Economics Department Newsletter

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This newsletter, like its predecessor, details noteworthy professional activity by BC faculty and students. Alumni have told the editor (Anderson) at professional meetings they appreciated the first issue, but despite his plea, they have not responded with news of themselves. Thus, they are under-represented below.

BC has been fortunate to have a distinguished visitor for 1978-79, John G. Riley of UCLA. Some of you recall Riley's brief meteoric career at BC. Beginning in September 1979, for two years, BC will be fortunate to have visiting the first holder of the University's rotating Gasson chair for outstanding Jesuit scholars. William Neenan, S.J., of the University of Michigan was appointed by President Monan last fall. Vin Dunfey is retiring this year and we are seeking an applied micro sort for his replacement. Harold Peterson has stepped down as chairman after 7 years of hard and distinguished service. Dick Tresch has picked up the burden for a 3 year term.

BC is planning on a cocktail hour for alumni and friends at the Eastern meetings in Boston this May. Please plan to come.
I. Faculty Research and Activity

James E. Anderson


Contract with CAB to continue airline work, identifying cooperative behavior.

David Belsley


Belsley, Kuh, Welsch, Manuscript is in finishing stages and has been accepted so far by both M.I.T. Press and Academic Press. John Wiley Press, forthcoming.

John Hekman

Participant; Annual Cliometrics Conference, sponsored by NSF. Chicago, May 1978.


Marvin Kraus


"Scale Economies Analysis for Urban Highway Networks," also under review.


"Optimal Public Investment Under Uncertainty: The Case of a Highway Planner," work in progress supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.
H. Michael Mann


J. Huston McCulloch


"The Microfoundations of Inflationary Dynamics," Will be teaching half-time.

Joseph F. Quinn

Visiting Assistant Professor, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Summer 1978.


Chairperson and discussant at American Economic Association session on Regional Competitiveness, Chicago, August, 1978.

Joseph Quinn, continued


Social Security Administration, DHEW, to study retirement patterns of the self-employed, 1977-79.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring 1979.

Donald Richter


1st Place (8-2) M.I.T. regular season serious fast-pitch softball league. (Summer 1978). (Pitchers were discriminated against for MVP.)

Ronald L. Troasper

II. Student Research and Activity

John Meisel, Assistant Professor, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, "Demand and Supply Determinants of Advertising Intensity Among Convenience Goods," SEJ, August, 1979.