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Dr. Devilbiss Announces Achievement Key Winners

Pat Bailey Chosen Queen of May

Miss Pat Bailey, Class of '60, was elected recently by the student body to reign over the May Day festivities. Mr. G. Thomas Alderson, Class of '60, was chosen to be the queen's escort. Runners-up to the Queen and her escort were Miss Bonnie Farlow, Class of '63, who will be Miss Bailey's Maid-of-Honor, and Mr. Douglas Finley, Class of '63, was selected to escort Miss Farlow.

Miss Bailey will be officially crowned on May Day while surrounded by her court composed of her Maid-of-Honor and class representatives and their escorts. Following the crowning, various members of the student body will present performances on the front lawn to entertain the court. The high point of the day will be the May Dance, which will culminate the activities.

Criteria for being chosen May Queen were poise, charm, and beauty; for Queen's Escort were poise, charm, attractiveness, and personality.

SNEA Members Attend New York Conference

From March 24-25, 1960, the Eastern States Association of Professional Schools for Teachers will meet at Hotel New Yorker in New York City.

Representing STC at this conference will be Norma Baker, Sylvia Stant, Robert Bowen, and Thomas Daffin. Mr. James DiVirgilio will also attend as the advisor.

The theme for this conference will be "Education — for What?"

Three speakers consisting of Dr. Lawrence G. Derthick, United States Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. Francis H. Horn, President of the University of Rhode Island; and Dr. T. M. Stinnett, Director, Teacher Education and Professional Standards of the N.E.A., will speak on topics which will help carry out the overall theme.

In addition to the regular business sessions, there will be student-faculty discussion groups and board meetings.

Find the Moral

BY G. MILTON PINE

Behold the dog, a noble beast,
Who loves to curl at his master's feet.

How fortunate (for dogs at least)
That men don't find them good to eat.

Holly THE Leaf

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Legislature Considers Change In State Teacher Colleges

The state legislature, noted for its history of using the colleges and universities of Maryland, both private and state-controlled, as a political football, has startled education administrators with a committee report suggesting that the three state teachers colleges of Maryland be included in the University of Maryland. The problem started when the 1959 Session passed a resolution asking Governor Tawes to appoint a committee to study the needs of expanding the State University by analyzing the enrollment trend in regard to existing facilities.

Although no official action can be taken until the 1960 legislative session convenes, the debate both pro and con for the recommendation should prove actively intense. The twelve-man committee pointed out the need for six additional branches of the University throughout the State. Their logic of suggesting the inclusion of the state teachers colleges may be understood from the financial aspect of the situation. If they are taken over, there will need to be only three other colleges built.

Under this plan the teachers colleges will continue to maintain the emphasis on the education curriculum but other programs will also be provided.

If this action is approved by the Governor and the Legislature next year, the cost of education will definitely affect the students of the teachers colleges adversely. Under the present system, the State subsidizes each person attending a state teachers college extensively. If the present subsidy is not maintained, the cost to the student attending the college would more than likely be increased substantially.

Mr. Jerome Framptom, President of the State Board of Education and of the State Board of Trustees, announced publicly when he appeared before the Warfield Commission that he is not in favor of changing the prevailing system especially at a time when teachers are urgently needed. Mr. Framptom came up with a counter-proposal that will no doubt affront many of the proponents of the measure. Why not have the University placed under the State Board of Trustees?

At the present time the recommendation is still too new for anyone to make any competent assertions as to its merits. Speaking solely on first impressions, however, this recommendation should be the most controversial subject in Maryland education news this year.

Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss announced that the 1960 Achievement Key winners are as follows: Miss Sylvia Stant, Class of '61, Miss Helen Mae Ellis, Class of '60, Miss Margaret Flannery, Class of '60, Mrs. Mabel Madden, Class of '60, Miss Suzanna Robinson, Class of '60, Mr. Robert Ball, Class of '61, and Mr. Robert Fitzgerald, Class of '61. To be qualified for receiving the Achievement Key students must have a 3.25 average for each of the past two semesters. Such persons who are eligible are then voted upon by each faculty member, who receives one vote. Those members of the faculty

who are organization sponsors or class advisors are given more votes according to the number of organizations which they sponsor. The Achievement Keys will be presented at the Honors Day Assembly.

