BIOGRAPHIES

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James H. Baltz

From Detroit, Michigan, Jim has attended Michigan State University, the University of Detroit, and St. Joseph's College, Indiana. Between school periods, Jim has worked at a variety of jobs, such as auto trimmer, hospital orderly, and postal carrier. Travel has taken him over most of the United States and part of Canada. He counts reading and sports as major interests, especially baseball, which he has also coached. Jim is 26.



Penelope Dian Barley

From Warren, Pennsylvania, Penny, 24, received her B.A. from Chatham College, Pittsburgh, with a major in Spanish. She has done summer graduate study in both Mexico and Spain and has visited Italy, England, and France as well as Canada, Panama, and Hawaii. For two years Penny taught Spanish and English in the public schools. She has been a state library research worker, a graduate resident at Ohio State University, nurse's aide, cook, and waitress. From life on a farm in her early years, Penny "knows something about crops and livestock." Flying, bowling, swimming, and basketball are among her special interests. She has won several trophies as a golfer.



George D. Beck, Jr.

Originally from Florida, George now calls Ios Altos, California, home. Following a B.A. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he majored in architecture at the University of California at Berkeley, preparing for a future career in city planning. He has done summer work as a nurseryman and gardener and has worked in catering, salesmanship, electronics, and car and motor repairs. George has traveled through most of Europe, Brazil, the Carribean, and throughout the United States. His hobbies range through philosophy, bridge, stamp collecting, sketching, and music. He likes volleyball and crew. George is 21.

Jules Karoll Beck

Twenty-three years of age and recently married to Karen, Jules taught math last summer on an Indian reservation in a University of Minnesota social work project. He received his B.A. in philosophy from that university early in 1967. During his college years, various jobs helped him with college costs: cab driver, university accounting staff helper, and fieldhouse attendant. Jules' favorite sport is tennis. He was a varsity letterman two years while attending the University of Chicago, where he also played intramural basketball. Stamp and coin collecting are his hobbies. Jules calls Minneapolis his home.



Karen Jeanette Beck

From Montevedio, Minnesota, and a recent graduate of the University of Minneapolis, Karen, 22, has lived on a farm most of her life. Travel has taken her to Europe, Morocco, Czechoslovakia, as well as to the interior of Alaska. She has worked as a nurse's aide, in hospital food service, and as a clerk.



Bianca Antonia Bloom

With a B.A. in history from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1966, Bianca, 25, looks forward to teaching or social work as a career. She earned part of her college money with clerical jobs in the UCIA Research Library and at the Los Angeles Public Library. One summer was spent as a full-time playground recreation director for the city of Arcadia, California. A trip to Mexico last summer and many visits to Baja California have helped Bianca with her Spanish.



Martin Joel Bloom

While earning a B.S. and M.B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles, Martin still had time to become a junior varsity letterman in basketball. He was also class president and representative to the Executive Council during his junior year at the University of California in Riverside. After army service in 1960, Martin worked as a kitchen helper, greeting card salesman, university reader, economic researcher for a Los Angeles bank, and a test subject scuba diver during college years and summers. He is 25.



Michael Patrick Brickey

From Columbus, Ohio, Mike received a B.S. in social work from Ohio State University earlier this year. During his college years, he participated in many campus activities. He has worked as a hospital aide, construction helper, caddy, ice cream vender, and as a county welfare caseworker. He plays the guitar and likes folk music. Tennis and basketball are his favorite sports. Mike is 22.



James Geno Ciotti

Although his home is in Detroit, Michigan, Jim, 25, received his B.A. in anthropology from the University of Oregon. He helped defray college expenses with jobs as a jewelry salesman, frozen food plant worker, and part-time helper in the University of Michigan medical library. Jim has traveled over most of the United States and has also made trips to Mexico, Colombia, and Canada. He enjoys hiking, fishing, mountain climbing, photography, basketball, and tennis.





Catherine B. Coolidge

Catherine worked one summer for a law firm, another for an abstract and title company while completing her B.A. in humanities from Michigan State University in 1967. Four previous summers were spent in European travel when she covered every country except those behind the Iron Curtain. Catherine, like her husband, Bill, enjoys most outdoor sports. She is 22.



