

# Two Grinnellians earn Marshall Scholarship

## Goodfellow and Johnson look forward to European study



Marshall Scholarship winners Chris Johnson, left, and Jim Goodfellow are congratulated by President George Drake on their achievements. Photo courtesy of Grinnell College News Service.

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The last Marshall Scholar from Grinnell, Susan Ashbrook, graduated in 1978. This year, however, not one but two Grinnell seniors managed to be among the 30 American students from around the country chosen by the British Government to pursue graduate degrees at universities in the British Isles. Jim Goodfellow, a Russian/Economics major and Chris Johnson, a chemistry/Russian major will receive full tuition for two or three years of graduate study. In addition to that roughly \$7,000 per year will be provided for living expenses and a travel and book allowance.

Goodfellow commented that it's impressive for a school the size of Grinnell to have two winners in one year. He feels that Grinnell "will continue to do better in the future." The majority of Marshall Scholars come from Ivy League colleges, but Goodfellow thinks that Grinnell's size is an advantage because of "the excellent counseling available." He explained that Professors McCarthy and Moyer "were very helpful in helping me form my proposal... they had all the time in the world for me."

As one might expect, the competition, according to Goodfellow, is "stiff." A student needs to show proven potential to contribute academically at a British University and proven potential to be a leader of his generation. Both Johnson and Goodfellow are Dean's list students and involved in a number of extra-curricular activities. Professor Don Smith, faculty advisor for both the Marshall and the somewhat comparable Rhodes Scholarships, explained that he asks faculty to recommend students that they feel are qualified, but he stressed that "anyone can come and talk to me."

One of the differences between the two British scholarships is that the student's school must approve him as a Marshall applicant. There are five Marshall regions in the U.S. and out of each region 20 finalists are chosen. The final 30 winners are then selected from this group.

Unfortunately Chris Johnson has been out of town and consequently unavailable for comments about winning. Goodfellow however explained that he was very surprised to be a finalist since the Marshall scholarship is "so academic." He feels they place importance on independent research and given his interest in international relations and the location of Grinnell, he felt his background in independent research was lacking.

Once he was one of the twenty regional

finalists though Goodfellow felt confident because he interviews well. He found the Marshall interviewers "aggressive" and the British Consulate General "particularly pithy." "You're really under fire during the interview... it's you against six people for 45 minutes non-stop," Goodfellow said.

He gave examples of questions asked, noting some intentional "trap questions" thrown at him. For example, he was asked about the S.A.L.T. II treaty and what Goodfellow thought about the Backfire Bomber in relation to the treaty. The Backfire Bomber, however, is not covered by the S.A.L.T. II Treaty. In addition he found himself debating with a nuclear physicist about the merits, types and potential for a nuclear war, and trying to explain his "impression of the Soviet Union," where he lived last summer.

Upon learning he'd won, Goodfellow said that his reaction was "at first to take it in stride, but as the days go by, excitement builds and the realization of studying at a British University hits you."

Goodfellow hopes to attend the London School of Economics contingent on his acceptance there. He admits that 98 percent of all Marshall Scholars are accepted at their first choice school. He hopes to study for the three year Masters of Science in Economics degree. Goodfellow would like to spend his vacations in the U.S.S.R. since he has "an affinity" for the Russians. After completion of the Marshall program, he plans to return to the U.S. to attend law school. Chris Johnson has chosen to attend Oxford University where he will pursue an honors degree in bio-chemistry.

The British method of education, particularly at the college and graduate levels, is known for the high degree of independence and self motivation required on the part of students. Rather than preparing graded assignments throughout the year, the British student generally spends his entire year preparing for final exams in May. Class discussion is not frequent nor is student evaluation. Goodfellow is excited about the difference, though and sees "the potential for self motivation." He feels Grinnell has prepared him to deal with this. "Grinnell has taught me how to learn, how to be motivated within rigorous guidelines." While he'll only be meeting with one tutor twice a week, he sees this as "very little, but intense contact," and explained that he expects to have to be more prepared than for a meeting with an American professor.