Miss Sylvia Stant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stant, Jr., of Mardela Springs, Maryland, is enrolled in the Junior High Education Curriculum. Miss Stant was graduated from Mardela High School in 1956.

Miss Helen Mae Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Ellis of Bishop, Maryland, is enrolled in the Elementary Education Curriculum. Miss Ellis was graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1955.

Miss Margaret Flannery, daughter of Mr. J. Stewart Flannery and the late Mrs. Flannery of Salisbury, was graduated from Wicomico Senior High School in 1956. Miss Flannery is enrolled in the Elementary Education Curriculum.

Mrs. Mabel Madden of Seaford, Delaware, is enrolled in the Elementary Education Curriculum. Mrs. Madden, who is the wife of Dr. Kenneth C. Madden, is the mother of four children. She was graduated from Valley High School, Hot Springs, Virginia.

Miss Suzanna Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Robinson of Seaford, Delaware, was graduated from Seaford High School. Miss Robinson is enrolled under Junior High Education.

Mr. Robert Ball, of Eden, Maryland, is the son of Mrs. C. Gladstone Ball. Mr. Ball is enrolled under the Junior High Education Curriculum. He was graduated from Washington High School.

Mr. Robert Fitzgerald is enrolled under the Junior High Education Curriculum. Mr. Fitzgerald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Fitzgerald of Princess Anne, Maryland. He was graduated from Washington High School.

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TOO MUCH

Maybe its because its second semester and its a long, hard pull until Easter vacation and a break; maybe its because sometimes life seems too tedious and then a person begins noticing things that at other times would be passed over lightly if at all; or maybe its because there is something to complain about. Or maybe its none of these — or all. But whatever the reason there is a cynical abandonment in the air, a hypocritical nonchalance, a worried nothingness obliterating reason, justice, and, beg-your-pardon, but real, outright, and unapologetic dedication.

Perhaps its just plain old everyday disappointment — not only here, but everywhere you look. Politics — that's a dirty word. Religion — that's what you sneer at. Morality — that's for grandmothers or old maids who can't help it. Honor, decency, fairness — now, where is that Webster's Unabridged Dictionary? Oh, maybe it isn't even our fault. Maybe its because we were unfortunate enough to have been born in a country at a time when everything is too easy, too convenient, far too rich. We take too much for granted and claim too much as our rightful due. This is a land of superlatives. Everything is done in a big way. We talk, spend, laugh, cry, sin, get converted, love, hate in a big, over-powering, and quite ridiculous way.

Disappointed? Why shouldn't we be disappointed? We already have everything and all we had to do was to get born to get it. We have everything — everything, that is, unless you count compassion, understanding, dedication, honor and that intangible bigness of spirit that makes life worth anything at all.

Towards More Colorful Language

BY J. H. MESSICK

Flabile — Someone who is skinny now but who will be flabby in three years.
Versiflexible — (logic) Someone who is able to appear to agree with both sides of an argument.
Reacsupine — (political term) An older person who longs for the good old days but who still wants Social Security.
Siniscal — One who leans to the left politically.
Recogicide — To think one thing and say it. If, after uttering it, you notice that other people don't seem to agree with it, say the direct opposite. Mentally weigh how the two statements were received. Then after quick but careful analysis decide which of the two it would be best to believe. This is an unconscious mannerism of the status seeker.
Duo cogicide — See recogicide
Decogicide — See recogicide
Nutrimaggian — Someone who eats wheat germ after having had Health Ed.
Prepensivious — A state of thinking about what you want to while someone talks about something you are not interested in.
Croupine — Cigarette hack.
Polymessybalization — The process of writing a term paper whereby one thinks of a big word and then writes a sentence or even a paragraph around it.
Cupicator — One who expresses himself artistically through the media of paper cups.
Preadulation — Washing your instructor's car before you even have him for a class.

