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In response to Mr. Sallion's letter in the previous issue:

Although the disease of moral relativism has infected our age like a psychological version of the bubonic plague, and seems about as difficult to cure, I still feel compelled to speak out against it.

The case for moral relativism, argued historically or otherwise, contradicts itself in two respects. First, to use its own argument against itself, since it too is a particular moral viewpoint produced within a particular ethnographic and historical milieu, then it also possesses no more or no less validity than any of the other "viewpoints" which it consigns to moral oblivion. Second, to conclude that a given action is both right and wrong, depending upon one's "viewpoint," is actually to conclude that the act has no moral content at all; in effect, that there is no right or wrong. In this way, the conclusion contradicts its premise that there is a right and wrong to begin with.

The question of morality then returns to that raised in Mr. Sallion's opening paragraph: is there a morality which transcends all times and places?

If one believes in a God, the answer is of course yes: the divine law. However, this in turn raises the question of interpreting the divine law; but putting the question of religious belief aside, shouldn't there be some cogent argument for a transcendent morality independent of a Divinity? I hope so, but unfortunately I can only provide an indirect argument by illustrating the consequences of denying a transcendent morality.

Most importantly, the rejection of a transcendent morality implies the rejection of all law. Laws then become merely a question of the imposition of the various whims and desires of a majority, minority, or autocrat. Without a Law based upon the morally transcendent and inalienable rights of the individual, freedom (in the sense of libertas) becomes merely a historical aberration, rather than an ideal condition which should be striven for continuously. "We are slaves to the law so that we may be free," said Cicero, watching the death throes of his beloved republic. To relegate law to being the product of various struggles between classes, races, nations, or

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The staff of THE GADFLY extends our condolences to our editor, Elizabeth Stuck, for the death of her grandfather.

The Political Forum reveals the identity of its mystery speaker

Wednesday night at 6pm
in the Dining Hall

other groups is to say that all our precious, hard-won rights possess no more moral validity than the tyrannical and murderous dictates of a Hitler or Stalin. In this way, the position of moral relativism, rather than being one of "moral" sophistication, is merely one of intellectual barbarism.

In returning to the subject of Mr. Sallion's letter, the assassination of Anwar Sadat, allow me to make a rather outrageous statement: the Arabs have been, and remain (as the "rejoicing" mentioned still shows) a barbarous people. As barbarians, they have no concept of the rule of law: for all their history, tyranny has never been superseded by law. Perhaps it is not fair to single out only the Arabs for this opprobrium: most of the world's people today continue to live in a state of barbarism, whether of the old, primitive type, or the new industrial/totalitarian kind. Nor are the usual exemplary idols of law, the nations of the West, entirely without feet of clay, as events in Germany proved not so long ago. The rule of law is not perpetually guaranteed once established, but must be jealously preserved.

In conclusion, however, perhaps the only thing more obscene about the whole affair than hordes of ignorant masses rejoicing over Sadat's death was the sight of fanatics on both sides of the conflict agreeing on one point: their conclusion that Sadat's death would improve their chances of satiating their mutual bloodlust. I hope that they are mistaken.

Pierre B. Mauboussin, '82

A Response to Mr. Sallion

In the October 12th issue of THE GADFLY, I read an article by Mr. Robert Sallion ('85) which was very disturbing. The fact that the questionable certainties of intellectual impressarios find their unembarrassed way into the College's newspaper upsets me, not because I am against the sincere expression of mistaken viewpoints, but because I am more confirmed in a growing impression that the Western tradition now is being so inadequately conveyed at St. John's that a student will likely not take,

"Truth, Beauty, and the Good," seriously enough to have a second thought, a graceful hesitation, about spouting, "sophisticated opinions," which are intrinsically absurd because, after all, if no true moral judgements can be made, moral discussion is dissolved, and with it, all human values, concerns, and institutions. For Mr. Sallion, there can be no moral problems, because there can be no morality. Consequently, there can be no serious discussion of the criteria of a just state, nor of a good parent, nor of a good man. A tyrant, a child-abuser, or a scoundrel need not repent and amend; they are not wrong, they just have differing viewpoints from oppressed peasants, battered children, and the deceived and manipulated. We, as enlightened observers, need do nothing to change the situations; certainly, it is irrational of us to condemn the perpetrators. Quelle dommage!

An anecdote in Herodotus is often taken to show the relativity of moral standards, when, in fact, it demonstrates the opposite. The Greeks and Indians had differing conventions about the manner of honoring their dead; the constant is that both sets of customs were taken to honor them. There is substantial agreement amongst humankind about moral principles, in fact, an agreement more fundamental and more extensive than about the nature of the physical universe. All cultures condemn murder, theft, lying, etc. However, there are surrounding controversies about such things as what constitutes adequate justification for homicide (i.e., by what actions does a man forfeit his right to life), what application of moral principles to some particular situation is correct (which is the controversy described by Mr. Sallion in the case of Sadat), and what actions are most expedient in following-through on moral principles (i.e., is monarchy better than democracy in pursuit of a just state?; either might be just or unjust, but one may be more conducive to justice). In short, there are moral problems, as well as theoretical problems, about the fundamental basis of morality. But there is a human moral order behind these problems. Any serious inquiry into cultural anthropology and the world's religions will cure one of moral relativism, because the simi-

larities are more striking than the differences.

Let us take, for a moment, the vexed case of abortion. I am a Pro-Lifer, because:

- 1) Homicide perpetrated against innocents is wrong;
- 2) Abortion is the killing of innocent children; THEREFORE
- 3) Abortion is wrong.

