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## FRESHMEN 1966

Do you remember how you felt the day you said those last good-byes? The day you turned your back on your old world — on your home, your parents, your job? Fifty-nine Freshmen recall this very well. Perhaps this flashback of their trip to Ambassador will help you remember too.

At breakfast your father is talking of the great opportunity you have ahead.

He encourages you to make the most of it. Your mother is busy worrying about the luggage. Sadness fills each member of your family – except little brother. He is too happy about missing a day of school.

After breakfast you dash through the house for the last time to see if anything has been forgotten. Then, at last, you are ready!

But you still don't realise that you won't be coming back.

The road is the same, the car's the same, and your family is there with you. Why should you feel that you are leaving?

All your family and friends are at the airport. You see them every day — why should they come to see you off? Everyone is laughing and talking seemingly for hours before the plane arrives. Isn't it great to be going for your first plane flight?

Then there's the call for your flight.

Suddenly you realise why those people came. You won't see them again for a long, long time. For the first time you understand.

You're leaving!

Everyone is hugging you all at once. Fond wishes are pouring from all directions. For the thousandth time you say good-bye.

Your mother is crying as she whispers, "Make a good Ambassador, honey, and write when you can." Your father says that he'll miss you

too. You try not to notice the tears in his eyes.

In all the excitement you've forgotten to say good-by e to little brother in the crowd. "G'by sis," he mumbles, and holds out his hand.

Then you are walking toward the plane - alone - leaving all you

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I heard a rumour that you might stop publication this year if no one writes for you.

No! No! Don't do it! We can't stand it! Dear Editor, please don't discontinue the lively *Portfolio*. How could we live without it? I'll write articles — and more articles, but just don't let us go without our *Portfolio*.

Even though I haven't written one article all summer, I'll start — right now. But what shall I write about? I could write about the trip to Mount Snowdon, but that's too ancient now. Should I write about College events to come? I can't think of any offhand. Should I write about some amazing escapade I had? Trouble is, I didn't have any. What can I write about? I can't think of anything!

Hey, what do you know? By this time I already have one written. This is it! How did I do it?

(It was easy! - Ed.)

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have ever known. You are crying too, now. How do you feel? There is a great sadness for the present, and at the same time, a great happiness for the future.

Tomorrow will bring a new world, new people, a new life. But you will never forget the one you have just left.

"For someone who is supposed to be intelligent, you're certainly acting like an idiot." Such was the comment from a close relative this past September when she found I would be leaving for England.

Finally the screws turned, the sirens thundered, and raucous music blared from the loudspeakers. The ship slid from the wharfside. I stayed on deck until Melbourne faded from view, and then turned my back on the old life and went below to meet my travelling companions.

Our brief stay in Aden was one of the highlights of the journey. Passengers were allowed only in the immediate shopping area where British soldiers patrolled the streets. The atmosphere was tense and electric. Every two or three days news would come of the killing of another soldier - or another civilian. The terrorists use silencers on their rifles and lie on the flat roofs of the buildings. This makes it almost impossible for police to capture them. They betray their presence only when a European clutches his chest and crumbles onto the footpath.

I was relieved to come safely aboard the ship again.

For the next few days we travelled through the Red Sea. Those days were the hottest of the whole trip – even at night the temperature stayed above 85° F.

We anchored overnight at Suez City. While the ship sailed through the Suez Canal the next day, we travelled towards the Mediterranean by tourist bus.

After leaving the continent of Africa we sailed west across the Mediterranean towards Italy. Some days later, the lush green hills of that country welcomed us. We disembarked at Naples, and were almost sad that our long "ferry ride" was over. The railways of Europe now took over from where the keel of the "FAIRSEA" left off.

I figured on smooth sailing for the final leg of my journey. How wrong can you be? By the time we reached Ireland, I succeeded in getting thoroughly airsick. An Irish prop-jet made the shaky jump from Shannon to London, adding insult to injury.

Finally they arrived.

They all embarked at different parts of the globe. They all came from different backgrounds, different jobs — different worlds. Their travels took them along different oceans and over different continents. But they all had one goal in common — AMBASSADOR COLLEGE. And as they came, the feelings of each were summed up by the thoughts of one Freshman —

"As the plane thundered out of Kennedy International, I didn't dare look back for fear of seeing the bridges burning behind me."