William M. Coolidge

Bill, 24, graduated from Michigan State with a B.A. in business administration in 1966 and an M.A. in marketing in 1967. The summer of 1965, he studied at the University of Nigeria. At various times he has worked as a meat cutter, maintenance man, bank teller, and produce manager. Bill is planning a career in the sales-marketing field. Water and winter skiing, basketball, tennis, golf, and swimming, along with reading, are his special interests.



Thomas B. Finan, Jr.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Tom received his B.S. in accounting from Mount St. Mary's College in 1964 and subsequently completed two years of graduate work in the University of Maryland Law School. His job experiences include law clerking, a summer of internship for a senator, and newspaper advertising. He has traveled through Europe, Mexico, and Canada. Among his hobbies are golf, music, reading, and basketball. He was a member of his college tennis and debating teams. Long interested in politics, Tom has been active in several political campaigns. He hopes to pursue law as a career after his Peace Corps service. He is 24.



John F. Fischer

John, 22 and a native of St. Paul, Minnesota, received his B.A. in international relations from the University of Minnesota in 1967. He has had a variety of work experience: administrative assistant in the University of Minnesota Foreign Student Office, railroad work, steamship clerk, car rental agent, and laborer for a construction company. John is a professional drummer; just prior to reporting for Peace Corps training, he worked at a night spot, Diamond Lil's, "pounding leather." John lists among his pastimes music and jazz, raising tropical fish, reading, skiing, dancing, and studying religion, ethics, and politics. He has won several high school and college awards for drumming and tumbling.



John Emmett Fletcher, Jr.

A native of Washington, D.C., John received his A.B. degree with honors from Williams College in Massachusetts. His major was Spanish, which he put to good use in Mexico and Colombia where he visited and studied over the past few years. John's summer work experience includes that of counselor, fiscal clerk, and administrative assistant in a business firm in Cali, Colombia. He has a special interest in music and considers himself a "semiprofessional" drummer. Interested in all sports, John is especially strong in soccer skills. John is 22 years old.



Thomas Bradford Gale

Twenty-three years old and a native of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Tom received his B.A. degree in English from Yale in 1966. Since graduating, he has held the position of bookkeeper. Before that his summer work experiences included construction work and tool analyst, as well as bookkeeping. Tom has traveled in Jamaica and the British West Indies. He enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing, and swimming. He was a member of the 1960 and 1961 high school All American swimming teams.



Erwin Peter Greishaber

Erwin, from Mattydale, New York, received his B.A. in history from Le Moyne College, New York, in 1964. Twenty-four years of age, he has served two years in the Navy as a hospital corpsman. His traveling experiences in Germany and Austria were enhanced by his fluent knowledge of German. He has also visited Italy and Puerto Rico. His skill and keen interest in organized sports--basketball, football, and especially baseball--led to election as captain of the Le Moyne College baseball team during his senior year. He is an avid reader of historical and political books.



John H. Griffith

From Terre Haute, Indiana, John received his B.S. in English from Indiana State University and continued on for a semester of graduate work in the fall of 1966. While in college he worked during summer vacations as a laborer and as a clerk in a book shop. Interested in scouting, John moved through the Boy Scouts from patrol leader to scoutmaster. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and camping, with two trips into Canada. John is 22.



Joanne Barbara Kaufman

A history major from the University of Wisconsin, Joanne, 21, received her B.S. in January of this year. She has had a wide range of summer work experience as department store cashier, laboratory assistant, arts and crafts instructor, and YMCA day camp counselor. One summer she participated in a VISTA teaching program in Kentucky as an Appalachia Volunteer. Joanne has traveled to Mexico with her family, to Canada, and over a good part of the United States. She lists art, music, theatre, reading, swimming, and sports as her hobbies. Her home is Chicago; Illinois.