Those who disagree with me either think that the unborn are not human (and, therefore, that abortion is not homicide) or that there are other justifications than substantial guilt for homicide (such as major inconvenience). Thus, the issue hinges primarily on a question of fact (is the unborn "thing" really human?), or on the application of a conceded principle to a complex situation. No one doubts that if it is simply murder, it is wrong, though some people would still do it, believing it to be murder, because they regard their own convenience more highly than the rights of others. Some who agree with me are not willing to forbid abortion by law, because they have been deceived into believing it is an issue of religious freedom; but that is a separate issue ("so okay it's wrong; should the State do anything about it?") Of course, if it is murder the state should do something about it, since it is an extraordinary injustice to the child. If it is not murder, one need not even invoke the spurious use of the "right to privacy;" it is a matter of indifference. If it is only justified under certain circumstances (e.g. incest, rape, etc.), then it ought to be forbidden in any circumstances other than these.

So, when does human life begin? As soon as a child is conceived, it is an unique individual symbiotically related to its mother, pursuing its own development according to the laws of its being. Obviously, there is no intelligible difference between the child in its last trimester and the child who is born; in fact, from seven months, the child may be prematurely born, and, though it is weak, may survive and grow into a normal adult. Thus, it is perfectly clear that last trimester abortions are merely infanticide in the womb. Further, the baby killed in its seventh or eighth month is the same unique individual which existed

upon conception. What is the difference? Obviously, it is developmental. But the changes which ensue from birth to adulthood are profound, yet it would be patently absurd to define an adult as human, and a seven-year-old child as non-human. From conception, we are talking about a human being going through various stages of development. The main proof that it is human is that it develops according to its nature, i.e., according to an intrinsic principle which implicitly contains all of the characteristics which will be fully manifested in the adult. This is not, "potential human life," some stuff which may become human some day; spermatozoa are potential human life; the ovum is potential human life; the fertilized ovum is essentially human, because now it has a human nature - again, that intrinsic principle, that formal substance - which causes the autonomous development of an adult human being in about twenty years time. That formal substance (in Aristotelian terms) used to be called the soul. We can call it human life, if you prefer.

I leave it to you to think about whether or not there are any circumstances which may justify abortion, only making the observation that obviously abortions of mere convenience are wrong. There are always alternatives, such as adoption. Oh, one more observation: it is a hell of a thing, in the Year of the Disabled, to imply that we made a mistake not bumping-off people who have birth defects while we could, so I'd be very chary, if I were you, about saying that birth defects are an excuse for killing someone.

In any event, the general point is that most moral controversy is not over moral principles, but questions of fact, questions of justification, and, generally, questions casuistry - the application of moral principles to specific cases. Mr. Sallion simply doesn't know enough to know that his illustration of differing principles is not one at all, but one of judgement.

Michael David Blume, '78

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MORALS: THAT THEY EXIST

To Robert A. Sallion, '85

O.K., let me take the "extreme" case. You have this child molester. He has sexual intercourse with an eight year old girl. Regardless of how much or how little she protests at the time, I refuse to excuse him on the basis that this is part of his cultural ideality, or some such tolerant nonsense. I insist that he is not only wrong, but that if he is my fellow citizen I will insist he be punished or helped. It is the coward's way out to insist that morality is relative. You belittle and dismiss every single religious person who has ever lived, is living, or will ever live in the whole world by stating that morality is a viewpoint. As for the non-religious persons, I truly don't know what "morality" means to them (I think "expedience" and "comfort" are more meaningful for them). You see, there are a vast number of people - coincidentally these include the people you mention in your letter: Moslems, Christians, and Jews - who believe that the definition of right and wrong comes from God. It is just not some rather adorable ethnic perversity to be displayed at some cultural arts and crafts week. Furthermore, by affirming that there is such a definition, peoples have come to believe that truth exists, that there is a good. I suspect you are a graduate of the fashionable 1970's school of thought, that pseudo-tolerance is the answer to our problems. But you do not realize that what you are doing is telling a man that what he is willing to work for, fight for, even die for, is merely a "viewpoint." You have stripped

CONCERT, Sunday, October 25th, 4:00pm, FSK Auditorium
"Duo Grancino": Mark Schneider, piano and Elisabeth Zeuthen Schneider, violin.

Mark and his wife are from Denmark and are presently on tour in the United States. Mark was a student at St. John's College 1969-72. Since that time he has performed and studied with many outstanding musicians in the United States and in Denmark. Elisabeth is currently a member of the Royal Orchestra in Copenhagen and has performed as soloist with several Danish orchestras.

Their program will include: Brahms "Sonata in A major, Op. 100", Mozart's "Sonata in B-flat major", Bartok's "6 Rumanian Folk Dances" and XX Matyas Sieber's "Sonata (1960)".