But why worry? The bridges ahead of you are all intact!

WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR COLLEGE!

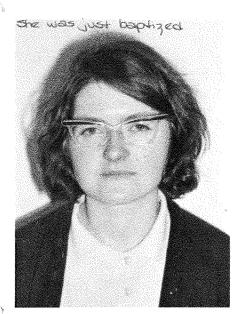
Self-control: The ability to restrain a laugh at the wrong place.

Character is the result of two things — mental attitude and the way we spend our time.

Get your happiness out of your work or you will never know what happiness is.

one got one got one got one got one got Most of the overseas Freshmen seem to have come from Australia, U. S. A. in general, or New York in particular. Bob Abel came from New York. He worked as a manufacturer's representative selling clothing to retail stores. His career was interrupted by nine months of army life and two court martials resulting from his determination to keep God's Laws. Welcome to Ambassador, Bob.

A colleen from Belfast, Alberta Adams has been a clerk with the Ministry of Education for the past two years. Her hobbies include singing, reading, and playing the piano. Glad to have you aboard, Alberta — no doubt Dr. Abbott is too!



Alberta Adams



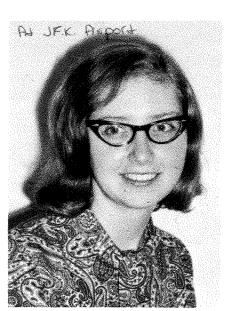
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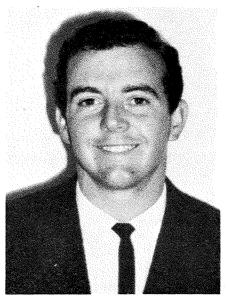
Bob Abel

Bob Bennett is a Melbournian, which means he comes from Melbourne, Australia. He graduated from Melbourne University with a degree in Electrical Engineering and had worked as a radio technician. Apart from skiing, Bob explained that he'd never had much time for hobbies.

Originally hailing from Birkenhead, Brian Bissell spent six years in the Merchant Navy. In the course of his work, he travelled to the U. S., West Indies, and South America. For the past two years, Brian was a Navigational Officer with the Cunard Line. His hobbies are, naturally, travelling and meeting people.



Faye Bronkar



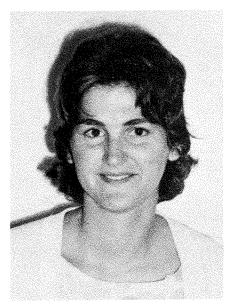
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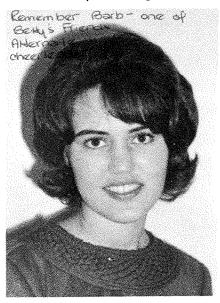
Brian Bissell

Canada, Nigeria, and Sweden are some of the countries where Mr. Barry Bourne has worked. He was in the Royal Navy for three-and-a-half years and has also worked as a laboratory assistant. The opportunity to apply for Ambassador was too much to miss. Now a Deacon in God's Church and a member of the Mailing Office Staff, Mr. Bourne is off to a good start.

Faye Bronkar comes to us from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She's had all sorts of hobbies — skating, waterskiing, swimming, and cooking. After four years of thinking about College she applied and was accepted at Bricket Wood. Faye has already had a foretaste of Ambassador in two years of Summer Camp.



Gaye Browning



Barbara Campbell



Jon Cook

Now, two of the six Browning children are at College and Gaye finds Ambassador better than she really expected. She met Darrell Muche and Helen Burchill four years ago just before they came to College. Gaye began to think seriously about coming herself last year after her brother began to attend.

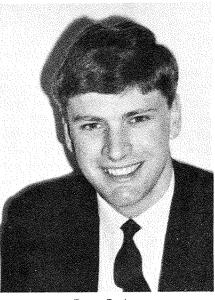
Peter Butler hails from Herne Bay, Kent. Peter heard the broadcast on Radio London in 1965 and has attended the London Church for one year. He worked in local government for seven years and his interests include swimming, gardening, walking and oil-painting. Says he loves his job on the farm, but will have to get used to studying again.

