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Kutler, Neidorf to be college's new deans

Three questions posed

Self-study is underway

With a view to the fiftieth anniversary in 1987 of St. John's New Program, a self-study of the Annapolis campus which begins this month is expected to direct itself to three central questions.

Elliott Zuckerman, St. John's tutor since 1961, who has been named to direct the study for the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, said the college hopes to explore three questions:

Have St. John's goals and its views on liberal arts changed since the college adopted its non-elective program in 1937? Have the ways of implementing its goals changed? And has the view of St. John's role in education also changed over the past four decades?

A self-study is required by the MSACS Commission on Higher Education as part of reaccreditation procedures, which the college undergoes every 10 years. The visitation is scheduled here for the fall of 1983. The early start of the self-study was begun to give the college community sufficient leisure to prepare fully for the visit.

Named to head the Self-Study Com-

Hodson grant aids students

The Annapolis campus has received a grant of \$168,140 from the Beneficial-Hodson Trust, a sum which President Edwin J. Delattre said will be used to establish the Hodson Scholars Endowment program at St. John's.

The gift was presented at a luncheon in Baltimore by Finn M.W. Caspersen, chairman and chief executive officer of the Beneficial Corporation.

Present with President Delattre were Dean Edward G. Sparrow, John Christensen, admissions director, and Caroline Taylor, financial aid director.

Mr. Delattre said the endowment will permit the college to choose several Hodson scholars each year.

"I would like to express our gratitude to the Hodson family for their continuing support, which enables St. John's to serve its students and its high educational ideals," Mr. Delattre said in receiving the funds.

"I would especially like to thank Mr. Caspersen for his sincere interest in the college's well-being and its service both to the state and the country. He has been a source of valuable counsel to me personally and has given generously of his time and effort. All of us at St. John's are beneficiaries of the Hodson Scholars Endowment by means of which scholarship support will be awarded to deserving and meritorious students.

"NO FORM OF support is more critical to St. John's than such endowment

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mittee by President Delattre, Mr. Zuckerman will be assisted by Sam Kutler, who will become an ex-officio member when he assumes the Annapolis deanship July 1, and Annapolis tutors Hugh McGrath and Joe Sachs.

In carrying out its charge, Mr. Zuckerman said that the committee is not looking upon its assignment as a chore. "Rather we hope we can benefit from a re-examination of our goals."

One special activity planned for the fall-winter semester of 1982-83 will be a series of seminars by faculty and students on various aspects of the St. John's program and on liberal arts, Mr. Zuckerman said. The committee has been gathering ideas for texts which could serve as the basis of discussion, including the statement on history written by the late Jacob Klein, and statements of purpose by Stringfellow Barr and Scott Buchanan, founders of the program.

A history of the New Program by St. John's tutor J. Winfree Smith also is expected to be useful for discussion purposes.

Besides the study of the academic program, Mr. Zuckerman said all campus offices will be asked to prepare their own self-studies. They will be requested to consider how they construe themselves and their work as fitting in with the program. In March and April he plans to talk individually with associate and staff members.

An outline of what the Self-Study Committee hopes to accomplish was submitted February 1 to the MSACS. The report itself is due in the summer of 1983.

Campus to gain leafier look

The Annapolis campus will look a shade leafier and greener by summertime. Seventeen trees are going into place.

Not only that, but the steel girders in the Key-Mellon patio area, bare since the building was completed in 1958, are to be covered with vine. That will take longer. Climbing hydrangea have been planted at the base of four beams, but a number of seasons of growth will be necessary before this vine, considered among the most beautiful, will provide shade for outdoor occasions.

In the largest tree-planting program of recent years, the college has moved to do something about the increasingly empty appearance of the campus where storms and disease have sizeably reduced the tree populations.

Recently six white oaks were planted on front campus, four along the central walkway and two in the tree lines paralleling College Avenue.

West to have former dean

Robert Neidorf, dean of the Santa Fe campus from 1973 to 1977 and a former director of Santa Fe's Graduate Institute, will begin a second term as dean of the western campus in mid-summer.



ROBERT NEIDORF

A 1948 graduate of Rutherford High School, Rutherford, N.J., Mr. Neidorf received a bachelor of arts degree in 1951 from the University of Chicago. He completed his work without a major and as a member of the last class to go through the "Hutchins" system, which had many resemblances to St. John's.

"The next four years were something of a jumble," Mr. Neidorf recalls. "At various times I was a chemistry technician in the gynecology-and-obstetrics department at the university hospital, a

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East names active tutor

With well over half his life devoted to St. John's as student, alumnus, and tutor, Samuel Kutler will assume a fourth relationship July 1 when he becomes dean of the Annapolis campus where he graduated



SAMUEL KUTLER

in 1954 with the last all-male class.

Since he joined the faculty in 1960, the 52-year-old tutor has become one of the most active faculty members, serving numerous times on the Instruction Committee. Currently he is heading the Annapolis committee making a quinquennial review of the Polity.

Mr. Kutler will assume the deanship with some ideas already in mind about projects he would like to accomplish.

"One of the things I would like to do would be to bring four retired scholars and writers to St. John's to stay for two week periods and meet with students in small groups," he said. "They could share their meals with students and meet the faculty

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Alumni plan set for vote

With reorganization plans furthered last month by a nationally representative group, proposed amendments to the Alumni Association by-laws are scheduled to be mailed to 4,000 alumni before April 23-24 when the association holds a special meeting on the Annapolis campus to act on reorganization.

The group, which has a geographical spread that includes Boston, Denver, and West Coast cities, met on the Santa Fe campus January 15-17 to consider changes.

Allan Hoffman, of New York City, and Pablo Collins, of Washington, are serving as co-chairmen of the committee charged by the association at homecoming last

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ALUMNI

EAST AND WEST

by THOMAS PARRAN, JR.

1936

Bob Lau in November was one of twenty persons cited by the Ewing (N.J.) Township Council for outstanding community service.

1953

Duncan Brockway last fall was appointed director of library services for the Schools of Theology in Dubuque, Iowa, and for the College of Liberal Arts of the University of Dubuque. Prior to going to Dubuque, Duncan was librarian at the Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary Foundation.

George K. Gerlach, principal of Maple Elementary School in Cambridge, Md., in November was honored by the Boy Scouts of America, Del-Mar-Va Council, with a Silver Beaver citation. The citation is made for noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood by registered scouters. George has devoted a great part of his non-professional life to scouting in the Cambridge area.

1960

Ken Thompson has taken a job as senior associate with a Washington, D.C., "think tank," the Joint Center for Political Studies, with major focus on securing access of minority and politically suppressed groups to the political process. Currently he is doing research and writing in connection with the Voting Rights Act. Ken and his wife, Patricia, welcomed their second daughter, Pam, on December 16, 1980.

1968

In December, a nice note from Elizabeth Dobbs reveals that she has been promoted to associate professor of English and has been given tenure at Grinnell College. In June, Elizabeth will leave for fourteen months in Europe, vacationing in Greece and Crete this summer, then teaching medieval literature in the Grinnell-in-London program during the fall semester, then a second semester sabbatical working in London, Oxford, or the south of France, followed by summer 1983 travel through Western Europe. Elizabeth would appreciate any leads to flats in the Kensington Gardens area of London.

The Golden Gate University *Law Review*, spring 1981 issue, contained an article by Bart Lee entitled "Symbolic Control, Inc., v. IBM: Eliminating Affirmative Defenses in Antitrust Treble Damage Actions." Bart starts off by stating that the suit is necessarily a "tilting at windmills story," and then, sure enough, shortly thereafter he cites Don Quixote de la Mancha as the first "trustbuster."

A welcome letter from Lee Reichelderfer Tyner announces the birth of her second child, Rachel Christine, on November 20, 1981; son Michael Frederick will be two years old in June. Lee continues to work as a trial attorney at the

Justice Department in the Environmental Defense Section, Land and Natural Resources Division.

