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## A COUNTRY CLUB?

by Randy Linder

The sun's rising a little earlier everyday now, which means that it's ~~that~~ time of year again. "What time is that?", you ask. Time to seriously consider whether or not you want to fill out an application to attend our sister campus in Santa Fe. (You should have already submitted the necessary financial aid forms.)

Let's begin by striking at the heart of the matter, "How do the academics compare?" It was the firm conviction of everybody I spoke to that the academics ~~at~~ Santa Fe are equal to those here, and that it is an unfounded myth that Santa Fe is an inferior copy of Annapolis. All said that since the program there is identical to ours there is no reason for there to be any lessening of quality. The students are just as serious about what they are doing. As Hazen Hammel said, "A Johnnie is a Johnnie is a Johnnie."

There is a difference in the junior math course. In Santa Fe they study original writings on the calculus. For Didi Schanche it was difficult to combine the practical with the theoretical, but that's true no matter what the program material. Miyoko Porter was lucky enough to have the tutor who brought together the original papers, Mr. Swentzell - yes, that's Athena's father.

The music program doesn't use Mrs. Allbrook's manual. Their listening equipment is more numerous and much better. A Santa Fe graduate who works for Pioneer gave them some new equipment several years ago. The practice ~~rooms~~ are bigger and are better ~~soundproofed~~.

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## REFLECTIONS ON SANTA FE

by Susan Coffee

Most of the students I know who have transferred to the Santa Fe Campus have decided to go, at least in part, because of its physical location. While some people move out there specifically because of the mountains, others go with a vague idea that there is something different to be experienced out there. Trying to describe the "spiritual" aspect of being a student in Santa Fe is bound to be rather vague and very subjective, but I think an attempt to do so might be helpful to anyone wondering what to expect in Santa Fe.

There is a definite relationship between the physical and mental worlds we inhabit. It is difficult to consider yourself solely as part of a world of men, of civilization, when nature so forcefully surrounds you as it does in Santa Fe. I ~~found there that I was not able to build~~ on the rather shallow foundations I had hastily constructed previously. For myself, the time spent in Santa Fe was a time of much growth, not towards greater complexity or "higher" thoughts, but a deeper growth, an exploration of foundations. Such growth seems now to have involved slowing down rather than speeding up. One student who spent her sophomore year in Santa Fe said that she had "learned how to relax" there. By this I think she meant that she had learned how to breathe deeply; that her experiences there had shown her a new perspective on her actions in society, and that this perspective allowed her a sense of calmness she hadn't been able to feel before.

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## AN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

I'm not sure what THE GADFLY will grow into. I want it to be a newspaper. Obviously it can not be a newspaper like the WASHINGTON POST or even the EVENING CAPITAL. It could be a pale imitation of a conventional newspaper, but I don't think it will be. I have noticed even at this early point that THE GADFLY will not be exactly what I want it to be. It is developing a life of its own, a life that comes from all those who work on or contribute to it. I only have so much control over its growth.

I have placed an order on THE GADFLY because I believe that proper growth is best conducted within guidelines. That is also one of the reasons I chose St. John's for my education. THE GADFLY is divided into four main parts. There is the lead article, the editorials and commentaries, the reviews and previews and the sports. There will also be sections for announcements and letters.

THE GADFLY is a newspaper in that it has deadlines. Deadlines create an atmosphere of tension, a tension in which discipline is developed. Discipline is a necessity for man, without it we are no more than animals held in the sway of our desires. Scott Buchanan created St. John's because of his disenchantment with the elective system and its concomitant - competitive departments. He saw this system developing a faculty catering to the wishes of the students. In such a situation the professors were less apt to discipline their students. Mr. Buchanan believed that the students needed and wanted such a discipline. He saw them turning to extra-curricular activities to get it, such as sports, drama clubs and the like. THE GADFLY is my extra-curricular activity.

## Narkotic Haze

--H H Hammel

"oh, Nina, what alot of parties'  
 (...Masked parties...Greek parties in St. John's Wood....parties at Oxford where one drank brown sherry and smoked Turkish cigarettes...all that succession and repetition of massed humanity...those vile bodies...).  
 He leant his forehead on Nina's arm..."I know, darling," she said, and put her hand on his hair.