From the hills and mountains of Marion, Virginia, comes smiling Barbara Campbell. When her brother Garland went to Pasadena in 1960, she decided on college also. After graduating from high school last year, she applied and was accepted. Scheduled for Pasadena, a last minute telegram brought the news that she was to go to Bricket Wood instead.

Scheduled for Pasadena, Connie Coates' "California, here I come" changed to "Bricket Wood, here I come!" The eldest of four daughters and a keen sports fan, Connie says England is a lot of fun. Welcome to England, Connie!

After spending a year at junior college in San Diego, California, Jon Cook applied for Ambassador. Talked to Mr. Hill in Pasadena and was transferred to Bricket Wood. "England is as different as you can get," says Jon, "when things over here are green, they're really green."

After working as a receptionist and telephonist for two years, Joan Edwards has come to Ambassador with a desire to recapture true values. Among Joan's interests are horseriding, skiing, English, and geography. It was her mother's interest in the Church that eventually brought Joan to Bricket Wood.



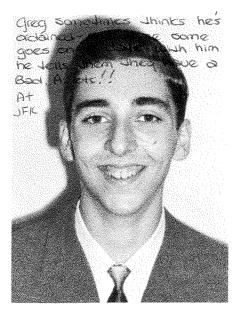
Peter Butler



Connie Coates



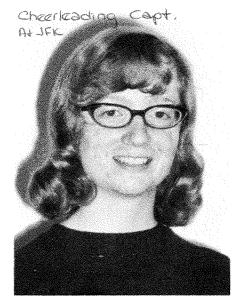
Joan Edwards



Greg Fisher

New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, and now Bricket Wood — England has brought *Greg Fisher* to the college he knows is best. Desiring to further his education, Greg chose Ambassador College, not wanting to turn to other educational institutions for many obvious unnamed reasons. His past education was more in the field of Business Practice. For sport, baseball, track, and field have been his main pursuits.

Hailing originally from Chicago, Jessie Frost has lived in several American states as well as the Philippines and France. She has taken courses at the University of Mary-



Sharon Frantzen

land and for diversion worked for the Red Cross in a dental clinic.

Before coming to Ambassador, Sharon Frantzen attended the University of Nebraska as well as holding a part-time job in an office. Her hobbies include sewing, horse riding, and (men please note) baking cakes.

Greg Geoghegan worked as a bank clerk in Tasmania for eighteen months so he could get the money to come to College. Now here he would like to play badminton, swim, and cycle ("if I had a bike.")

Before coming to college, Phillip Halford worked as a travelling



Phillip Halford

salesman for a nationwide company dealing with the sale of automatic coffee, tea, and hot chocolate dispensing machines. (How's that, men!) The Halford family recently moved to Bricket Wood and Phillip's three sisters are attending Imperial School. Cycling, driving, and racket games are Phillip's favourite past-times.

Following in his brother Alaister's footprints comes *David Gunn*. Most of his life has been spent in southeast England where he attended Grammar School. His special interests are cars and aviation.



Jessie Frost



Greg Geoghegan



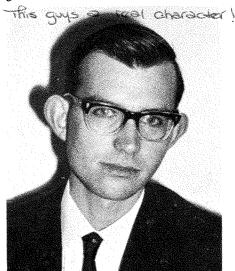
David Gunn

Eighteen years old and from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Gary Hamilton applied to Big Sandy and found himself heading for Bricket Wood instead! To Gary, Britain is fine, and our Olympic-standard pool and track make Gary especially happy since track and swimming are his favourite sports. Ancient history and English Literature are his best-liked academic subjects.

All the way from Pasadena, Jennifer Hanway listed Bricket Wood as her first college choice. Why? Because she had heard so much of its cosmopolitan atmosphere! Her father supervises the C/W Dept. on the Pasadena campus. Jennifer spent five years at Imperial High School. She lists sewing, cooking, tennis and horseback riding as her favourite sports.

Pamela Harris comes from the cider country of Devon. Living most of her life in Portsmouth on the south coast, Pamela has had many opportunities to indulge in her favourite sports, yachting and sailing. She also likes hockey and tennis and once kept a foreign bird aviary.

