classmates graduate in May."

Parents to be here May 5-7

Parents Weekend will be held May 5-7, Vice President William B. Dunham has announced.

A program being planned by Stephanie Moore, Raphine, Va., freshman, and by Anthony Cox, McLean, Va., junior, calls for parents who arrive early to attend seminars on Thursday evenings and to visit classes on Friday.

Scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Friday is the weekly lecture. It will be delivered by a St. John's graduate, C. Grant Luckhardt, member of the faculty of Georgia State University, who will speak on "Wittgenstein and Religious Belief."

Saturday's program will include a parent-student seminar on Chaucer and a play in the evening followed by a waltz party. Because hotel rooms frequently are hard to come by at this time of year, Mr. Dunham advises parents planning to come to make reservations early. Among places suggested are the Annapolis Hilton Inn, Maryland Inn, Holiday Inn Motel, Howard Johnson Motel, and Thrift Inn Motel.

Watson nominees

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monastery." Miss Patrone already is somewhat familiar with the Piemontese dialect. She learned it from her mother, Dr. Maryrose V. Patrone, a social worker with the Fairfax County school system, and while doing genealogical work in Italy. She learned to speak Italian itself when she attended a Torino boarding school.

"I found that the older Piemontese, normally cold to and suspicious of strangers, were open and comfortable with me," she said. "I would attribute this openness to the fact that I am of the Piemontese people."

Mary Pollingue gets Leo Strauss award

The Leo Strauss Award for the best doctoral dissertation completed and accepted in 1975 or 1976 in the field of political philosophy has been awarded by the American Political Science Association to Mary L. Pollingue, who joined the St. John's faculty last fall.

Her dissertation, based upon Plato's "Phaedrus," was nominated by the University of Chicago, where she obtained her doctorate. The selection committee for the award honoring the late scholar-in-residence at St. John's was composed of Wilson Carey McWilliams, Rutgers University, chairman; Joseph Cropsey, University of Chicago, and Werner Dannhauser, Cornell University.

This is the third such award in the memory of Mr. Strauss, noted political philosopher and author. He had served as the Scott Buchanan distinguished scholar-in-residence at St. John's from 1969 until his death at the age of 74 in 1973. His widow is an Annapolis resident.

Miss Pollingue will be on leave next year serving as a member of the faculty of Northern Illinois

University, where she previously taught. She will be working on a review of Strauss' book, "Socrates and Aristophanes," for the Political Science Reviewer, an annual journal.

The citation for the award reads:

"Professor Pollingue's dissertation explored Plato's theory of rhetoric, beginning with the distinction between that rhetoric appropriate to public subjects and that proper to private matters. The Phaedrus deals with speeches about love, unlike the more 'political' Gorgias, but Professor Pollingue demonstrates that such appearances can be misleading. She observes that the subject of rhetoric must not be equated with the motive of the rhetorician. Statesmen, for example, whose rhetoric is found in laws and legislation, are often moved by private desires for immortality. Professor Pollingue, demonstrating philosophic subtlety and linguistic mastery, develops Plato's idea of the rhetoric truly appropriate to statesmen and philosophers."

New holiday at SJC: it's Occupation Day

By CATHY SIMS
St. John's Sophomore

A determined alumnus and his student "henchmen" have established a new holiday at St. John's — November 11. Well, perhaps not entirely new: November 11 already is Veterans Day. But now there's a more directly applicable significance for current Johnnies. It's Occupation Day, the day the first students straggled into classes in McDowell Hall in 1789.

The idea to celebrate was that of Arthur Kungle '67, and he enlisted the help of a handful of students to bring the holiday in by way of the back door. Mr. Kungle's plan was to celebrate November 11, for all its significance, first, and actually establish the holiday once people became curious about all the commotion.

The plan worked, and it was helped by plenty of commotion. The day began with two members of St. John's new brass quintet — Peter Norton and James Fryer — and members of the St. John's chorus rendering "The Star Spangled Banner" from the steps of McDowell as the flag was raised and then lowered to half-mast.

DURING LUNCH, a similar band of musicians and singers paraded through the dining hall, coffee shop, and to an alumni luncheon singing "St. John's Forever," that plagiarized fight song which has enjoyed a revival since its use in last year's senior skit. Announcements at lunch explained what was going on to innocent by-standers.

After lunch, the alumni, most of whom were World War II veterans, joined some students and administrators at the World War I Veterans' Monument on front campus. Mr. Norton and Mr. Fryer, stationed at the

monument and at the steps of McDowell, played "taps" as red and white roses symbolizing valor and purity of heart were placed at the foot of the monument.