-Evelyn Waugh  
Vile Bodies

Eager to discover whether Santa Fe was really the stronghold of the "mellow-laid-back-burnt-out-ness" that had been the rallying cry in the great punk-rock vs. disco controversy here two years ago, I decided to import the eastern style party, if only to entertain my friends transferred from Annapolis. At first it was just like the year before--only the hard core punk like Marion Sharp showed up. But as it turned out--the Santa Fe rock crowd was downtown getting drunk with hundreds of chica-

There is a need for more discipline at St. John's on the part of the tutors on themselves and on the students. I think many of the tutors believe that the rigidity of the program induces its own discipline, and to a certain extent it does, but the slack must be taken up by the tutors.

In his A Crisis in Liberal Education, Mr. Buchanan says, "Students used to go to an educational institution to be diagnosed and given a prescription." He used the don rag as a formal tool for this, but he did not mean it to be the only place that a tutor was to "diagnose" and to "prescribe." Unfortunately, most tutors believe this is the only place for them, and most only diagnose and don't prescribe.

It is don rag week. I hope that the tutors will give a little more care this week in prescribing, and that they will continue to take more interest in the students. After all, this school is for both of us.

Tonight's Japanese Film

The Men Who Tread on the Tiger's Tail is one of Kurosawa's shorter works. It was made during the American occupation of post WW II Japan. This was a time of severe restrictions: not only did the Americans specify the subject matter of the films being made, they also placed limits on the running time!

The film is based on a folk-tale concerning a retainer who must beat his disguised master in order to get him safely past his enemies. Of course, the retainer feels greatly ashamed.

This is a good exploration of the limits of people's values and is a fine exercise in suspense.

(Whether this film "ridicules feudal standards of loyalty while appearing to celebrate them," OR, as this humble one believes, celebrates those values while appearing to ridicule them, is something I leave up to you.)

Jim Sorrentino

Next Wednesday's Japanese FilmIkiru (To Live!)

This is one of the most moving films I've ever seen. The story is a simple one. A relatively unimportant civil servant finds that he has only a few months to live. What he decides to do with his time, and how people perceive his actions (ignorant of his motives) make up the body of the film. It is a stunning portrait of a man who never considered the fundamental questions of life and death and is now, suddenly, face-to-face with them.

One of the more curious denizens of American slang is the phrase "deal with" as in "I can deal with it." Kurosawa's hero does not "deal with" his despair. He does not "handle" it, or even "cope with" it. He WRESTLES it to the ground!

(For those of you whose only experience with Kurosawa is The Seven Samurai, I heartily recommend this picture for a more wellrounded view of Kurosawa's technique and vision.)

I booked this film knowing full well that some will call it "depressing." All I ask is that you allow yourselves to be moved. PLEASE do not come to this film drunk or altered! You will find it highly rewarding if your soul is clear and open. (Also you will avoid distracting others.) I admit this sounds pretentious, but, if after viewing Ikiru, you can speak of it in a different tone, I would welcome your comments.



## A COUNTRY CLUB ?

Minor differences which do not reflect academic quality are 1) classes are held three times a week for an hour and one half; 2) there is no smoking in any classes; and most significantly 3) the library is not as good.

The tutors were described as accessible, young, more liberal and extremely willing to talk. Many have taught in Annapolis. Generally, there are both excellent and oh-my-God-I-can't-stand-it tutors in Santa Fe, just as there are here.

Much of the student body is from Texas and California, and a hefty percentage are transfers from Annapolis. (If you want to get away from Annapolis Johnnies, going to Santa Fe is not the way to do it.)

Living on campus is a bit more luxurious in Santa Fe. The dorms were built to accommodate 450 students and there are only about 250 students there. Consequently, everybody gets a single room of one kind or another. (there are singles, doubles and triples.) The dorms are divided into upper and lower. It seems the upper dorms are preferred because they look out on the mountains (some have terraces.) The upper dorms also have the reputation of being party dorms. However, in general, the Santa Fe campus is less of a party campus than Annapolis. You can always have quiet if you want it. You can kiss Marriott food good-bye if you go to Santa Fe. The food there is supposed to be incomparably better. (Rumor has it that it is actually seasoned and real Mexican hot sauce is available for the highly acclaimed Mexican food.)

