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Submitted by  
C. Barham, '82  
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## the Madison Trio

CONCERT\*\*\*NOVEMBER 20\*\*\*8:15pm\*\*\*FSK\*\*\*

Philip Setzer, violin and David Finckel, cello (both members of the Emerson String Quartet) and Antonia Adezio, piano. The program will include Haydn, Ives, and Mendelssohn.

## Dear Friends:

In case you have not already noticed, the new design of the dininghall, though more spacious and more aesthetically pleasing than the old, is not an improvement on the efficiency of the food service program. Some of our present difficulties should, with luck, be alleviated. Others will have to be lived with. For example, if you could arrange your table service on your tray to look as much as possible like the diagram below, the queues at the conveyor belt would disperse quicker and you would have the undying gratitude of the dininghall staff. Thank you very much for your patience.

Ellen Swinford, '82  
Student Manager of the Dininghall

## CALL-IN NOTICE STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF

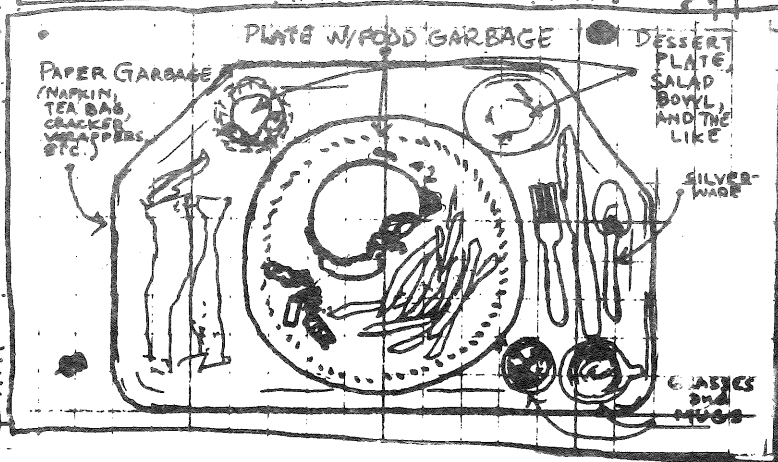
Thanksgiving Call-In will be held on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH. All books, tapes, tape recorders, lectures, and prints must be returned to the Library.

Exceptions: Class copies and prints signed out on or after September 1, 1981, need not be returned. PLEASE BE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT A CLASS COPY IS!

The Library will be closed until 4p.m. on Wednesday following call-in. NO BOOKS MAY BE SIGNED OUT ON CALL-IN DAY.

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Many thanks,  
Kitty Kinzer,  
Librarian



\*WEEKLY CALENDAR\*

Monday, November 16 - Sunday, November 22, 1981

Tuesday, Nov. 17

4:00-6:00  
4:15-5:15  
7:30 p.m.  
7:30 p.m.

Faculty Study Group - Mr. Zeiderman  
Study Group - Mr. Raphael  
New Testament Class - J.W. Smith  
Political Forum: The Price of Government--  
A Discussion of Supply-Side Economics  
Mr. Tom Betlell, Washington editor of Harpers  
Chesapeake History and Society Dinner-  
Lecture Series: When Congress Met in Annapolis  
Delegate Council Meeting

McDowell 24  
Conversation Room  
McDowell 36  
Conversation Room

7:30 p.m.  
8:30 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

Dining Hall  
FSK Auditorium  
McDowell 21

Wednesday, Nov. 18

4:00-6:00  
7:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Faculty Study Group - Mr. Zeiderman  
Small Chorus - Mr. Zuckerman  
Study Group: Plato's Laws, Books XI & XII

McDowell 24  
Great Hall  
McDowell 32

Thursday, Nov. 19

2:15 p.m.

Delegate Council Meeting with the Deans and  
Treasurer

McDowell 23

Friday, Nov. 20

8:15 p.m.

Concert: The Madison Trio  
Philip Setzer, violin; David Finkel, cello;  
Antonia Adezio, piano

FSK Auditorium

11:15 p.m.

Film: John Sturges' Bad Day at Black Rock (1955)  
Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan

FSK Auditorium

Saturday, Nov. 21

8:15 p.m.

Film: Woody Allen's Annie Hall (1977) Woody Allen, Diane Keeton, Paul Simon

FSK Auditorium

Sunday, Nov. 22

6:30 p.m.  
8:15 p.m.

Pottery Class  
Film: Woody Allen's Annie Hall (1977) Woody Allen, Diane Keeton, Paul Simon

Mellon 207  
FSK Auditorium

EXHIBIT: Mythprints - Graphic art illustrating Greek and Roman myths circulated by the Baltimore Museum and supported by grants from the Maryland State Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts. through December 1

ART GALLERY HOURS:  
Daily: 1-6 p.m.  
Friday: 7-8 p.m.

Flu shots are available at the Health Center for students and College employees, daily 9-4. The fee is \$3.00, students may charge their caution fund.

Deadline for submitting new items to the Registrar's Office for the WEEKLY CALENDAR is Wednesday, noon.

Lecture Review

by Lucy Oppenheim

BREAD AND SURFACES

"Give the people bread and circuses  
and they'll follow you anywhere"  
-Caesar

The lecturer on Friday night was Dr. Thomas Banchoff. His lecture was entitled "The Fourth Dimension and Computer Animated Geometry".

The lecture began with a personal account of the speaker's interest in the fourth dimension. He first heard of it when he was in junior high school. From high school through graduate school, he was fascinated by it. This interest shaped the way he looked at every subject he studied.

The next part of the lecture was about the book "Flatland" and its author, A. Square ( $A^2$ ). Dr. Banchoff feels that he is closely connected to Edwin Abbott Abbott. This feeling made the slides we saw at this point in the lecture very amusing. The book itself makes clear the problems of understanding a fourth dimension by showing a two dimensional character trying to grasp a third dimension.