Sarah Braddock Westrick visited the Annapolis Alumni Office in November, reporting on sister Theda's activities (see 1970) as well as her own. She is completing work on a master's degree in library and information science at the University of Maryland.

Santa Fe — 1968

Bruce Baldwin reports the arrival of his second child, Marisa Stephanie, last August 16, thus making four-year-old Ian a proud big brother. Bruce has recently enrolled at the University of Maryland to finish an MBA, and finds his consultant business veering increasingly into data base management systems. He encourages classmates to write or call: 122 Conley Drive, Annapolis, MD. 21403, 301/263-5571.

Santa Fe — 1969

James Morrow Hall and his wife, Melinda, gave birth on December 3 to a baby boy named James Joshua Hall. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces, and measured 21 inches. "This is our first child, and although I haven't yet begun to read Plato's dialogues or demonstrate the Pythagorean Theorem to him, I intend to begin shortly," Jim writes. Currently, is running the New Mexico Abstract Company in Estancia, 70 miles south of Santa Fe and would welcome visits or communications from old St. Johnnie friends. The zip for Estancia is 87016.

1970

Theda Braddock Hitchcock is now associated with the law firm of Niesar, Moody, Hill, Massey & Kregstein in San Francisco.

1971

Randolph Runyon writes to let us know several interesting things about his career. Randy received his Ph.D. in French from Johns Hopkins University in 1973 and is in his fifth year of teaching French (and occasionally Interdisciplinary Studies and American Studies) at Miami University (Ohio). Perhaps the biggest news is of the publication of his book, *Fowles, Irving, Barthes: Canonical Variations on an Apocryphal Theme*, (Ohio State University Press 1981).

From Jan Huttner, '73, comes news of Harold Stone. He received his Ph.D. from the Committee on Social Thought at the University of Chicago last June and delivered his doctoral lecture on December 3. The title was "Epicureanism and Historical Writing on the Bay of Naples." Jan was in the audience, being at the university currently completing her

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The Annapolis campus's popular Assistant Dean Barbara Leonard blows out two candles — one for the past and one for the future — at a surprise party given by associates and staff members. At right are John Christensen, admissions director, and Caroline Taylor, financial aid officer.

Todd Reichart photo

Homecoming is Oct. 1-3

Co-chairmen Brad Davidson and Ed Grandi have announced that Homecoming 1982 will be held October 1-3 on the Annapolis campus. Of primary importance, they stress, is the making of advance hotel-motel reservations. Although that weekend is supposed to be free of Navy football or boat shows, many other things go on in Annapolis which consume rooms.

"Brad and Ed say further that, although all details have not been completed, the annual meeting will be held in the morning on Saturday," Thomas Parran, Jr., retiring eastern alumni

director, said.

"Seminars, career counseling sessions, and soccer games will be held in the afternoon. There will be feeding at the usual time, and a libation or two late on Saturday afternoon.

"As now planned, the dinner will be held in the refurbished dining hall. Although seating is limited to about 200, that should suffice if attendance patterns of earlier years hold this time. It does mean that if there are too many reservations, first come will be served. As soon as you receive the reservation form early in the summer, get it back pronto."

More chapters chartered

The same needs which the current restructuring of the Alumni Association is designed to meet continue to be reflected in the activities of local alumni groups. Since the annual meeting in September, when three regional chapters were chartered, three more have been given official recognition.

The Denver alumni, headed by Rebecca Brinkley-Connelly, SF '72, submitted an application immediately after homecoming, and the association directors acted favorably on it at their October meeting.

In December, groups in Boston and Seattle applied for recognition. The Boston petition, sponsored by Ginger Kinney, '67, Leland Giovannelli, '78, David Schiller, '62, Deirdre Marlowe, SF '73, and Joseph Baretta, '69, and that from Seattle, bearing the names of John Ross, '69, Kathleen Flynn, GI '79, and Eric Scigliano, SF '74, were approved by the directors just before the winter holidays in December.

With six active chapters across the

country and in response to specific requests from those chapters, the directors are addressing the question of guidelines for such local groups. Sam Larcombe, western alumni director, and Tom Parran, retiring eastern director, favor minimum regulations in order to make it relatively simple for a chapter to be formed and to function. They agree, however, that certain minimum standards of participation and activity should be expected.

Mr. Parran said this increase in formal chapter activity is symptomatic of a general feeling among alumni that the impetus for association activities should come from the grass-roots and that the governing body of the association, in addition to being truly representative of the demography of the alumni body itself, should establish broad, general policy and then be responsive to ideas and activities initiated by the respective regional groups.

Nominations underway

Harvey M. Goldstein, '59 and Allan P. Hoffman, '49, have been nominated by Alumni Association directors for terms on the Board of Visitors and Governors beginning this spring.

Under the association charter, nominations by petitions signed by at least 30 alumni are invited. They should be accompanied by a biographical sketch as well as the nominee's signed consent.

Petitions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. March 15 in the Annapolis Alumni Office. If there are no petitions, Mr. Goldstein and Mr. Hoffman will be considered elected. If one or more petitions are received, there will be an election by

mail ballot.

A Miami attorney, Mr. Goldstein would be starting his first three-year term, replacing Sharon Bishop, '65, who has served two consecutive three-year periods and who is not eligible for re-election.

Mr. Hoffman is a New York business man who is completing his first term on the board. Alumni Association directors are nominating him for a second term.

Alumni are defined as former undergraduate students not currently enrolled whose classes have graduated, persons in receipt of a master's degree, either earned or honorary, and all honorary alumni.

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The conversation continues

What's going on with alumni across the country

by SAM LARCOMBE
Western Alumni Director

News of local alumni activities was good as the year gets underway with existing groups and chapters holding regularly scheduled seminars or other gatherings and with alumni in at least five other cities either organizing or planning to do so.

Annapolis

In Annapolis, the monthly alumni luncheon series has moved to the new private dining room in Randall Hall. Program chairman Ann Cruse has given the occasions added significance by inviting members of the faculty and staff to talk informally at each event.

Arizona

Arizona alumni were invited to a November seminar party at the Tempe home of Mariam Cohen, A '69. Santa Fe tutor Stephen Van Luchene, in the area on admissions office business, joined them. This gathering marked an ambitious effort to bring together St. Johnnies spread over a vast geographic area, and to bring news of the college directly to its permanent members in southern Arizona. Mariam reports that the invitations aroused definite interest. She plans a second gathering late in February.

Boston

In November, Boston area alumni began a series of monthly seminars on the theme, "States of Mind." Starting with what spokesman David Schiller, A '62, called a "mind-crunching seminar on Hegel's *Phenomenology*, the group has gone on to discuss a novel by James Cain (who taught journalism at St. John's College in the Old Program) and Plato's *Gorgias*. With interest running high, the group has decided to meet twice monthly. Leland Giovanelli, '78, on the faculty of Boston's Commonwealth School, thoughtfully arranged for a seminar room at her school and has invited selected students to join the alumni in seminars of interest to them.

Chicago

Chicago's venerable seminar group continues its schedule of readings, and invites all alumni in the windy city area to participate. In November, Mark Habrel, S '75, led the group in a discussion of Books VI and VII of *The Republic* of Plato.

Denver

Alumni in Denver and environs, now holders of the fourth charter granted by the Alumni Association, continue with regular seminar meetings. In recent months, they have met to discuss *The Tempest*; James Joyce's story, *The Dead*; Scott Buchanan's seminal article, "The New Program at St. John's College," from the 1937 prospectus; and *The Timaeus*. Gathering at the home of Becky Brinkley-Connelly, S '72 on December 19, they enjoyed a seminar party with an appropriate text: Charles Dickens' *Christmas Carol*.

