

Human Dimensions Lecture on Friday

The Human Dimensions Institute at Rosary Hill College will present an illustrated lecture entitled "Will the Poltergeist Survive Technology?" on Friday, September 12, 1969, at 8:15 p.m. in the Wick Campus Center. Dr. Hans Bender, Professor of Psychology at the University of Freiburg, Germany, will deliver the lecture.

Poltergeist phenomena deals with noisy or mischievous ghosts; a poltergeist is a spirit assumed as the explanation of rappings and other unexplained noises. Since ancient times, reports about poltergeist phenomena have been relatively uniform, but within the past century it has been widely disputed whether these were illusion or fact. Rather than driving away the poltergeist, the technical age has created new instruments to aid this study. There is now a possibility of using technical means to answer by scientific methods the question: "Is it illusion or fact?" In discussing specific poltergeist cases, Dr. Bender will use illustrations.

Both a medical doctor and a doctor of philosophy, Dr. Bender is one of the most outstanding parapsychologists of Europe. His lifelong interest in psychic phenomena resulted in his founding the Institute for Border Areas of Psychology and Pyschohygiene in Freiburg.

Peace Corps Tests Held Sept. 20th

Persons interested in serving in the Peace Corps are invited to participate in a Peace Corps Placement Test which will be held in room 432, at the Federal Office Building on 121 Ellicott Street in Buffalo, 1:30 p.m. September 20, 1969. An applicant for the Peace Corps must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age and have no dependents under 18 years. Additional information may be obtained at the Federal Job Information Center, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, 68 Court Street in Buffalo. The office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Phone: 842-2834.

Academic Changes

by Michele Sim, Editor-in Chief

At their final meeting of the 1968-69 Academic Year, the Curriculum Committee of Rosary Hill College recommended to the President that the reduction of philosophy and theology requirements from 24 to 18 be extended to include juniors and seniors. At this meeting the committee heard Marjorie Robillard '70, who first suggested this change at the first Town Meeting on March 21, 1969. While the reduction originally applied only to freshmen, Margie is largely responsible for recommending that it be extended to upperclassmen.

Reasons for the change are many. Primarily the college wanted to make it a universal requirement. Catholic students were being discriminated against, since they had to take 12 hours of philosophy and 12 hours of theology, whereas non-Catholic students only had to take 12 hours of philosophy and could take their other 12 hours in electives. Officials found that many Catholic students were in fact denying their religion and denouncing their faith so as not to have to take theology.

Another reason for the change is that the subject of philosophy is relatively new at the collegiate level, and many students who are initially interested in philosophy would prefer to take all of their required hours in this area. The reduction does not

involve a 9-9 breakdown, but rather any combination of 18 hours in philosophy and theology.

The theology department does not feel that it will be losing by this reduction, but it accepts the challenge willingly. It has one advantage over the philosophy department — as of this year there is a Theology Concentration at Rosary Hill. Because the concentration is so new, the curriculum is just being developed. But as it stands now, a theology major needs 42 hours in her concentration, with an additional 18 hours in philosophy. (Editor's note: This may be reduced to 9 or 12.) It is not possible for theology majors to receive New York State Teaching Certification, but students who would like to teach are urged to take their electives in the field of education.

Chairman of the new concentration is Dr. Trevor Watt. Five additional instructors have returned and two new ones have been added to the department. Those returning include Sister Frances Flanagan; Mr. Robert Obach; Reverend Stephen Gerencser; Reverend Bela Krigler; and Sister Marianne Ferguson. The two new members are Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Reedy. Mr. Reedy

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Two Awards Mark Fall Convocation

The 1969 Fall Convocation of Rosary Hill College was held yesterday, September 10, at 3:00 p.m. in Wick Social Room. Rev. Robert M. Smyth delivered the Invocation, and Dr. John B. Starkey, President of the Faculty Senate, presided. Sister Mary Angela Canavan, O.S.F., President of the College, addressed the gathering of students, Faculty members, and invited guests.

Two special awards highlighted the Convocation. The Mother Magdalen Daemen Medal was given to Mrs. Edward H. Butler, president of the Buffalo Evening News and WBen Inc., and the Community Service Medal for 1969 was conferred upon Jonathan C. Wilson '71.

The Mother Magdalen Daemen Medal, which is the highest honor conferred by Rosary Hill College, was established in 1959 to be given from time to time "... to men or women whose lives have reflected constant, faithful,

dedicated service to humanity." Such service is measured by a person's contributions to the religious, civic, educational, and professional life of the region or nation. John M. Galvin, chairman of Rosary Hill's Board of Trustees, read the citation for Mrs. Butler. As president of the Buffalo Evening News, Mrs. Butler is the foremost woman executive of a metropolitan newspaper in the United States; as president of WBen, she heads a radio and pioneer television station. For forty years she was a member of the Governing Council of the University of Buffalo, of which she was made an honorary member upon her retirement in 1960.

Previous recipients of the Mother Magdalen Daemen Medal include Charles J. Wick, the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, Mrs. Josephine Smith, Dr. Frances Oldham Kelsey, and John M. Galvin.