Dr. Banchoff used a model to show further what it means to think of a fourth dimension. Explaining first that it is possible to make a model of a cube from a two dimensional cut-out, he then showed us the three dimensional analog which, if we were in four dimensional space, could be folded into a four dimensional cube. This figure appears in

The Political Forum presents:

Harper's Editor, Tom Bethell

speaking on  
"The Price of Government -  
A Discussion of Supply Side Economics"

on Tuesday, November 17 at,  
7:30 pm in the Conversation Room of FSK

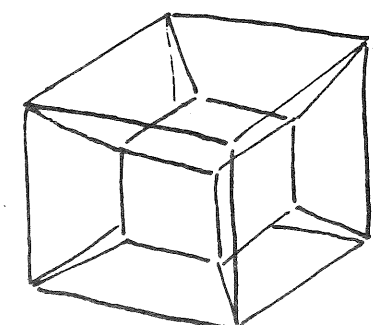
a painting of Christ's crucifixion, painted by Dali.

Next the speaker told us about a computer which acts as a three dimensional blackboard. It has enabled him to represent projections of four dimensional figures in three dimensions and move them around the screen. He has made films of them from this. To conclude the lecture, he showed two of these films.

I really enjoyed this lecture. Although it was entertaining, it presented very interesting material and left me with a lot to think about. The speaker was very much a part of the lecture he gave, but the effect this had was to make me understand what this work meant to him, as well as to entertain me in some parts. He spoke directly to the audience. This usually makes it easier to follow what a speaker is saying. The technique of asking direct questions and commenting on the chorus of answers asks the audience to do something which seems a little bit silly. But the active state it places them in is more conducive to learning than is passively absorbing words. And after all, just what does make us look down on silliness? The films were mind-boggling, and beautiful to look at.

The lecture was a real show, with slides, humor, models and films. But it was a show which taught, and which provoked the audience to think.

The question period was packed. The first question was what a dimension is. The answer included the idea of a degree of freedom to move, and the number of variables required to describe a thing in an equation. There were questions about whether this fourth dimension is simply a tool, or a thing with some existence, representing Lobachevskian geometry on the three dimensional blackboard, regular solids in four dimensions, and more.



## SUBJECTIVE MATERIALISM

Marx's whole philosophy is but an elucidation on the first thesis on Feuerbach:

The main defect of all prior materialism (Feuerbach's included) is that the object, reality, sensibility, is grasped only in the form of the object or of intuition, but not as sensuously human activity, as praxis, not subjectively. The active side [of objective cognition or intuition] was therefore, in contrast to materialism, developed abstractly by idealism, which naturally does not recognize the real, sensual activity as such. Feuerbach wants sensible objects really differentiated from the objects of thought: but he does not grasp the human activity itself as objective activity. He thus considers in "The Essence of Christianity" only the theoretical relationship [or: behavior] as the genuinely human one, while praxis is fixed upon and grasped only in its dirty-Jewish way of appearing. Thus, he does not comprehend the significance of "revolutionary," of "practical-critical" activity.

Materialism states that men are the products of circumstances and upbringing, and different men of different circumstances and upbringing. (Engels' version of thesis 3) Thus, man is what he is conscious of; the subject is determined by the object. This unqualified version of materialism, the one under attack, represents objective materialism: the objects of consciousness, or of intuition, are things in themselves, objects simply, while intuition is conceived as a passion; it suffers determination by objects. This implies, however, a unilateral determination. It implies that the objects are not affected by the subject, that circumstances are not the products of men. Furthermore, the doctrine arbitrarily grants objective reality to everything but the subject, which is most certainly a thing in itself. Hence, Marx develops a subjective materialism.

Subjectivism is precisely the opposite of materialism: in granting objective reality to the subject, it makes an unaccommodated determination

of subject by object impossible. Cognition becomes a function of the subject, not of the object. Subjectivism states that what the object is depends on the mode of intuition, that intuition is not essentially a passion, but an act, —that the object is determined by the subject.

It seems impossible to unite these two contradictory positions, materialism and subjectivism. But if the nature of the subject is twofold, if the subject as determined and the subject as determining are distinct, then there is no contradiction. On the one hand, man is self-conscious; he is his thinking, and as such he is determined. On the other hand, man is an active being; he is his work, and as such he determines. Experience shows that man is such a divisive unity, a disparity of the identical, both thought and action.

As a thing in himself, man is a self-conscious entity, and this means he is nothing in himself: "he is not a determination with which he immediately flows together," but "makes his activity of living an object of will and consciousness." (1844 Manuscripts, "Estranged Labor" XXIV) The subject distinguishes itself from all its own determinations by the very act of becoming aware of them, since this makes them objects of consciousness. It is therefore nothing in itself. But since it is nonetheless something, it must be something in relation to the other-than-self: social relationships, circumstances, determinations, intuitions. It is determined by the object. On this basis, Marx asserts that man is a species-being, that he is only the "ensemble of social relationships" and has no inherent, constant nature. For if man is determined by the world, he is the world. Marx's materialism is thus a deduction, not an assumption.

Accordingly, Marx inverts the Hegelian system. For Hegel, nothing is external to consciousness. The "external" is only a reflection or projection of the internal. Everything is ultimately a priori. For Marx, everything is external to consciousness. There is nothing inside but a mirror. Man's nature can change, because inherently he has none. As circumstances change, so does the "nature" of man. (Afterward to second edition of *Kapital*) Marx is therefore a strict empiricist: nothing but observation of the external can disclose the truth about man, or truth simply.

One observes, however, that certain circumstances are constant: man has needs; he must work; he is in a natural world; he has comrades. Man is a practical being; he does things to the world with his fellows. So his self-consciousness will always be determined according to some form of praxis. But since man transforms the world through work, he alters and determines the objects of his own consciousness. Since these very objects determine him as a subject, in altering them, immediately he alters himself. In this regard man is self-determining, but variable. Action is revolutionary. (Thesis 3)

Intuition itself must be regarded as a mode of action. Once the subject is determined in some way, intuition imposes upon objects, for subjective nature, albeit temporary, becomes a condition of objects being given, i.e., of further determination. Explicitly revolutionary activity thus requires that those conditions be violated.

Actions can have latent and unintended consequences, which all the same lash back at the subject and alter its nature. The act of exchange, for example, is an accident which implicitly

treats nature as property. This unnatural act is responsible for history; it initiates the dialectic. (*Kapital*, p. 56, International Publishers) Property is something alien to the subject, otherwise it would not be the property of the subject, but be the subject. The world is the essence of man, his species-being. Exchange externalizes and alienates it. Accordingly, the subject is determined by alien circumstances; they individualize it by destroying social cooperation based on common need. As an individual, the subject now intuits the world explicitly as property, and hence alienates it in the act of perceiving it. (1844 Manuscripts, "Private Property and Comm." VII) Man has reduced himself to an oblique declension of himself and substantivized otherness: man's world, where man is only the genitive.