College Man Commentary

BY PETE CATHELL

Looking back at the rise and subsequent demise of McCarthyism the tendency is to dismiss it as a black page of American history on a par with the Red scare of the early twenties. It is indeed true that as a formal agent for purging our government of subversive elements it is passe but its effects are still with us in more subtle forms. Nowhere is this influence more evident than by listening to a secondary school student's answer to the question of the fundamental difference between the governments of Russia and the United States. Usually it is settled with the statement that we have freedom and the Russians do not. For a seventh grader this is as good an answer as can be expected. But when high school graduates and large masses of the voting population cannot improve on this answer, then it appears that a well informed populace is suffering because of blind loyalty.

By stretching the imagination it is not hard to see how such unthinking beliefs can lead to disillusionment upon coming upon facts which at first glance seem to disprove the superiority of our system. Perhaps the fault lies primarily with the teachers themselves who know so little of the struggle taking place. They are content to fall back on the hackneyed expression of "If you don't like the way things are here, go to Russia." No one will deny that as Americans we should feel lucky about living in this civilization, but a system which can in forty-odd years reach a point of favorable comparison with the United States is worthy of study even if we harbor no thoughts of emulating it.

But it appears that this problem will be with us as long as international tension exists and since science has progressed in spite of dogmatic hangovers from the Middle Ages, we hope there will be a solution equally as satisfying in this area. But in the meantime the obnoxious, flag waving super patriot will haunt us until people have learned the virtue of intelligent and rational observation.

Status Seekers Reviewed in Conversation Series

BY DONNA MAHAFFEY

Jack Messick, a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee, led the conversation concerning the book **THE STATUS SEEKERS** by Vance Packard on Wednesday evening, February 24. Aptly fulfilling his role as moderator, Mr. Messick made his points clear, concise, and interesting.

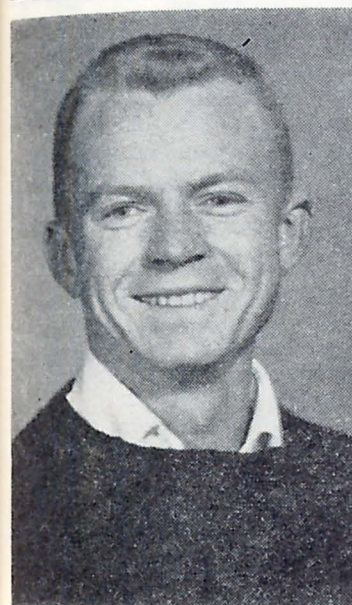
In his recapitulation of the book, Mr. Messick pointed out that the author classifies society into four groups: upper middle, middle, lower middle, and lower. Each of the strata are imbued with their separate symbolisms. The upper middle class are of the old, staunch families. They are proud of their heritage — a sort of aristocracy in a democratic nation. Having recently acquired wealth in the past few decades, the middle class is concerned primarily with achieving social success via large houses, nice neighborhoods, and extravagant cars. Forming a wide range of skilled craftsmen and artisans are the "blue collar" workers — the lower middle class. The lower class is made up of those on relief and supported by the government.

Mr. Packard further categorizes society through the "grid system" which not only measures status but gives point value as well. He explains that the Grid places people in a given class by a vertical line which represents religion and ethics and a horizontal line representing economic values. Because this rigid classification would enable people to know their position and feel comfortable in it, Mr. Packard feels that we are approaching this state.

Going a bit further, the author enumerates nine stresses that he feels are responsible for this tendency. They are economic factors: (1) the elimination of stepping stones, (2) the trend toward specialized training, (3) the fragmentation of skills, (4) the growth of bureaucracy, (5) the growing chasm between proprietor and employer, (6) the role of the union in "freezing" men to their job; and non-economic factors: (7) the tendency of people to socialize in their own economic level, (8) the division of legislation into separate blocks by politicians, and (9) social identification by residential area.

Once the status system becomes solidified, one may effect change only by marrying off daughters to rich men, sending children to prestigious colleges, or entering one of the newer fields of employment.

Mr. Messick, in his personal evaluation of the **STATUS SEEKERS**, felt that the book relied too heavily upon theory. Also, he believed that our present society is not quite ready to reject the "rags to riches" theory in favor of a "comfortable", but stagnant, status classification as described in the book.