Later in the evening, Mr. Norton and Mr. Fryer entertained before lecture in the FSK lobby with trombone duets.

Dean Sparrow concluded the day's sporadic and often impromptu activities with a recognition of those activities in his lecture introduction.

Alumni get SF invitation

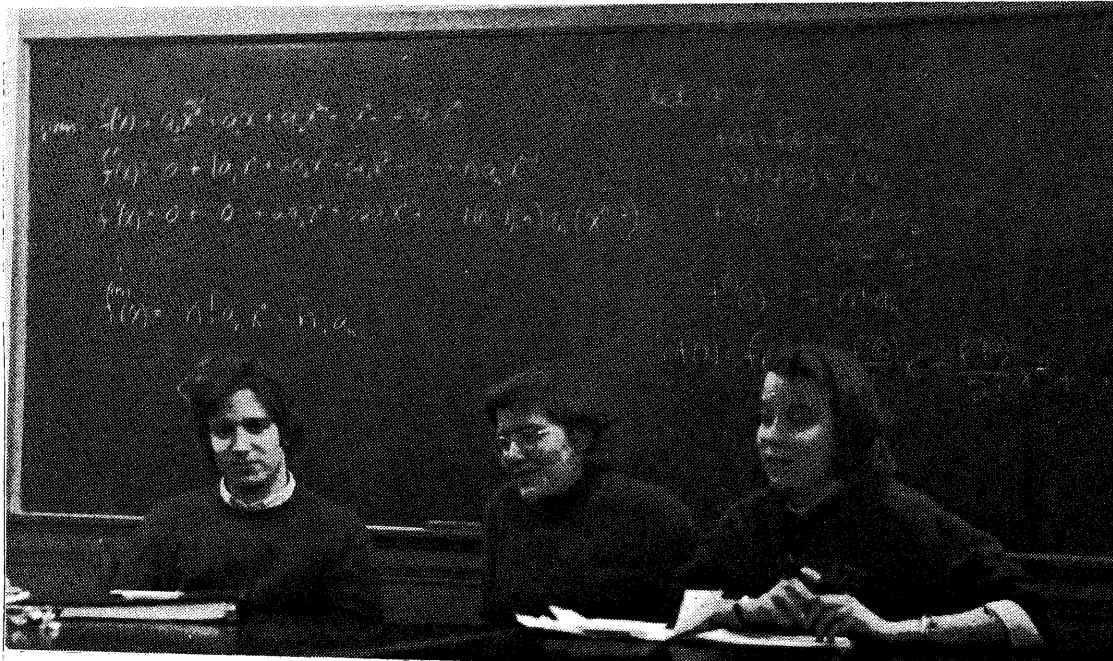
Alumni interested in a vacation in Santa Fe are invited to take advantage of the western campus's new alumni-in-residence program.

"We believe that alumni and their spouses might enjoy spending a day, a week, or a fortnight in residence at the college, visiting seminars and tutorials, and meeting and talking with tutors and students," President Weigle said in issuing the invitation.

Visitors would be housed in a college dormitory and eat in the college dining room. Besides auditing or participating in classes, they may shop, sightsee, ski on nearby slopes, or just relax.

Charges for a single person for room and all meals are \$8 a day and \$15 a day for a couple. The weekly rate is \$50 for a single person and \$90 for a couple. The New Mexico campus is not equipped to provide care for small children, but teen-agers may visit at adult rates.

Alumni interested in taking advantage of the program may write Mr. Weigle's secretary, Mrs. Geneva Mantelli, or telephone her at (505) 982-3691.



New officers of the Delegate Council are, from left, John Lippman, Eloise Collingwood, and Lucy Tamlyn.

(James Walley photo)

Council is experienced

By CATHY SIMS
St. John's Sophomore

The new administration of the Student Delegate Council, serving from November until March, represents a group experienced in the financial and organizational work of the DC.

"I think we have a very good constitution and set-up," Eloise Collingwood, the new DC president, commented on her position. "I see it as my job to inform students of what we have and to encourage them to use it."

Miss Collingwood has begun this task by distributing copies of the Student Polity constitution to the dormitory delegates and to winter freshmen. She shows special interest in promoting understanding and use of the "sleep and study" law of the polity, and she encourages students to work through the present provisions "of legal recourse for protecting their rights."