A contradiction emerges between appearance and reality, between man as consciousness and as action, between the conditions of intuition and of existence, between what man thinks he does and what he really does. What he thinks has independent reality is his own doing. His mediate self-determination becomes mystifying. The capitalist does not know that he has changed the nature of man, or that he is slowly abolishing capitalism. Mystification continues as long as man's self-determination is self-contradictory. But the contradiction is an opposition of interests: man's essence and his existence, man and society, man and man. A restless contradiction implies its ultimate resolution.

Because historical necessity is predicated on the empirically given notion of contradiction, Marx's system can be presented as if it were deduced a priori, although its apodicticity is derived analytically from the external world. Kant notwithstanding, necessity is empirically given. It is disclosed in the fact of contradiction.

Philosophers prior to Marx have conceived truth as either dependent on man but invariable or variable but independent of man. Not seeing that intuition was both active and relative, they could only interpret the world; Marx has discovered how to change it. (Letter to Arnold Ruge, September, 1843) He cannot change history, to be sure, but in its service he can change the world. For critical activity consists in demystification, in doing consciously and deliberately what others do unconsciously: further the protracted emancipation of man from appearances. At the end of history there will be nothing but things in themselves.

Anderson Weekes '82



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## Thoughts on...

Although the Bloom Translation of Plato's Republic is the most careful, most literal and therefore, in my opinion, the best translation in English, it does contain some errors.

## ERRATA

- 364 c --to ruin some enemy--not enemies.  
368 b --capable of it; a sign for me is that--not my proof is.  
438 c --Knowledge itself is knowledge of what is learned itself--not of learning itself.  
552 a --to admit the greatest of all these evils--not the greatest of all evils.

## SUGGESTIONS &amp; QUERIES

- 423 d --The same word, ergon, translated job, was translated work at 352 d.  
440 b --Should logos be translated reason here, rather than speech? Also, at 549 b would reason be better than argument?  
557 b --A note on the ambiguity of Parresia, literally "saying everything," translated as free speech, might be helpful. The word varies in meaning between loose and licentious talk and free speech. On the classical and Christian use of the word see: George Anastaplo, The Constitutionalist: Notes on the First Amendment, pp. 781-84. An author capable of thinking of two different kinds of readers at the same time could also, not illogically, intend both meanings at the same time. (typographical error in Anastaplo text: 357bb should be 557 b.)  
596 e ff. and 598 --Perhaps phainomai should not be translated looks and looks like, to avoid confusion with words connected with eidos, "looks", always translated form in the translation? Would "appears to be" be better? It's less idiomatic.  
603 a ff. --Should phaulos be translated inferior rather than ordinary?  
605 c --Foolish could more literally be translated thoughtless.

Laurence Berns

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Collegium Musicum--Nov. 24, 8:30 pm, in the Great Hall.

Viennese Chamber Concert--Smithsonian Chamber Players, Nov. 30, 8 pm at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, info., (202) 357-1729.

Nutcracker, Act II--presented by the Ballet Theatre of Annapolis, Nov. 17 and 21, tickets available at Maryland Hall and local shops.

"The Magic Flute"--by the Washington Opera, Nov. 18 - 29, at the Kennedy Center Opera House, info., (202) 856-0900.

National Symphony--Violin concertos of Mendelssohn and Brahms, and Wagner overture, Nov. 18, 8:30 pm at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, info, (202) 350-3900.

Folk Dancing Lessons--Maryland Hall, Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30, see Miss Brann for further details.

Leslie DeSimone, '84  
(Student Activities Committee)

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### DIRECTORY CHANGES

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COFFEE

HOUSE

Saturday, November 21st. Coffee shop. Unspotlighted; informal; entertainment. Irish coffee, Grand cafe, Cocoa coffee, Caribbean coffee, coffee. Munchies. Yearbook. Be there or be square.

### Members of the Student Body:

Upon reading some of the recent letters of political support in the GAD-FLY, it became apparent to me that there are those of you who do not know that students have a voice in the plans for addition to and renovation of the gym. That voice is had in the persons of Mr. Tom Sullivan and myself, student representatives to the Faculty Campus Planning Committee. If you'd like to know what's in the works with regard to the gym and the campus as a whole, by all means talk to one of us. We are interested in your concerns and suggestions.

Ellen Swinford '82

"Pssst. How would you like a job that gives you valuable experience, glory, and a job skill that will help you in your schoolwork, too?"  
"You must be kidding."  
"No, really. It's fun, too. Now, of course, the pay is nonexistent."  
"I knew there was a catch."  
"Consider that you pay about \$12 an hour for Greek class... And this can improve your resume, too."  
"Well I do need to learn more about writing. Where do I sign?"  
"Just put your soul in campus mail, or come to the LETTERS staff meeting Wednesday November 18 at 6:30 in McDowell 23 to find out about becoming an editor or staff member. And remember, everyone, that the submissions deadline for Letters #5 is Dec. 7, so keep those cards and letters coming in..."

N. Rosen, '82

### FACTS, PREJUDICES, AND NOBLE DOGS

(In the last section of this article, I discussed an incident involving a West German friend named Hans. Honesty requires me to say that I changed his name and a few details of the story out of loyalty to an old friend and for security reasons. The story is nevertheless true in its essence and illustrates standard methods of operation for the East German intelligence service.)

This section of my article will be better understood if one remembers the four primary branches of intelligence: A&P analyzes and processes information, IMINT collects images (mostly photographs), ELINT collects electronic intelligence, and HUMINT collects intelligence from human sources.)

### THE PREJUDICES

Everyone knows the proverb that one should not judge a book by its cover. One should not mistake a part for the whole. Yet if one were to believe solely what is available in the newspapers, one might conclude the CIA and other intelligence agencies are nothing but a collection of sinister men bent on perverting law and ethics for the sake of their masters in the White House. This is not the fault of the newspapers. The scandalous activities of a few men, mostly in the HUMINT branch, are primarily responsible for what Mr. Colby might call the CIA's image problem. The newspapers are interested in headlines. Success stories are rarely made public and rarely make headlines. For this reason, it is likely that only the mistakes and sins of the agency will be reported in the future. If that is the case, many might reject the need for the intelligence agencies altogether. I intend to dispel such a dangerous prejudice by talking about one success story. Part of it is like Mr. Colby's success story; part is radically different.

