

STC Expects Increased Enrollment

Plans Underway for Seniors Day

Tentative plans for the 18th annual "Seniors' Day" at STC are now being developed. This is undoubtedly one of the highlights of our school year. Invitations to all high school seniors of the six lower Eastern Shore counties; Delmar, Laurel, Seaford, and Bridgeville, and the counties of northern Virginia are being sent out.

Mr. Focht, who will return to STC as an instructor next semester, is the chairman of this event this year and Dr. Bosley is the co-chairman. Early in the second semester they will enlist the aid of many of our students for help in planning the program. Along with the students and the chairmen in program planning will be the work of Mrs. A. L. Fleming, Mr. Glenn, and Mr. White.

As has been the custom in past years, this event will include a gym exhibition by both the men and women, open house in both of the dorms, an "All College Show" consisting of the combined talents of many students, and finally a dance.

Let's all do our best to work with the faculty and make this the best "Seniors' Day" that has ever been at STC.

James R. Focht Returns to Campus

The entire faculty and student body of STC welcomes the return of James R. Focht in February of this year. He was Instructor in Education here five years ago.

Mr. Focht has had a very interesting past. He served as Captain of the United States Navy for three years; he received his B.S. degree from the State Teachers College at West Chester, Pa., and his M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He is now completing his doctor's degree in Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

On his return here in February, he will be the Assistant in Student Personnel and Instructor in Education. He will also spend a considerable amount of time with recruitment, accreditation, and as a Supervisor of Junior High School Teachers. He will teach Education 322 or Mathematics in the Junior High School. Mr. Focht will reside on Albin Ave. here in Salisbury.

Everyone here wishes to welcome him back! We are confident that he will do a splendid job!

A VALENTINE DANCE
WILL BE GIVEN BY
THE FRESHMAN CLASS
FEBRUARY 12

Sophanes Players Plan Two Plays

The Sophanes Players are planning to present two one act plays during our next semester. The first of these plays will be "Pink and Patches." This particular play will be presented on February 18 during our regular assembly period. "The Rope," which is the second of the productions, will be presented sometime in the later part of February or early March at a night performance.

The following cast has been selected for "Pink and Patches": Mrs. Allen, Lee Garland; Ma, June Thorne; Trixie, Charlotte Walsh, and Rexie, Ward Taylor.

The student director for this production will be Shirley Bowdle. All of the various committees such as makeup, properties, etc. have already been chosen.

The cast for "The Rope" is as follows: Abe Bentley, Bill Horner; Mary, Shirley Bowdle; Annie, Connie Hildebrand; Sweeney, Carl Rathgeber, and Luke, Ronnie Windsor.

James Hastings is to be the student director for this performance. With the help of all the members of the Sophanes Players and the entire student body, both of these performances should be a great success.

Libby Elzey New Girls' Dorm Pres.

The position of president of the Womens' Dormitory Association was left vacant when Jeanne Burns Willis did not return to STC after the Christmas holidays.

New Building Next Hope of Library

Every once in a while we stop in the midst of our busy careers to celebrate, commemorate and appreciate an institution which is so familiar to us that we sometimes tend to take it for granted. Such an institution is the college library under the supervision of Mrs. Grace Strickland Chaires, our competent and gracious librarian, and her assistants. Nowhere else in STC is there a more perfect setting for work and study. Noise and confusion may reign in the corridors of STC but inside the library there is peace and serenity. Here we find information to satisfy anyone's thirst for knowledge, willing help and assistance in case we are stumped, and entertainment in fictional books beyond any one person's scope of reading. Today there are 25,647 books in the library, a very fine collection of pictures both mounted and classified, a large section of bound periodicals, a growing audio-visual department and a curriculum lab for student teachers and faculty. All this has been brought about with the help of many plans and



SNOW STORM HITS STC — Pictured from left to right: Fred Kille, Bill Eley, Mozelle Pardew, and Doris Burke.

Changes Being Discussed On Teachers Curriculum

Within the past year representatives of the Maryland Teachers

As is the usual procedure, the vice-president, Libby Elzey, filled the vacancy. Libby is a junior here and lives in Seaford, Del. As yet no new vice-president has been elected by the dormitory group.