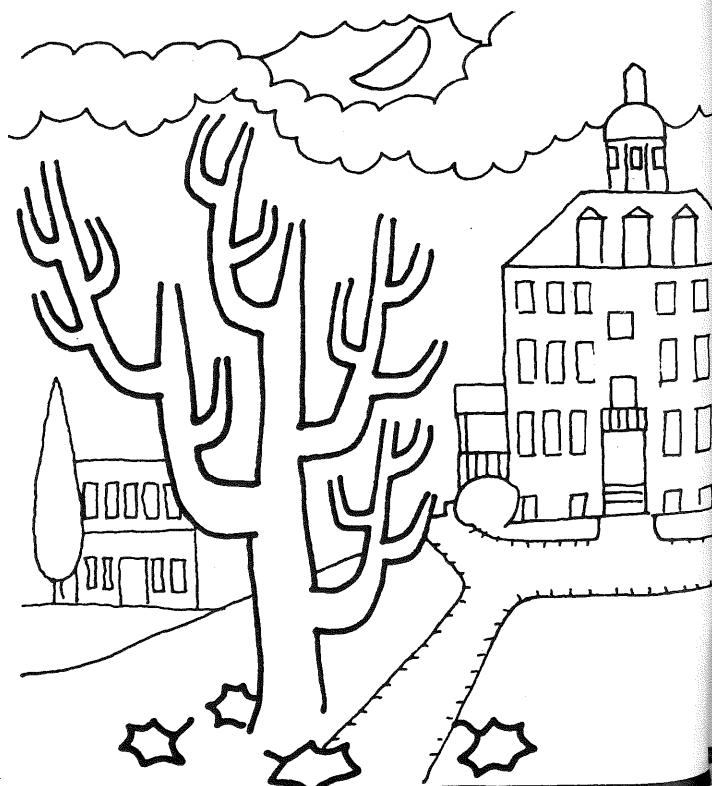
humanity of its passion and the search for knowledge of its urgency.

Granted, some toleration for most issues is vital. I would not send a man to war over most "cultural" differences of "viewpoint." But I reserve the right not to be peaceful with cultural viewpoints which include genocide, which naturally leads me to Libya - a country led by the most evil and insane man in power today (although there are a few who come close). It is not Israel's cultural intolerance, but its desire to survive which makes her less "appreciative" of Libya's intention to destroy her. Please do not sugar-coat this reality.

Surely you did not say that it was excusable that the besotted Iranian fanatics mutilated our servicemen in front of the cameras two years ago? Every day, I suspect, you are forced to make some decisions or come to some judgements based on the true foundation that there are some things which are, or should be regarded to be, universally evil and must be resisted in some way.

But you still have so much to read, so that if I cannot convince you, the arguments of Socrates and God - among others - will surely do a better job.

Sincerely,
Leslie S. Smith, '82



Members of the College Community
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted that Dr. Leon Kass can be with us again. Dr. Kass was a tutor here from 1972 to 1978 and has lectured here on several previous occasions. His title is "The Hippocratic Oath: Thoughts on Medicine and Ethics".

Sincerely yours,

Edward G. Sparrow

Edward G. Sparrow
Dean

FROM THE BOOKSTORE:

Recently some inquiries have been made concerning the pricing policy at the Bookstore. The policy is as follows:

1. All are priced upon arrival at the Bookstore at the publisher's invoiced list price.
2. Books remain at that price until sold.
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Any price difference among the same titled books is due to the date the books arrived at the Bookstore. i.e. A book that arrived during the 1980-81 school year may not have the same price as the same book that arrived during the 1981-82 school year. This price difference is determined by the publisher.

If anyone has any further questions about our pricing policy, please feel free to stop by the Bookstore.

Frances Boyd
Manager

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THE CHEF

Introducing Mr. George Tucker, our new chef, hired by Saga on October 5th. George has considerable experience with institutional food services. He was the chef for two years at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, and for three years at Santa Clara University of California. George has also worked as a chef with food service corporations both in this area and in Ohio, his home town.

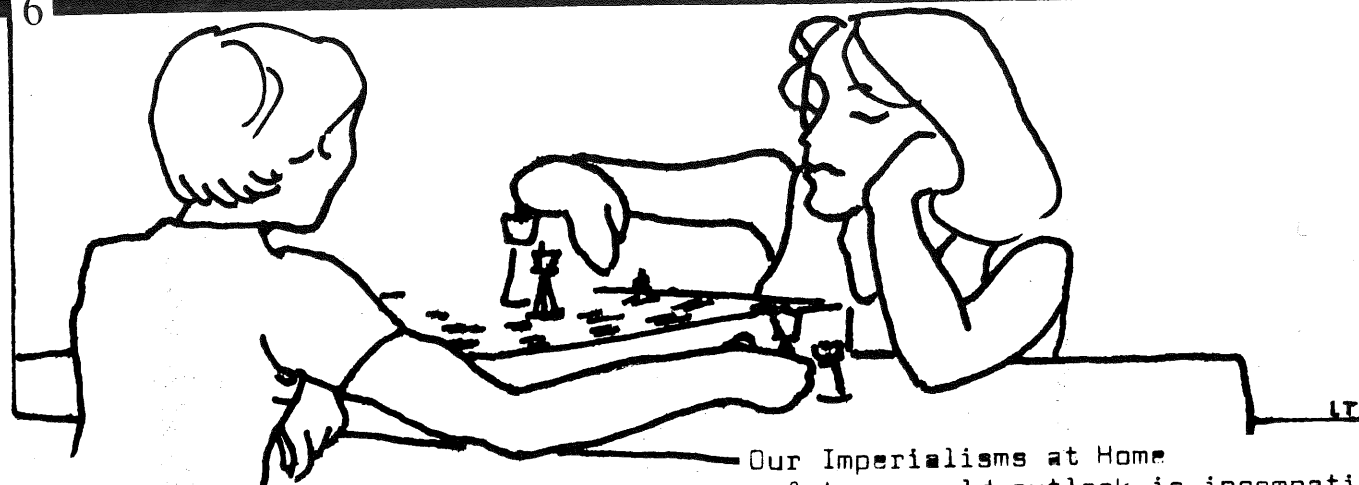
Mr. Tucker likes working here and says he particularly enjoys the fact that his new job entails working with women "because they're more productive" than men. The new kitchen equipment he finds to be "advanced and modern." Although he will have to work with Saga's own recipes (which maintain a budget of under \$5.00 per day per student) he does not find these recipes confining because "they leave room for change" in order that the students' tastes may be complied with.