Houston

President Delattre was welcomed to Houston in November at a well-attended alumni reception very graciously arranged by Scott Kelso, G.I. '79, his wife, Mary Jean, and Barbara Prendergast, G.I. '72, and held at the Kelsos' home. Plans are being laid to form a permanent group.

Southern California

In November, in Downey, a suburb of Los Angeles, members of the new Southern California Alumni Chapter gathered to inaugurate their formal life with a delicious buffet dinner and a large seminar on *The Philoctetes* led by visiting tutor Bill Darkey. Superb arrangements, made by chapter President David Dobreer, A '44, complemented what many of those who came said was one of the finest seminars in memory. The chapter's steering committee met in December to draw up plans for the future and to discuss their second major activity — a visit this month by Santa Fe Dean Bob Bart, who has suggested as a text for the discussion he will lead, Plato's *Symposium*. Encompassing an area stretching south from Santa Barbara to the border with Mexico, the Southern California Chapter represents one of the Alumni Association's most valuable assets. Its current potentially active membership numbers way over 200. With the good start made by David Dobreer and his associates, the chapter's future looks bright.

Minneapolis-St. Paul

In the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, one of the newest alumni groups in the country gathered for its first seminar in November. Former Annapolis tutor Bob Spaeth, now dean of arts and sciences at Minnesota's St. John's University, was invited for the occasion to lead the discussion on works by Lincoln and Thoreau. Michael Woolsey, A '65, the group's spokesman, says that a monthly schedule is planned.

New York

The New York Chapter has begun its new life with two major autumn events. In October members heard a brief lecture on Kant's "Religion Within the Limits of Reason" given by Annapolis tutor Joe Cohen, followed by a "great" two-hour seminar on the work, led by Mr. Cohen. In December, there was a similar evening with Curtis Wilson traveling up from Annapolis. The text was Hume's "Essay on Taste." Both events were held at the Williams Club and began with a buffet dinner and a short business meeting. Chapter President Allan Hoffman, A '49, reports that the occasions have been well attended, and that the conversations have been excellent. He notes that an attractive feature of the evenings has been the alumni news and views portion of the business session. He adds that the New York Chapter welcomes all St. Johnnies to its functions.

Philadelphia

In Philadelphia, several interested alumni have met informally as an *ad hoc* steering committee to consider forming a regular seminar and social group for all St. Johnnies in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Victor Schwartz, A '61, reports that the committee should be having some suggestions to send out to alumni in the area and says that ideas and participation are most welcome.

Portland

Portland area alumni entered a second season of seminars in December, gathering to talk about poems by Donne, Yeats, and Auden. Christina Pierce and David MacLaine, who served as hosts at the meeting and who have been at the center of the group since its formation, urge their fellows to join in the dialectical good times.

San Francisco

In San Francisco, the Alumni Chapter of Northern California began its third full series of events with a talk in November by President Edwin Delattre on "The Importance of Heroes and Heroines." The turnout was good, in spite of one of the stormiest nights in recent years, and the question period was spirited. In December, Winfree Smith flew from Annapolis to talk on Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*. In January, Robert Neidorf, of the Santa Fe Faculty, spoke on portions of the *Iliad*. This month, Eugene Thaw, A '47, lectures on "Fine Arts and Liberal Arts"; and in May, the chapter will gather for a picnic and seminars on four of the books recently added to the Annapolis reading list: *The Bear*, *The Good Soldier*, *The Dead*, *The Metamorphosis*. Chapter president Bob Nichols, A '48, reminds members that spouses, friends, and visiting St. Johnnies are welcome at all events. Debra D. Carroll, '77, is chapter treasurer and Michael Levine, '77, secretary. Mr. Sheppard and Thomas M. Carnes, '52, as past chairmen, serve as senior advisors.

Santa Fe

In Santa Fe, three separate seminar groups have sprung up in recent months, thanks in part to the efforts of Linda Stabler Talty, G.I. '76, and Sally Dunn, S '71. Ms. Stabler Talty organized a Shakespeare reading group before the summer had ended, and Ms. Dunn invited all alumni living in the area to a general meeting at the college in October to consider other possibilities. Out of that meeting grew two new groups, both

choosing to read and discuss 20th century fiction. Any local alumnus who resolved at New Year's time to take up serious reading and talking again should call Sam Larcombe in the Alumni Office for meeting times, places and book titles.

Western Washington

Alumni of Western Washington state have continued their program of monthly seminars, starting their new season in October with Thomas More's *Utopia*. In November, deciding to vary their format, a group of them met for dinner at a small, atmospheric Lebanese restaurant and, after an excellent Levantine meal, turned to the evening's text — *The Maltese Falcon*. In December, it was back to intellectual business with three essays by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Spokesman John Ross, A '69, reports that, since the summer of 1980, about half of the total number of St. Johnnies in the area have participated in the seminars and social gatherings. He welcomes the other half. As a New Year's present to the Seattle Area alumni, the Alumni Association board granted them a charter, making them the fifth new association chapter.

District of Columbia

The Washington seminar group, meeting at a branch of the city's public library, maintains its twice-monthly schedule with ease and informality. Spokesman Ed Grandi, A '77, says that all area alumni are welcome, and that the group is devoted strictly to discussions of texts chosen by participants.

Scholars to be endowed

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gifts, and we are honored by the example set by the Beneficial Hodson Trust."

Mr. Caspersen also announced grants to Hood and Washington colleges and to Johns Hopkins University.

"With this year's grants, our total contributions to these fine Maryland institutions since 1936 total nearly \$24-million. We are proud to continue Colonel Hodson's tradition of contributing to the future of higher education in the Old Line State."

Mr. Caspersen cited the increasing support American corporations are providing private colleges and universities facing "increased inflation and cut-backs in federal aid to education."

He noted that "1.2 per cent of the total

1979-80 academic year operating expenses of the nation's 3,000 colleges and universities were paid for through corporate financial assistance. We hope to see that percentage increase in the years to come."

In addition to other grants to St. John's, the Hodson Trust was a principal contributor to the recently completed program to enlarge Randall Hall and to refurbish the Edgar T. Higgins Dining Hall. It was Edgar T. Higgins who initiated the relationship between the Hodson Trust and St. John's in 1965 with a gift of \$10,000. In all, the trust provided \$582,000 for the project, and Mr. and Mrs. Caspersen joined with members of the Higgins family to dedicate the dining hall.

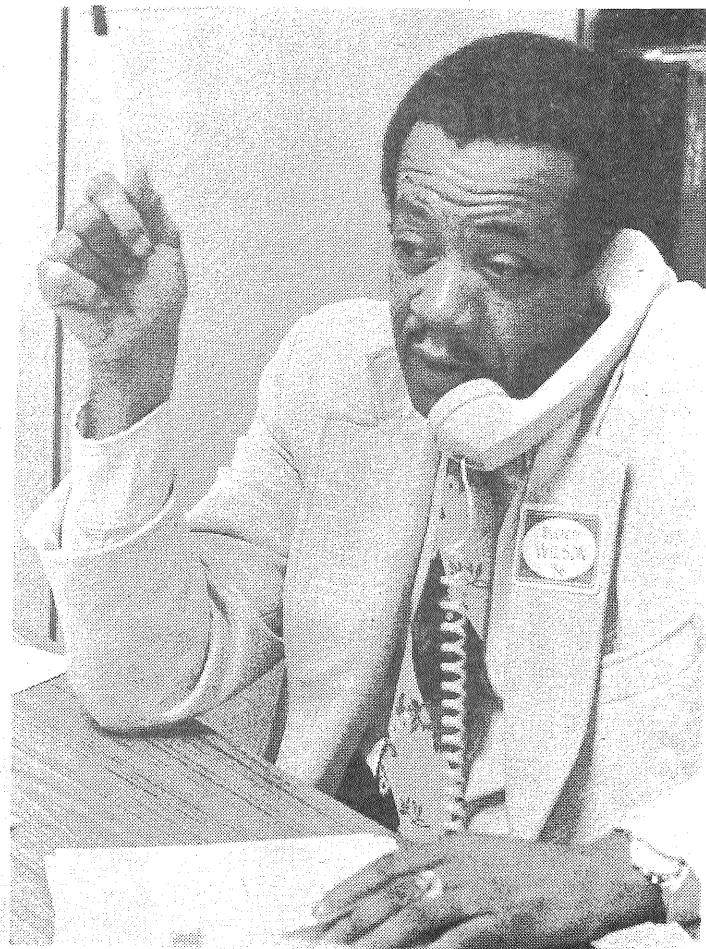


Finn M. W. Caspersen, chairman of the Hodson Trust, presents a check to President Delattre.