Carolyn Bundick is secretary-treasurer of this Association.

college faculties have held six meetings under the sponsorship of the State Department of Education for the purpose of considering several recommended changes in the curricula of the five teachers colleges. These meetings were held on March 4, June 11, 12, and 13, July 20, October 16 and 31, 1953, and on January 8 of 1954. The June 11, 12, 13 and October 31 meetings were workshops and

tireless workers. But it was not always like this.

In 1925 when the school was first founded the library consisted of not quite 6,000 books. In those days it was the practice to supply students with textbooks and thus only a small portion of the many delegated to the library remained to purchase books. Miss Dorothy Doerr was in charge of the library then and in that year the library occupied practically all the first floor of the only wing which was then constructed. In 1928 Mrs. Lucy Bennett was head librarian. One of her major instigations in the library was the picture file which many of us see in our work, particularly student teachers.

Mrs. Grace Chaires became the first full-time librarian in 1937 and one of her main ambitions was that STC should become a member of the American Association of Teacher's Colleges. The school had to have, among other things, a full-time professionally trained librarian and a collection of at least 15,000 books. Of these the number of duplicate books,

bound periodicals and published documents were not to exceed 15%. Money necessary to have this realized was contributed by the State Board and some contributions came from the home libraries of the citizens of Salisbury.

There has been a great change in the status of the college library in the past 25 years and there is still a greater change to come as witnessed by the plans for the new library which is to be built between the main building and the men's dormitory. In earlier days the library had practically no part in the real training of the student, but used to be a time when books were chained to the desk and only a privileged few were permitted to use them. Today we have a new picture. Every teacher expects some part of the student's time to be spent in reading and research. Consequently, the library has reached the acme in importance. And so we point with pride to our library and give a vote of thanks to the people who are in charge. May we learn to know and appreciate them more.

Second Semester Starts Feb. 1

According to figures released by the President's Office, State Teachers College anticipates an increased enrollment in both full- and part-time students during the second semester. The enrollment now stands at 375, the second highest enrollment in the history of the College, and it is expected to go higher with additional registrations for night classes.

Enrollment statistics for the current year reveal 154 students in teacher education, 113 in the junior college division, and 108 special students.

New enrollees indicate attendance from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, New York and Connecticut.

STC'eans will welcome back Emory Highman, George Mason, Lionel Massey, Hugh Shores, Preston Silvia, Philip Slacum, Charles Smith, and Herman Truitt, all of whom will return to enroll as upperclassmen.

were attended by more than 100 faculty members representing all of the colleges. A third workshop meeting of the faculties is scheduled for April 3 at the State Teachers College at Towson.

At the Steering Committee meeting of January 8, reports were given by representatives of each college concerning the thinking of the faculties on the types of courses which should be required in general education and in professional education. Four of the colleges reported general but not unanimous agreement that the work in general education could be completed in 65 semester hours, and that 35 hours of professional education would probably be sufficient. This plan would allow all regular students of the four-year course to choose 28 hours of elective courses. A majority of the colleges seem to favor increasing the number of hours of electives over the number allowed at present. A majority of the colleges favor permitting elementary and junior high school students to elect up to 14 hours in one subject field of the student's choice in addition to the required hours in general education during the freshman and sophomore years. The remainder of the 28 elective hours could be distributed among the different academic and professional fields as the student and his counselor may decide.

It was agreed at the January 8 meeting that all the faculties should prepare recommendations for content of the offerings in general and professional education to be submitted for discussion at the April 3 workshop.

All proposals made by the planning groups and faculties will not go into effect until approved by the State Board of Education.

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AS THE EDITORS SEE IT

Assembly Problem

Well-versed lecturers, stage-seasoned performers, familiar amateur entertainers — a wealth of education and enjoyment at our feet. Yet we students of STC will not take advantage of the fine assembly programs offered us each Thursday morning.

Do We Appreciate Our Assemblies?

Lately, there is some controversy around the school about assembly attendance. Some are of the opinion that the students of STC do not take an active interest in the assemblies, especially those of a serious nature, such as speakers.

The Maryland State Board of Education places great stock in the worth of such programs — so interested are they, in fact, that they have allotted one thousand dollars to Salisbury Teachers College alone for the present school year.

As intelligent students of a fine institution, let us prove ourselves worthy of the interest shown in our welfare. Let's take advantage of the opportunities offered us. We'll be helping ourselves as well as upholding the fine traditions of Salisbury State Teachers College.