The Community Service Medal was established in 1968 to be awarded annually at the Fall Convocation "... to a student adjudged to have made significant contribution during the preceding summer in an area of vital community need. The recipient is selected by faculty members and administrators on the basis of volunteer service, paid employment, or a combination of both. Thus it was with great pride and affection that Rosary Hill bestowed this medal upon Jonathan Wilson, a junior who is



working towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre Arts. Kathleen Kenney, president of the Student Association read the citation.

During the past summer Jonathan worked in Buffalo and the surrounding communities by utilizing his dramatic talent and training in ways to interpret Black culture and theatre and to provide insights into the Black Community.

In addition to teaching drama to children in the inner city parishes, Jonathan organized and directed a group of young men and women, originally called the Jonathan C. Wilson Players, who presented such drama as "The

Man Nobody Saw," "We Own the Night," and "Take Care of Business" at the African Center, the Police Academy, and in towns and cities from Buffalo to Brockport.

National coverage of these presentations in "Parade Magazine" and excellent views in the Buffalo press attest to the widespread and favorable attention the work of Mr. Wilson and his players received.

Last year's recipient of the Community Service Award was Marianne Casey. Reverend Thomas McHugh, OSFS, presided over Benediction following the Convocation and a reception was held in the Wick Main Lounge.

Senate Workshop Discusses Communication and Change

A Student Senate Workshop was held at the Consolata Missions Seminary in Williamsville on Saturday, September 6, 1969. The keynote of the day's activities was "Communication and Change."

The workshop agenda opened with welcome addresses given by Kathie Kenney, President of the Student Association, and Sister Paula, Dean of Student Affairs. In her remarks to the group, Sister Paula stated that the Student Senate must be the vanguard of change, and that change must be recognized as a sign of vitality.

The welcome addresses were followed by an explanation of parliamentary procedure and drill by Nora Wren '70. The day's proceedings also included an explanation of the "Statement on Maintenance of Public Order at Rosary Hill College" by Kathie Kenney. Kathee O'Shaughnessy '71 discussed Election Policy Procedure.

Following a 1:00 p.m. luncheon, Dr. Gilbert Moore, Chairman of the Department of Counselor Education at the University of Buffalo, addressed the Senate group. His topic concerned the techniques of affecting changes in the campus community. Dr. Moore expressed confidence in precipitating change and exerting influence in colleges and universities. He stated that all organizations operate under stress from both within and without. Often, stress is actually precipitated by organizations. This fact is not accidental, but is relevant to this time in history in which people are challenging institutions and asking "why" legitimately.

Dr. Moore commented further that organizations by their very nature tend to perpetuate the status quo. Speaking of organizational responsibility, he said that "once you are in an organization, you are of it." He also added that colleges and

universities are not immune to the pressures of society, and they ought not to be resistant to the problems of change. Dr. Moore offered several guidelines in a non-politicized approach to change. Among these were realistic but not mundane goals, an understanding of how the system really works, and a knowledge of why a change should be effected. He summed up his informal discussion with the fact that change is hard work and in order to accomplish beneficial results there must be a willingness to work.

The workshop was concluded after the NSA Convention Report given by Marianne Abry, '71. Marianne stated that the main concern of the NSA Convention was social awareness. She and Kathie Kenney were participants in discussions concerning war as a way of life, drug studies, anti-racism education, student power, and others.

Fall Semester Brings New Faculty Members

by Mary McCarthy - News Editor

There are many new faces on campus this Fall Semester of 1969. Among the new faculty members are:

Miss Phyllis Huber, Admissions Counselor. A native of Buffalo, she received her B.A. in 1964 from Rosary Hill College. Miss Huber has had previous experience as a Vocation Counselor in both Boston and Buffalo, and taught fifth grade at Buffalo's School 59.

Miss Annette D. Fink, ADMISSIONS OFFICE, Admissions Counselor. Also a native of Buffalo, she received her B.A. in English from RHC in 1969. Miss Fink also attended the University of Buffalo, Summer Sessions, and the University of London in the summer of 1968 for a drama seminar. Miss Fink was president of the Falstaffian, a cultural club on campus, from 1966-67. During this past summer, she taught drama at St. Vincent de Paul. In recent years, Miss Fink has traveled to France, Scotland, England, and the Bahamas.

Mr. Marco Silvestri, Instructor of Business and Economics Chairman. He received his B.S. from SUNYAB in 1964, and will receive his M.B.A. in June, 1969, also from SUNYAB. Mr. Silvestri's previous working experience includes recruiting professional librarians and clerical personnel for the Budget Administration.

Mr. Thomas Arnold, Art Instructor. A native of Ypsilanti, Mich., he attended Henry Ford Community College, the University of Michigan, and received his B.S. and M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. Mr. Arnold previously held a position at Eastern Michigan University 1968-69.

Mr. Steven B. Clippinger, Art Instructor. A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, he received his B.S. from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana and his M.F.A. from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Mr. Clippinger was elected president of Delta Phi Delta National Art Honorary in 1965. From 1968-69, he taught art, grades 9-12, at the Gates-Chili High School, Rochester, N.Y.

Mrs. Beverly Piper, part-time Assistant Professor of Psychology. A native of Long Branch, N.J., she attended Juniata College and received her B.A. and M.S. from Brigham Young University. Mrs. Piper also attended the University of Washington and Eastern Michigan University. She has held positions as graduate assistant at Brigham Young University and assistant professor of psychology at Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D.