I rest my argument on the Cuban Missile Crisis. ELINT monitored Soviet ships bringing missiles to Cuba. IMINT provided photographs of the missile bases in Cuba. A&P determined the crucial fact that the bases were not yet operable. American leaders still had time to act. Had the bases been completed, action would most likely have been futile. The missiles had the range and power to destroy most American cities. The CIA completely lived up to its mission of preventing Pearl Harbors. It may very well have saved the entire nation from destruction. The agency continues that mission when ELINT and IMINT monitor enforcement of the SALT treaties. Those treaties would be impossible if neither we nor the Soviets could ensure that the other side is not cheating. The agency thus saves the nation much worry and money. No reduction of nuclear weapons in the future will be possible without the agency. War becomes less likely when we can ensure our potential foes are not cheating or planning secretly behind our backs.

I think most moderate people will accept my argument for IMINT, ELINT, and the analysts in A&P which they support. If so, they must also accept the need for the most controversial branch, HUMINT. Most members of all the intelligence agencies who know their stuff know detection of the missiles in Cuba might well have been impossible were it not for America's most important, though least known spy. Colonel Oleg Penkovsky was the Assistant Chief of the Foreign Science and Technology section of the GRU, the Soviet military intelligence agency, shortly before the missile crisis began. He was also a very accomplished spy for that agency. In a collection of notes smuggled out of the Soviet Union shortly after he was arrested as a spy for U.S. and British intelligence, Penkovsky reveals that he had come to have a change

of heart about his government. He had lived through the days of Stalin and in his notes he makes clear he felt Stalin was a mass murderer on a scale far surpassing Hitler, and that his police state was the most dangerous in history. Penkovsky thought war between the Soviets and the U.S. was inevitable. He blamed that inevitability on the nature of the totalitarian system. Soviets grow up in a constant state of fear and suspicion. Trust is rarely, if ever, possible. The only way to be free of fear is to eliminate its sources. Hence, Stalin's purges for Penkovsky were not an anomaly, but the essential characteristic of Soviet life. He argued that Soviet fear made it impossible for Soviets to trust the U.S. and that it would therefore be necessary for the Soviets to eliminate the U.S. Penkovsky wanted no part in destroying the world, and shortly before the missile crisis began he made contact with British and U.S. intelligence. He not only laid bare the structure and method of operation of the GRU and the KGB, he also provided detailed diagrams and plans of missiles and missile bases in the Soviet Union. IMINT photographed suspected missile areas. A&P compared the photographs to Penkovsky's diagrams. A&P thus acquired much valuable experience at identifying missile bases. Without that experience, many argue we would never have detected the missile bases in Cuba in time to do anything about them. We simply would not have known what they looked like. One man, one very brave spy, may have saved the entire nation.

I think Penkovsky clearly justifies the need for HUMINT. One might still ask whether all branches of HUMINT are necessary. Unlike many of my friends in intelligence, I do not think all branches of HUMINT are necessary all the time. I do think the option to use all the branches must be maintained. Before going into that, consider Penkovsky's own plea for a strong counterintelligence agency in the U.S. Penkovsky confirmed the darkest fears of many about the KGB and the GRU. He revealed bases for training saboteurs and terrorists in the Soviet Union. He was personally involved in a world-wide attempt to steal the industrial secrets of America and Europe and to use that information to improve the military might of the Soviet Union. He revealed as common practice cases of drugging, blackmailing, and bribing Americans to make them spies and steal those secrets. In his notes he begs Americans and Europeans to develop an active counterintelligence network to stop an intelligence network probably larger than all the others in the world put together. I hope moderates will agree that preventing Americans from being blackmailed and drugged, stopping terrorists, and protecting the industrial basis of the nation's military might are all good reasons for maintaining the counterintelligence branch of HUMINT.

But what about that small segment of HUMINT that itself bribes and blackmails, that assassinates foreign leaders, and does all the dirty things its potential and active foes do? Do we need this most controversial branch of HUMINT? Let us take a hypothetical situation which many might find similar to current events. Suppose an oil rich colonel in the Mideast is the insane leader of a large nation. Suppose he trains and funds many of the terrorist groups in the world today. Suppose he even gave a million dollars to one of his favorite terrorists, whom some might call the Jackal, after he accomplished a particularly bloody deed, such as shooting up a council of OPEC ministers. Suppose this man was actively involved in funding terrorist attempts to murder Olympic teams and pilgrims at airports en route to the Holy Land. Suppose he has an army far exceeding his needs, has invaded one of his neighbors, and contemplates invading others. Suppose

he threatens to have one of the world's greatest statesmen assassinated. SUPPOSE HE GOT A NUCLEAR BOMB. No, don't suppose that. It is much too scary. Simply suppose he gave one of his terrorist friends a small amount of Plutonium. Suppose those terrorists threatened to pollute U.S. rivers with that Plutonium if the U.S. does not immediately apologize to the colonel for shooting down some of his planes recently, abandon an old ally in the Mideast, and hand over much money to an international organization designed to aid victims of U.S. imperialism. I think the CIA would be justified in doing almost anything to stop him, particularly if CIA action would save us the trouble of war. Assassinate him. Bribe his generals. Foment revolution. Make sure of one thing: when he goes down, he had better not come back up.

My argument should not be misinterpreted. I am not apologizing for past CIA mistakes and, some might argue, atrocities. I think it most necessary that CIA crimes be investigated and that the miscreants not be left off the hook, as was the man who loved the game without rules in the first section of this article. I do thank the option to do many things we might normally find dishonorable must be maintained, however, for in certain extreme circumstances, conventionally extreme actions are the only moderate and ethical things to do. I therefore hold that the option to employ the "dirty tricks" element of HUMINT must be maintained. The next question, of course, is how much latitude should HUMINT have in employing its dirty tricks. This is the real ethical and practical problem of intelligence. In the next section of this article I intend to discuss current restraints on the intelligence agencies, their weaknesses, and how they might be improved. As this article seems likely to generate controversy, I ask that responses be withheld until the third section has been printed. I am very much in favor of strongly controlling the agency and it would not make much sense to attack a phantom.