It seems a shame that the students do not take advantage of every opportunity given them, for after all, the assemblies are for our benefit. Small things like poor assembly attendance make the older generation lose faith in us.

Another point brought up was the discourtesy shown during assemblies. The constant hum which is sometimes heard during the program is annoying, not only to the speaker, but also to those in the audience who are trying to listen.

Let's see if we can not bring up assembly attendance and at the same time boost ourselves as students in the eyes of others.

JACKIE MOORE

Seniors' Room

Most of the students around the campus do not realize the faculty and student teachers need a room with a mimeographing machine in it to run off copies of the tests and other things which they may need to aid them in their teaching.

On several occasions I have been in there and have seen books piled on top of the machine and coats piled everywhere in the little room and didn't think a thing about it at the time.

Long live the non-corsage dances at STC!
CLARA MAE MARSHALL

Corsages Are No Longer Necessary

One of the first things noticed about STC dances was that they were non-corsage. This fact aids the boys a great deal. By not having to buy a corsage, the boy can save from three to five dollars at each dance.

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Personnel Committee Discusses June Activity

At the recent January meeting of the Personnel Committee a form of application for activities was introduced. It will be introduced at the next S.G.A. meeting. The official form will be useful to the S.G.A. Social Committee which will be informed of all club activity.

The United States stock of gold on hand amounts to \$22 billion.

Faculty News of First Semester

On January 4, Miss May Truitt, the assistant librarian, gave an illustrated talk on South America for the Traveller's Club.

Mr. A. L. Fleming recently attended a meeting of the National Commission of Resources for the Future at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, D. C.

A testimonial dinner at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore honoring a group of retired school administrators was attended by Dr. J. D. Blackwell on December 20.

The National Convention of Teachers of Science that met in New York City in November was attended by Mr. James F. Glenn.

Mrs. Lucy Bennett visited her daughter, Lt. Rebecca Bennett, in Washington, D. C. at Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell were visited recently by their son, Dr. Richard Blackwell and his family.

Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell is a member of the faculty at the University of Michigan.

Another point of discussion was the matter of induction into the Alumni Association, a tradition of long standing at STC.

Libby Elzey, as the new representative for Women's Dormitory Association, was welcomed to the Personnel Committee to succeed Jeanne Burns Willis whose recent graduation automatically placed Miss Elzey in the capacity.

According to the 1950 census, Arizona's population is 750,000.

STC Mid-Year Graduates Start Teaching 2nd Semester

Come February, three of STC's most prospective teachers will graduate. One will hold and two are holding positions in various locals of Maryland.

In December Jeanne Burns Willis, of Towson, began teaching in Harford County where her husband is also a teacher.

Last but not least, Robert Majors, of Mardela, plans to teach in Wicomico County.

Thoughts?

Do the people of Salisbury like STC? Actually STC is a great institution and should be thought of more highly by the local citizens.

Things have been greatly improved around here. Remember the raids and destruction we used to have several years ago?

Love is for the birds? Just think of all the worries, heartaches, tears, etc., caused by love — it just isn't worth it.

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How do individuals feel about love, sex, affection, passion, etc.? I made a short survey.

New Night Classes For Next Semester

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In addition to the public, students may also enroll. New courses being offered this semester are Guidance in the Elementary and Junior High School, and Nutrition.

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Sport Beat

By Bradley

Well, another thrill-filled year of football has come and gone. It was a good year for both the Pro's and the Collegians.

But enough of the past — let's pry into the present. In the college basketball scene, the boys down south from Kentucky are still in number one position.

Continuing along Sport Beat, I would like to look into a new field for this column, namely Pro-Boxing.

The boxing game is divided up into classes according to weight, regardless of height, color, creed, or age.