Tom Hogg (no relation to Quentin) is from Belf ast, Northern Ireland. He comes to us after five years as a medical student at Queen's University. His father was an Ophthalmic Surgeon, his sister a Physiotherapist, and Tom would have received his Doctorate in another year. He's now a patient of Mr. Silcox in the gardens.



Tom Hogg



Gary Hamilton



Pamela Harris



Allan de Jager



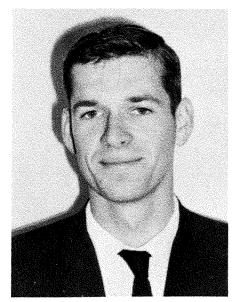
Jennifer Hanway



Jim Hricik

Jim Hricik is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found out about Ambassador from The Plain Truth which he procured from his brotherin-law. Jim attended Pittsburgh University and later Rocklin Community College in New York. He was Personnel Supervisor for Glenshaw Community College in New York before becoming an Ambassador!

Little did Allan de Jager and his brother realize in 1950 on their way to Australia from Holland that 16 years later they would be retracing their steps back to Europe. Allan is a fully qualified accountant. His interests are reading, maths, science, and competitive chess.



Garry de Jager

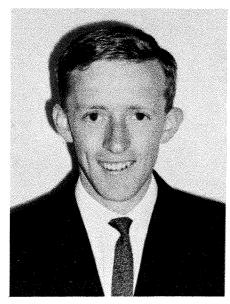
Garry de Jager comes to college with a B. Sc. from the University of New England in New South Wales. He followed Allan's interest in The Plain Truth in 1962. He is enthusiastic about world news, chess, bridge, sports, and classical music. Before leaving Australia he worked as an Mathematical Assistant (Computer Programmer) in the Industrial Engineering Department of The Broken Hill Propriety.

Prior to coming to Ambassador, Helmut Lersen was an apprentice solicitor. He comes from Niebull, Schllsweg-Holstein. His father has been a member of the Church since 1963 and this is how Helmut first came into contact with the college. His favourite sport is track. He enjoys music and plays the accordian.

If you think people don't listen to what you say, just try repeating a joke you told them a month ago.

The bus was already crowded when the fat woman entered. She stood for a moment glaring at the seated passengers. "Isn't some gentleman going to offer me a seat?" she asked.

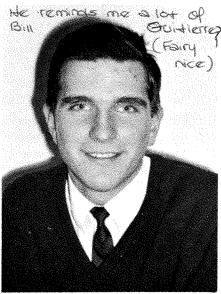
At this time an exceptionally small thin man rose. "Well," he said, rather shyly, "I'm willing to make a contribution."



Russell Johnson



Margaret Larkin



Helmut Lersen

Russell Johnson is from Melbourne, Australia. He left school 10 years ago at the age of 14, although he picked up three years of night school in Melbourne later. Russell started listening to the broadcast in 1962 and attended the Melbourne church with his brother last summer. Before coming to Ambassador, Russell worked in a refrigerator factory.

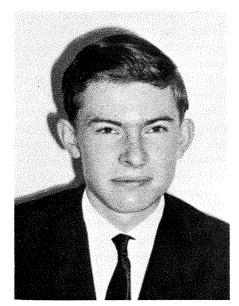
Margaret Larkin hails from "Big Bris", Aussieland! After graduating from State Commercial High School, Margaret worked for the City Council of Brisbane. She learned of Ambassador eighteen months ago from her brother John. We're happy to have you join us Margaret. You're on one of the three most happy places on earth! There's no ground for dispute on that.

Tony Lodge is one of the few non-foreigners this year from Beckenham, Kent. Before coming to college Tony worked near Tower Bridge as a Customs and Excise official. His job was to inspect the whiskey, wine, and other alcoholic beverages in London's Bonded Warehouse. Sounds deliciously interesting, huh? He didn't say what the officials did if they found a warehouse overstocked.

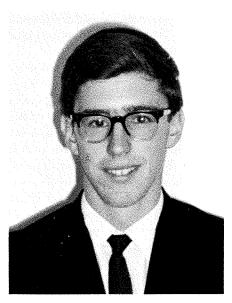
Some of the new cars are so classy the motors no longer purr – they sneer.