-Karl Walling, '84



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## SCI NOTICE

A meeting was recently held in which the new senior seminar readings were discussed. A second meeting will be held this Wednesday, November 18, from 4:30-5:30 in room 21 of McDowell Hall. At this time we hope to draft a statement about this matter. We encourage seniors to participate in this evaluation by coming to the meeting or talking with members of the SCI.

Jonathan Adams  
SCI secretary

## THE SKY: this week

by C. Todd Reichart, '84

Early this Tuesday morning at 3:00 or 9:00 am, the Leonid meteor shower, falling from the head of Leo, may be seen at peak intensity. This may be a shower of interest despite the average feeble activity of 5 to 20 meteors per hour, as this shower is credited in 1966 with the greatest meteor shower in history, 150,000 per hour. There have also been other brilliant but sporadic showers credited to this shower. These are the swiftest flying meteors belonging to our solar system, moving at 71 km/sec and they enter the earth's orbit head on, thus no Leonid meteor has been known to escape vaporization. Those meteors which fall to the ground because of especially great size, toughness of composition, or angle of approach are renamed meteorites upon impact.

The moon is in its last quarter phase on Wednesday and passes 2° north of Mars on Thursday evening.

Sunday, the sun enters the astrological sign Sagittarius and Monday, the 23rd, the sun enters the astronomical sign Scorpius.

## FILM PREVIEW

by James Hyder

Friday, November 20, 11:15 pm:

Bad Day at Black Rock, 1954

directed by John Sturges, starring Spencer Tracy, Robert Ryan, Anne Francis and Ernest Borgnine. 81 min.

A one-armed stranger gets off a train in a sleepy little town, and is surprised by the hostile reception he receives. He continues to push to find out what these people have to hide.

This is a tight and very well produced suspense story, well acted and photographed, with a terse script. Pauline Kael, of The New Yorker said, "A very superior example of motion picture craftsman-ship."

Inflation has not hit the film club! Admission is still only one dollar, much cheaper than it costs to have your head realigned after one of those noisy parties. Smoking, eating, and drinking are only allowed in the auditorium when Friday the thirteenth falls on a Wednesday.



Especially for Sophomores:

TWO EXPLANATORY NOTES ON THE FUNDAMENTAL DOGMAS  
OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

### 1. A Note on the Mystery of the Trinity.

I have the same formal substance as Peter and Paul, i.e. the rational soul, but not numerically the same. We are three individual souls, and intelligibly distinguishable according to our accidents, such as location, state, and qualities external to our substances (e.g., one may be erudite, another ignorant, yet both rational). The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are the same individual substance, numerically the same: one God. Yet they are not accidents extrinsic to God, but are terms in the formula of His essence. God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. God is not the Father or the Son or the Holy Spirit, but the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. But each of the Persons of the Trinity is completely God as if, per impossible, the other two did not exist. Yet, since God essentially is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to be God for each Person is to be in community with the other two: the Son and Holy Spirit are in the Father, likewise the Father and the Holy Spirit are in the Son, so that each Person is God. Yet each Person is distinct, since each is an intrinsic attribute of God, much as the will is a distinct attribute of the rational soul, intrinsic and inalienable. But each is the whole of God, since they contain one another in perfect community. However, they are not composite parts of God, but one simple essence which can only be spoken of as if it were the commun-

by Leslie S. Smith

Annie Hall: Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, & Paul Simon. \$1.00 Nov. 21st and 22nd, 8:15 (both nights).

This is without question the best film Woody Allen has ever made. If you've seen it, you don't need to read this review (except perhaps to reminisce - so I'll indulge you: New York City, "You read Death in Venice," The Sorrow and the Pity, driving into headlights, "His wife has diabetes," health food cafes, "You speak shellfish," etc.). If you haven't, this is a great film. I've seen it six times and I'll see it again. You don't have to have lived it to love it. Anyone who has ever loved, or laughed, or lost, will be warmed by its beautiful mix of humorous insight and real pathos. The last joke, if nothing else, expresses a truth about love more lucidly than most anything I've read on the Program. See it.

"We use a large, vibrating egg." (Couldn't resist!)

ity of three distinct beings, since the Persons of God through which God becomes manifest, but each is individually God, truly and wholly; yet God is the community of Father, Son and Holy Spirit; the substance of God is that community, and each of the Persons is substantial in and through that community, which is Divine Charity, which is not an affection, but Absolute Being.

### 2. A Note on Jesus Christ, Incarnate God

Jesus Christ is held by Catholics to be perfect God (the Son) and perfect man (with both body and rational soul), each distinct, unconfused, unmixed, yet united hypostatically--i.e., in one Person, the humanity assumed into the divinity.

I have predicates belonging to my substance intrinsically, not only defining it, but stating those properties and attributes which are necessary to its specific perfection. Thus, for example, it is a property of the human soul to be incarnate, and a proper attribute of a human being to have hands. However, other predicates pertain to me which are extrinsic to my substance, as contingent attributes having to do with fruition or defect in the employment or condition of my natural endowment (e.g., having hands, I may be more or less dextrous; having reason, I may be wise or foolish). Further, there are those predicates which may be called proper accidents, as more or less persistently marking-out the individuality of something--e.g., when we say "the blue cup," blue is a proper accident)--without affecting the fruition of nature, save where they depend upon and amplify some contingent attributes. Finally, there are predicates which may be called



Now, Jesus Christ is also perfect man according to nature, so that those predicates which are intrinsic to His humanity are unaffected by union with the Son. However, those predicates which would normally define an individual human personality are assumed into the Office of the Son, that is, He does not have a human personality, strictly speaking, but a Divine Personality who has taken into Himself the

--Michael David Blume, '78

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P.S. Loved yer limericks!

by Pierre de Ronsard  
trans. by G. Kay Bishop, '75

When in the course of humid equants, the truth of which cannot always be ascertained, we often find comfort in the simple, yet subtle, thoughts which flutter idly across the passing view: A kick in the behind saves nine, A switch in mind slaves time; and countless other such mental dribbles. As a friend of mine used to say, "If I'm not exact, that's what I mean." You know, son, life's like that, and usually when you're least prepared, when you're looking under the bed for a raisin, or toothpick, for instance. The Answer, of course, copyrighted and registered by some huge multi-national corporation, which must, by law, remain nameless, is locked tightly away in a smudged and creased manilla envelope wedged behind a filing cabinet (along with several other items too dusty to be recognized) in a secret vault buried several miles below Iglehart Hall. Of course, if you try to find the hidden passageway which leads to the vault you will be told there is no such thing. They say I'm paranoid, but I found it, I was there and saw the Answer, and it said, it said.....aaaarrrrrrrrrrrrrggggggghhh!