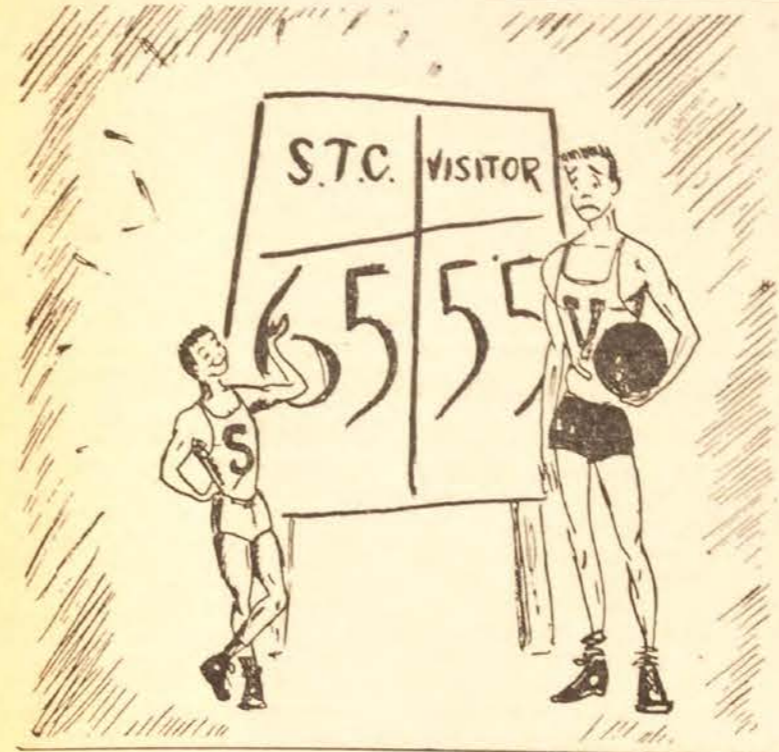
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Gulls Defeat Fort Custis and Glassboro

The STC Gulls got off on the right foot Tuesday, January 5, by out-scoring Fort Custis 66-55.

Roger Ayers, a lanky senior, paced the STC'eans with 22 tallies, 15 of which were scored in the last quarter.

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designated, Harriet Dickerson, Francis Johnson, and Pat Gardner, veterans at the game, were the starting forwards.

Francis Johnson has been elected captain, with Carolyn Bennett assistant captain, and Libby Elzey and Charlotte Walsh as managers.

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STC Girls Open The Sports Season

The girls started the new year out right by continuing their winning streak in volleyball.

Starting again on January 4, they trounced over West Side Independence in two home games.

Beaten twice by Bounds Phillips, the team is determined to down them on January 18.

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Comfortable Sitting

Richard Ward Martin

To many people a chair is merely a chair, nothing more, nothing less. However, to that unfortunate portion of the population whose posterior is lacking in sufficient padding, chairs take on individuality and sitting in them becomes a highly specialized art. Starting at the South end of STC and working North, let us take a look at the seating facilities from a viewpoint of comfortable sitting. Our first stop is the Boys' Dormitory. In this building there are three types of chairs. Type One is the study chair, a straight-backed green metal monstrosity with insufficient padding and a crosspiece calculated to grind unmercifully into the two protruding bones in the back of a slim student. Type Two is the easy chair, a comfortable relaxing chair found in the rooms. To be thoroughly enjoyed a pillow should be put in the chair and the chair should be set at such an angle with the bed that, when the shoulder blades are resting on the pillow and the ankles are crossed on the bed, the toes of the higher foot are level with the eyes. Type Three is the general purpose chair in the lounge. To obtain the maximum degree of comfort in this semi-easy chair the base of the spine should be approximately one inch away from the back of the chair for every six inches of backbone between the base of the skull and the base of the spine.

House. The chairs here are of the same type as those in the lounge in the Boys' Dormitory and should be dealt with in the same manner except when in conference with a member of the faculty. In the above situation it is better to forfeit a measure of comfort and sit with the base of the spine in contact with the back of the chair.

Our next and final stop is the main building which contains five basic types of chair. Type One is the beautiful, but structurally unsound Dining Hall chair. All that can be said for comfort in regard to this chair is that one should try to concentrate on the food and forget the chair. Type Two is the Social Room chair, may the good Lord bless the inventor. It is the most comfortable chair in the college and anyone that is uncomfortable in it is a master of the art of being uncomfortable. Type Three is the auditorium chair. This assemblage of wood and iron was, undoubtedly, dreamed up by a well-upholstered designer and is unconditionally guaranteed to produce first and second degree bruises if contact is maintained for over an hour. Type Four is the Snack Bar chair. This chair is extremely comfortable for a straight chair and, provided the position is shifted occasionally, can be sat in for a considerable length of time without ill effects. The Fifth, and last, type is the classroom chair. There are two ways to escape the battle of bone-vs.-chair in this type. The first method is to sit well back in the

chair and lean forward. The second method is to sit well forward in the chair and lean backward. For students that wish to pass, the former method is recommended as it gives the impression of intense concentration.