A Boston junior who came here as a February freshman, Miss Collingwood served as secretary to the former DC administration. She is an assistant to the director of the summer freshmen, works in the music library, and is active in the sports program. She was the 1977 recipient of the Joan Yvonne Ronay Scholarship.

Scores are high

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Testing may come later. In one known instance a graduate did not decide to take the examination until seven years after receiving his bachelor's degree.

Since 1967 scores at St. John's generally have continued to rise. Verbal scores jumped from 674.1 in 1967 to 717.2 in 1976. Those for quantitative scores increased from 615.5 to 676.1 in 1976.

A year-by-year analysis, with 1973 omitted, shows these average scores for St. John's students with the verbal score given first and the quantitative second:

1967, 674.1, 615.5; 1968, 689.7, 645; 1969, 694.6, 616.6; 1970, 689, 629; 1971, 673.1, 640.8; 1972, 714.1, 644.7; 1974, 655, 645; 1975, 703.7, 663.2, and 1976, 717.2, 676.1.

HER FAMILY includes two St. John's alumni, her sister, Margery Collingwood, '76, and her father, the Rev. G. Harris Collingwood, '48.

Serving with Miss Collingwood on the new council are Secretary Lucy Tamlyn, '78, and Treasurer John Lippman, '80. Miss Tamlyn, another February freshman and native of New York City, previously has served as a dormitory delegate. She was co-chairman of the old RAM Film Club and now serves on the Campus Development Committee. Last year she attended the Santa Fe campus. Her brother, Thomas Tamlyn, is a '75 alumnus.

Mr. Lippman, a native of Solebury, Pa., is serving his second term as student representative to the Board of Visitors and Governors and has been a member of the Student Committee on Instruction.

Life features Nancy Coiner

There is Nancy Coiner, standing in the middle of an English rose garden, waving a scarf overhead, and looking in *Life* magazine's annual of major 1977 events, like the prettiest Rhodes Scholar at Oxford.

Miss Coiner, who received her degree last May, was one of the first 13 American women chosen for the honor. The color photograph, with a timbered English cottage in the background, occupies a full page and a third. Now 24, Miss Coiner, a resident of Tulsa, Okla., is studying theological literature.

Allanbrooks are parents of son

Wye and Douglas Allanbrook, both St. John's tutors, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son January 11 at Anne Arundel General Hospital. The baby, who weighed eight pounds, four ounces, will be named John Vincent after Mrs. Allanbrook's father and grandfather. Mrs. Allanbrook will continue to teach on a part-time basis.

What makes wedding day?

How do you spend your wedding day if you are going to be married on a Saturday night? If you are John White, you attend a faculty meeting in the morning and go to the gym to referee two basketball games in the afternoon. Between games Arthur Kungle, '67, announces to cheering students your coming marriage that evening to Judith Stockard, of Baltimore.

Director of Athletics Bryce Jacobsen had assured Mr. White, who is assisting with men's games, that he was welcome to take the afternoon of January 4 off; but Mr. White, who is no man to be made nervous sitting at home twiddling his thumbs, was bouncing around in the gym refereeing the Druids vs the Spartans and the Guardians vs the Green Waves. (And a good thing! The second game was so close — 76-75 — it was decided by one point!)

Afterwards Mr. White drove to Baltimore for his wedding to Miss Stockard in a small, traditional ceremony which was performed by the Rev. J. Winfree Smith, fellow tutor and Episcopal priest, at her home. Mr. Jacobsen served as best man, and the bride's cousin, Mrs. Hisaaki Ohio, as matron-of-honor.

LIKE HER husband, Mrs. White is a member of the Class of '64. She is a psychiatric social worker at Spring Grove State Hospital, Baltimore. Mr. White joined the faculty in 1971 and since then has been tenured. They will reside at 16 Carvel Circle, Annapolis.

In another recent St. John's marriage, Marilyn Kyle, the college nurse, was married to Dr. W. Charles Mylander, associate professor in the Naval Academy's Applied Science Department. He is the son of Mrs. Virginia Mylander, former manager of the St. John's bookstore whose husband, the late Walter Mylander, '32, was a former member of the St. John's board. They are making their home at 1308 Cedar Park Road.

Clare Vetter, a registered nurse and wife of St. John's Senior Thomas Vetter, has become resident nurse, serving night-time hours, while Mrs. Mylander continues as college nurse.