(to be continued)



UM...  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE ANYBODY  
IN PARTICULAR  
IN MIND, DO  
YOU, MR.  
PRIESTLY?

### Coming Down (a Thanksgiving poem)

Everything is suddenly in scale,  
as though I had just mastered lenses:  
keep both eyes open.  
Then the skyline snaps into relief  
and I can select and follow the sailing forms  
that layer the globe of my vision with their  
thunderous wings.

Studies have shown  
that sight results only from movement; there-  
fore I spin  
three hundred and sixty degrees,  
seeking a truer picture; I'll go even faster,  
discovering  
nobody in my range.

I am the needle drawn upright through water,  
small and audacious wake hurtling behind;  
I am the object tracked in the crosshairs at  
the field's center.  
Great peals of shadow beat across the  
landscape.  
Through darkness I am a bullet-shape of  
light: fleeting,  
fragile enough to be fearless.

Sky spreads  
from my forehead,  
is flung  
outward and back,  
a dark cloak flying  
before the wind.

Athena strode forth  
from her father's brow;  
so does her ~~egis~~  
flow about me now,  
purple and blue,  
the smoky illuminate hue.

This looming space divides for me:  
without the lifted staff or chanted word,  
but by the deep music of a life in place.  
I have no power to hoard or wield;  
instead I will follow the ways that yield,  
and vanish without a trace.

-Nancy M. P. King, '75  
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Hopefully, we will have the  
traditional annual Thanksgiving  
party on Thanksgiving eve around  
the great fireplace in the base-  
ment of McDowell. But if  
suppression must reign on campus,  
then more hopefully some true  
friends now and to be among  
students and alumni, future one  
and past the other, will joyfully  
gather together elsewhere.

Sincerely,  
arthur kungle jr '67

Ps Remember that many good alumni  
died so that with liberty and  
justice for all you might live.  
In America. In Maryland. Even if  
not at St. John's.



To: Members of the Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior  
Classes.  
From: Nancy Winter, Registrar

Ladies and Gentlemen,  
The Don Rag Schedule will be as follows: Wednes-  
day, Dec. 2, Thursday, Dec. 3, Friday, Dec. 4, and the  
following Monday, Dec. 7 and Tuesday, Dec. 8. The Don  
Rag Schedule will be posted in McDowell Hall on Monday,  
November 23.

May I remind you that Tutorials and Laboratories  
will be cancelled on Don Rag days but that Seminars  
and Preceptorials will continue to meet. If you have  
any questions, please come see Mrs. Stevenson or me.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Winter  
Registrar

## Delegate Council

DELEGATE COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE DEANS AND  
TREASURER - November 12, 1981

Present: Sparrow, Leonard, Wilson, Schiavo,  
Lord, Baumgarten, Harris, Henry, Oggins

1. The last fire drill in McDowell was not a  
great success. Mr. Wilson will talk to the  
fire chief before trying another one. He will  
also put out another statement telling every-  
one what to do. Dorm fire drills will begin  
soon.

2. Speaking of fire, the only fireplaces which  
can be used are the coffee shop's, Paca-Carroll's,  
and Chase-Stone's, the last of which will be  
checked since it's not drawing well.

3. The Campbell showers need cold water.  
The Randall showers need hot water.  
The Dining Hall needs heat. (Keeping it  
cold to make the food seem warm just isn't going  
to work.)

4. We talked about wood for a while: the non-  
existence of a wood club; how nice a boat the  
mahogany in the Boat House would make; and how  
the pine planks in the basement of Reverdy-  
Johnson could be used for bookshelves. Anyone  
interested?

5. Pres. Schiavo will be donating what he con-  
siders to be the top ten Dr. Seuss books to the  
library. Thank you, John!

6. Mr. Sparrow told us about the contents of  
a letter which was sent from Mr. Delattre to  
the faculty and staff. Upon the recommendation  
of a committee, Mr. Kutler and Mr. Neidorf were  
appointed deans of the Annapolis and Santa Fe  
campuses, respectively, for the next five years  
beginning next September.

Susan Lord '84  
Polity Secretary

DELEGATE COUNCIL MEETING  
November 10, 1981

Present: Schiavo, Lord, Parker, Baumgarten,  
Harris, Henry, Kezar, Oggins, Peterson, Smith,  
Trevisan, Viola

Visiting: Edelman, Stahl

1. Since the elections had been postponed, we  
were all happy to find that Pres. Schiavo would  
be with us one more time. He nominated three  
justices to the Polity Court from whom the D.C.  
could elect two. As none of them were present  
at the time, Mr. Harris gave speeches for each  
of them.

Mr. Finner - likes power; it's neat  
Miss Keppel - something to do; it's neat  
(also likes to read her name in the  
GADFLY)

Mr. Stahl - very interested; it's neat  
Let it be proclaimed throughout the land  
that by decree of the Delegate Council of the  
Student Polity of St. John's College of Anna-  
polis, Maryland, founded as King William's  
School, 1696, that Miss Keppel and Mr. Stahl  
are now just.

2. The D.C. decided to establish a budget com-  
mittee. The committee will consist of the trea-  
surer and 2 D.C. members (Miss Oggins and Mr.  
Peterson). ANY CLUBS THAT WANT MONEY FOR NEXT  
YEAR SHOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BUD-  
GET COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th  
at 8:00 p.m. in McDowell 32 or send a written  
request to the treasurer (John Ertle).

It was at this time that Mr. Edelman had  
an existentialist crisis, shooting Pres. Schiavo  
and everyone else with a water pistol. Pres.  
Schiavo then threw him out, but not before he  
wrote "HERACLITUS" on the blackboard and said  
that "all things must change". Back to the  
meeting.

3. The Constitutional Revision committee plans  
to have a new proposed constitution by Christ-  
mas Break.

4. Mr. Henry is working on the liquor license  
problem. His task is to show the City Clerk  
that Reality has existed for at least one year  
and that it is socially or educationally bene-  
ficial to the college community.