Mr. Thomas Piper, Instructor, printmaking. Born in Bismarck, N.D., he received his B.S. from Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D., and his M.A. from Eastern Michigan University. At Eastern Michigan University, Mr. Piper was both a Teaching Fellow and Instructor of Drawing. He is a former local president of ALPHA PSI, an art fraternity.

Mrs. Dorinne M. O'Toole, Associate Professor of Education. Having received her M.S. in 1961 at SUNYAB, she is currently attending SUNYAB working towards her Doctorate EDD. Mrs. O'Toole held a position as an assistant professor at UB previously.

Mr. Henry Gerling, Jr., Instructor of German and Director of the Language Lab. Born in Schenectady, N.Y., he received his B.A. from Union College, Schenectady, in June, 1965, and his M.A. from UB in June, 1969. Mr. Gerling was previously an instructor of

English and German at Williamsville Senior High School. He is a member of the New York State Teachers' Association and spent the summer of 1964 in Germany.

Mr. Winston M. Arzu, Instructor of French. Mr. Arzu received his M.A. in 1966 from SUNYAB and taught at SUNYAB.

Mr. Richard J. Strick, part-time Instructor of History and Government. From SUNYAB, he received his B.A. in 1967 and his M.A. in 1969.

Mr. John W. Hurst, Professor of Mathematics. A native of Garden City, Mo., he attended Warrensburg State Normal, now Central Missouri State, and received his B.S. in 1921 from the University of Missouri. In 1922, Mr. Hurst received his A.M., and his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1926. He previously held a position at Alfred University, 1966-67. Mr. Hurst is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi, and was president of Phi Kappa Phi, 1943-44.

Mr. John A. McCabe, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. A native of Machias, Maine, he received his B.S. in 1961 from Florida State University and his M.A. in 1965 from Rutgers - State University. Mr. McCabe was a research associate at SUNYAB in 1969. He is a member of the Math Association of America and the Association For Symbolic Logic.

Mrs. Carolyn Bartels Cave, R.R.L. part-time Instructor for the Department of Natural Science and Medical Record Administration Program. Born in Buffalo, she received her B.S. in Medical Record Library Science from D'Youville. Mrs. Cave received a Certificate in Community College Teacher Preparatory Program (non-degree) from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and is presently going full-time to graduate school at SUNYAB for a Ed.M. to be received in June, 1970. She previously held the following part-time positions: Medical Records worker at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital, and Millard Fillmore Hospital. Mrs. Cave held the position of Assistant Medical Records Librarian at Kenmore Mercy Hospital from Sept. 1955 to June 1959. She is a member of the American Association of Medical Record Librarians. Mrs. Cave spent three months traveling through Europe, visiting the British Isles, Western Europe, Greece, and Turkey, in 1965.

Sr. Joan Banach, FSSJ, part-time Instructor of Natural Sciences. Born in Milwaukee, Wisc. she was an associate in Applied Science at Immaculate College, Hamburg, N.Y. Sr. Joan received her B.S. in Medical Record Science from Viterbo College, LaCrosse, Wisc.

She was President-elect of the Western New York Association of Medical Record Librarians 1968-69.

Mr. Chui-Sheng Wang, Associate Professor of Biology. Born in Peiping, China, he received his B.S. in Biology from Chung Kuo University, Peiping, China, in 1945. Mr. Wang received his M.A. from the University of Buffalo in 1961 and his Ph.D. in Biology-Biochemistry in 1964. He did his post-doctoral work in biochemistry at The Biological Laboratories, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., from 1964-69 and was most recently a research Fellow in Biology at Harvard. Mr. Wang is a member of the American Institution of Biological Science,

the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Botanical Society of America, the Scandinavian Society for Plant Physiology, and the Society of The Sigma Xi. He has written several papers on fungal physiology, genetics, and biochemistry.

Dr. Stanley M. Nowak, Assistant Professor of Biology. A resident of Niagara Falls, he received his B.A. in 1951 from UB and his Ed.M. in 1967 and his Ed.D. in 1969. Mr. Nowak previously held the position of graduate teacher and research assistant at SUNYAB in 1967. He is a former president of the National Honorary Scientific Fraternity, (1951). Dr. Nowak has had published his doctoral dissertation in science education, (concerned with programming of science concepts), and left a patent for the General Foods Corporation involving "Freezable Colloid Systems." He has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada and Europe. While in the military service, Dr. Nowak received commendations for assisting to initiate a medical education academy in Germany.

Mr. Ronald Roche, Instructor of Natural Science. Having received his B.A. in 1967 from SUNY at Plattsburgh, he received his M.A. from SUNYAB in June, 1969. Mr. Roche previously held the position of graduate teaching assistant at SUNYAB.

Mrs. Barbara Zavodny, Assistant Director of Hospital Services and Instructor of Natural Science. Having received her B.S. in 1967 from SUNYAB, she expects to receive her M.Ed. in Science this year.

Dr. Thomas J. Hefele, Director of Psychological Services and Assistant Professor of Psychology. A native of Missouri, he received his B.S. in Psychology in 1965 from Manhattan College, and his Ph.D., (with distinction), in Counseling Psychology in 1969, from the Department of Psychology, UB. Among Dr. Hefele's publications are: "Associative intrusions in short-term recall: a replication." Psychonomic Science, 1969, (in press), (with J. Liebergall); "The effects of interpersonal communication training in a graduate teacher preparatory program." Journal of educational Research, 1969, (submitted for publication). He is a member of the American Psychology Association.