Getting paper work in order for the alumni telephone campaign are, from left, Julius Rosenberg, '38; Cyril R. Murphy, Jr., '36; William B. (Hippo) Matthews, Jr., '34, and James Randall, '38. At right Everett H. Wilson, '56, makes one of the calls in which he raised more than \$1,000 and became a top prize winner for the second night of calling.

Todd Reichart photo



Renewing old St. John's ties as alumni man the phones

"C'mon, gang. We've got you three to one," Team A's captain, Frank Marshall, '47, challenged alumni manning Team B phones.

By 7:45 p.m., as reporting continued every 15 minutes on opening night in the alumni's first major telephone campaign, the seven-member Team A had raised \$2,085 and Team B \$835.

With the race underway in Annapolis to see which team could raise the most pledges during an hour and a half of calling, bits of nostalgic gossip were flowing through the telephone lines of two national time zones with the same rapidity that pledges were being recorded for the 1981-82 campaign.

"Alright, I'm going to put you down for \$200," Bill Athey, '31, was telling an alumnus of his era. "You know whose here calling? Bunny Gessner. Well, I agree. He's a wonderful guy."

And about then Bunny (Bernard) Gessner, '27, was in the midst of his first conversation with a classmate, J. Handel Hopkins, of Parsonburg, Md., since 1924. Old ties were being renewed.

In the room loaned by the C&P Telephone Company, where Team A was placing calls as far west as North Dakota, Ken Kimble, '76, leaned across the aisle to Annapolis City Alderman Bradford Davidson, '77, working in his shirtsleeves at an opposite desk, to say that "Frances Goodwin sends her love." In another conversation, Mrs. Kimball, '76, had learned that John Borders and his wife Meg McGuinness, both of the Class of '76, had a five-week-old son, Christopher. And so it went.

The first hour and a half of the campaign raised \$6,310, part of it from a number of first-time donors. John Donahue, '35, alone was responsible for eight new donors.

The seven-member Team A wound up with the largest portion — \$4,325 — with Bill Athey receiving a prize as the first to get \$500. "Nothing to it, fellows," the retired insurance executive from Baltimore dismissed the achievement. "It was just plain luck." He credited his performance to one alumnus who had his gift matched and tripled by Exxon.

Not all those telephoning were alumni.

Shirley Huber was standing in for Frances Huber, '76, now working toward a master's degree in archaeology at the University of Indiana. "I appreciate what St. John's did for Francie," this St. John's parent said. "I think Frances gained a great deal from the college. I'm glad to donate my time."

Besides a mother and a husband-and-wife combination, there was a father-son team down from Baltimore: the two Theodore Hendricks, 1950 and 1973. Rosaline Rice, newest alumnus present, represented the Graduate Institute where she received her master's last summer.

Team B. was captained by St. John's new development director, Ann Cruse, who instructed all the participants on procedures following supper just before the calling began.

Mr. Marshall, who is chairing the 1981-82 Alumni Fund Campaign, said he became involved in last spring's friends' telephone campaign as an "unbeliever," convinced such drives would not work. But agreeably surprised by its success, he was convinced a similar alumni campaign would.

And work it did.

Because of the time difference, workers did not reach alumni in the Rocky Mountain State or West Coast time belts. But within its limits, and as a first time effort, the campaign was judged to be highly successful, particularly from the standpoint of first time gifts.

In all, only about 500 alumni were called, and of that number a sizeable number could not be reached. Seventy-four alumni, or 25 percent of those called, were making pledges for the first time. Of these, 52 has been New Program students, and 22 had gone to St. John's prior to 1937.

Mr. Marshall reported that \$15,330 was raised from 303 alumni. More than a third of whom — some 132 — were making their first gift to the college within the past three years.

Alumni who helped make the phone campaign a success were:

Mr. Marshall; Gerry Atterbury, '46; Frank Atwell, '53; Betsy Brown, '75; Jack Carr, '50; Tom Carter, '36; Garnett Clark, '36; Joe Cohen, '56; Gil Crandall, '36; Bryant Cruse, '73; Brad Davidson, '77; John Donohue, '35; Matt Evans, '31;

Bunny Gessner, '27;

Roger Glad, '67; Sonny Greengold, '38; Ted Hendricks, Jr., '50; Ted Hendricks, III, '73; Shirley Huber, parent; Sylvia Jones, GI '81; Ken Kimble, '77; Meg Kimble, '76; Chris King, '75; Cynthia A. Kirschner, '75; John D. Martin, '35; Hippo Matthews, '34; Cyril R. Murphy,

Jr., '36;

Michael Parks, '74; Charles F. Pearce, III, '36; Jim Randall, '38; Marty W. Rausch, '36; Rosamond Rice, GI '81; Julius Rosenberg, '38; Jim Rowe, '38; Bill Simmons, '48; Al Slafkosky, '43; Bill and Carol Tilles, '59; Barbara Tower, '59; Joan Vinson, GT '81; Everett H. Wilson, '56; Frank Wilson, '35, and Gerald Zentz, '54.

Alumni plan mail ballot on new plan

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October to come up with a reorganization plan.

Mr. Hoffman said it is expected to take the form of amendments to the association charter. Prior to being mailed, it was to be forwarded to the association board for its review. Changes will be placed before alumni in the form of a mail ballot asking for their approval.

"The objective is to have an alumni association which will more correctly represent the 4,000 alumni from two campuses nationally distributed in a way which will not be divisive because we are one association," Mr. Hoffman said. "And we want an association that will be more responsive to the needs of the local

chapters, which is the new phenomenon of the association."

Serving on the reorganization committee are Gay (Ginger) Kenney, of Boston; Steven Tucker, of Santa Fe, and Harrison Sheppard of San Francisco.

Named as advisors to the committee are Rebecca Brinkley-Connelly, of Denver; Dr. David Dobreer, of Los Angeles; Sally Dunn, of Santa Fe; Bob Nichols, of San Francisco; Sam Larcombe, western alumni director, and Tom Parran, former alumni director of the Annapolis campus.

Formal action will be taken by the Alumni Association at its specially called meeting April 23-24.

Press publishes Weigle's talks

A collection of convocation addresses by President Emeritus Richard D. Weigle has just been published by the St. John's College Press.

Entitled *Convocatum Est*, the traditional Latin phrase with which the St. John's president declares the college in session each fall, the collection represents addresses to entering freshman classes by Mr. Weigle delivered at both eastern and western campuses over three decades, from 1950 to 1980.

The 25 addresses have been arranged largely in chronological order with reference to major events in the life of the college. They begin with the 1950 talk, "Plato's Cave and St. John's College," and conclude with his final retrospective talk of 1979 reviewing his previous 30 years with St. John's.

Convocatum Est is on sale in the St. John's Bookstore at \$4.95 for a clothbound edition and \$2.95 for paperback. Persons ordering by mail should add \$1 for handling.

College receives electrical organ

The widow of the late Walter Douglas Weir, '57, who died of heart failure in his sleep last May 30, has presented the Annapolis campus with an electrical organ in his memory.