James Douglas Kauppi

After receiving a B.S. from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, in mechanical engineering last June, Jim worked part-time as a lathe operator for a company in that city. Prior to this, he was a plant engineer in the automotive industry and part-time mechanic and attendant at a service station. His hobbies center around amateur radio, building, and all kinds of mechanical work. In sports he prefers baseball, football, track, and swimming. He is a member of the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers. Jim is 25.



Susan Kay Kauppi

Susan, 22, wife of James Douglas Kauppi, is an R.N. from Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Kalamazoo, Michigan. She continued in hospital nursing in Dearborn and Lansing, Michigan. She has a wide variety of sports interests: tennis, swimming, skating, skiing, horseback riding, and canoeing. She also plays the piano and enjoys art, poetry, and writing. Susan calls Lansing her home.



Edward Arnold Landen

Ed, from Portland, Oregon, received a B.S. from Stanford University in March of this year, with honors scholarship in psychology and engineering. A trained machinist, skilled at lathe work, and "a good mechanic," Ed also has a working knowledge of carpentry, electrical wiring, and elementary circuit design. He has worked as a language lab technician, stage crew technical man, and as head of a group of draftsmen. In sports Ed enjoys basketball, swimming, riding, skiing, and hunting. Art he counts as a hobby, along with driving and repairing sports cars. Travel has taken Ed over most of Europe and to Guinea, Africa. He is 26.



Douglas L. Langan

From Phoenix, Arizona, Douglas received his A.B. degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, before completing two years of law at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Douglas has worked as a project coordinator and a field office manager for a coal company. He has also been a gas station attendant. He has traveled frequently, including residence in Korea. Twenty-three years old, Douglas is a member of the American Junior Bar Association and has served as vice president of the John Marshall Society. He likes baseball, football, and swimming. Painting and history account for hobby interests.



Patricia Langan

Patricia, 21 and wife of Douglas, received a degree in art from Endicott Junior College, Massachusetts, and did two additional years of work in this subject at Syracuse University, New York. She has worked as a sales clerk, waitress, and secretary. Swimming, tennis, and basketball are her favorite sports with handcrafts, painting, and sewing enjoyed as hobbies. Patricia comes from Washington, D.C.



Robert Bruce Levitt

Robert, 26 and a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has a B.S. in business administration from the University of Hartford, Connecticut. He also attended the Duquesne University (graduate) School of Business. He spent two summers as plant manager for a business firm, three others as a computer research programmer and operator. Earlier summers were occupied with boys' camp work as arts-crafts and recreation counselor. Robert has traveled to several European countries, Israel, and Turkey. In sports he enjoys riding, golf, camping, skiing, track, and swimming; he is a water safety instructor. His hobbies include music, photography, and raising tropical fish. In addition, he has helped organize an Inter-Faith Council and served as community chairman of a CARE project and trustee of a Wilderness Campers Club. He is a member of the American Marketing Association.



Kevin Patrick Lynch

An interest in politics led Kevin, 22, from Fordham University to the Universite Cattolica de Milano in Milan, Italy, where he received his degree in political science in 1966. Kevin has worked as an editorial assistant for United Press International in New York, as a reporter on the New York Daily News, and as legal research assistant for a Rye, New York, law firm. He participated in the civil rights movement at Fordham and worked as director of the Harlem project at St. Charles Settlement House in New York. Kevin likes soccer and baseball.



Peter Mervin McBrady

At Cardinal Glennon College in St. Louis, Missouri, where he received his B.A. in philosophy, Peter won the award for "sportsman of the year" as a senior. He likes all kinds of outdoor activities but excels in basketball. He was also class athletic representative both in high school and college. Besides sports, Peter enjoys group singing. During his school years in St. Louis, his home city, Peter worked as an IBM checker, blueprint maker, assistant fit-up boilermaker, and as a community development organizer. He has two union memberships. Peter is 25.



Bruce Burl McFarren

A Spanish major and honor graduate from Michigan State, Bruce, 26, is a member of the national Spanish honorary society as well as the National Education Association and Michigan Education Association. A persistent interest in Spanish eventually took him to Colombia for further language study for a year. He intends to become a translator-interpreter. He helped meet college costs through work as a camp counselor, life guard, swimming instructor, parttime court clerk, and cafeteria worker. Bruce has a wide variety of recreational interests: packing, swimming, canoeing, gardening, scuba diving, and photography. He is 26.