Miss Mary Katherine Lang, part-time Instructor of Spanish. Born in Buffalo, she received her B.A. from RHC in 1965. Miss Lang attended the University of Madrid 1963-64, and is presently attending SUNYAB, working towards her M.A. in English. She attended Temple University in July, 1969, and participated in the Latin America Study Tour. This included visiting seven South American countries, their schools and some embassies "to gain a better understanding of the Social economic, and education problems facing Latin America. Miss Lang is presently teaching Spanish at SUNYAB, and since 1965, has taught Spanish at South Park High School. She is a member of the Buffalo High School Teachers' Association.

Mrs. Charles J. Reedy, part-time Instructor of Theology. Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, she received her B.A. cum laude in Psychology from the University of Dayton and her M.A. in Theology from the University of Toronto, St. Michael's College. Mrs. Reedy has held previous positions as a

Test Dates For The National Teacher Exams Announced

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY — College Seniors preparing to teach school may take the National Teacher Examinations on any of the four different test dates announced by the Educational Testing Service, a non-profit, educational organization which prepares and administers this testing program.

New dates for the testing of prospective teachers are: November 8, 1969, and January 31, April 4, and July 18, 1970. The tests will be given at nearly 500 locations throughout the United States, ETS said.

Results of the National Teacher Examinations are used by many large school districts as one of several factors in the selection of new teachers and by several states for certification or licensing of teachers. Some colleges also require all seniors preparing to teach to take the examinations. The school systems and state departments of education which use the

examination results are designated in the Bulletin of Information for Candidates.

On each full day of testing, prospective teachers may take the Common Examinations, which measure their professional preparation and general cultural background, and a Teaching Area Examination which measures mastery of the subject they expect to teach.

Prospective teachers should contact the school systems in which they seek employment, or their colleges, for specific advice on which examinations to take and on which dates they should be taken.

The Bulletin of Information for Candidates contains a list of test centers, and information about the examinations, as well as a Registration Form. Copies may be obtained from college placement offices or directly from National Teacher Examinations.

Two Comedies Premiere at Studio Arena

Jose Quintero is currently in Buffalo directing the American premiere of two comedies by Jean Anouilh for a September 16 opening at the Studio Arena Theater. The two plays, Episode in the Life of an Author and The Orchestra, will play a two-week run at Studio Arena and then move into New York for an off-Broadway run.

Ben Edwards, designer of numerous New York productions, is creating the sets, and Jane Greenwood, also of New York, is designing the costumes. An original music score has been written for the productions by Doris Schwerin; it is being orchestrated by Eddie

Sauter. David Zierk is designing the lighting.

Comprising the cast of actors, some of whom do double duty in the two plays, are such veteran New York performers as Stephen Cheng, Danna Hansen, Mel Haynes, Charlotte Jones, Miller Lide, Betty Lutes, Gerald E. McGonagill, Betty Miller, Ronald B. Parady, Ted Pezzulo, Carla Pinza, Elsa Raven, and Ralph Williams.

Reservations and tickets for the limited engagement are available at Studio Arena Theater Box Office; Norton Union Ticket Office at SUNYAB; Buffalo Festival, Inc.; Student Union at SUCB; and Cricket Ticket.

caseworker in Rochester, for the Monroe County Department of Children's Services and the Kentucky State Reception Center for Juvenile, Louisville, Ky., and as an instructor of theology at the University of Dayton.

Mr. Jeffrey P. Osleeb, Instructor of Business and

Economics. He received his B.A. in 1966 from SUNYAB and is presently attending SUNYAB. Mr. Osleeb, previously held the position of research assistant for the Department of Economics, SUNYAB.

To all of the new members of the faculty, we offer a hearty welcome.