A Baltimore psychiatrist who was a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland Medical School, Dr. Weir was a serious musician who had purchased the electrical Rodgers-Scarborough organ in 1979. It has been placed in the Great Hall where it will be used for baccalaureate and for other occasions.

Bob Neidorf to start 2nd term as dean

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cashier in the university cafeteria, a metallurgical technician in a research laboratory at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and a switchboard operator in a girls' dorm.

"For a while I was a pre-med student, later a philosophy student, and in between I spent four months in Europe on a bicycle. But most important, and the best thing that ever happened to me, was that I met a graduate student in the Divinity School named Mary Morris. In 1955 we were married, and in the same year I received an M.A."

Following another stint at IIT, the Neidorfs moved to New Haven, Conn., and in 1959 he was awarded a doctorate in philosophy at Yale.

For the next three years he was an instructor and assistant professor of philosophy at Bucknell University, where he directed a small graduate liberal arts program for teachers and served as executive secretary of the honors program in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It was in the last context that I first became aware of the existence of St. John's College. A colleague showed me an article by John Kieffer describing the curriculum. I applied at once."

He served as tutor from 1962 to 1964. "Then a certain restlessness, combined with a grinding frustration over the salary levels, drove me back to the conventional academic world," Mr. Neidorf explained his decision to leave the college.

From 1964 to 1967 he was an assistant and later associate professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Binghamton, where he was given liberty to design and teach courses as he wished.

"After two years I realized that whatever real inspiration I had came from my two years at St. John's," Mr. Neidorf continued. "So I wrote for advice to Curtis Wilson, then in Santa Fe, who had been dean in Annapolis when I first was appointed. With his encouragement, I applied again, this time to Santa Fe, where we arrived in 1967. Since then, studying and teaching here, has been a fulfillment beyond what I imagined possible."

"I have been assigned to most of the classes in the curriculum, lacking only music and junior and senior language. I hope to have the chance to repeat most of them until I get them right."

Mr. Neidorf has served for six years on the Faculty Salary Committee, for nine years on the Instruction Committee, and was a member of the recent Presidential Search Committee. From 1970 to 1973 he was director of the Graduate Institute. Much to his own surprise, he is looking forward to resuming the deanship.

"I know from experience it is not a rose garden, but I would gladly put up with much worse than that job can generate in exchange for the privilege and the pleasure of working closely with the people — faculty, staff, and students — who are here."

"Also," he continued, "it seems to me that the Santa Fe campus is in excellent condition educationally. A major reason for this is that Robert Bart has been a tutor here for six of the past seven years, the last five as dean. His learnedness and kindness are beyond compare, and he has made vivid for us a sense of the traditions of the college and a vision of its ideals. It is not possible to thank him too much."

Mr. Neidorf is a member of the American Association of University Professors and of Phi Beta Kappa. ("I used to be a member of the American Philosophical Association, but I let that

Computer talk

Alumni aiding in career planning



Placement Director Marianne Braun, who made all the arrangements for the Presidential Career Counseling Luncheons, heads the table where, to her immediate right, Blair Marie Toler and Blake Kline talk with students about the computer field.

Tom Parran photo

Two alumni who have entered the computer field with only their St. John's bachelor's degrees behind them have found it "fascinating" and "creative."

Blair Marie Toler, of the Sperry Secor Corporation, and Blake Thomas Kline, of the Dial Com Corporation, both members of the Class of 1979, spoke of their experiences last month at the second Presidential Career-Counseling Luncheon.

In a program extending the Placement Office's program of consultations between alumni and students, President Edwin J. Delattre has initiated a series of luncheons in which students have an opportunity to glean pointers about careers in specific fields.

Earlier, in October, another group of students had luncheon and met Theodore Blanton, '75, legislative assistant to Senator John C. Danforth. He discussed opportunities in government.

drop when I discovered they were not much interested in philosophy.") An expert chess player, he also is a member of the United States Chess Federation.

His attempt to defend Leibniz from Voltaire was printed in the Bucknell Review in the spring, 1961, under the title, "Is this the best of all possible worlds?" Mr. Neidorf's argument against the popular view that Einstein was a radical empiricist appeared in *Philosophy of Science*, April, 1963, in an article entitled "Is Einstein a Positivist?" His textbook on so-called symbolic logic, *Deductive Forms*, was published by Harper & Row in 1967. It is now out of print. His occasional lectures and addresses have been printed in *The College*, now *The St. John's Review*.

The Neidorfs have two children: David, 24, who attended St. John's for two years, then served four years as an outdoor skills instructor, mostly with Outward Bound, and who is now a junior at the New School for Social Research in New York, and Julia, 20, a sophomore in Santa Fe.

Both Miss Toler and Mr. Kline are engaged in computer programming, something they described as puzzle solving. There is no working with math; programming basically involves using logic. Asked if the programmer needs to know anything about the subject itself, students were told no. That part belongs to the engineers.

HERE ARE SOME of the things the two graduates had to say about the computer field:

Companies are looking for "people who are intelligent and who can learn."

A job search can take as long as five months. Many companies hire for the summer, and a summer job in the field helps. Use any contacts you have to get that first job. It's always helpful if someone in the company can say they know you.

The best way to prepare is to take a basic course in computer language at either a community college or university. Avoid computer training centers. Once in the field, it is well to take courses now and then in a second or third computer language since technology changes with astonishing rapidity.

In applying for a job, graduates should include on their resume the fact that St. John's provides the equivalent of a math major and a physics minor. "If you can think about physics and do math, you're a good candidate for computer programming," Mr. Kline said. St. John's classroom experience, itself, provides good preparation for an interview.

It is not too early for seniors to send letters and resumes to computer firms. The alumni cautioned that it may be necessary to apply to a great many companies. They suggest Chambers of Commerce as a source of company names in a given area. Many companies hold open house, and a call to personnel offices should yield this information.

THE TURN-OVER rate is high since moving to different companies is generally how people progress, at least in

the early years. Salaries begin in the \$15,000 - \$18,000 range with the expectation of a 10 to 15 per cent increase in slow years, more in good years.

Big companies are more secure and provide more potential for future advancement. Smaller companies generally provide greater opportunity to learn more.

In order to get into management levels, one needs a master's degree.

After a year or two of experience in the field, there is no problem with job offers. There are computer services with which one can register and be sent on projects on an as-needed basis. Many foreign-based American firms are greatly in need of American personnel. The Washington area is especially good because of the number of defense contracts.

One advantage with working in the computer field is that it provides flexibility, including time off for women wishing to have a family.

Parents Weekend April 30-May 1

Parents Weekend is scheduled April 30-May 1 on the Annapolis campus with two juniors, Katherine O'Malley, of Sarasota, Fla., and James Bailey, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., chairing activities.

Saturday morning seminars for parents and students will be based upon Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Parents are advised to read the play before arriving for a full program of activities is planned, including a Friday night lecture by St. John's artist-in-residence Burton Blistein, a waltz party, and a production by the King William Players. Early hotel reservations are recommended since room space is in short supply.

Brochures with details will be on the way soon.

Letter to Editor

NEH program would appeal to alumni

The Editor
St. John's Reporter

St. John's alumni should be aware of a program of the National Endowment for the Humanities that could benefit from their participation. Every state has a voluntary-citizen committee composed of humanities scholars and public representatives, whose purpose is to provide support to non-profit organizations for public humanities programs. These programs bring humanities scholars into discussions with the public in various formats. Some projects explore particular issues of public policy from the perspective of philosophy, ethics, or history, for instance. Others are intended to increase the public's understanding of regional literature, local history, or traditional subjects of the humanities, with the intent of improving the quality of citizenship.