Alumni Notes

by Thomas Parran, Jr.
Director, Alumni Activities

1968 — Santa Fe

Year's end brought a delightful note from Wendy Watson, reporting on several meetings of the Detroit "chapter" of the Alumni Association. Wendy and Kirk Cheyfitz have been married for eight years, and have lived in the Michigan city for three. Kirk is a reporter for the *Detroit Free Press* and recently became chief of the City-County Bureau. Wendy received an M.A. degree in art from Wayne State University, and is currently doing ceramic sculpture and working as an art therapist with emotionally disturbed children.

Kirk and Wendy recently met at their home with Anne Strasburg S'69. Anne lives in Los Angeles, and works as a script supervisor for television and motion picture films.

Also in Detroit is the former Laney Bancroft, admissions secretary in Santa Fe for the first several years of that campus. Kirk and Laney's husband, who also works for the *Free Press*, accidentally discovered their mutual St. John's connection, and the result was a reunion early in December. Laney left St. John's to join the Peace Corps, went to India where she met her husband (also PC), and returned to the U.S. to recruit for the Corps. She is currently an executive secretary for the Detroit United Fund.

1972

Carol Shuh reports being busy in a new job in the laboratory of the Clinton (Iowa) Water Pollution Control Facility; she "likes it fine."

1974

A Christmas greeting from Erica Chaney Gregory reveals that she has been transferred from the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Cal., to the base at Camp Pendleton, still in disbursing work. The Gregorys have bought a new home, and are enjoying a quiet, content, home-body life.

1974 — Santa Fe

Janet Brazier is now working for the office of the District Attorney in Albuquerque.

1976

Steve Chew, reports Ann Browning '77, spent the summer in England and Crete, and is now manager of a restaurant in Bethesda, Md.

Carl Dunn and Lydia Daffer of Annapolis were married on December 31. Lydia's late father, George Daffer, was a member of the class of 1946.

1976 — Santa Fe

Charles Gunter is studying at the University of New Mexico (and our correspondent suspects the field may be political economy).

Glenda Holladay and John Eoyang were married on December 27, and make their home in Norman, Okla. Glenda continues to teach at Casady School in Oklahoma City.

Another lawyer-to-be is Matthew Krane, in his first year at Harvard Law School.

Miriam Marcus, who has been studying nutrition at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has recently been accepted as a machinist's apprentice.

Greg Springer, in his second year of Peace Corps teaching (7th, 8th, and 9th grades) in Upper Volta, reports that he is living "like a 13th century king—except that I finally did get electricity. In other words, I live a rich and dissipated life as far as that is possible in the world's third poorest country." Greg speaks French and the local native language, and eats mostly meat because there isn't much else: the staple African diet of millet apparently doesn't appeal.

Chrysa Wickstrom and Peter Kovatis GI75 were married last year in February. They live in Austin, Tex., and both work for the Austin State School for the Mentally Handicapped.

1977

Ann Browning, one of our most energetic class secretaries, sends along the following notes on her classmates and others:

(She herself works as a teacher's aide in a Montessori pre-school in Salt Lake City, likes the work, and is considering some graduate work in education).

Sara Anastaplo is doing paralegal work for the San Francisco law firm of Furth, Fahrner and Wong. She sees Bill Kelley '75, Richard Davenport '76, Joan Silver MA '76, Claudia Ingram '75, and classmates Rachell McKay and Michael Levine.

Lynne Gately is living in Alaska, where she spent the summer in Pelican cleaning fish. She managed to do some backpacking from Skagway along the Chilkoot Trail. Lynne now works as a mail clerk for Chevron, loves Alaska, and plans to remain at least a year.

After leaving St. John's, Andrea Miano attended both Sacred Heart College and Mt. Holyoke College. She is now a secretary to the executive vice president and assistant to the treasurer in a federal savings and loan association.

Janis Popowicz is also in Washington, working for the Smithsonian Institution in mathematics and science.

1977 — Santa Fe

Liz Cochran is in the Boston area "looking for meaningful work."

Walter Featherly is a classmate of Matthew Krane S76 at Harvard Law School.

Annapolis Senior Tricia Kolp advises that Keith Harrison is having a "fun time" at the University of Chicago Law School.

Judy Kistler is working for Lebow Technological Company in Santa Barbara, Cal., and is rapidly becoming a "California girl."

Another law student is Eric Woods, in his first year at McGeorge Law School in Sacramento, Cal.



Abigail Gillespie locates the waters off the coast of Greece where she will do marine archaeology.

(James Walley photo)

Student to seek ancient vessel

A few days from now, Abigail Gillespie, with the consent and good wishes of her tutors, will put her books aside and pack up her deep sea diving equipment and fly to the coast of Greece.