Maria Guadelupe McFarren

Originally from Brownsville, Texas, Maria now calls Muskegon, Michigan, her home. Looking forward to a teaching career, she has already served as a substitute teacher in all elementary grades in Muskegon and in a day-care center there. She has worked one summer as a supermarket cashier, another counseling in a YWCA camp. Maria is bilingual in Spanish. She is 22.



Patricia Susan Modugno

Though she now calls Masonville, New Jersey, home, Patricia, 25, originally came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she attended a college of art and a theatre and acting academy. She has been a member of a players group and an arts and crafts league. Summer vacation travel has included the British Isles, France, Canada, Bermuda, and Mexico. Pat has worked as a secretary for various Philadelphia firms. Besides teaching Sunday school for seven years, she has found time to do sketching, painting, and wood carving. She also enjoys sewing. Keenly interested in photography and a member of the Photographic Society of America, she also likes most summer and winter sports. In addition, she has been a hospital staff volunteer, a Girl Scout, and a member of the YWCA and Philadelphia Natural History Museum.



Judith Ann Moore

Judy, 20, wife of Allen Moore, is a native of San Francisco, California. Following a B.A. in sociology from Pomona College, Clarement, California, in 1966 with Phi Beta Kappa scholastic honors, she completed one semester of graduate work at Harvard. She traveled to Germany for part of a year of study and spent one summer in Turkey with the American Friends Service. A variety of jobs, such as working in a cannery, as a waitress, salesgirl, and receptionist at Harvard, have helped with her college expenses. In her spare time, Judy enjoys sketching, painting, German literature, and swimming.



William Allen Moore

Allen, 22, from Glendale, California, received his B.A. degree in economics from Pomona College in 1966. He did one semester of college work in England and at that time toured the Continent. His work experiences include auctioneering, management trainee for a banking firm, head counselor at a recreation camp, stock clerk, and waiter. A letterman in basketball and tennis in high school, Allen is interested in sports of all kinds. Photography is his hobby.



Joseph H. Nixon, III

From Charleston, South Carolina, Joe received a B.A. in sociology from California State College at Long Beach, California. He served as a swimming instructor at the College of Charleston and in Panama where he was stationed for three years in the service. He has also been a service-station attendant, student assistant, stock boy, and lifeguard. Joe lists football, track, swimming, raising vegetables, fishing, hunting, and tennis among his outside interests. He is 25.



Robert Andrew Pruitt

A recent graduate from Indiana University in sociology, where he was on the Dean's list one semester, Robert also studied for six months in France during his college years. Twenty-seven years old, Bob is from Frankfort, Indiana. He has worked as a parking lot attendant, hotel bellboy, waiter, animal caretaker, and motion picture projectionist to help take care of college expenses. While in Europe, he traveled over most of the Continent (including Greece) and England. He has spent some time in Mexico, too. Robert learned sports judo during military service.



Mary Isabel Rajcan

Mary, 43, has attended the National University of Mexico in Mexico City and Pierce College, Woodland Hills, California. Her home is Tarzana, California. She has worked as a clerk for an aviation company for a number of years. Mary likes most outdoor sports, including badminton, volleyball, hiking, fishing, and water skiing. She also enjoys "light gardening," cooking, and sewing. She has visited Canada and Alaska, as well as Mexico.



Scott Gordon Reed

From Modesto, California, Scott, 28, has lived on a farm but "did not work on it," though he did take part in 4-H activities. Between college years and prior to graduation from San Francisco State College in economics (honors list) this past March, Scott helped pay his way with work as a truck driver, equipment parts department clerk, men's clothing assistant buyer, machine operator for a San Francisco bank, cab driver, and, very briefly, a bartender. Basketball and all outdoor activities interest him, especially skiing, baseball, tenmis, and golf. He has traveled over a good part of the United States and Mexico.