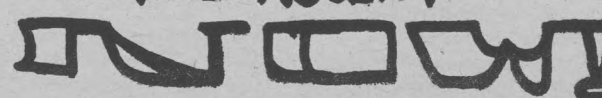
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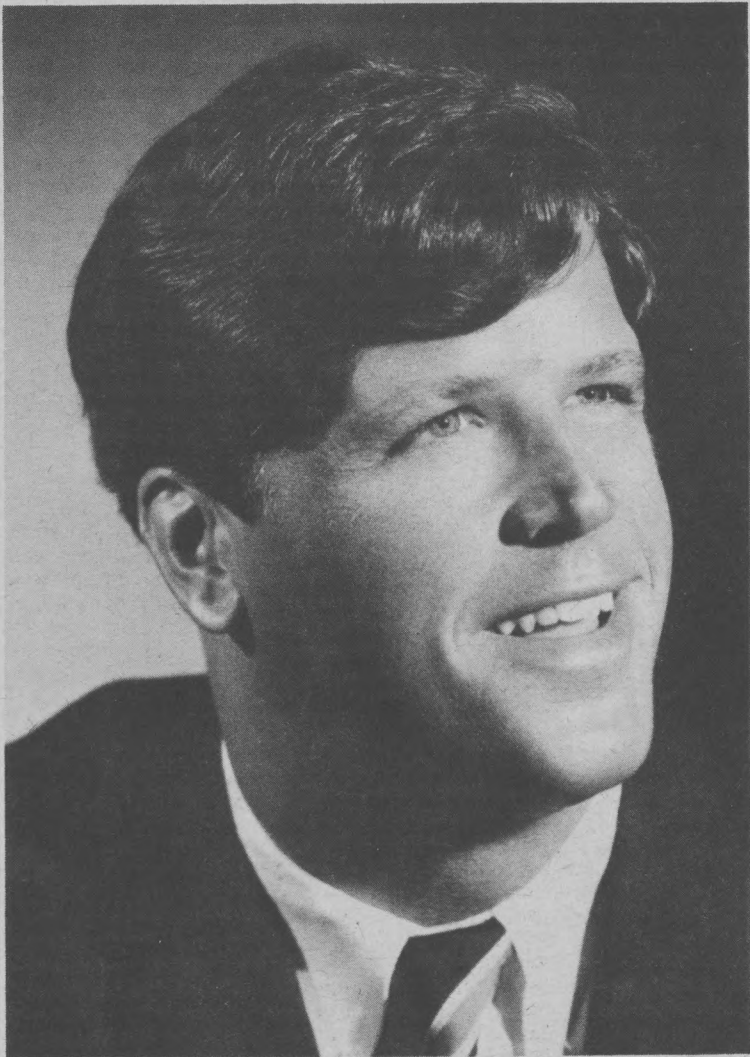
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Candidate Kevin J. Brinkworth To appear at Rosary Hill Sept. 12



KEVIN J. BRINKWORTH

Kevin J. Brinkworth, a 27-year-old Buffalo attorney and former U.B. football star, is a candidate for Councilman-at-Large.

Brinkworth, one of the best football players produced in this area in recent times, is continuing his rigorous drive this time in the political arena.

His answer to the question "Should Youth be Involved?" is seen in the aggressive campaign he is waging citywide.

Surrounded by many of the "under 30" group, Brinkworth's campaign is geared to move

through the city at a fast pace, which would exhaust the more staid candidate.

He is actually interested in the problems confronting Buffalo. As a mature Buffalonian, he is a product of the City schools, from Public School No. 16, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, to U.B. and the Law School. He knows the problems of education and how important a good school system must be in an urban center.

His concern for people, from youngsters to senior citizens, is evident in his program for

recreational centers for these groups.

The importance of municipal services he outlines in his platform for city employees. He is interested in the "a day's work for a day's pay" formula, instead of the old political job-looking and no-show approach. "The time for change is now," Brinkworth says as he moves through the City visiting all sectors in his campaign to make Buffalo a winner.

Although his campaign schedule is very pressing, Mr. Brinkworth hopes to appear at Rosary Hill on Friday, September 12 from 12:00-1:30 in Wick Center.

Those wishing to lend their support should contact the Brinkworth Campaign headquarters at 136 Delaware Avenue. Phone 854-6377.

New Fusion in Natural Sciences

A union of the Biology and Chemistry Departments has taken place at RHC this semester because of the small number of faculty and students involved in Natural Science studies. This past summer, the present members of the National Science Department, headed by Sr. Justa, took part in a curriculum study which was designed to make more compact the material taught in Natural Science courses and to eliminate repetition of the subject matter in the different courses.

This study involved the professors' reviewing the subject matter offered in each course. This process allowed the faculty members to "dream" of the ideal way in which to present a Natural Science course. The result of this "dreaming" was the complete renovation and redesign of the Natural Science courses which are being offered this Fall Semester of 1969 at RHC.

The Natural Science program presently involves the use of the

"open lab" in DS 210. The lab features an unlimited period of time during which a student may feel free to experiment with and review material covered in class. New tapes on the subject are also available for the students' use.

Also a part of the new curriculum is the Medical Records Department's new policy of allowing concentrators to actually take part in hospital work twice a week in their Junior year and three times a week during their final year of studies.

Mary McCarthy

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DAY

Residents and Commuters Mix in Orientation Program

An effort to abolish the isolation of resident from commuter Freshman has been the idea behind this year's orientation. The new program is called Extended Orientation. It proposed that three days would be devoted to Freshmen per usual but that throughout the year the underclassmen can continue to gain assistance from student aides of the various concentrations. These aides have become available for answering any problems about campus facilities or activities.

The problem of resident-commuter unification subsided in other events. Freshmen commuters were invited to spend last weekend in

the dorms among their fellow Frosh residents. Only one day, Sept. 1, was spent on resident orientation. On that day registration and an informal dinner proceeded to acquaint Freshmen with ordinary school life. Afterwards there were Sophomore skits: acted scenes from Bonaventure, the mailbox crowds and other campus usuals — followed by get-together parties in the halls and dorms. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, class registration for all Freshmen, resident and commuter, also included introductions to student aides, a film tour showing pictures of the campus and faculty, an evening faculty reception and formal dinner.

The night ended with a fashion show presented by resident and commuter Sophomores. Classes resumed on Wednesday, Sept. 3, and the student aides were established for the rest of the year.

Freshman opinions about orientation differed. Some felt that the program should have been separated from classes and registration to avoid confusing the two. Others believed that it was a good thing to space orientation over a longer period of time. In this way the program appeared more relaxed and less formal.