Living off campus is more difficult in Santa Fe. The campus is about a mile out of town. If you have a car living off-campus can be a delight. Some hardy souls apparently jog to school each morning. (Don't forget the return trip in the evening though.) A bicycle can be very handy.

Athletics at Santa Fe take on a different character from those here. The main reasons are there is no gymnasium and there are mountains. The school has coached soccer and fencing teams. There are informal games of softball, tennis and frisbee, and there is a basketball team which competes in a city league. But what really recommends itself to the area are the outdoor sports. There are ample opportunities for hiking, backpacking, camping, skiing, jogging and bicycling. The school regularly runs a bus up to the ski areas. Student discounts on lift tickets are available and the equipment can be rented through the school. If you can get four or more people together, you can use one of the two vans the school has for student's use. (The vans do not have to be used specifically for athletic endeavors. One person told me about the time he used a van to go to a Grateful Dead concert.)

The college is nestled in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Range so the mountains are right at your doorstep. As a matter of fact, the school trains and maintains a Mountain Search and Rescue Team. The team was highly praised by the students I talked to.

If you are interested in going to Santa Fe next year you need to file an application for transfer with the Dean's office by February 28th. You'll know if you've been accepted by March 31st, and you must give your reply by April 2nd along with a \$100 deposit. Because of the nature of our program and the need for the school to keep as many students enrolled as possible, there is not much strictness on these deadlines.

If you want more information about Santa Fe just ask around among the juniors and seniors and you should find one who has been there.

## NARKOTIC HAZE

nos in the Plaza. They all came later, and the party was packed with drunks shouting "Viva la Fiesta!" Something was very different out west, they were acclaiming me as disc jockey...the attitude was "this is a great party--no disco! What is this you're playing, by the way?" No outrage, no senior girls demanding KC and the Sunshine Band.

All in all, campus life at either St. John's has only subtle differences. If you've been to a Chase-Stone party you know what an Upper-Commons Room party is like. Hitting the dorms for beer money is not a tradition, everyone brings a few beers and a beer run is made when that runs out. Parties seldom happen on weekdays--but small scale dorm gatherings happen after every seminar in the upper dorms (the ones that rate "Very noisy" to "Moderately noisy" as opposed to the lowers which go from "Moderately noisy to "Very quiet",) mainly for the Dead Heads. Reality isn't the long drawn-out official drunk it is here--no Friday night "cocktail" party--just an inevitably sunny Saturday. And Santa Fe waltz parties never approach the Spring Cotillion, here. But Annapolis has no correlate to Student Activities Organization's Oktoberfest up at the Ski Basin when the aspens color the Sangre de Cristos, (and there's no skiing here, either.) Johnnies do show their frightening similarities, though, in the Coffee-shops East and West. In a meeting of the head residents, two of the tutors who live on-campus there thought it might be a good idea to humbly suggest that four years of celibacy and abstention from drugs might make us better students. I can't recall Dean Sparrow ever saying anything that amusing.

There aren't any Spartans out west, but there are some fine musicians, some professional. Ask Miyoko Porter about the jazz band she sang with (including Ray Davis, assistant dean, at the piano.)

Contrary to popular belief, drug use is not as intense out west as it is here, and the few people who inevitably do themselves in with excess have to pay a lot more to do it. New Mexico's drink-

ing age is twenty-one, but there aren't any bars within walking distance, anyway.

Personally, I prefer wandering up into the foothills in a drunken stupor at 3 AM to stumbling down to the docks--the sunrises are beyond description. Speaking of which, good tequila is impossible to find around here. I've had great margaritas at off-campus parties in Santa Fe, which are quite frequent, despite the very tiny-ness of the off-campus population.

Finally, if an uptight upperclassmen telling me in a strident voice, while poking a cigarette at me, that she/he doesn't like the music I'm playing, is our answer to the "mellow-laid back" problem...we might as well all transfer out west.

## REFLECTIONS ON SANTA FE

The Santa Fe campus itself, in its physical layout, complements the wide expanse of land and sky which surround it. There are many smaller buildings spread over a larger area; the effect is very different from that of the Annapolis campus which seems to revolve around McDowell Hall. There is no center of activity in Santa Fe. The loosely-knit design of the campus reflects, and perhaps enhances, the less defined community that exists there. Many transfer students agree that it requires a concerted effort to make themselves feel a part of the community, perhaps because it is less defined, perhaps even too loosely defined. There is so much space, even in the dining hall, that forming a community demands conscious action, which is not always easy.