These programs have a laudable side-benefit in their effect upon scholars, because they encourage humanities scholars to expand beyond their narrow specialization by speaking publicly, and in public language, about what they think and know. A scholar is implicitly challenged to consider the roots of his discipline when he is asked to assess the potential contributions of his discipline to public life.

I am currently serving as the "Humanities Intern" for the Ohio Program in the Humanities. I have had the opportunity to read widely in the recent discussions among the State Committees and the NEH concerning the humanities and public life, and the depth of thought and soundness of judgment commonly displayed are impressive.

There is a strong emphasis in the mission of the committees on projects that encourage thoughtful, spirited discussions. St. John's alumni could greatly strengthen such programs by their participation on every level, because they have an almost unmatched level of experience in pursuing extended, rational inquiries, and understand the principles of learning through discussion. As participants, planners, project directors, and even as State Committee members, St. John's alumni could help devise and implement projects that result in fruitful, public conversation.

Any Ohio residents who wish to begin exploring ideas for possible projects, or who want to know more about our activities and be put on our mailing list, should write to me. I would also be glad to provide the address of the appropriate State Committee to residents of other states.

Sincerely yours,
Michael C. Jordan, '74
The Ohio Program in the Humanities
760 Pleasant Ridge Ave.
Columbus, OH 43209

Admissions job is open

Alumni are invited to apply for the position of admissions representative on the Annapolis campus. John Christensen, admissions director, whom the representative serves as an assistant, said that applicants should know the program well. Besides clerical work and records keeping, the position also involves a considerable amount of travel. Applicants should write directly to Mr. Christensen.

College rejects plan for inn on campus.

St. John's has rejected an offer from a Greenbelt, Md., development firm to build and operate a luxury inn on a three-acre site between the college's heating plant and College Creek.

Formal action was taken by the Board of Visitors and Governors at its January meeting in Santa Fe.

"After careful deliberation by the special board subcommittee on Annapolis planning and a thorough report to the visitors and governors, the board passed a resolution to the effect that despite its recognition of the advantages of such an inn for the Annapolis community, it

believed that such a development would not be consistent with the needs of the college and its concern to preserve its limited physical space," President Edwin J. Delattre said.

Mr. Delattre said that the board also adopted a resolution indicating that the college would discourage any commercial development of the campus in "the foreseeable future." In its unanimously approved resolution, the board said: "The college feels it can best fulfill its responsibility to the community at large and to its members by preserving the physical in-

tegrity and beauty of the Annapolis campus intact."

Construction of the inn on a three-acre site would have meant a 10 per cent loss in the size of the small Annapolis campus, now 30 acres. Its effect on St. John's active intramural sports program had aroused widespread concern among college community members objecting to the plan.

Prior to the board meeting both the Campus Development Committee and the faculty as a whole had gone on record against the project.

Santa Fe slates 3 summer seminars

The Alumni Summer Seminar Program in Santa Fe has proven so popular that it will be offered three weeks instead of two this year, Sam Larcombe, western alumni director, has announced.

Mailers announcing faculty and texts are scheduled to be out by the end of February. If you plan to attend any of the week-long sessions which begin July 18, July 25, and August 1, Mr. Larcombe

advises that you reply promptly since there will be a definite cut-off in numbers.

Open to parents and friends as well as to alumni, the summer program resulted in crowded tutorials last year. "Everyone had a wonderful time," Mr. Larcombe said. "Informal fellowship appeared richer than during student days. Alumni were very serious about the program, and discussions ran full length. The coffeshop

talk was quite serious."

Mr. Larcombe, who is "camp director and I love it," does everything from locating baggage to rounding up lost children. Many alumni, he said, find it helpful to read as much ahead of time as possible in order to have some free time to take advantage of opera and sightseeing. The program includes care of young children.

Student activities program expands

"Good times," according to Joe Ginter, Ft. Washington, Md., junior, "help build the soul."

If that's the case, there is a great deal of soul-building going on at the Annapolis campus for an expanded program of student activities has provided a number of good times this year.

One new program has come as the result of Dean Edward Sparrow. Aware that weekends on campus can be a bit slow and of opportunities offered in the Washington-Baltimore area, he initiated a program which has resulted in trips that have included back-packing in West Virginia and wild pony watching at Assateague.

A gift of a 1968 Chrysler station wagon to the college has helped provide transportation. Now dubbed "Mary Anne," it was given by Mrs. Jason Geiger, of Rockville, Md., the mother of a former student.

In past years the Student Polity has sponsored a program of student activities, which Mr. Ginter currently is chairing. Mr. Sparrow's new program is being administered by Marianne Braun, placement director, with the assistance of James Bailey, Tuscaloosa, Ala., junior. Most of the planning is done by the students themselves.

Here are some of the things students have been doing under both programs:

Almost the entire student body participated in an Oktoberfest, in which Professor and Mrs. Charles Rector of the Naval Academy taught folk dancing on the college quad, and a German meal was featured in the dining room. A rathskeller followed in the coffee shop.

Fifty students attended a Saturday matinee performance of *Othello* with James Earl Jones at the Mechanic Theatre in Baltimore.

A number attended a dress rehearsal of the Annapolis Opera Company's *Die Fledermaus*.

Fifteen students rented a bus which took them to Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia for back packing over the Long Weekend in October. This was a trip in which they saw fall colors, hiked 20 miles in the Otter Creek wilderness area and spotted deer, and awakened Monday morning to find their tents covered with snow. As they departed, a blizzard fell. Back-packing was new to approximately

half the group.

A number of students spent a day at Assateague on the Eastern Shore watching the wild ponies there as well as a wide variety of water fowl. Students walked on the beach, collected shells, and some went swimming.

With binoculars in hand, they have gone birding at the Blackwater Wildlife Refuge, also on the Eastern Shore.

Trips to Washington are held every other weekend, essentially free days when students may visit art galleries, museums, restaurants, and other points of interest.

During "Dead Week" in December students went to New York City with priority for sight-seeing choices given to those students who had never visited the city.

Also being planned are trips to Skyline Drive, to the colonial cities of Williamsburg and Fredericksburg, Va., to John Brown country in Harper's Ferry, W. Va., and a weekend of skiing. Students hope to hold a square dance with lots of hay to lend some authenticity and are in the process of arranging swimming trips at a local YMCA at 50 cents a visit.

To keep students informed of what is available in Annapolis and Baltimore, par-

ticularly with regard to music, the theater, and dance, there is a new bulletin board in the coffee shop, "What's Going On." Information on student activities regularly appears in *The Gadfly*, the student weekly.

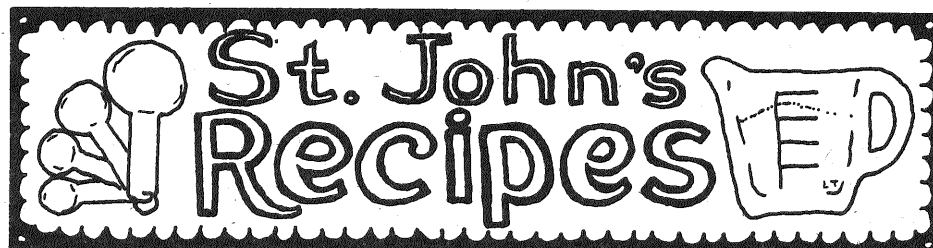
Popularity of the program is so high that, while he is appreciative of the station wagon, Mr. Bailey feels what is really necessary is a mini-bus to carry more students.

William Bayliff dies of stroke

William Henry Bayliff, a member of the St. John's College faculty from 1928 to 1942, died of a stroke December 13 in Annapolis.

A native of Cherokee, Okla., Mr. Bayliff received a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1928. After leaving St. John's, he became executive secretary of the Maryland Board of Natural Resources, and served until 1967.

He surveyed the original markers of the Mason-Dixon line. His hobbies included gardening, photography, and drawing. His survivors include his wife, 4 Thompson St., Annapolis.