Susan Lord '84  
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Armadillo Proposition I.5: To describe a given 3 dimensional armadillo traveling through Flatland.

(Into a given Flatland to fit a 3 dimensional armadillo.)

Let Armadillo ABCZ be the given armadillo. Take it.

Let parallelogram EFGH represent the 2 dimensional Flatland, and parallelogram JK represent a square resident of flatland.

I say that what JK saw was a 3 dimensional armadillo.

Let JK describe what he saw:

"It was incredible! Amazing!

First, there was this point!"

(Let the point be labelled A)

(A is for Armadillo) "Then, I

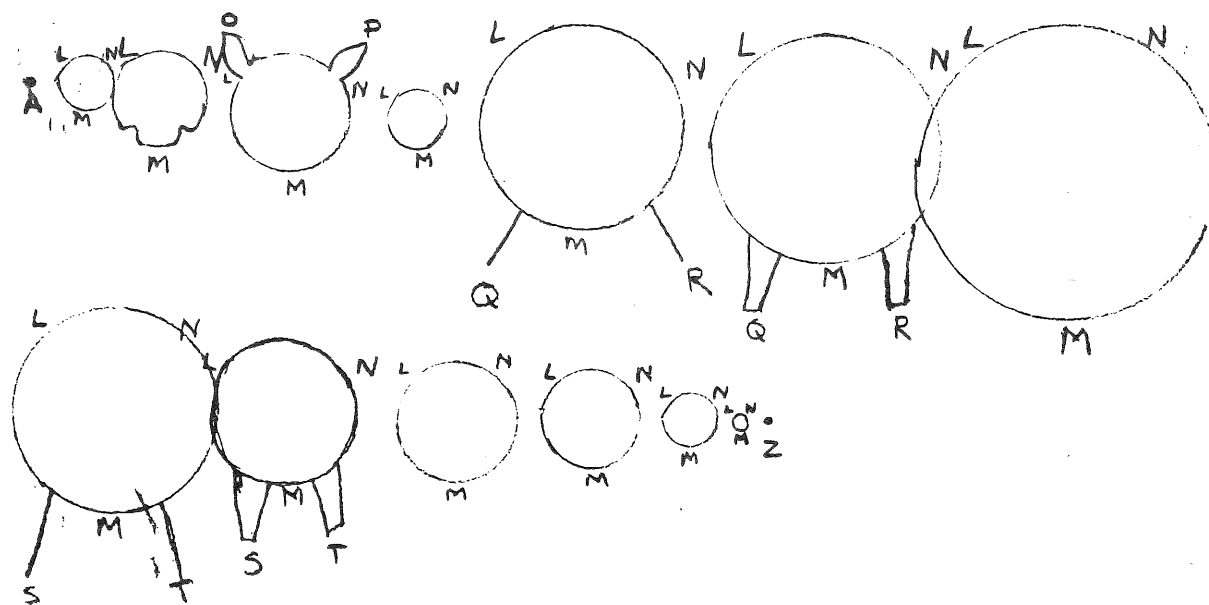
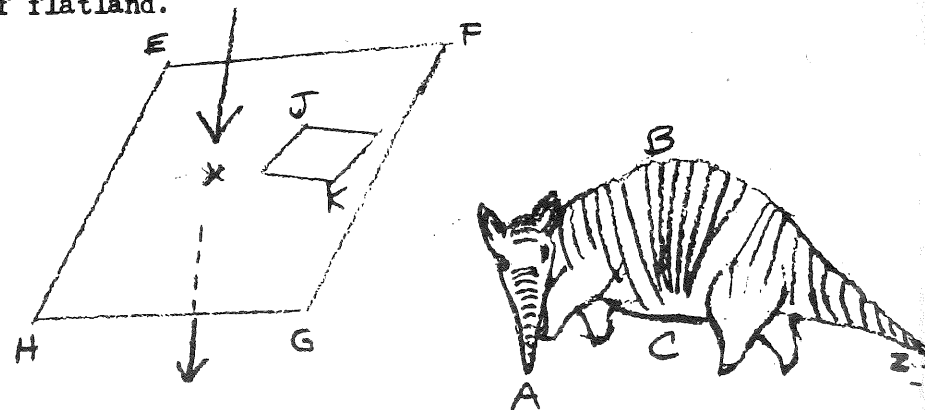
saw a circle for a while"(Let

the circle be labelled LMN)

"I assumed that it was a priest,

going through his monseign-

ority at an incredible speed.



But I'm afraid he fell from grace, for two horns appeared on him, but only for a little while. Then, he got very small, then progressively larger. At one point, something miraculous happened...two lines were on the priest, at the bottom, and then they turned into rectangles, almost, then back into lines, as the circle grew. I thought it was a menage a trois. Horrifying! Then they were gone! But they came back in the same order--lines, then rectangles, but this time the circle was smaller and smaller. Then it turned into a dot and was gone. It didn't come back."

Since the description includes a point at each end, the prospective potential of this being might very well be an armadillo, since, by definition I, "an armadillo is that which has a point at each end." The 'horns' were ears, and the rectangles were on the same plane--though at different times, and since all armadillos' legs are on the same plane--or how could they walk?--it is thus manifest that point A, circle LMN, along with 'horns' OP, 'lines and rectangles' Q,R,S,T, and point Z describe a 3 dimensional armadillo

through a given flatland.

MAGGIE KINSER, '85

## Sports

### MEN'S by Bryce Jacobsen

#### Soccer

Nov. 12...Greenwaves-1, Hustlers-1. Our two leading teams, who had identical records going into this game, and who had tied each other last time, tied each other again! All of which suggests that they are rather evenly matched.

Mr. Cresswell scored very early on a long-range shot that sailed over the goalie, and just under the crossbar. And for quite a while thereafter the Waves were controlling the game, and getting many scoring opportunities. But all of their shots were rebounding off of movable objects...or in two cases, off of the goal itself. That second goal, which seemed to be so imminent, never happened.

Meanwhile, the Hustlers started to play better, and mounted a few offensive threats of their own. Mr. Tomasi capitalized on one of these in the second half, tying it up. And that was all that there was to be.

The Waves had a penalty kick late in the game. They had been making them all this year...but not today! So twice the Waves had chances to win, but couldn't bring it off. Credit the Hustlers with a lot of "hanging in there"...sprinkled with a little luck.