Karen Darlene Shell

Since graduating from Brigham Young University in 1964 with a B.A. in psychology, Karen has held jobs as social worker in Sacramento and San Jose, California. She plans to carry on social work among Spanish-speaking people on the West Coast as a career. From living and working on a ranch, Karen knows something about cattle drives, cooking, and milking cows. She attended the Church College of Hawaii at Laie for two years and has also traveled to Mexico and Guatemala. She likes outdoor events, arts and crafts, and all phases of art. Karen is 22.



John Myron Smith

Although a native of Seattle, John received a B.A. in political science from the University of The Americas in Mexico City, 1966. He is fluent in Spanish. He has tutored high-school algebra and chemistry in New York and looks forward to a teaching-coaching career. Interested in all sports, John has won high-school letters in track, field, and football. He counts reading and music as his hobbies. John is 23.



Dwight Ray Steen

Dwight, 22, received his B.S. from Ohio State in agriculture economics in 1967. He has traveled in England, Scotland, France, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia. He has worked as a truck driver, cashier, clerk, and has done all kinds of farm work on the family dairy farm. Public speaking is one of his special interests. He won first place in the American Farm Economics Association Student Public Speaking Contest at the University of Maryland in 1966. In addition, he lists football, volleyball, basketball, and baseball among his hobbies. Dwight is from Findlay, Ohio.



Margaret Jo Steen

After receiving her R.N. certificate from Christ Hospital School of Nursing, Cincinnati, Ohio, Margaret continued as a nurse at Ohio State University Clinical Research Center and at the University Hospital. Her skill in piano playing has won her recognition as an accompanist for glee clubs and choirs. She also likes cooking and sports, especially basketball, volleyball, swimming, and hiking. Margaret also likes working with children, reading, and sewing. She is 22 and from Van Buren, Ohio.



Garry Lee Stutheit

Garry received his B.A. in health education and biology from Fresno State College in February, 1967. A variety of work helped him through college: house painting, bus boy, dye press operator, dishwasher, box boy. He is also familiar with sheet metal working, air conditioning installation, and machinery. Baseball, football, fishing, hunting, and hiking are his preferred sports. Gary is 24 and claims Fresno, California as his home.



David Gregory White

David, 25, has not only traveled in Europe but also has been to Mexico and all of the Central American countries. He is from Hills, Minnesota, the same home town as his wife, Joan. After graduation from Macalester College, St. Paul, in history, where he made the Dean's list, he worked as an automotive mechanic. In addition, he has been a machine operator, truck driver, and has had three year's experience with farm chores. For hobbies he likes to work on automobile engines, and radio and record equipment, or turn his hand to cabinet making, plastering, and painting.



Joan Ellen White

With a B.A. in sociology, suma cum laude, from Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, followed by a master's degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Joan went on to do case work in a county welfare department in Minnesota. She had previously done similar work for Children's Services in Cleveland and St. Louis, Missouri. Joan likes sewing and music, she has raised beef steers and poultry in 4-H projects, and has held offices in 4-H, FHA, and YWCA organizations. With her husband, David, she has traveled to Mexico and Central America. From Hills, Minnesota, Joan is 26.



James Otis Wright, Jr.

After graduating from the University of Michigan in economics, Jim did substitute teaching in a junior high school for a school term. Besides traveling through most of Europe, he worked in a German automobile factory for two months. With a view to a career in international business and banking, he served as an international trainee in a Detroit bank for a time. Jim enjoys sailing, canceing, gardening, tennis, football, and soccer. He is 23.



Martin Alan Zone

Martin, 23, received a B.A. in political science from Hunter College, New York. The Bronx, New York, is his home. He has already put in some private flying time and likes wrestling, baseball, football, volleyball, and tennis. Martin has worked as a stock clerk, pantryman, kitchen supervisor, food carnival cashier, and in the mailroom of an insurance syndicate. He has participated in Boy Scout activities, with Life Scout status, and has been active in college alumnus organizations. He is also a member of the American Political Science Association.