Carolyn Straub

A film with sensitized core

'Midnight Cowboy'

by Bernadette McGowan

Imagine a panorama of soft blue sky, a camera's slow retreat and a scene broadening to reveal a solitary boy upon a rocking horse before the large blank screen of the Big Tex Drive-In. What could it all mean — the lonely sham existence of a young man refusing to abandon the illusory game of "let's pretend" and the golden image of Texas manhood or, John Schlesinger's translation, the "Midnight Cowboy."

Haunted by his memories of a loveless childhood spent with a slut grandmother and yet strangely supported by an equally loveless affair with a girl friend and his naive, Joe Buck (played by John Voight) leaves Texas, a shell of a past and his vacant future as a dishwasher, for New York where he assumes he will be able to exchange the glories of his sensuality for unbelievable affluence from lonely society women scouring the "stock market" for sexual gratification (or, as one might well imply, country Joe plans to make himself a fast buck). However, he is quickly disillusioned when he finds there is little interest in his corporate venture.

Soon he is fleeced of his last dollar by a tubercular cripple, "Ratso" (Enrico Rizzo) (played by Dustin Hoffman) who by snatch or swipe regularly manages to "pull the wool over the eyes" of the more sheepish New Yorkers and who promises Joe an appointment to help him make all the right connections in "hustling" with a man later exposed as a religious fanatic. Joe, reduced to wandering the

streets, begins to feel the financial squeeze of reality as the plaster cowboy starts to crumble in the heartless grind of underground living in the big city.

Nagging desperation and revenge eventually lead Joe again to Ratso who realizes their mutual need and decides that they should pool resources to put Joe's image back in the shop window. But, as winter pays its visit, their already threadbare lifeline of petty thievery, pawned goods and hope wears even thinner as Ratso's condition worsens, longing for the magical curative warmth of Florida sunshine.

Compelled by the strange binding force of their friendship and in a sincere effort to save Ratso from further onslaught of the disease, Buck accompanies a lonely businessman to an apartment, thrashes and robs him, securing enough cash for the much needed bus fare to Florida. However, there is no more hope for improvement of Ratso's rapidly depreciating health and he dies as they reach Miami.

Patterning his life after that of his grandmother — a pretense of religious beliefs, a perversion of real love, a life of form instead of substance, and appearance instead of reality, Joe Buck had become a cowboy in full array except without a gun. As Joe so proudly testifies, "I may not be much of a cowboy but I'm one helluva stud!", so he is. Why then while viewing a TV talk show is he so disgusted with the guests who have dressed up their dogs as people? Perhaps, the

similarity between his masquerade and theirs was an analogy too personal and too painful to draw. His personality, as vividly depicted through various flashbacks, shows him as a very empty individual and yet, to some extent a victim of unfortunate circumstance whose real depth of being begins to emerge only through a growing relationship with Ratso.

With a pervading naturalistic tone (not unlike Emil Zola), Schlesinger has presented the ugly degeneracy of the human condition from man into beast (the subsidiary theme to which many allusions are made throughout the film) so often portrayed against the harsh backdrop of New York City's dog-eat-dog twilight world where the gritty task of survival is hand-to-mouth and not, as in the more lucrative position of the middle class, merely that of keeping up appearances.

As ingenious as Schlesinger's flashback techniques may be, they are both excessive (even if one considers the graphical exploitation of sexual encounters commonplace) and confusing, since such sequences appear suddenly, in an almost psychedelic and rapid succession which actually fogs the sharp delineation of the film's sensitized core, a man of lonely desperation who lives as the phantom of his real self.

Both Voight and Hoffman, do an admirable job with their equally difficult roles and will most assuredly deserve most of the credit dividends afforded the picture.

Does Eldridge Cleaver Work for Vista?

Washington (CPS)- Mail trucks this year have been carrying on the government's recruiting campaign for various endeavors — the Army, Peace Corps, savings bonds, etc.

The ads take the form of posters on the side of the truck. One campaign ad read, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem... Join VISTA." No author is credited.

Sound familiar? All but the last two words are best known from the mouth and pen of Eldridge Cleaver. But the VISTA public relations office in Washington says they made it up. "We made it up here two years ago," said a VISTA spokesman. Acknowledging that it appears in Cleaver's writings, the VISTA man said he thought they had it first, and that Cleaver must have taken it from them.

Maybe Cleaver works for VISTA?

Black students and workers are needed urgently by the National Welfare Rights Organization, a grassroots, nationwide group of welfare recipients and other people who are fighting to attain adequate income, dignity, and justice.

Although the membership is self-organized and self-directed, students can assist the organization by working with welfare rights organizations throughout the country.

As summer workers, students can participate on a number of different levels — local and city or statewide coordinating. These include recruiting of WRO members, working on organized benefit campaigns to secure things needed but ordinarily unobtainable for welfare recipients, assisting members, resolve individual difficulties with the system, and helping to form training programs.

Some special opportunities are also available. Law students are needed to assist lawyers in dealing with welfare rights organizations, doing research, advocacy and working on appeals.

Seminarians are asked to conduct local church people into this movement. Field placement credit, with a supervisor provided, can often be arranged for social work students.

Elected officers and representatives who are "poor people" and other welfare recipients themselves, govern NWRO. Leaders come from each state and more than 300 affiliated groups.