There, working with professional marine archaeologists of the Greek government, she will be excavating a vessel wrecked possibly 1,200 years before the birth of Christ off the island of Dhokos on the trade routes between Crete and the ancient cities of Mycenaean culture.

For centuries the wreck had been hidden by sea vegetation, and Miss Gillespie believes it was discovered, as so many such sunken vessels are, by fishermen who bring up a vase or a piece of statuary in their nets, hints to professional archaeologists that there may be historic treasure worth seeking.

Miss Gillespie earlier had obtained permission to take a two to three week leave from her classes this fall, but the expedition was postponed when it was discovered that the wreckage had been strewn over an area of a mile and a half, more than originally was expected.

"YOU DON'T begin excavating until every piece of timber is plotted on a grid," she said. "Everything is drawn to scale on a detailed map. The location may be indicative of the ship's design, or a signet ring which might be found could indicate where the captain's quarters were. The map can be the single most important reference for the excavation team and for future time."

Miss Gillespie will be one of two American young women who are being given an opportunity to participate. The other is Peri Blum, of Detroit, who has had five years of experience in scuba diving and whom Miss Gillespie met last summer. They will be working under the direction of George Papathanassopoulos, director of the Institute for Marine Archaeology in Athens.

Although this will be her first

experience in marine archaeology, Greece will not be a country new to Miss Gillespie. With a background in ancient Greek gained at St. John's, a small amount of modern Greek, and a fluent command of French, she served last summer as a leader for a group of students visiting Greece under auspices of the Expedition Training Institute, an organization which was founded by members of the Explorers Club of New York and which so far has sent more than 2,000 high school and college-aged students into field research.

Together with another leader, they introduced 12 young people to some of the major sites of excavation in Athens, the Peloponnesian Peninsula, Crete, and the Cycladic Islands.

THIS SUMMER SHE will be in charge of two expeditions which reflect her St. John's background: plotting the possible course of Odysseus. One will be from Gibraltar to Syria and then possibly into Southern Italy, Sicily, and Northern Africa. The other will start at Ancient Troy and progress to the island of Delos, which legend holds contains the entrance to Hades into which Odysseus eventually entered.

"It is also sacred to the god Apollo and known for its beautiful ruins," Miss Gillespie said.

A third expedition will be one in which she hopes to take archaeological majors to the excavations underway at Santorini, whose culture was contemporary with that of the Minoan civilization. One hope would be eventually to catalogue the frescoes and mosaics on the island.

Miss Gillespie, who has always done a lot of swimming, prepared herself for marine archaeology last summer by taking lessons in scuba diving near her home in Concord, Mass. The thought of Greece excites her. It is a point she describes as between Paris, where she has lived, and India. When she was 17 she grew to

know India as an American Field Service exchange student attending school in Madras.

"Greece has an affinity with Europe but also with the Mideast and the Orient," she observed. "It was the foundation and a focal point of that world, which one needs to know to understand the influences of different cultures with one another—linguistically, artistically, and musically as well as from the standpoint of myths and architecture, dress and dance."

Her interest in Greece is somehow understandable for someone like Miss Gillespie, who at 24 is something of a Renaissance woman. A musician, she formerly played the clarinet with the Boston Youth Symphony and is commuting to New York on weekends to study clarinet with the distinguished teacher, Leon Russianoff of the Julliard School.

IN PARIS, where she studied clarinet and philosophy at the Institut Catholique, she also sang in a multi-national choir at the American Cathedral. Currently she goes to Baltimore on Tuesdays and Wednesday nights to study ballet. Her scientific interests were demonstrated during a time she served as coordinator of the bacteriological laboratory at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Miss Gillespie began her St. John's education on the college's Santa Fe campus in 1971 and resumed her studies on the Annapolis campus last year as a sophomore. During her time away, besides study at the Institut Catholique and work in Children's Hospital, she taught French a few months at Concord Academy in Massachusetts, from which she had graduated, and went to Wellesley for a year and a half.

But the St. John's program has always been important to her, and she felt that she must complete it. So she returned here and is now a junior, deeply involved in her Great Books program with time out for archaeology.



BEATE RUHM VON OPPEN

(Tom Parran photo)

Nazi opponent subject of Beate Ruhm von Oppen

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second war.

Kennan knew him only in the earlier stages of his clandestine activities against the Nazi regime and was not surprised when he learned later of his trial by a People's Court and of his execution. In his memoirs, Kennan concluded his description of the man and their meetings with the words that "the image of this lonely, struggling man, one of the few Protestant-Christian martyrs of our time, has remained for me over the intervening years a pillar of moral conscience and an unfailing source of political and intellectual inspiration."