From Jean M. Wood, 201 Miranda Ave., Springer, N.M., comes this recipe. "I can promise you this stew will be a real hit," she writes. "This I know from having served it many times and having received praise for it, requests for the recipe and 'How about your stew, Mom?'"

MACHIAVELLI (GOOD FOR THE BELLY) STEW

In 1 tablespoon meat drippings in a 5-6 quart pot, saute 1 lb. best ground round, 1 cup chopped onion, and 1 c. chopped bell pepper until meat is browned. Add juice from 1 lb. can whole-kernel corn, 1 No. 2 can kidney beans, and 1 No. 2 can tomatoes. Cook until liquid is somewhat reduced. Add the cut-up tomatoes, beans,

and corn and 1 4 oz. can chopped green chiles, 2 or 3 shakes garlic salt, and several shakes, if you have it, of Trappey's Chief Magic Kitchen Seasonings. Bring to a boil and serve. Serves six.

Good substitution: Instead of kidney beans, use Trappey's pintos with Jalapeno and no other chili.

To enrich the juices, have the liquids from beans used in three-bean salad and add these to the stew. (These are juices from wax, green, and kidney beans.) Season with salt and fresh ground pepper is desired.

St. John's Recipes are welcome. Write Recipes, St. John's College, Annapolis, Md. 21404.

More Alumni Notes

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dissertation in the Committee on the Conceptual Foundations of Science. She reports that Harold and his wife, Barbara, a graduate student at Northwestern University, reside in Evanston, Ill.

Santa Fe — 1971

Susan V. Lawrence and Peter W. Volkmar, S72, were married last October in Bethesda, Md. Peter is head of technical services for the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority's office of management information services. He earned a master's degree in computer science from George Washington University in 1976 before going to work for the Health Resources Administration, and thence to the Transit Authority. Sue is now a freelance writer and editor in Washington, specializing in science and medicine. Previously she worked in Philadelphia as a senior editor with the American College of Physicians.

1975

Arthur (Tom) Horvath last August finished work on a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology at San Diego. He is now doing one year of post-doctoral training at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., as the first of three years of repayment to the Navy for a scholarship during graduate school.

As of January 1, Nancy Polk King has accepted a position as research attorney to Clark Havighorst of the Duke University Law School, helping with investigation of competition in the health care marketplace. Nancy went to this new position from a year with the Health Care Financing Division of the General Counsel's Office, DHHS, and is especially excited about returning to an academic community.

On October 27, 1981, registering 5 pounds, 13 ounces on the "Richter scale," Benjamin Lewis Rogers Kniaz was born to Mary and Peter Kniaz. Peter writes that all are well and enjoying the young man. Included with the clever announcement of Benjamin's birth was a "business card" hand-lettered by classmate John Rogers.

A card received recently announced the opening of an office for the practice of law by Joyce S. Mendlin, in Brentwood Village, Los Angeles.

Santa Fe — 1975

In the course of other duties in connection with an about-to-be-published volume of Scott Buchanan's works, we discovered that the associate editor at Farrar, Straus & Giroux who works on this book project is none other than Nancy Miller. (That's to report on Nancy, as well as to give an advance "plug" for *So Reason Can Rule*, due out this spring. Watch these pages for more on this book which few St. Johnnies will want to miss — TP)

1976

Johan H. DeRoos last fall joined the First National Bank of Atlanta as a management associate. After serving in various divisions of the bank for orientation, he will be assigned to a specific division. Before moving to First National, Johan served as territory manager for American Express in Atlanta.

Santa Fe — 1976

The following is from a letter from Arma Flamand which the provost received last fall: "As you may recall, I spent 2½ years in Alberta as a commercial property and liability insurance underwriter. Since that time I have been a full-time graduate student here at the University of Dallas. I am currently in my fourth and final semester and will graduate in

December (1981) with an MBA degree in international management..." "As time goes on, my education at St. John's develops through the addition of perspective, and a sense of its value as a way of life takes shape through practice. This is of course a difficult process to describe... On a practical level the St. John's intellectual climate... has provided the foundation for any meaningful understanding I have arrived at here in graduate school... On a personal level (if I may artificially separate personal from professional life) the benefits of my undergraduate education are less easily summarized (but)... it may be this: The St. John's education can provide a fundamental confidence in one's ability to meet personal challenges through the development of awareness and the capacity for personal action."

Santa Fe — 1977

Mary Elliott Vidakovich reports from southern Illinois that she graduated last May from the Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., with a master of divinity degree, and is now serving a three-point charge in the Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Her husband, John, serves another three-point charge in the same area.



It's been an active year for the Annapolis campus's Student Forum. Here one of the speakers, William Colby, former head of the CIA, talks to a group of students. Todd Reichart photo

Annapolis alumnus to become dean

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in their homes."

His plans for Friday night lectures will take a small twist. Lining up those for the 1982-83 year is the one responsibility he is assuming before he takes office. With the hope that lectures can be made more closely program related, he plans to suggest, as much as possible, specific subjects to prospective lecturers. Also, he would like to see groups of lecturers on the same subject, and next year intends to have several biologists.

Late last fall Mr. Kutler was named as a member of the Annapolis campus's Self Study Committee in preparation for the 1983 re-accreditation procedures. As dean, he will become an ex-officio member. Already he has been active in the committee's early considerations.

Under the Polity, deans are appointed for five year periods. In naming Mr. Kutler, the Board of Visitors and Governors has chosen a faculty member known for his kindness and concern for people as well as for his understanding of the St. John's program and as one of the college community's most active members.

A mathematician by training, Mr. Kutler was a member of the senior staff of the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University from 1955 to 1961 during a time he also was pursuing graduate work at American University. In addition, at that time he instructed an advanced calculus class sponsored by the National Science Foundation at American University.

In 1960 he joined St. John's on a part-time basis to teach one class in relativity theory. The following year he became a full-time member of the faculty. Besides years of service on the Instruction Committee — joining it first as an untenured tutor — he also is a member of the library and prize committees and has served on the salary committee.

Mr. Kutler has been a Friday lecturer at both the Annapolis and Santa Fe campuses. His lecture topics have included "A Dialogue on Euclid's Elements," "What Is It To Ask What Is It?", "I Think, Therefore I Am," "How Many Points Are There on a Line," and "Plato's Image of

Socrates."

Among his academic contributions have been the development of a program of mathematics and natural science for St. John's Graduate Institute, its summer program leading to a master's degree. He has been a frequent member of the institute's faculty in Santa Fe. For the Annapolis campus's mathematics program, he wrote the junior manual, *An Introduction to the Calculus*.

As an alumnus, Mr. Kutler began seminars at homecoming and has supervised them during the years. Besides leading seminars for alumni in Santa Fe and Annapolis, he also has led them in Boston, Chicago, and New York.

Born in Trenton, N.J., Mr. Kutler grew up in Lansford and Shenandoah, Pa. During his senior year at St. John's he co-directed Ibsen's *Emperor and Galilean*. He also served as judge in the student government court and participated in two out-of-town demonstration seminars.

A member of the Mathematical Association of America, he has participated in conferences on liberal education and on mathematics elsewhere, including recent conferences at St. Mary's College, St. Mary's, Md., and the University of Maryland. His paper delivered before the Maryland-District of Columbia-

Wye Allanbrook to publish book

A book written by Annapolis tutor Wye Allanbrook will be published by the University of Chicago Press probably in the fall of 1983.

Entitled *The Motion of Character: Rhythmic Gesture in Le nozze di Figaro and Don Giovanni*, the book concerns Mozart's use of dance rhythms as expressive means in those two operas.

An excerpt from it appeared as an article in the January, 1981, issue of *Musical Quarterly* and two further articles taken from it will appear in the English music journal, *Music and Letters*, and in a collection put out by Broude Brothers publishers in New York City entitled *Words and Music*, the second volume of the series, *Studies in Music History*.