George says there are some laughs in his business. He recalled one experience as a chef which could have been somewhat disastrous. Having just completed an ice carving of a swan, he let a waitress take it to a table. The next thing he knew, "water began to get over everything!" The guests were alarmed until George realized that the waitress had set the ice carving next to a hot plate, and the situation was remedied.

George likes the Saint John's campus because, as he says, "It reminds me of New England...quiet-like; and the students seem to be more intelligent."

Welcome, George, we're glad you're here.

D. Darby



Our Imperialisms at Home

39 years ago, this last week, Wendell Willkie returned to America from his whirlwind tour of the world & its battle fronts. And this is what he said:

What We Are Fighting For

It has become banal to say that this war is a revolution, in men's thinking, in their way of living, all over the world. It is not banal to see that revolution taking place, and that is what I saw. It is exciting and a little frightening. ...For I live in a constant dread that this war may end before the people of the world have come to a common understanding of what they fight for and what they hope for after the war is over. I was a soldier in the last war and after that war was over, I saw our bright dreams disappear, our stirring slogans become the jests of the cynical, and all because the fighting peoples did not arrive at any common postwar purposes while they fought. It must be our resolve to see that that does not happen again. (His complaint was that the Atlantic Charter wasn't wide enough.)

This Is a War of Liberation

...Eastern peoples...cannot tell from our vague and vacillating talk whether or not we really do stand for freedom, or what we mean by freedom.

In Africa, in the Middle East, throughout the Arab World, as well as in China and the whole Far East, freedom means the orderly but scheduled abolition of the colonial system. Whether we like it or not, this is true. ...the world is awake, at last, to the knowledge that the rule of people by other peoples is not freedom, and not what we must fight to preserve.

A true world outlook is incompatible with a foreign imperialism, no matter how high-minded the governing country. It is equally incompatible with the kind of imperialism which can develop inside any nation. Freedom is an indivisible word. If we want to enjoy it, fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone, whether they are rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter what their race or the color of their skin....

Our success thus far as a nation is not because we have built great cities and big factories and cultivated vast areas, but because we have promoted this fundamental assurance of freedom upon which all our material development has depended, and have tolerated, and learned to use, our diversities.

...minorities are rich assets of a democracy, assets which no totalitarian government can afford. Dictatorships must, of necessity, fear and suppress them. But within the tolerance of a democracy, minorities are the constant spring of new ideas, stimulating new thought and action, the constant source of new vigor.

To suppress minority thinking and minority expression would tend to freeze society and prevent progress. For the majority itself is stifled by the existence of minority groups. The human mind requires contrary expressions against which to test itself.

For now more than ever, we must keep in the forefront of our minds the fact that whenever we take away the liberties of those whom we hate, we are opening the way to loss of

liberty of those we love.

Our way of living together in America is a strong but delicate fabric. It is made up of many threads. It has been woven over many centuries by the patience and sacrifice of countless liberty-loving men and women. It serves as a cloak for the protection of poor and rich, of black and white, of Jew and gentile, of foreign- and native-born.

Let us not tear it asunder. For no man knows, once it is destroyed, where or when man will find its protective warmth again.

One World

When I say that in order to have peace this world must be free, I am only reporting that a great process has started which no man --certainly not Hitler--can stop. Men and women all over the world are on the march, physically, intellectually, and spiritually. After centuries of ignorant and dull compliance, hundreds of millions of people in eastern Europe and Asia have opened the books. Old fears no longer frighten them. They are no longer willing to be eastern slaves for western profits. They are beginning to know that men's welfare throughout the world is interdependent. They are resolved, as we must be, that there is no more place for imperialism within their own society than in the society of nations. The big house on the hill surrounded by mud huts has lost its awesome charm.

Our Western world and our presumed supremacy are now on trial. (from One World, key parts of which are in The People Shall Judge!)

Mr. Willkie passed on to a greater world 37 years ago this week, having lost the Wisconsin Republican presidential primary because he declined to tell German-Americans that the Allied armies should go easy on the front in Europe. Thereafter Arthur Vandenberg, US Senator from Michigan, supported

the United Nations. May Anwar Sadat's and other such true sacrifice achieve something greater.

Truly

Arthur Kungle Jr.

Notes From The Student Committee On Instruction:

Last Tuesday the S.C.I. held its second meeting of the year. This year the members are: from the senior class, Mr. McDonough (chairman), Mr. Adams, Miss McVadon, and Miss Betor; from the junior class, Mr. Finner; from the sophomore class, Mr. Ginter; and from the freshman class, Mr. Kowalski.

The main function of the S.C.I. is to be a channel of communication between the faculty and students on matters concerning the curriculum. Our meetings are open and we welcome students to come if they have any suggestions or just want to listen. Meetings are held approximately every two weeks.

The present concerns of the committee are the Junior Lab Manual and the first semester reading list for senior seminar. The latter topic will be considered during the next meeting and we encourage seniors to give their opinions about this to one of the committee members.

-Submitted for the S.C.I.
by Jonathan Adams, '82

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From The Career Counseling Office:

Seniors: The National Security Agency (at Fort Meade, Maryland) has sent the bulletin and registration form for their qualifying examination. The test is given once a year only; the registration form must be mailed before October 31st for the November 14th test. Come in and read the booklet and consider whether you would be interested in a position with them.

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships: Many fellowships are being offered through the various N.E.H. Study Centers. Deadlines for some of the applications are very soon. See the Placement Office Bulletin Board (first floor McDowell) for the list of centers and further details.