# Briefs

## Burling takes over music library

Burling Library will soon take over responsibility for the music library in the Fine Arts building. The music library will become a Burling "holdings library." Cards for the music will be kept in Burling as well as the Fine Arts library.

Theresa Walker, assistant librarian for reader services, will take charge of recataloguing the library and will eventually take over the binding of the music. The Fine Arts Office will still take care of circulation of the music.

Music faculty favored the change because the supervision of a trained librarian will make the music library much more systematic. The Fine Arts budget for the music library will be transferred to Burling.

## Trustees on campus to discuss budget, divestment

Today and tomorrow approximately 20 of the college's trustees are meeting in the second of three annual meetings. The final meeting of the year is set for May 7 and 8.

According to President George Drake, major topics of discussion this weekend will be the budget, including tuition and salaries and a proposed revision of the college bylaws. He indicated that the bylaws have not been updated since 1973 and need to be amended to reflect changes in the administrative structure. For example, the position of Executive Vice President has not been redefined since 1973.

The trustees will also hear a report from Dean of the Faculty Catherine Frazier on the possibility of curriculum changes as well as a report from B&G on the housing renovations which are now nearing completion. Dibble and Cowles Hall will be renovated this summer, followed by Haines and Younker Halls.

It is also expected that they will continue their discussion of investment responsibility regarding the college's South African holdings. Drake said he "hoped a decision would be made on the issue of divestment this weekend." He felt, however, the decision might be postponed again due to the normally lower trustee turnout for the winter meeting.

Drake reported at the Feb. 1 faculty meeting that the 1982-83 budget will also be discussed. "It's a tighter budget than he had hoped for," he said. He declined to elaborate but described the trustees involved in business as "very, very nervous" about the state of the national economy.

Drake suggested that in broad terms the goals of this weekend's meetings is to "continue the process of converting the college's good financial situation to excellent education."

Student input at these meetings is limited to the formal reports of SGA, the Chairman of the Faculty and the Student Life Committee.

## SAS demonstration tomorrow

The South African support group will hold a demonstration to rally support for divestment on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the west terrace of the Forum. The demonstration will begin at 1 p.m. with a speech by Associate Professor of Chemistry Rogers Gurira who is a native of Zimbabwe. After the speech, participants plan to walk around campus to Windsor House on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Park Street. The trustees will be in meeting in Windsor House during the demonstration. Once at Windsor House, the group will sing and try to keep warm.

The demonstration is intended to be informative and peaceful, according to Rob Schwartz, head of the SAS. He said, "We don't expect them to divest but we want to let them know that we're serious." In the event that the trustees do decide not to divest, Schwartz said that the group is only just beginning in their efforts. "We will continue and increase our efforts to inform the campus community," said Schwartz.

Regardless of the decision the trustees make on the divestment issue, Feb. 12-13 will be South African weekend. The SAS will sponsor the weekend with films, lectures and presentations. Schwartz said that he "encourages feedback, especially from those who don't agree." SAS meetings are held every Thursday evening. Schwartz can be contacted for information about time and place of the meetings.

## Bertha Burling leaves money to Grinnell

Bertha Blake Burling, who died of a heart attack last Nov. 13, has left in the range of \$3 million to Grinnell, according to Vice-President for Development Richard Jenkins.

"It is impossible to tell exactly how much she did leave until her will is processed," said Jenkins. "When the funds do arrive and the amounts are known, it will be up to the trustees to decide how to use the proceeds. Usually, of course, we try to use it in accord with the donor's wishes."

In her will, Burling expressed the hope that the money be used for additions to the library's book collection and for construction on the library but not for the day to day operations, according to Jenkins. He said that some of the money might be used for the currently planned additions to the library.

Burling was the widow of Edward B. Burling, a Washington, D.C., lawyer who died in 1966. Edward Burling was instrumental in the building of Burling Library and the library was named after his parents, according to Jenkins. Bertha Burling was active in the Red Cross, the USO and the Planned Parenthood Federation, as well as several Washington, D.C. clubs, according to an article in the Washington Post on November 16, 1981. "She was a very gracious lady," said Jenkins.