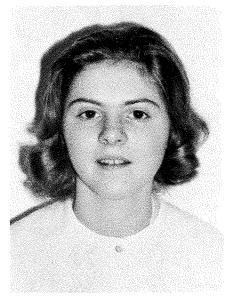
Tony Lodge



Ian Martin



John Meakin



Wendy Millman

Sutton Coldfield, near Birmingham, was the home of seventeenyear-old *Ian Martin*. Ian attended the King Edward's School in Birmingham. During the summer he worked for an engineering firm. He likes cricket, rugby, and also takes an interest in Maritime Affairs — a very fishy subject.

Kerry McGuinness, (brother of you-know-who), comes to us from Brisbane, Australia. He received a B. Sc. degree at Queensland University. And he participated in chorale work for nine years. In addition, he plays the E Flat Horn. Kerry's favourite sports are football and tennis.

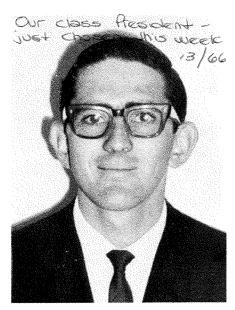
John Meakin heard about the College by listening to the radio ships. Coming from a sporting family, John is the man to challenge at badminton. He was triple Junior Champion for his county — Kent — and reached the semi-finals in the All-England Junior Championship! Anyone for . . . er badminton?

Kathleen Mears, from Redcar, Yorkshire, enjoys philately, sewing, and reading. She has just finished studying for her 'A' levels in English, biology, and scripture knowledge ("though there was nothing divine about us") and she spent most of her summer vacation working as a waitress.

Wendy Millman is our new seventeen-year-old co-ed from Bristol. Wendy's parents, who have attended the Bristol church for six years, sparked her desire to come to college. Tennis, netball, and reading rank high on Wendy's list of interests.

Welcome, too, to nineteen-yearold Tony Morrell from Merseyside. A keen footballer, he is enthusiastic about Ambassador College. Tony worked for Woolworths for two years after leaving Wallasey Grammar School.

A fat lady stepped on the scales, not knowing that they were out of order. The indicator stopped at 75 pounds. A drunk watching her gasped, "Oh, no, she's hollow!"



Kerry McGuinness



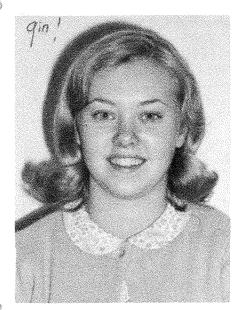
Kathleen Mears



Tony Morrell

Pat Nelson graduated from West High School, Minneapolis, Minnesota and worked as a secretary for an insurance agent. She attended the Summer Educational Programme at Orr, Minnesota and loves water-skiing, archery, and — "when the mood takes her" — sketching. Pat has eight brothers and one sister. We welcome her to an even bigger family.

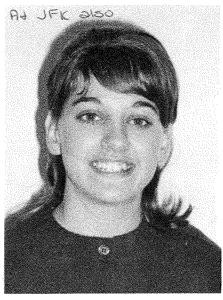
From Yonkers, New York, comes Ginny Parker, where she majored in science, maths, and French at the Roosevelt High School. Her hobbies include singing and cheerleading. Her most outstanding achievement? "I made it to Ambassador!"



Ginny Parker



Sharon Phillips



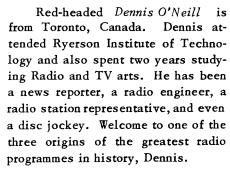
Pat Nelson



Dennis O'Neill

From Asheville, North Carolina is eighteen-year-old Sharon Phillips. Before coming to College from Mars Hill High School, she was the church pianist at the Asheville church, where she has been attending for the last seven years. Sharon's interests include art and basketball.

Dale Pierce was born in Canton, Texas, and attended Imperial School at Big Sandy. He graduated last year after being Vice-president of the Boys' Club. Dale will be an asset to the Freshmen basketball team and a handy fellow to have around on Sports Day for the track and field events. He likes everything here but the weather.



From Crewe, Cheshire, comes Linda-Joy Palin. Her mother was the first Briton baptized in this era of God's Church. Her father is the Chorale Director of the Warrington church. Linda-Joy's interests include swimming, netball, dancing, and singing.