MBA Scholarships: The Owen Graduate School of Management of Vanderbilt University and the Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh both offer merit scholarships for individuals with exceptional academic achievement. If you wish to pursue an MBA, you should come to the Office of Career Counseling to obtain information about these programs.

Newspaper Positions: The Washington Post has announced the availability of summer 1982 news positions for current college juniors and seniors interested in newspaper journalism careers. Positions include reporting, photographic editing, and copy editing. Request an applica-

tion by sending SASE to:

Summer News Program
News Department
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20071

Editing Internships are available to juniors through the Newspaper Fund, Inc. The internships are on major American dailies and wire services which are paid positions, and carry a \$700 scholarship for each recipient. Application deadline is Thanksgiving Day. See Mrs. Braun for an application.

Conferences: A conference for seniors who have an interest in advertising and communications is being held in New York City on November 14th. The conference is sponsored by the Advertising Women of New York in co-operation with Pace University.

On November 5th-8th, Union Theological Seminary is hosting a conference on Theological Education for prospective seminary students in New York City. For information about these conferences, see Mrs. Braun.

Summer Jobs: YMCA of the Rockies is offering staff positions to college students for the summer of '82. These positions are not career oriented, but the camp experience offers many opportunities and benefits. Early application is important; see Mrs. Braun for information.

Marianne Braun
Director of Career Counseling

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Assise auprès du feu, dévidant et filant,
Direz, chantant mes vers, en vous émer-
veillant:
"Ronsard me célébrait du temps que j'étais
belle."

Lors vous n'aurez servante oyant telle
nouvelle,
Déjà sous le labeur à demi sommeillant,
Qui au bruit de mon nom ne s'aille ré-
veillant,
Bénissant votre nom de louage immortelle.
Je serai sous la terre et, fantôme sans os,
Par les ombres myrteux je prendrai mon re-
pos;
Vous serez au foyer une vieille accroupie,
Regrettant mon amour et votre fier dédain.
Vivez, si m'en croyez, n'attendez à demain:
Cueillez dès aujourd'hui les roses de la vie.

Pierre de Ronsard

Sonnet for Helen

When you have grown old, at dark, by
candlelight,
Seated beside the fire, spooling and
spinning wool,
You'll say, singing my words, of
amazement quite full,
"Ronsard extolled me when my beauty
was most bright."

Then you won't have a maid, hearing
such news that night,
Already half asleep, by labor weighted
down,
Who won't start wide awake because of
my renown,
And bless your name of praise, immortal
and most right.

I'll be beneath the ground and, phantom
buried deep,
By the somber myrtles I'll take my
final sleep.
While you'll be at the hearth, a woman
aged in strife.

Regretting my past love and your
steadfast disdain.
If you believe me, live; tomorrow
is in vain:
So gather today the roses of this life.

Translated by John Ritner '84

As a crude complement to Mr. Stein's rendering of Ronsard, let me offer the following. It starts out in Alexandrian, but quickly degenerates into a Yeatsian pentameter:

When you are very old, at night, by can-
dlelight,
Seated before the fire, winding down and
spinning,
You'll say as you recite my verse, in
wonder;
"Ronsard once celebrated me, when I was
young."

You'll have no servant who, hearing such
news,
Half drowsy from the labors of the day,
Won't start awake when'er my name is
spoke,
And bless your name with (my) immortal
praise.

A boneless phantom underneath the earth,
I'll take my rest beneath the myrtle's
boughs;
You'll be an ancient crone beside the
hearth,

Grieving for my love, and your proud
contempt.

So live, if you believe me, waste no
time,

And gather up life's roses from now on.

Andrew White, '82

- by Ellen Alers

Friday Oct. 23 at 11:15 FSK Auditorium

Hesse's novel Steppenwolf explores the events that befall man just before his fiftieth birthday. This film is a faithful adaptation that is well-acted and photographed. Directed by Fred Haines in 1974 with Max von Sydow and Dominique Sanda.

Sat. & Sun. Oct. 24 & 25 8:15 FSK Aud.

Frank Capra's movies, more often than not, deal with one theme - the wonderful warmth of the human spirit. It Happened One Night will make you feel great after you see it. Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable are one of the most charming couples on film. Miss Colbert plays a runaway rich girl who meets up with Gable, a wandering journalist. As they travel together they grow to love one another.

I never go to this film without my handkerchief and at least one carrot. This touching romantic comedy is a must.

The Sky: This Week

Four of the nine planets are this month in the daytime sky. Mercury passed into the face of the sun last week, while Jupiter, Saturn, and Pluto are now behind the sun. Of the planets that are visible, Venus is 45.5° east of the sun, Mars, 57° west and on Monday will pass 1.5° north of Regulus, the front paw of Leo. Uranus is 44° east while Neptune is about 46° east.

On Friday, the sun enters the astro-
logical sign Scorpio ♏, but since the
procession of the equinoxes has shifted
the constellations of the Zodiac east-
ward, astronomically it is still in
Virgo ♍.

This Sunday, the last Sunday in October, change your clock back one hour. We move now from Eastern Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time.