Miss von Oppen said the loneliness was mitigated by his marriage, despite the fact that most of the time his wife was looking after their children and the family estate in Silesia, while Moltke worked as a lawyer in Berlin.

Another mitigating factor was his formation of a group of like-minded men for the systematic discussion of the principles and practical detail for a decent political system to be established in Germany after the Nazis.

THOUGH HE WAS opposed to the assassination of Hitler, he and the group, composed from a broad political spectrum and of both Christian denominations, worked hard to counter the purposes of the Nazi regime in whatever positions they officially occupied.

It was the enforced, prolonged separation from his wife that accounts for the existence of over 1,500 letters he wrote to her and which form a kind of diary.

Freya von Moltke was able to hide them from the secret police and even to get them out of the country after the war. Miss Ruhm von Oppen has

done much work on them in past years. She also has done extensive work in archives and interviews in England and Germany. She will spend some of her time next year in Vermont, where the originals of the letters are, and some in Annapolis.

Miss von Oppen has made a special study of the resistance to Nazism since, during the war, she worked for the British Foreign Office in London.

After coming to the United States she worked with the captured German documents project of the American Historical Association and compiled several of its Guides to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, Va. (National Archives, Washington, 1960).

Her other publications include Documents on Germany under Occupation 1945-54 (Oxford University Press, 1955), Religion and Resistance to Nazism (Princeton, 1971), and numerous articles on related subjects. Her translations include a book on *The State of Israel* (into German and published by Fischer, Frankfurt, 1959) and the *Memoirs of Konrad Adenauer* (Regnery, Chicago, 1965).

SHE HAS TAUGHT at St. John's College, Annapolis, from 1960 to 1963 and again since 1971. In the intervening years she taught history at Smith College and the University of Massachusetts and engaged in writing and translation.

As a member of the Institute for Advanced Studies (1968-9) and the Center of International Studies at Princeton (1969-71), she did much of the Preparatory work for the planned publication of the Moltke letters. Some of the research in Europe was supported by a summer stipend from the NEH.

Davidson wins election

Since graduating last May, Girard Bradford Davidson has not only landed himself a job with a Texas Congressman but has been elected as a member of the District of Columbia's Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

Mr. Davidson won the office in November with Cynthia Nash, also a member of the Class of '77, as his campaign manager. Sworn in on January 3, he will represent 3,000 residents in the Glover Park area north of Georgetown in issues affecting them which come before the City Council, mayor, and various district agencies. The commission was set up in 1974 by Congress in an effort to

give greater home rule to the district.

Since September Mr. Davidson has been associated with Congressman E. (Kika) de la Garza (D-Tex.), the second ranking member of the House Agriculture Committee. As a member of his staff, Mr. Davidson is handling Congressman de la Garza's agriculture work as well as a good deal of his case work. Besides being able to enjoy the rather glamorous Longworth Building, where his office is located, Mr. Davidson finds one of the perquisites of his position is the privilege of using a license

plate marked "Congressional Staff."

Miss Nash currently is associated with the large Washington management consulting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell, and Company, where she is doing copy editing and proof reading. Active in theatrical productions at St. John's while she was a student here, she has applied to the Yale School of Drama for admission next fall. In the meantime she has been doing some technical work with the New Playwrights Theater in Washington, working on lighting for a workshop performance of "Whiteman Place" and on a play, "Nightmare."

Mrs. Berg is in Rome on Fulbright

Marcia and Dennis Berg, both Class of 1971, are at the American Academy in Rome this year where Mrs. Berg holds a Fulbright and a Kress Foundation Fellowship.

She is writing a doctoral dissertation for the University of Virginia on Greek mythology paintings found in an Etruscan tomb called the Francois tomb. Mr. Berg is beginning a dissertation on Kant, working with Richard Kennington of Catholic University.

"Rome is even more magnificent than I had imagined," she writes the staff of the library, where both Bergs served as book binders during their undergraduate days, "and I walk for miles each day just trying to take in everything around me."

Program set for adults

A preceptorial exploring two 19th century novels, one by George Eliott and the other by William Thackeray, will be offered as part of St. John's College's adult education program beginning March 28.

It will be the outgrowth of a fall preceptorial on Jane Austen led by Minna Doskow, in which members examined the attitudes and relationships between men and women and their society as they were reflected in the world of the Austen novels.