Summer workers are allowed some partial and full subsistence stipends, but they are also asked to provide as much as possible of their own support.

Applications are accepted to NWRO, 1419 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005; attention: Marcia Henry.

Policy of the Ascent

1. The Ascent is the student newspaper of Rosary Hill College and acts as a channel of communication primarily for the students and secondarily for the faculty and administration. As such, it has a right to all information pertinent to the student body as a whole and to the college community.

2. As a member of the press and as an effective part of higher education, a college newspaper is responsible for:

- intellectual inquiry and consideration, the study of facts, and the analysis of action;
- full presentation of fact as it occurs, subject only to legal restrictions relating to libel and ethical ones relating to methods of newsgathering and premature disclosure;
- vigorous advocacy and criticism based on intellectual query and fact, subject to rebuttal through letters or columns.

3. Therefore it is the policy of the Ascent to accept these responsibilities in a responsible, professional manner.

4. The content and direction of the Ascent are determined primarily by the Editor-in-Chief and secondarily by the Editorial Staff. The Editorial Staff consists of the Managing Editor, Business Manager, News Editor, Feature Editor, and other associate editors appointed by the Editor-in-Chief. Each member of the Editorial Staff has the right to express her opinion in the form of an editorial.

5. The Editor, as the chief executive of the Ascent, assumes

the final authority and responsibility for the content and output of the newspaper. The Editor is appointed from the current contributing staff by the outgoing Editor and the advisor. In case of disagreement, the appointment of the Editor will be referred to the Editorial Staff, where it will be decided upon majority vote.

6. The Managing Editor is directly responsible to the Editor for the technical output of the newspaper.

7. The Business Manager is directly responsible to the Managing Editor for the financial and commercial operations of the newspaper.

8. The Advisor to the Ascent, selected by the new Editor and her staff, protects the college from libelous suits and acts as an advisor to the Editor in carrying out editorial policy. The Advisor has a right to examine all articles prior to publication and has the power to retract all statements of a libelous nature.

9. Letters submitted to the Editor must bear the signature of those responsible for the content. Letters concerning a specific issue will be printed in direct proportion to the number of pro and con opinions submitted. All letters are subject to editing by the Editorial Staff. The Editorial Staff maintains the right to withhold the name of the writer upon request. Letters to the Editor must not exceed 300 words.

10. Amendments to the policy may be made with a three-fourths decision of the Editorial Staff.

A Note from the Editor

The above printed Policy of the Ascent is very technical and does not involve the majority of students here at Rosary Hill. But since this is your student newspaper, perhaps a word about your involvement in its production would be more suitable in this first edition.

New writers and new workers are always needed on any newspaper, but especially in a student publication for these two basic reasons: (1) the editorial staff changes every year (and in some cases, every semester) and (2) the students who run the newspaper are doing it because they love the work and not any monetary compensation — for there is none. Suggestions for feature articles or ideas and volunteers for new columns are gladly accepted.

All students and faculty members who wish to praise something or air a complaint or who merely wish to express an opinion or an idea are strongly urged to write a letter to the Editor. With the paper becoming increasingly important as a means of communication for the

college community since publication of such letters is one of the most effective methods you have of making your views known. All letters must be signed, but the editorial staff maintains the right to withhold the name of the author upon request. The editor also reserves the right to prohibit publication of any article she does not deem appropriate, but this is very rarely exercised. Letters to the Editor must not exceed 300 words.

Chairmen of committees are also urged to submit information for publicity on upcoming events. All copy is due in the Ascent office no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication.

Students who do not wish to "write" are invited to drop into the office if they would like to "help out." Help is always needed in the areas of layout, headlining, typing, and securing advertisers.

If we settle no controversial issues or raise no hypothetical questions in our newspaper this year, we do hope to accomplish one thing: communication.

R.M.S.

S.A. Meeting Announced

All students are strongly urged to attend the Student Association Meeting on next Tuesday, September 16, 1969, at 11:30 a.m. in Wick Social Room. A panel and discussion will be held on the subject of Senior Comprehensive Examinations. Come and make your voice in our government heard!

Getting Into the Act — A Classical Line

In addition to the many fine plays performed throughout each year by their repertory theatre company, Studio Arena now directs even more community interest in the theatrical arts through its own Studio Theatre School.

The drama school's new location (at the Studio Arena Theatre, 681 Main Street) according to the school's director, Norma J. Sandler "will make it possible for an increased awareness of professional concepts and methods, combined with more effective class instruction" since the students "will benefit greatly from immediate contact with the directors, actors, theatrical crews and the accessibility to the theatre's facilities."

With programming for adults, junior and senior high school students, and pre-teens, the Studio Theatre School manages to extend its service to almost all age levels in the community. The courses offered range from the basic introductory acting class to a director's laboratory (designed as an aid for Community Theatre directors) and includes such areas of study as technical theatre, dance & mime, and a musical workshop for high schoolers or television and radio techniques for adults.

Beginning Monday, October 6, classes for all three groups are scheduled for 1½ hour sessions on evenings weekdays and also on Saturday mornings (certain classes only). Registration information may be obtained on September 15-19 from 4-6 and 7-9 p.m. or on September 20 and 27 from 1-4 p.m. Since all classes have a size limit, it would be advisable to register early. So if the stage happens to be your scene, get right on it now and call (853-1626) or write Norma J. Sandler (School Director), 681 Main Street, Buffalo 14203.