JOHN MESSICK

STC's Gym Club Drills For Spring Exhibitions

For the past several months Coach Maggs and the members of the gym club have been spending many after-class hours working and drilling on techniques of gymnastics. All this is not only for their own enjoyment but also in preparation for exhibitions which will be given at various high schools on the shore. Students and faculty of State Teachers College will have a chance to see the club in action during our regular assembly period on Tuesday, March 22.

The bulk of talent in the club comes from last year's team which was a revival of gym activities in the school after a three years' lapse. Coach Maggs expresses regret that only few freshmen are finding the gym apparatus a lure for achievement but states that the present club does contain much potential.

The exhibition on March 22 will be the club's first of the year on the campus and will include action on the high bar, parallel bars, mats, foot tramp, and elephant. Members of the club are as follows: Neil LeCompte, Jim Christian, Les Milbourne, J. D. Longfellow, Bill Outten, Bed Blades, Bob Kay, Wesley Fortney, Gordon Gladden, Wayne Moore, Virginia Stellges, Helen Mae Ellis, Faye Parker, Julie Spedden, Joyce Davern, with John Barnes as manager. The club depends heavily on the services of Sophomores Neil LeCompte and Jim Christian and on Freshman Bob Kay.

Sophanes Rehearse One-Act Saroyan Play

On March 1st, the Sophanes Players had their first meeting of the semester to decide on the Spring production. William Saroyan's one-act drama, **Hello, Out There**, was chosen. Freshman John Payne was cast in the lead role, that of Photo Finish, an itinerant gambler who is jailed in a Texas town on a trumped-up rape charge.

Helen Ellis and John Messick Chosen Mr. and Miss STC for 1960

Miss Helen Mae Ellis and Mr. John Messick received the honor of being chosen Mr. and Miss STC in a campus-wide election held February 26. They have been selected as the two persons who have contributed the most beneficially to all phases of the college environment during an eight semester period.

Miss Ellis, of Bishop, Maryland, has actively participated in a variety of campus activities since her enrollment in September, 1956. Because of her high academic record and her numerous extra-curricular activities she was chosen last

Towson Finally Defeated by Salisbury

Yes, Salisbury finally defeated Towson, but it took the girls to do it!

Journeying to Towson for the game, the STC girls enjoyed the evening meal before opposing the Towson varsity at 7:30. To the tune of 40-29, this Western Shore team went down to defeat. Beth Reid, recently transferred from the J.V. squad to the varsity because of the loss of so many players, led the way with 16 points. Also, worthy of mention, was the excellent defensive playing of the STC guards: Pat Lloyd, playing front, center guard, indeed deserves recognition, since she is the only member of the squad who has started in every game this year.

Jackie Dickerson's 6 points was the best for the J. V. squad as they met defeat by a score of 17-11. However, no one complained about this first loss for the J.V. lassies, for Towson has finally been defeated by STC !!!

SPORT LIGHTS

Both the Skyrockets and the Torpedoes traveled to St. Mary's for volleyball games on the 13th of February. The girls were optimistic for a while by the fact that there was a possibility of their being snowbound.

In the semi-final playoffs, the Skyrockets varsity volleyball team defeated Sharptown 2 out of 3 games. However, in the finals, the STC girls lost 2 out of 3 games to Bounds-Phillips. Therefore the Salisbury lassies took no trophies in the league this year.

Big news for the STC girls around campus is that of intramural basketball and volleyball competition. The Cereal League has been set up by the capable intramural basketball managers, Judy Tyler and Joan Cowan. At present, there is a three-way tie for first place. In intramural volleyball, a two-way tie exists between the Schizlers and the Coonties, captained by Sue Waller and Carol Banks, respectively.

Modern and folk dancing time is here again for the physical education department as they begin preparing for the college's annual May Day.

The ARFCW Conference was held at Salisbury during the weekend of March 4-5. This conference was headed by STC, the 1959-60 president college, with representatives from nearly all colleges in Maryland. More news will follow on this later.



HELEN MAE ELLIS

Less Baseball or More Money

Spring, that wonderful time of year when a young man's fancy turns to . . . baseball? Well, I suppose sometimes he thinks about other less important matters. Yes, that wonderful time of year when young men meet to sweat together.