In addition, a seminar dealing with four major playwrights — Strindberg, Ibsen, Shaw, and Brecht — will begin March 29. Meetings which will run through May 3, will be held in Room 24 of McDowell Hall. Deborah Renaut, adult education director, has asked interested persons to telephone 263-2371, extension 83, to pre-register. Participation in the Jane Austen preceptorial will not be necessary in order to take part in the Elliott-Thackeray preceptorial.

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Hoffman is LI leader

Allan P. Hoffman, '49, of Lawrence, N.Y., has been leading a series of weekly seminars exploring the origins and traditions of western civilization. They are under the sponsorship of the Peninsula Public Library of Lawrence.

Co-leader with him is Littleton Irby, who holds a master's degree from St. John's Graduate Institute as well as master's from New York University and Queens College. The seminar, which began in January with "The Iliad," also will include the writings of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Plato, and Aristotle.

Some time ago Mr. Hoffman conducted St. John's type seminars for adults as part of Lawrence's high school program for adults, and recently the Long Island library requested him to start such a program again. Assisting on occasion will be Mary Wiseman, '58. Providing his health permits, Stringfellow Barr, former St. John's president, will lead one in late April or May.

Spaeth writes Times article

What lies ahead for Minnesota politics forms the basis of an op ed article by St. John's Tutor Robert Spaeth, which appeared in the January 18 issue of The New York Times.

Mr. Spaeth is having a first hand opportunity to observe politics in Minnesota. He is on leave this year serving as a visiting professor at his alma mater, St. John's University, in Collegeville, Minn., and has researched the 1944 merger of the Democratic and Farmer-Labor parties. His analysis, which he wrote after the death of Senator Humphrey, discusses the possibility of a Republican takeover in November with four unelected incumbents of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party on the ticket.

Mr. Spaeth also has the lead article in the fall-winter issue of St. John's University's Magazine describing three new American novelists, Jon Hassler, Michael T. Hinkemeyer, and John Goulet, all alumni of that university.

Mrs. Driscoll gets doctorate in California

Margaret Weyerhaeuser Driscoll, Santa Fe philanthropist and member of the St. John's board, was one of five to receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from the University of Southern California last month.

Among others honored were former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Author Eudora Welty. Mrs. Driscoll was acclaimed as a "good friend of this university and of all higher learning, generous benefactress of causes humane and noble."

With a bachelor's degree from Vassar, Mrs. Driscoll holds her LHD degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., where she is a trustee emeritus.

She is vice president and a trustee of the Santa Fe Opera Association and a past member of the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University and treasurer of the United Church Women.

Here is film list

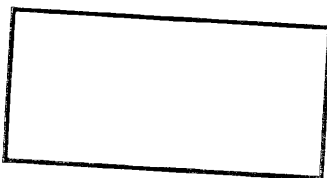
The RAM Film Club has announced its schedule of movies for the rest of the school year. They are shown at 8:15 p.m. in the Key Auditorium and are open to the public. Films to be shown will be:

Feb. 18-19, "Rashomon"; Feb. 25-26, "La Strada"; March 5, "High Noon"; April 1-2, "Duck Soup"; April 8-9, "The Lady Vanishes"; April 15-16, "Jules and Jim"; April 22-23, "Rififi"; April 30, "Father Panchali"; May 7, "Public Enemy" and "Little Caesar"; May 13-14, "Monterey Pop" and "King of Hearts"; May 30-31, "Birth of a World" and "Citizen Kane."

Panel at Loyola features Weigle

President Weigle took part in an ecumenical symposium on the theme, "Religion, Society, and Education," conducted this month by Loyola College, Baltimore, as part of its 125th anniversary.

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Caritas plans seminar on money for women

St. John's Caritas Society, which early this year voted to contribute \$2,700 to the college in scholarship assistance, has a new offer of aid, this one directed toward the women of the Annapolis area.

For a bargain \$5, it is sponsoring a day-long seminar to provide women with the basic information they need to handle their financial affairs. It will be held Saturday, April 1.

With Anna Greenberg as chairman, the seminar will feature Suzanne Mensh, chief judge of Baltimore County's Orphans Court, as keynote speaker, and will include Julius Westheimer, Baltimore investment counselor, Baltimore Sun columnist, and a frequent participant of the Wall Street Week television program.

The program will include a box lunch. It is scheduled to begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and will be held in the conversation room of the Key Auditorium.

Parking will be available in the nearby State Parking Lot C at the intersection of Calvert and Bladen streets.

Judge Mensh, who is incoming president of the Trial Judges Association of Maryland, and Mr. Westheimer will speak during the morning session.