Academic changes

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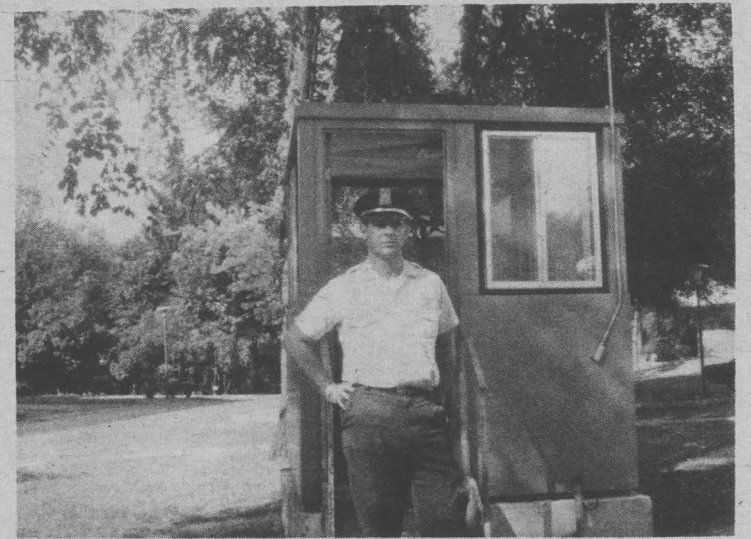
received his B.A. from St. John Fischer's and his M.A. from the University of St. Michael's in Toronto. He is enrolled in a doctoral program in Toronto. From 1967-69 he taught at the University of Dayton. Mrs. Reedy received her B.A. from the University of Dayton and her M.A. from the University of St. Michael's. She also has taught at the University of Dayton.

Several new courses have been added to the theology curriculum. Some of these are: Christology, Psychology and Religion, World Religions, Contemporary Atheism and Systematic Theology.

The philosophy department, the only remaining department in the school which does not offer a concentration is conducting a curriculum study, one of its major concerns being the formation of a philosophy concentration.



THIS IS MR. WILLIAMS



POLICEMAN OF THE WEEK

Thailand and the Domino Theory

(CPS) — One of the rhetorics cherished by U.S. administrations to justify Military intervention in Vietnam is the "domino theory" which says confidently that if South Vietnam falls, the rest of Southeast Asia will fall.

Some Americans believe in this theory because it is simple and automatic — the two main characteristics of TV technique. Living in an increasingly complex technological society, these Americans prefer not to indulge themselves in painful thinking. Reality is quite different: the biggest domino, China fell in 1949; Burma, which shares a long border with China, is still not a Chinese colony. Burma has no U.S. troops stationed on its territory.

The domino theory also claims that because of the U.S. "stand" in Vietnam, countries like Thailand became more and more anti-communist and pro-U.S. The truth, again, is quite different. The most recent publication by the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington provided ample evidences that the Thai government is pursuing a policy of co-existence with the communists.

The cover of "Selected News From Home" was devoted to a denial by the Thai Foreign Ministry of the article: "Foreign Affairs: No Easy Shortcuts" written by C.L. Sulzberger and published in the New York Times on March 28. It says:

The article in its last paragraph stated: 'Unlike some other capitalists, Bangkok thinks America meant the pledges it underwrote on the Asian mainland through SEATO. Thailand is therefore not only ready but eager to have U.S. troops stay on its soil even if and when peace comes to Vietnam. This does not mean on the present large scale, but at least a symbolic force. The spokesman (of the Foreign Ministry) has to point out that the existing understanding between the U.S. and Thai authorities provides that the stationing of American soldiers, mostly

USAF personnel who have been fighting the Vietnam War from here, is only for the duration of the War. When the end comes, this question will have to be discussed by the two governments.'

Page 1 quoted a statement by Nai Thanat Knoman, Thai Foreign Minister, at the meeting of The American Management Association at the Erawan Hotel in Bangkok on March 19: "To have Communist China joining other Asian nations would be far better and safer than let that country live alone in isolation, because China would become a great threat . . . Moreover, it is now obsolete to be at enmity with any country and it is most essential to create good understanding since that will help peter out conflict and misconception."

Page 11 says: ". . . in regard to his recent pronouncements on the possibility of a dialogue with Communist China, the Foreign Minister insisted that Thailand is not embarking on this policy as a warning against the United States. He labeled this way of thinking as "shallow." He made clear that Thailand is only following the policy that "Asian problems would be solved by Asians" and that "since threats to our country and to Asia in general stem from the Marxist regimes in Asia, we should try to talk to them, to reason with them, and to find ways of having peaceful co-existence . . ."

Having lived in Thailand for several years and speaking the Thai language, I am sure that Thailand, regardless of what one may think of its domestic policy, has two pillars of strength:

1. A profound loyalty of the Thai people of all classes to their monarch.
2. A very realistic and intelligent foreign policy.

These two assets have kept Thailand independent for centuries when other countries in the areas fell under foreign domination. There is no reason to believe that Thailand will give up its national assets for a foreign ideology or a foreign theory like the domino theory.

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