I imagine everyone remembers last year's baseball season. The S.T.C. Gulls enjoyed an undefeated season. We had such an easy time going undefeated that several members of the student body decried the fact that we really didn't have any competition. Yes, that is indeed true — we didn't have any competition, but it wasn't our fault. The Gulls would have been more than happy to have played any team that came down here. We might even have won, too. Ah, well, enough of mere speculation.

As we have all heard before S.T.C. is unable to support a broad athletic program since our enrollment is not great enough to enjoy the advantages of wealth. Small enrollment, small sum accumulated from the athletic fee. We must remember that we, the students, pay for our athletics. If we want a larger program we will have to pay more. Considering our enrollment and the number of activities which our athletic fee supports, S.T.C. does a fine job.

There is no point in idle fault-finding. Grippers are rarely doers. If you want more YOU must pay more — take your choice.

— Jack Messick

Student Teacher Substitutes

Mrs. Jane West, second grade teacher in the Campus Elementary School, was a patient in Peninsula General Hospital from February 29 until March 4. Mrs. West's student teachers, Mrs. June Taylor Smith and Miss Gloria Miller, have been substituting during her absence.

Newspaper Staff Attend Columbia Press Conference

Three members of the Holly Leaf staff will attend the Columbia Press Conference in New York City from March 16 through March 18. Janet Hart, '60, Editor; Loretta Fitzsimmons, '61, Sports Editor; and Donna Mahaffey, '63, reporter, will be accompanied by Mrs. A. L. Fleming, Staff Advisor, at the Teachers' College Division of the annual convention.

At the Conference, the staff members will attend discussions, divisional meetings, and evaluation assemblies. The meeting will close with a luncheon meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Since evenings are free, Holly Leaf representatives plan to enjoy a Broadway play and to see as much of the city as possible.

Transportation, hotel accommodation, and conference fees are financed by the Student Government Association. This allotment was taken care of in the budget drawn up last fall.

This is the second year in succession that the Holly Leaf has sent members of the staff to the Conference. The college newspaper is not, however, a member of the Conference. Plans are being made to join the Columbia Press Conference next year. Membership will entitle the Holly Leaf to periodic literature and evaluation by a journalism expert.

Rudie Sinfonietta Brings "Refined Entertainment"

The Community Concert Association has once again brought to Salisbury an evening of outstanding talent. In addition to the announced soloists, each of the twelve members of the Rudie Sinfonietta were of solo caliber.

The audience at the February 29 concert was pleasantly surprised at the unique introduction of the Sinfonietta. As conductor-director Rudie introduced each musician, the sound of music was sustained until the entire ensemble blended into the finished chord.

Robert Rudie presented an evening of refined entertainment with his own contributions as conductor, soloist, interpretationist and humorist. His relaxed manner and his comments added to the performance.

As conductor, Mr. Rudie proved quite capable in his interpretation of the Haydn Symphony No. 49; as soloist, he excelled in Saint-Saens' *Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso*; and as humorist, he shone in the Offenbach *Interlude*, in which the music seemed to laugh at itself.

Baritone Robert Kirkham and soprano Phyllis Williams proved to be dashing and charming in the Mozart excerpts from *Don Giovanni*. The concluding portion of the concert was set in a gay, Parisienne cafe. *Monsieur Rudie* became the waiter-owner, and Mr. Kirkham and Miss Williams, the singing guests. This section was light and gay — the icing for the cake.

The highlight of the evening remained the harp solos. Miss Susann McDonald proved her worthiness of the Grand Premier Prix in her superb performance and interpretation of Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro*. The harp lent itself well to the impressionistic mood.

—Joanne Little

On March 15, 1960, Mrs. Elizabeth Maldve from Hungary, will speak during the assembly hour on the threat of Russian Communism in the present political situation.

Sonnet No. 97

BY G. MILTON PINE

The grey translucence of the day
More mirrors my own sorrows
Than shows me those of the world.
All melancholy lies in shades,
In blindness to the multiforms
Of revelation that surround us,
In obscurity of proportion,
And is antithesis of insight.