C. Todd Reichart '84

Tuesday, Oct. 20

4:00-6:00	Faculty Study Group - Mr. Zeiderman
4:15-5:15	Study Group - Mr. Raphael
7:00-9:30	Figure Painting Class
7:30 p.m.	New Testament Class - J. W. Smith
9:00 p.m.	Delegate Council Meeting

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Conversation Room
Mellon 207
McDowell 36
McDowell 21

Wednesday, Oct. 21

4:00-6:00	Faculty Study Group - Mr. Zeiderman
7:00 p.m.	Small Chorus - Mr. Zuckerman
7:00-10:00	Ceramics Class
7:15-10:15	Figure Drawing Class
8:00 p.m.	Study Group: Plato's <u>Laws</u> , Books III & IV Mr. Mullen
8:00 p.m.	Film: Rudolph Mate's "D.O.A." (1949) Edmond O'Brien

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FSK Auditorium

Thursday, Oct. 22

2:15 p.m. Delegate Council meeting with Deans and Treasurer

McDowell 23

Friday, Oct. 23

7:00 p.m.	K.W.P.: Schisgal's "The Typists"
8:15 p.m.	Lecture: <u>The Hippocratic Oath: Thoughts on Medicine and Ethics</u> Dr. Leon Kass, University of Chicago
11:15 p.m.	Film: Fred Haines's <u>Steppenwolf</u> (1974) Max Von Sydow, Dominique Sanda

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Saturday, Oct. 24

9:00-12:00	Sculpture Class
7:00 p.m.	K.W.P.: Schisgal's "The Typists"
8:15 p.m.	Film: Frank Capra's <u>It Happened One Night</u> (1934) Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert

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Great Hall
FSK Auditorium

Sunday, Oct. 25

1:15 pm	Open Reading Oedipus Rex (Greene) Eumeinidies (Lattimore)
4:00 p.m.	Due Grancino from Denmark; Mark Schneider, Pianist, and Elizabeth Zeuthen Schneider, Violinist
6:30 p.m.	Pottery Class
8:15 p.m.	Film: Frank Capra's <u>It Happened One Night</u> (1934) Clark Gable, Claudette Colbert

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Mellon 207
FSK Auditorium

EXHIBIT: Ryohei and Tajima, graphics by noted Japanese printmakers
from the St. John's Jay Ginsberg collection. through November 3

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Delegate Council

DELEGATE COUNCIL MEETING
October 13, 1981

Present: Schiavo, Parker, Lord, Feldman, Harris, Kezar, Oggins, Peterson, Smith Visiting: Pistachio

1. Pres. Schiavo gave his report on the Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors. Condensed version:

a. James Bond Stockdale, who is the most highly decorated naval officer after having been tortured for 8 yrs. as a POW in Hanoi, and is now a very influential Republican writer, was made a member of the Board.

b. Murchison Grant - Mr. Murchison is getting a tutorial chair for his grant.

c. Construction of the Santa Fe condominiums will begin in March.

d. The school has until 1993 to decide what to do with 1,100 acres of land in California, from 400 of which it is getting \$50,000 annually. Revenues from this land are not to be used for education outside of the state. Right now, back taxes are being paid on the other 700 acres.

e. The Dean reported that opening enrollment was 374 students and is presently 369. The senior and freshman classes are large, but the junior class is unusually small. Supposedly, that is because many members of the junior class transferred to Santa Fe. However, Santa Fe also has a small junior class. Perhaps the transfer students are all at a Greyhound station in Little Rock.

Anyhow, it is reported that Mr. Bart is healthy after suffering a heart attack.

f. It was proposed that the following be added to Iglehart Hall: a volleyball court, a racquetball court, and a women's locker room. Leftover money from this project will go to the Boat House.

g. The lack of enthusiasm among SJC alumni or "Why are so many Johnnies bartending after they graduate?" was discussed. Is it that they are intimidated by the marvelous works or that they are never asked to make any major decisions affecting their lives? A mentor system where Board members might take graduates under their wings as they enter "life after St. John's" is a future possibility.

h. The school is being sued for sex discrimination in a tenure case in S.F.

i. The Dining Hall was dedicated to Edgar T. Higgins.

j. The Rochambeau March Commemoration was discussed.

k. A safety deposit box was purchased.

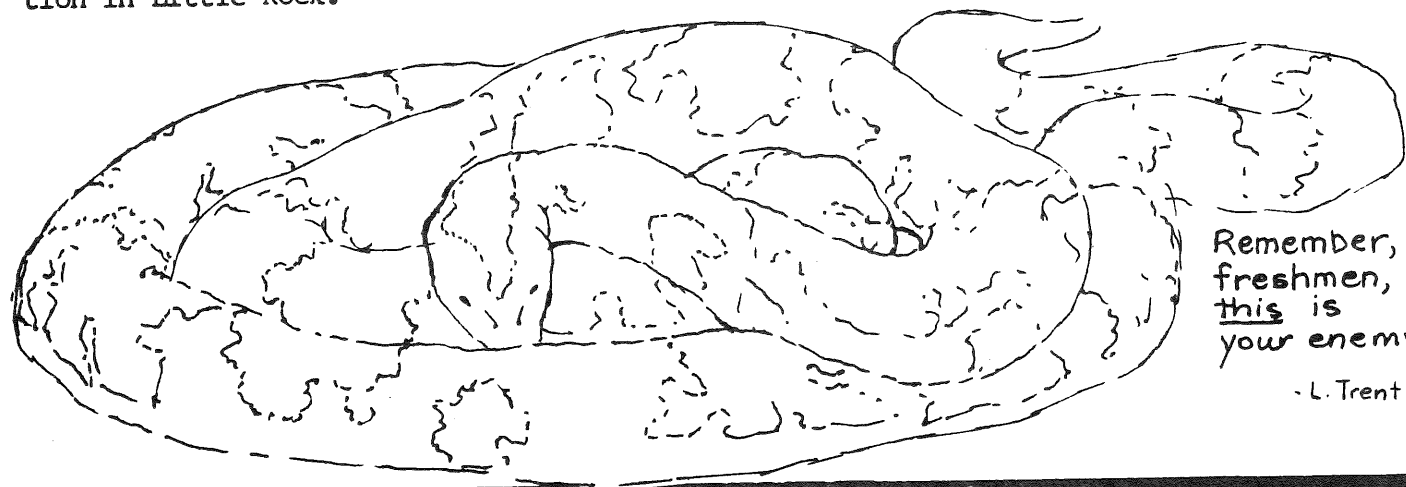
2. Mr. Pistachio has no experience for being a Polity Court Justice but he will read some books. He believes that "'discretion' is the key word". The vote was unanimously in his favor based on the facts that he is "awfully just and easily intimidated". (For the record: Mr. Brasacchio.)