Speaking and answering questions during the afternoon session will be Richard S. Foster, special assistant to the chief actuary, Social Security Administration; Abel Merrill, Annapolis attorney, who has made a specialty of estate planning, and George O.R. Brungot, who represents a number of insurance firms, including both the Shenandoah and Philadelphia firms.

In planning the day, Mrs. Greenberg is being assisted by Winifred Fowler and the three Caritas Dorothy's — Dorothy Noble, Dorothy Gilley, and Dorothy Drummond.

GI adds philosophy, theology this summer

Annapolis's division of St. John's Graduate Institute will expand this summer to include philosophy and theology.

Last year, when the summer master's program was offered for the first time here, only history was given, and students focused on such questions as the difference between history and myth and whether people need a history or not.

This year, when the eight-week program opens June 25, teachers and other adults will have an opportunity to read and discuss a series of great books centered in philosophy and theology. In twice weekly seminars they will be asking themselves such basic questions as those surrounding immortality, predestination, Christian liberty, the fall of man, and the law of the spirit versus the written law.

Geoffrey Comber, director, said students may participate in either the history or the philosophy and theology segment.

The program, modeled after St. John's undergraduate curriculum, represents an extension of the Graduate Institute on St. John's Santa Fe campus, where four segments are offered. The program is accredited for teacher recertification on both campuses. In Maryland teachers may receive credit for what is

known as their "MA plus 30," a formula involving 30 hours beyond the master's degree used in salary advancement.

Registration is open, and interested persons may secure additional information by writing Mr. Comber in care of the Graduate Institute, St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. 21404.

Alumni aid job program

The St. John's placement office is enlisting alumni in locating summer work for students.

It has written letters to those in the immediate area asking them to assist in the program.

"Since summer employment is increasingly difficult to find, we hope to assist students by organizing a bank of summer job possibilities," Miss Brenda Robertson, placement director, said in her letter seeking the cooperation of former students.

Being asked to help are alumni in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Northern Virginia, and in the District of Columbia. If the program proves a success, the office will expand its coverage to other states.



Nominated for Watson Fellowships are Sabrina Patrone and Amy McConnell.

(James Walley photo)

Two are Watson nominees

Two seniors, one who wants to walk over the Pyrenees from France into Spain and the other who hopes to record the traditions and folklore of the Piedmont region of northern Italy, are being nominated by St. John's to receive Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellowships.

They are among a pool of 176 students from 50 private colleges and universities in the country who are eligible to participate in a program which provides for independent study and travel abroad. In all, 70 Watson fellows are selected each year.

Miss Amy McConnell, who comes from Boulder, Colo., would like to make a 900-mile walk, tracing an ancient religious pilgrimage from Paris to the holy sanctuary of Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain.

"WHEN MOST IN need of communication with themselves and the world, some people play music, others paint, still others write," Miss McConnell said. "I walk."

Sabrina Patrone, who lives in Fairfax, hopes to record the

dialect of the Piemontese, a disappearing patois which is a combination of French and Italian and understood by neither the French nor the Italians outside the area.

In addition, she wants to collect the folklore of the Piemonte, as the area which borders the French-Italian alps is known. She wants to seek out its common opinions, stories, poems, herbal beliefs, even its tongue twisters.

"One generation ago the Piemontese dialect was spoken by everyone within the region," Miss Patrone, whose grandparents came from there, said. "Now on the streets of the Piemonte only Italian or a southern dialect is heard."

Both students will have to wait until Spring before they know whether they will be selected. Meanwhile, both are making plans.

Miss McConnell, who was a regional finalist in the December Rhodes scholarship competition in California, walks regularly, including a 30-mile hike a recent Sunday on the sandy beaches of the Eastern Shore, from Bethany

to Ocean City. Last Easter she made her first religious pilgrimage, walking another 30 miles from Santa Fe, N.M., to the small church at Santuario de Chimayo.

The European walk she is planning is to the site where James, or Santiago de Compostela, Christ's disciple, was said to have been buried following his martyrdom and from where Spanish tradition has it that he arose from the dead to lead the victory against the Moors, becoming the patron saint of Spain.

"In most villages along the route there are scholars and historians who feel honored to relate the local history and related legends," Miss McConnell said, noting that the people of France and Spain continue to maintain a lively interest in the way of Santiago.

"Those age-old centers of learning, the monasteries, continue to open their doors to pilgrims. I dream of discussing Thomas Aquinas over dinner in a 12th century Romanesque

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