The Druids might be the biggest gainers from this game, because now the Waves or the Hustlers must win their last two games, to be sure of winning the title. But each must play the Druids. Well, however it is all going to come out, it will not be easy.

Nov. 14...Greenwaves-5, Spartans-1. The Waves had a fairly easy time of it in this game...for a change. The Spartans made it interesting in the first quarter, when Mr. Zenzinger scored in the opening moments. But after that, it was all Waves.

Mr. Leisman and Mr. Bowerfind each scored twice, and Mr. Stahl out-hustled some Spartan fullbacks and surprised everybody by scoring. This Greenwave victory put some added pressure on the Hustlers to beat the Druids, and stay even with the Waves. Which is just what they did.

Nov. 14...Hustlers-2, Druids-1. The Hustlers were equal to the challenge, holding a spirited Druid team to one PK by Mr. Sorenson. Mr. Adams and Mr. Tomasi scored in the second quarter, which was all that the Hustlers needed.

All of this means that the Druids are out of the title picture now, their dream of taking it with a 5-3 record shattered beyond all redemption. All will depend on our final two games this Saturday. The Hustlers must play the Guardians, and the Waves play the Druids. About a month ago, the Guardians beat the Hustlers, and the Druids beat the Waves...the only losses that these teams have suffered this season.

If that happens again, we'll have a tie, and a play-off game. Two ties, or two wins, will also do this. Otherwise, either the Hustlers or the Waves will win.

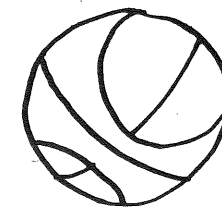
Is it better, in a situation like this, to play first, or second? There are two schools of thought on this. The Hustlers play first...the Waves second. Should be an interesting Saturday afternoon.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

| Soccer     | W | T | L | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Hustlers   | 4 | 2 | 1 | 17  |
| Greenwaves | 4 | 2 | 1 | 17  |
| Druids     | 3 | 0 | 4 | 13  |
| Guardians  | 2 | 0 | 4 | 10  |
| Spartans   | 2 | 0 | 5 | 11  |

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Soccer...Thurs. 2:45 Spartans-Guardians  
Sat. 1:30 Hustlers-Guardians  
3:00 Greenwaves-Druids



### WOMEN'S

by Terri Hahn

These are the last four games of the soccer season.

Nov. 8 Nymphs 0 - Maenads 1

This was an enjoyable game, at least for me. Neither team was overflowing with players, but they made do. Miss Foak scored the first goal of her career: A nice way to end your last soccer season. Unfortunately, by losing, the Nymphs lost their chance for first, but can still land in second place if they win their next two.

Nov. 10 Nymphs 0 - Furies 2

Until half-time, it looked like the Nymphs had this one without too much trouble. But Miss Alers put in two goals (beautiful ones, just like the movies, I may add) and the Nymphs were lost. Too bad for the Nymphs, but congratulations to the Furies.

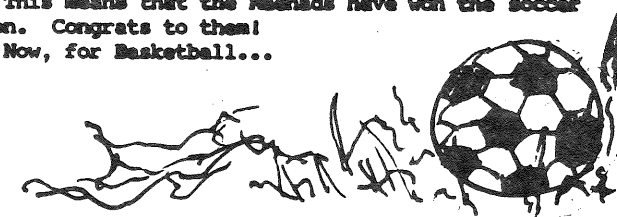
Nov. 12 Nymphs 2 - Amazons 3

I regret that I missed this game but Mr. J. tells me that the Nymphs almost tied it up in the 2nd half. Miss Brockway scored on a penalty kick. Miss McVader and Miss Townsend scored the other two Amazon goals. For the Nymphs, Miss Cresswell and Miss Talley scored.

Nov. 13 Maenads 2 - Furies 0

This was a very good game--lots of spectators, lots of action. Both teams were playing so well that the Maenad goals seemed to be team efforts and I never even thought to credit them to individuals. Sorry.

This means that the Maenads have won the soccer season. Congrats to them!  
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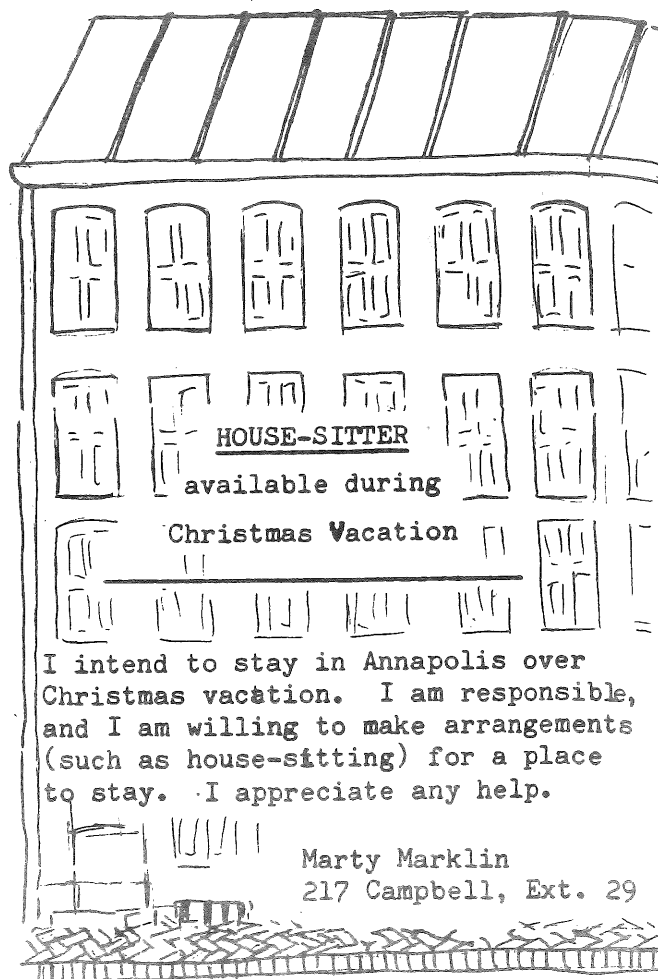
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I intend to stay in Annapolis over Christmas vacation. I am responsible, and I am willing to make arrangements (such as house-sitting) for a place to stay. I appreciate any help.

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