3. Copies of the Constitution were passed out. By decree of the President: ALL DELEGATES WILL ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S MEETING SO THAT THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION CAN BE DISCUSSED.

Susan Lord, '84
Polity Secretary

Remember,
freshmen,
this is
your enemy.

- L. Trent



DELEGATE COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE
DEANS AND TREASURER - October 15, 1981

Present: Sparrow, Leonard, Wilson, Parker, Lord, Baumgarten, Harris, Henry
Absent: Schiavo

1. The Baldwin Room has been unlocked. There is some worry about accidental damage being done to the table, so everyone please be extra careful with it.

There are only a couple of things left in the East Pinkney Common Rooms which will hopefully be consolidated into one room, leaving the other free for student use. The following will have offices on first floor Pinkney: Archives, Financial Aid, Placement, Graduate Institute, Delegate Council, THE GADFLY, and the Student Employment Office. Most of the offices which are there now will move to the basement of Randall. McDowell 22, which is presently the Financial Aid and Placement Offices, will be restored as a classroom.

2. The Coffee Shop bulletin boards will be updated and reorganized so that announcements can be posted on them in order to avoid a massive gooey build-up left by scotch tape on the doors of McDowell.

Leaders of Freshman and Sophomore Seminars
Members of the Freshman and Sophomore Classes
St. John's College
Annapolis Campus

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Dean and Instruction Committee have cancelled the seminars currently scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 25, to make it possible for students to leave campus after their last classes on Wednesday afternoon (or morning).

The amended Freshman seminar reading schedule affects only the Republic readings and is:

November 30 Plato, Republic VI 502D-VII

December 3 Plato, Republic VIII - X

The Sophomore seminar reading schedule for the first semester is changed so as to postpone the reading of Acts to November 30 and each reading thereafter to the seminar date next after the one for which it is currently scheduled.

An amended First Semester Schedule of Seminar Readings will be published presently.

Sincerely yours,

Edward G. Sparrow

Edward G. Sparrow
Dean

****Elections for off-campus delegates were held last Thursday. Here are the winners:

Adrian Trevisan
Marie Benedict
David Bucknell
A. Janet Durholz

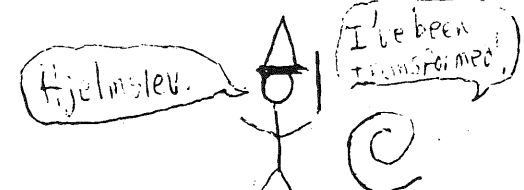
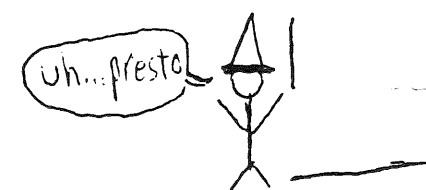
-Submitted by
Susan Lord, '84

NOTICE TO FACULTY AND STAFF:

If anyone has old kitchen utensils which are just taking up space, Campbell Kitchen is in desperate need of them. Please contact me through Campus Mail if you would like to donate a spatula, can-opener, wooden spoon, or ANYTHING!

Susan Lord, '84

Math Wizard by L. Trent





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Lively Arts

Julius Caesar--Folger Theatre in
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(202)-546-4000

Greek Festival--National Guard
Armory in Annapolis, Oct. 23-24,
11:00 am-6:00 pm

Maryland Handel Festival--Univ.
of MD College, Nov. 6,7,8, info.,
(301)-454-5265

Vespers of 1610--(Monteverdi) The
Oratorio Soc. of Washington, Kennedy
Center, Oct. 30, 8:30 pm, info.,
(202)-356-2818

Julliard String Quartet--Library of
Congress, Coolidge Auditorium, in
Washington, Oct. 22-23, 8 pm,
info., (202) 287-5108

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra--
Leon Fleisher, cond. at the Naval
Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Oct. 31,
8 pm. For tickets, (301) 268-2120
or available (student) at Charing
Cross Bookstore, Maryland Avenue

The Flying Karamazov Brothers--
Arena Stage in Washington, Oct.
20-25, info., (202)-488-3300

A Flea in her Ear--Hartke Theatre,
Catholic University, Oct. 20-Nov. 1
info., (202)-635-5367

Leslie DeSimone and Joe Ginter
(Student Activities Committee)



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-S.B.

The next meeting of the St. John's
Food Co-op will be Tuesday, October 27th
at 4:30pm in Room 141. The pickup will
be Saturday, October 31st. (The time
will be announced at the ordering
meeting.) We hope to post items to be
ordered on the coffee shop bulletin
board on Friday, October 23rd. If you
want items not posted, write them in on
that list rather than ask later at the
ordering meeting. You must pay for
your order (preferably by check) at the
ordering meeting. Bring your calcula-
tor to the meeting.