Linda-Joy Palin



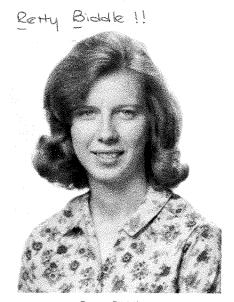
Dale Pierce



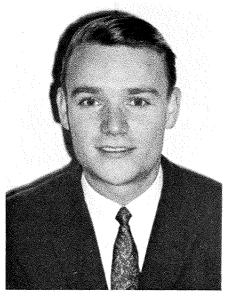
Lawson Price

Twenty-five-year-old Lawson Price comes to Ambassador holding an associate degree from New York University. In the Reconnaissance Squadron of the U. S. Naval Air Arm, he has travelled extensively throughout the States, the Far East, and isles of the Pacific. Leaving the Navy, he worked as an electrical engineer till entering College.

"I like to see people smile," says Betty Riddle. And people do smile when Betty's doing some of her favourite things — like roasting turkeys — or baking cookies! She also finds time for piano playing, walking, and mountain-climbing. Her hometown is Kingsport, Tennessee. Before coming to Ambassador



Betty Riddle



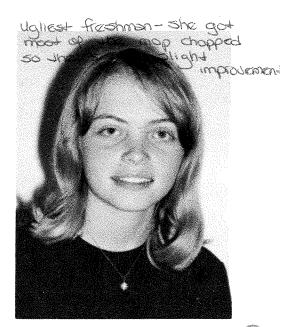
Detlef Rudiger she spent three years at East Tennessee University.

Originally from Minden, Westphalia, Detlef Rudiger is by no means a stranger here on campus. He comes from Mr. Schnee's office in Dusseldorf, Germany where he worked for over twelve months. He first became interested in college through Die Reine Wahrheit in February, 1963. Throughout high school his favourite subject was biology. His best-liked recreations are archery, shooting, fishing, and cross-country running.

Philippe Sandron, from Montbeliand in France, studied at Strassbourg Faculty of Law. Facing army



Philippe Sandron



Sondra Schaer call-up, he applied to Ambassador. Before coming, he imagined it to be a Bible college, but was pleasantly surprised when he found such a wide range of subjects! We welcome him as our third French-speaking student!

All the way from New Jersey, U. S. A., Sondra Schaer recently graduated from Pasach Valley High School where she was secretary of the Science Department. This summer Sondra worked as a secretary in a paper mill. In two previous summers she attended the initial Summer Educational Programmes held at Big Sandy. Piano playing, singing, swimming, and sewing are a few of her many interests.

"I'm not really late, boss," said the tardy secretary, hanging up her hat, "I just took my coffee break before coming in."

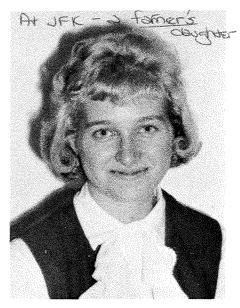
Mum: Dad, I don't think the neighbours like the drum we got Johnny.

Dad: Why?

Mum: Because they gave him a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside.

To make a long story short, there is nothing like having the boss walk in.

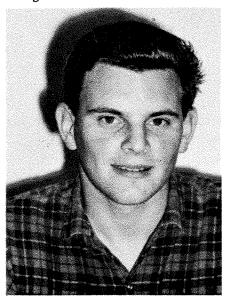
A man is known by the company that keeps him.



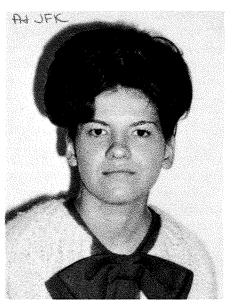
Kathy Searls

Want to meet a real, live farmer's daughter? Then say "hello" to eighteen-year-old Kathy Searls from Medora, Illinois. Kathy has achieved her long-time ambition in coming to Ambassador. Her main interests are music and reading — plenty of those here.