The most important moments I had in Santa Fe were private. They had no immediate connection to my classes but they have greatly influenced my attitudes about myself. The experiences I'd like to describe seem to be the kind that can really only be experienced. There are many reasons to transfer to Santa Fe, and many reasons to come back to Annapolis. The above thoughts point in the direction of some reasons that I think warrant consideration.



MEN'S SPORTS

by Bryce Jacobsen

## VOLLEYBALL

Jan. 9...Guardians-4, Greenwaves-3

The Waves blew a golden opportunity in this game. Their problem was that their B-team was too good...and their A-team not quite good enough. It would have been better the other way around!

The Guardians were lucky to preserve their unbeaten record. They were outscored in the final two games.

Jan. 10...Druids-4, Spartans-3

The Druids pulled off their first win in this league, after three losses. The Spartans were plagued by various inconsistencies and errors, while the Druids finally got together an effective A-team. If the Druids play like this in the second round of play, things could come out much differently all around.

## BASKETBALL

Jan. 12...Hustlers-72, Greenwaves-61

For about 10 minutes, the Waves were smooth as silk, and could have taken any team in the league! They were rebounding well, playing tough defense, controlling their fouls, committing very few turnovers, and shooting about 80% from the floor and the foul line! They had it all together, and had built up a tidy lead over the powerhouse Hustlers. The Hustlers were a little dumbfounded, and getting a little frantic. It was not supposed to be like this, at all!

But then Mr. Kates, knowledgeable in these matters, called two quick time outs. And just like that, the Waves started to fade, and the Hustlers to shine...the Wave bubble had burst. They still managed to make a good show of it, and hung in there for the rest of the game. They did better against the Hustlers than the Spartans had done, a week earlier.

## Memorable Trivia:

- a) The Hustlers only committed 16 fouls in the whole game, which sets a new record low for the league.

WOMEN'S SPORTS

by Beth Gordon

## BASKETBALL

Jan. 8...Nymphs-37, Amazons-22

The Nymphs led this one from the very beginning and maintained their lead with some precarious ball handling. Luck was on their side though whenever they lost control, as the ball bounced off all the Amazon players in its effort to return to the Maroons. We may see a drastic change in that luck now that Miss Ironside has defected to the Southwest.

Jan. 10...Maenads-30, Amazons-27

I think the "Nads" felt the absence of Misses Athey and Jroff in this game. The score was tied at the half and it looked like we were about to witness the first Black loss in ages. But with Misses Nogales and Murphy fouled out, the game rapidly turned in favor of the Maenads. Miss Dornich did a fine job, scoring the game high of 14 points.

Jan. 11...Nymphs-36, Furies-22

A two-game fluke Furies? Even with the disappearance of Miss Ironside the Nymphs took this game by storm. Actually, it was the funniest game I've ever seen.

The Nymphs replaced Gina with Miss Jidi Schanche and Miss Porter (who?) A sometimes Santa Fean, Miss Porter surprised us all by scoring FOUR points! Even Miss Schanche managed to make a basket. Now all they need to know are the rules.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Basketball	Won	Lost	Points
Maenads	7	0	21
Nymphs	6	2	20
Furies	2	6	12
Amazons	1	8	11

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- b) Mr. Ficco scored 21 points, about 300% over his average! Somebody said that it was something he ate.
- c) Mr. Ficco committed five fouls, which was about 100% of his average.

Jan. 12...Guardians-76, Druids-67

The Guardians played a very heady game, all in all. They got balanced scoring from all their starters, nobody fouled out, and their B-team converted a modest deficit into a slight lead.

The A's were pretty evenly matched in scoring...51 for the Druids, and 54 for the Guardians. But in the final period, at nitty-gritty time, the Druids were in foul trouble, and hurting...and the Guardians were getting stronger, outscoring the Druids by 30-22.

Credit must also go to the Guardian B's, who won their part of it by 22-16. Sixteen of these 22 points came from Mr. Campbell, who managed, for the first time this winter, not to foul out! As I said earlier, the Guardians played a very thoughtful game...which is as it should be, with a name like that.