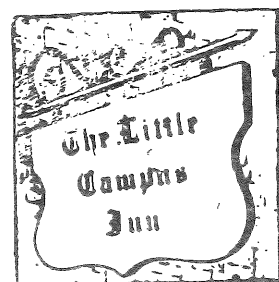
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Sports

WOMEN'S by Terri Hahn

13 Oct 1981

Amazons 4, Nymphs 1

This was an exciting game. Miss
Brockway put in a beautiful goal while
she was in the air, both feet off the
ground! Miss Scioscia, a senior, scored
her first career goal. Miss Brockway,
by the way, scored three of the Amazon
goals. Not bad for a single game. The
Nymph defense put up quite a fight in
this game. They are mostly freshmen so
the future looks very bright for the
Nymphs. The defense consisted of Misses
Kezar, Germany, Jackson, Johnston, Ridge
and Barham. The Amazons are a solid
team. Miss Litwin scored the other
Amazon goal. The Brockway-Townsend
team is amazing to watch--such control!
such finesse!

15 Oct 1981

Amazons 0, Maenads 1

Slated to be the "Game of the
Season," it had its ups and downs. The
atmosphere was pleasant and friendly
throughout most of the game. Both teams
played well so the goalies got only a
little action. Miss Polk, released at a
last from her box, played very well at
halfback and probably contributed con-
siderably to the game going into
overtime. Miss Smith certainly keeps up
the home town image by playing a strong
and consistent game which added to
Nogales, Sack, Sandek and Macquire keeps
the opposing team on their toes. These
two teams meet again Nov. 5.

Next week: Tues, Oct 20 Nymphs/Furies
Thurs, Oct 22 Furies/Maenads
Fri, Oct 23 Nymphs/Amazons

MEN'S by Bryce Jacobsen

Football

Oct. 12...Guardians-9, Hustlers-6. We
ended our comments on the Guardians last
week with this thought. "We wonder what
the second round of play will bring."

Well, what it brought was a big upset.
The one-and-three Guardians beat the four-
and-zero Hustlers! The Hustlers scored
first on a play where the ball was handled
by almost all of the team...a real, vintage,
spectacular, New Program football play.
After a while it looked like we were headed
for yet another 6-0 Hustler win.

But late in the game the Guardians sur-
prized everybody, especially the Hustlers,
by scoring on a neatly executed play. We
then came down to the next-to-last play of
the game, tied at 6-6. Mr. Reynolds of
the Guardians then booted a tremendous (I
mean really prodigious) field goal, hand-
his team their 9-6 victory.

This scintillating win over the unbeaten
Hustlers has no doubt raised the Guardian
spirits somewhat. So far this fall they
had only contrived to defeat the cellar-
dwelling Druids in either football or
soccer.

Oct. 15...Hustlers-15, Druids-0. The
Druids were in this game for the first
half, holding the Hustlers scoreless. But
then an unnecessary and unintelligent safe-
ty unnerved the Druids, and they lost their
poise.

The Hustlers capitalized on this with two
easy TDs. The highlight of this game was
the final P.A.T...a weird sort of kick that
rotated forwards instead of backwards!

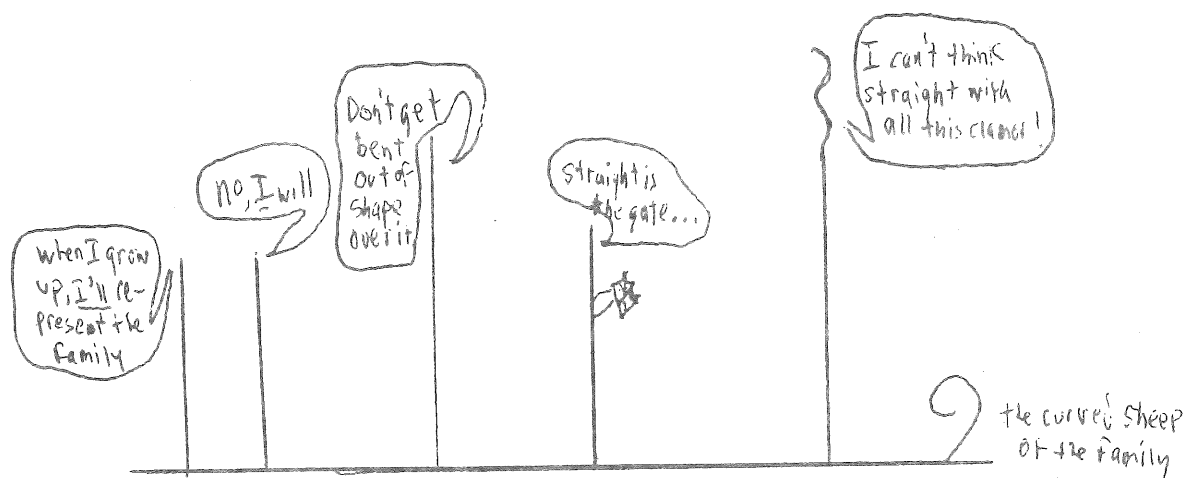
Now how did Mr. Houston do that?

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Football	W	L	Pts	Soccer	W	T	L	Pts
Hustlers	5	1	16	Greenwaves	2	1	0	8
Spartans	3	1	10	Hustlers	2	1	0	8
Greenwaves	3	2	11	Spartans	2	0	2	8
Guardians	2	3	9	Guardians	1	0	2	5
Druids	0	6	6	Druids	0	0	3	3

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Football...Wed. 4:15 Guardians-Greenwaves
Thurs. 2:45 Spartans-Druids
Mon. 4:15 Guardians-Druids
Soccer...Sat. 1:30 Greenwaves-Druids
3:00 Hustlers-Guardians



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by L. Oppenheim

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