Virginia section of the Mathematical Association of America at College Park was on "Euclid's Notion of Number."

During the early 60s he taught a summer program of Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometry to high school students at the University of North Dakota under the NSF-sponsored program.

Mr. Kutler is married to the former Emily Martin, '55, who is on the staff of Historic Annapolis and the St. Mary's City Commission. They are the parents of three children, Jonathan, 25, a mathematician for the Sperry Corporation in Northern Virginia, and Martin, 21, and Rosalind, 19, both students at Earlham College.

College receives \$30,000 pledge

The Maryland National Foundation of Baltimore has announced a pledge of \$30,000 to St. John's College.

In announcing the gift, the foundation instructed that the funds be included in the Annapolis campus's endowment fund. The pledge will be payable over a period of five years beginning in 1982.

St. John's President Edwin J. Delattre expressed pleasure over the gift as an important addition to the college endowment, which now stands at more than \$11-million. He indicated that while the income from the gift was not restricted by the foundation, he intended it to be used in support of financial aid for students.

College eyed in Canada

Brock University at St. Catherine, Canada, is the newest institution to become interested in St. John's.

Faculty members are considering the possibility of instituting a St. John's type program in 1983. A plan there calls for students to concentrate a third of their curriculum in a major subject; the remaining two-thirds would be similar to the St. John's program. Curtis Wilson, assistant dean of the Annapolis campus, was recently at Brock to consult with the faculty.

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Admissions, alumni directors are named

Elizabeth H. Brown, a 1976 graduate of the Annapolis campus, has been appointed its new alumni director, President Edwin J. Delattre has announced.

She succeeds Thomas Parran, Jr., who becomes St. John's publication direc-



ELIZABETH BROWN

tor. The change-over became effective early this month.

Miss Brown currently is associated with St. John's Admissions Office, where she is admissions representative. Prior to joining the college three and a half years ago, she was a secretary with the First Mortgage Investment Company in Kansas City, Mo., where she attended high school.

Her selection from among candidates, representing a promotion from within the college, was made by President Delattre in consultation with a committee comprised of Mr. Parran, Dean Edward Sparrow, Dean-Elect Samuel Kutler, and Ann Cruse, director of development.

As an admissions representative, Miss Brown has played an active role in student recruitment. Currently she is chairman of the Annapolis campus's Staff Council. During her student years she worked as a student aide under Mr. Parran in the development and alumni offices.

Two chair drive

Mrs. William Egolf and John A. Martin are co-chairmen for the Ninth Annual Sustaining Campaign for the Santa Fe campus. The campaign opened last fall with a cocktail party in the Junior Common Room in Peterson Student Center.

A dozen vice-chairmen and six dozen committee members are soliciting friends in Santa Fe and Los Alamos during the drive which has a goal of \$100,000, and is scheduled to wind up this month.

Mary McCormick, who received her degree in 1980 from the Santa Fe campus, has been named its director of admissions. She succeeds Stephen R. Van Luchene, who will return to full-time teaching at St. John's.

Miss McCormick is a 1976 graduate of Tokay High School in Lodi, Calif., who spent the summer following her graduation as an American Field Service exchange student in Palermo, Sicily. Upon her return she matriculated in Santa Fe, and, after spending her junior year in Annapolis, returned to graduate there.

During her sophomore year she joined the Search and Rescue team, an organization of 80 members, half of whom are St. John's students, who participate in searches for lost hunters and back packers in the New Mexico mountains. She was named president in her senior year and recently was re-elected to that position.

Following her graduation and working in all phases of the admissions program, Miss McCormick served as assistant director to Mr. Van Luchene. During her final year at St. John's she was a student aide in the Admissions Office.

Student saves boy's life



Peter Green stands at City Dock where his unhesitating response saved a child.

Todd Reichert photo

Quick thinking by an Annapolis sophomore has saved an unidentified child from drowning.

Peter Green, 18, of New York City, rescued the boy when the toddler fell off a floating dock during the Annapolis sailboat show.

Green was browsing among some Finnish imported foul weather gear when the three-to-four-year-old boy walked under a table and off the dock into deep water.

An experienced swimmer with both a Boy Scout Life Saving Merit Badge and a Red Cross certification for advanced life saving, Green dived off instantly and handed the boy, thrashing about in the water, to two women who had stretched their arms down to reach him.

"His father was in a state of shock, but he thanked me," Peter said. The mother was too busy toweling off the shaking child to tell him the child's name.

Green received not only the congratulations of the sales personnel but some foul weather gear as well. Impressed, they supplied him with a yellow jacket and pants to cover his soaked clothing for his walk back to campus.

Ruth Sutphin dies; served 24 years

Ruth Sutphin, bookkeeper for the Annapolis campus, died suddenly January 22 of a massive heart attack on her forty-seventh birthday.

A member of the staff for 24 years, she was a highly regarded figure in the Treasurer's Office where she handled the campus's \$200,000 payroll and insurance benefits. Her loss saddened St. John's, which lowered the flag to half mast in her honor. The pleasantness and confidentiality with which she performed her duties had inspired trust and wide praise.

'A quiet place within my head'

Graduate program to start June 21

Susan Richmond, a Washington freelance writer and researcher associated with *Changing Times* magazine, is returning to the Annapolis campus's Graduate Institute next summer for a particular reason.

"The institute enabled me to retreat to a quiet place within my head," she said of last summer's experience. "I've learned the fine art of thinking."

Paul Finney, of Bethesda, vice-chairman of the Bureau of National Affairs and a corporate consultant, plans to return in order to have a "mini-sabbatical."

Also, he is coming back for "psychic stimulation, for the pure joy of exposure to the foremost thinkers and writers of all times, most particularly for Homer, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Euclid."

Paul Schatzberg, who is working toward a second master's on a part-time basis at the same time he serves as a chemist at the Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Annapolis, speaks of the conversation he wants to continue with the authors taught in the institute program.

"THE WORKS THAT we read are written by great human beings, but human beings with which I share a common

humanity, and the things they think about concern them, and they concern me so the reading becomes a benefit for me," he said.

"In reading their thoughts and reflections, I have a conversation with them. I can listen in on their conversations with each other. They help me understand the basic questions so much better."

The Graduate Institute program, based upon the college's undergraduate "great books" program, will begin its eight weeks summer master's program on June 21 on both the Annapolis and Santa Fe campuses.

Benjamin Milner, director in Annapolis, said that participants may center their studies in one of four areas: politics and society; literature; philosophy and theology; and mathematics and natural science.

The program is conducted on a discussion basis in a system of twice weekly seminars and small classes called preceptorials. As in the undergraduate program, there is no lecturing in class. Participants come prepared to read, discuss, and write on questions raised by writings of western civilization.

With a 1978 degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, Miss Richmond had considered herself qualified pro-

fessionally to get a job and perform but felt she "didn't certify as a thinking, human being." In search of a liberal arts education in a small, intimate setting, she enrolled in the Annapolis institute for the first time last summer.

HER EXPERIENCE here, she said, has forced her to think and speak in a new way. "There is nothing but yourself to bring out," she found. "You can't rely on anybody's notes. You can't skim a text to prop up an answer. Every day I was learning something new."

In academic work, she noted, there is a lot of conversation. "At St. John's, there is something called discourse. I joked about this with my friends. We're discoursing, I would tell them with tongue-in-cheek. We are talking about timeless questions."

"My studies in the institute made me much more patient with myself and what I want to accomplish. I'm filling out a personal part of myself and have deferred a few professional steps to learn more."

"The tutors taught me something besides material. I was impressed by their humility. I learned a lot about equality in the way the courses were taught. Here were very credentialed persons reminding me how everybody has an opportunity to participate."