Forgettable Trivia:

- a) Mr. Jennings led all scorers with 17.
- b) The Druids committed 36 fouls!
- c) The Druids outscored the Guardians in field goals.
- d) The Guardians made 20 points at the foul line.
- e) Four Druids fouled out.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

Volleyball	Won	Lost	Points
Guardians	3	0	9
Hustlers	2	1	7
Spartans	1	2	5
Greenwaves	1	2	5
Druids	1	3	6
Basketball	Won	Lost	Points
Hustlers	3	1	10
Guardians	2	1	7
Spartans	2	1	7
Druids	1	2	5
Greenwaves	0	3	3

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

##### Volleyball

Wed. 4:00 Hustlers-Guardians

Thurs. 2:30 Greenwaves-Spartans

##### Basketball

Sat. 1:30 Spartans-Druids

Sat. 3:00 Greenwaves-Guardians

Thurs. @ 4:00 Maenads-Nymphs

This is the last game of the women's basketball season. Your last chance to catch the undefeated Maenads in action against their closest opponent.

#### Sports Addendum

Tom Dwyer has been this season's high scorer so far with 38. According to Mr. Dwyer the 39 fouls committed in their game against the Waves wasn't because they commit a lot of fouls but that "Mr. J doesn't like us." Heard after the Furies loss to the Nymphs, "Mr. J doesn't like us." Heard from most of the Hustlers, "Mr. J doesn't like us." Come on, what's the matter with the rest of you guys?

Heard along the Guardian bench during their game with the Druids. "How many Druids does it take to bring the ball up court?" "Four, one to dribble the ball and three to massage his ego."

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE KING WILLIAM PLAYERS will be holding auditions for Shakespeare's As You Like It, this Saturday at 1:00 and this Sunday at 4:00 backstage in FSK. As You Like It will be directed by Jim White with the assistance of Jim Brunner.

ANNAPOLIS OFFICE SUPPLIES on Main Street is under new management and it has a definite anti-St. John's attitude. I **bought** some equipment there Monday and received a 10% student discount. Tuesday I returned to buy more and **asked** for the discount. The clerk said there wasn't one. I told **her** of the previous day's discount. She said that that clerk had made a mistake and that they only gave discounts to biddies.

"Have you hugged your Mid today?"

Rebel Without A Cause

Lately there has been an excessive amount of yelling, clapping and commenting during the films shown in FSK. I do not mind applause when it is justified, but the yelling and shouting throughout the movie I can do without. It is damned irritating to have other people ruin the pleasure of watching a film. If the film disgusts you to that extent, why don't you get the hell out so other people can enjoy the movie?

One other thing: There are some people who love to wave a Confederate flag around campus. This may just be a joke, but I consider it a bad one. There are also many people who carry Confederate flags in their gang fights against blacks. I suggest you stop carrying the flag around like a trophy or defend your viewpoints. Because to me that flag symbolizes racism.

R.F. Hoff

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## POLITY MEETING

Since we have been told that our polis is in imminent danger of collapse, we should ask what exactly it is that is about to fall. The simplest answer that I can think of is that it is a group unified by a common purpose. My next question then is: is our polis about to disintegrate? And the only answer I can see is a clear no.

We have been told that this particular polis was designed "to promote awareness in the student body of its responsibilities to the College, to uphold the College's reputation to the scholastic community at large, and to help the students realize their new function of 'organ of self-government.'" Apparently we have not been **made aware of our duties**, nor have we realized this new function. We also have been apathetic and set in our ways: unwilling to change.

I think that this is false. Our basis and our unity lies not in the petty trivialities of bureaucratic structure or responsibilities, but in the exchange and preservation of ideas. This interchange is geared toward our betterment and the betterment of our whole world, not toward preserving meaningless reputations, nor fallacious views of responsibility.

Of course, we feel our responsibilities toward the College, but necessarily each member of the community must be personally cognizant of them. It is inherent in the nature of our purpose to recognize our responsibilities and act accordingly. Therefore, since we are still acting toward our goal of learning, it would seem that our polis is, in fact, alive, healthy, and growing.

- Sara Marcy

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