Bob Speer is another sportsloving Australian. He was born in Sydney and gained his B. A. at Sydney University. He has worked on a sheep farm, and as a bus conductor to earn his fare to England. Sports? Squash, swimming, judo, and surfing. He also played cricket for his high school team. Bob likes classical music as well as flamenco and classical guitar.



**Bob Speer** 



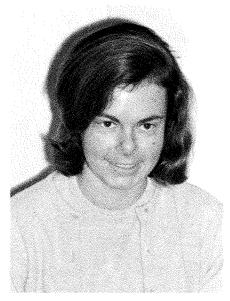
Yvonne Shafer

A graduate of South Dakota State University, Yvonne Shafer has been a high school German teacher for the last three years. She enjoys roller skating, bowling, and listening to records — language records. So all you students who need help with your language, give Yvonne a ring. Maybe she'll lend you a disc.

"Pop music? it's ghastly! Modern art? — dreadful, crazy — mad!"
These are the sentiments of Marlene Storz. With equal intensity she describes her passion for swimming, walking — and the right type of art and music. Born in Germany, Marlene went to Australia in 1951. There she graduated at Sydney University, having majored in biology and zoology. While on vacation in Europe this summer she received the good news of her acceptance at Ambassador.

From Norfolk comes Mike Stratton to follow his relatives' footsteps. Brother Bill is in Transport and their father is a painter and decorator — Mike's been put on the Paint Crew! Not yet eighteen, Mike ran a spare-time printing business while at Fakenham Grammar School.

Jake Toews is "nothing unusual – just normal." At least that's what he toldme. Jake hales from Wheatley, Ontario where he graduated from high school in 1961. After five years of commercial gardening, he has now joined the Ambassador College janitor crew. Sorry, Mr. Silcox!



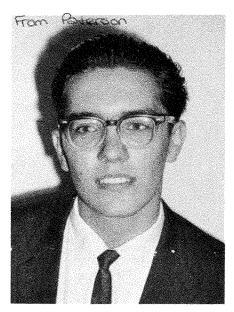
Marlene Storz



Mike Stratton



Jake Toews



John Trechak



Donna Wilmott



Peter Wood

Another U. S. import is nineteenyear-old John Trechak, of Garfield, New Jersey. John has won national awards in music and played in concerts and shows with his piano accordian. After graduation from high school, he spent one year at the Juliard School of Music before coming to Ambassador.

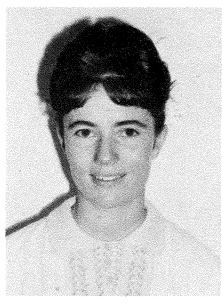
Working in the kitchen – a far cry from being an insurance clerk "down under" is eighteen-year-old Cheryl Tupper. Daughter of a Local Elder in the Sydney office, Cheryl has been waiting five years to attend Ambassador. She is keen on French, dressmaking, and hiking. Welcome, Cheryl!

A hearty welcome to Donna Wilmott from Charlestown, Illinois. Donna lived on her father's farm and was Girls' Student Body President at Tinly Park H. S. last year. She represented her school at an Illinois swim meet so our new pool can look forward to another guest. Among her other interests are basketball, horseriding, and ballroom dancing.

Fresh from a Tennessee High School is eighteen-year-old Barbara Wilson. Back home she represented her school in a weekly D. J. programme over a local radio station. No doubt we'll be hearing from her on the breakfast programme! Editor of her school magazine, journalist for another local magazine, she loves to write. But most of all, fellows, she just loves to talk!

Peter Wood has been receiving the P. T. for about five years and attended the '63 Summer Camp at Big Sandy. He spent last year taking a liberal arts course at Norwalk Community College to prepare for Ambassador. His chief hobby is photography, but he sold his equipment to come to College.

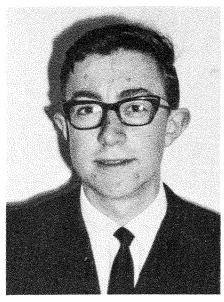
Richard Wood was born in Luton and moved to Warrington when he was eight. He became interested in mathematics at Lynn Grammar School and was also a keen Boy Scout. Among his likes are hiking and camping, shooting, squash, and violin. Dislikes? Don't call him Elizabeth's brother!



Cheryl Tupper



Barbara Wilson



Richard Wood