There is no point within the swing
Of pendulum from glaring light
To blinding dark that shows the
truth:

In distillation of extremes
Alone is glimpsed the hint of
forms . . .

The wraith that is our yesterdays,
The ghost of what is here and now,
The monster that we call
tomorrow,
And all the shades divorced from
time.

Public Health Scene Viewed in Coffee Hour

Salisbury students will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Seth Hurdle, Medical Officer for Wicomico County, and Director of the Watson Memorial Clinic, discuss health problems in the State of Maryland at the conversation scheduled by the Cultural Affairs Committee for March 8 at 6:30.

Dr. Hurdle, a graduate of the University of Virginia, has entitled his discussion, "The Public Health Doctor Views the Scene." He will discuss the public health problems in Maryland in relation to such angles as the laws of Maryland as related to illegitimacy, and the problem of illegitimacy itself. Another problem to be discussed will center around pre-marital health tests in the State, and why they have not been legally installed. The status of communicable diseases in the area, such as tuberculosis, and what Maryland is doing to correct the problem, will also be discussed.

Dr. Hurdle is also expected to comment on the status of socialized medicine on the state level. It is expected that this will be a discussion of especial interest to all students enrolled in the education program.

Tom Wimbrow, a member of the Cultural Affairs Committee, will be discussion leader. The program will be held in the Student Activity Center.

British Exchange Teacher Compares Education

On Wednesday evening, February 10, the Cultural Affairs Committee was fortunate to have as their guest speaker, Miss Mary Grey, an exchange teacher under the Fulbright plan from Slough, England. Miss Grey is presently a music instructor at Wicomico High School. She discussed in an interesting and enlightening fashion the British system of education as compared to our own.

Miss Grey mentioned that although each of the two countries merit equal amounts of praise and criticism for their educational systems, there are sharp contrasts occurring especially during the pre-college years.

The British child is enrolled at four in a sort of "infant education" schooling and until seven remains there learning approximately the same fundamentals as our own kindergarten children. Following this "infant education", the child is transferred to what is known as the Junior School. At eleven, every British youngster is required to take a rigid examination which has the effect of "streaming" the participants into groups of their own intellectual peer. Usually from this point on, their type of future schooling is predestined, yet may be changed from an olver to a more academic level through effort and ability on the part of the student.

Approximately 26% of the children are sent to grammar schools where they receive extensive academic training. They are not given a choice of subjects and it is compulsory that they remain until 16. The mandatory age for schooling of the British child is 15.

Fifteen per cent enter strictly technical schools where they are taught how to be skillful in a cer-

tain trade.

The remainder are placed in secondary modern schools which offer the student a good educational background. Additional streaming occurs here as the children are grouped even more extensively according to their learning ability.

If, upon completion of grammar school, the child wishes to further his education, he may do so by attending the specialized art or science schools and then college. Fifteen percent of the English students go to college.

College tuition, room and board, and books depend upon the parent's ability to pay. Scholarships are made available mainly through individual boroughs and the State.

Other very interesting topics concerning relationships between the United States and Britain were brought forth during the conversation.

Throughout the evening coffee was served by the Social Committee, Pat Bailey, chairman.

University of Maryland Presents Interpretative Dance Recital

On March 29 the Modern Dance Troop of the University of Maryland will present a recital at 1:45 in the auditorium. The group consists of students majoring in dance at the university and is under the direction of Dorothy Madden, head of the division of modern dance. They will present numbers from their formal concert recently given at Maryland. The numbers will be in a modern vein, ranging from classical to light interpretations. The program is designed to acquaint the audience with the development of dancing technique and the versatility of modern dance.

SGA Presidential Nominations Held Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 8, at 1:45 P.M. candidates for president of the Student Government Association were nominated and presented their campaign speeches at an assembly set aside according to the S.G.A. Constitution for that purpose. As this paper goes to press there has been but one person to throw his hat into the ring. If no one else indicates a willingness to run for office by Friday, March 4, Tom Wimbrow, present Vice-President of the S.G.A. will be the sole candidate. If this happens nominations for S.G.A. Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be heard from the floor.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, March 15, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. A two-thirds majority of the student body is required to win the election.

