G. COERTE VOORHEES



Coerte Voorhees arrived at St. Andrew's in 1935. Prior to teaching at St. Andrew's, he attended Princeton University and went on to receive his MA from U Penn. His teaching career began at Kent School (his alma mater) and next taught at the Nichols School in Buffalo, NY for one year and then on to St. Andrew's. While in residence at SAS, "Vultch" as he is fondly referred to, taught Latin and was head of the Classics department for many years. He organized the glee club, was advisor to the School choir, an accomplished organist and a very successful crew coach. It's been reported that he had a relaxed and somewhat irreverent teaching style.

In 1944 he left St. Andrew's to serve his country during World War II, becoming a lieutenant commander in the Navy. He returned in 1946.

Coerte and his wife Lois (aka Mrs. Vultch) lived in Trapnell house with their two boys Stephen and Pieter. In Bill Amos' history book of St. Andrew's, *A Time to Remember*, he states the following about Coerte Voorhees: "A merry soul who loved parties and used to lob golf balls from behind his house on the point toward the shanties across the pond."

After 27 years of service, Coerte went on to become headmaster of the Choir School of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. Mr. Voorhees died in 1964 at the age of 56.

Voorhees corridor located in Founders' Hall, now houses sophomore boys and was formerly known as D corridor.