While the well-padded majority of the population may not pay much attention to chairs, to the ranks of the under-fleshed, chairs are very important and can make the difference between pleasant living and miserable existence.

Kings Nip Gulls

A highly coordinated King's College quintet out-distanced the S.T.C. Gulls 57-55 last week. With 45 seconds left in the game, Kings scored on two foul shots to break a possible tie. It was a hard fought, even contest from the first whistle. S.T.C. started off with a seven-nothing lead and appeared possible victors. But the Delaware City five, playing a wide open game, scored on a couple of fast breaks and from then on it was a see-saw battle.

Coach Benn Maggs employed a man to man defense at first but shifted to a zone at the half.

Ever dependable Roland Fosky paced the Gulls with 22 points. Bill Eley, controlling the backboards, hit for 18 tallies.

The S.T.C.'ers hustled all the way and looked promising. Do not undersell the Gulls this year! The score: Kings 57, Ruger f. 6-7-19; Sink, f. 1-2-4; Bowser c. 6-2-14; Meredith g. 3-3-9; Shilling g. 5-1-11; Rabine g. 0-0-0; Hoffman g. 0-0-0; Totals 21-15-57.

Salisbury; Fosky f. 7-8-22; Ayers f. 1-4-6; Eley c. 5-8-18; Navitril g. 0-2-2; Long, g. 2-1-5; Curtis g. 0-0-0; Shockley g. 0-0-0; Bousds g. 1-0-3; Totals 16-23-55.

Alumni News

Engagements

Sue Robeson became engaged December 18 to Lt. Robert Finley now stationed in Quantico.

Helen Bloxon Cox and William Jackson Hall announced their engagement January 14.

Marriages

Is a candlelight setting Marlon Pranis became the bride of William David Peper December 26, Riverton.

Elsie May Vollmer and Airman Rebane were married December 27 in the Bethany Dutheran Church.

Special Honors

Curtis G. McDowell recently received his wings.

Walter Johnson is now the principal at Solomons.

Mrs. Philip P. Schisler recently had an audition with Rosa Posselle, the leading soprano with the Metropolitan Opera for many years. Miss Posselle later suggested the Baltimore Civic Opera Company to Mrs. Schisler.

Visitors

Howard J. and Doty Donnelly recently paid a visit to Salisbury.

News in General

Charlie Smith, Phil Slacum, Lloyd Harrington will attend S.T.C. second semester.

Donald Turner is now teaching in Bethesda.

"Spuck" Bennett, a graduate of 1953, is now teaching in the East Salisbury School. Spuck has been studying business at Goldey-Beacom in Wilmington, Del.

Eugene Lilley was discharged from the U.S.A.F. early last fall, and has joined his family in North East.

Women's Basketball Schedule 1954

Fri.	Jan. 15	Kings College	Home
Thurs.	Jan. 21	Goldey Beacom	Away
Fri.	Jan. 29	Goucher College	Home
Fri.	Feb. 5	Towson	Away
Fri.	Feb. 19	Goldey Beacom	Home
Tues.	Feb. 23	Kings College	Away
Sat.	Feb. 27	Towson or	(Home)
		(tentative)	
		Hood College	(Away)

STC'eans Show Much Enthusiasm at Games

STC'eans came out with much enthusiasm at our first home basketball game with Fort Custis, especially during the last half of the exciting game. The Cheerleaders were well supported with an amazingly large crowd of rooters at the game. Not only were the cheerleaders proud of the rooters but also the rooters were happy to see the cheerleaders really in there pitching. This was the first time the cheerleaders had performed in their new uniforms and we might add that they looked quite sharp in their maroon and white uniforms.

The cheerleaders are hoping to introduce some new cheers in the near future and stage some more pep rallies so everyone can become acquainted with all the cheers—new and old! The purpose of wanting new cheers is to keep up the spirit of the rooters so they will not become tired of shouting the same old cheers.

We feel confident our enthusiastic rooters about our squad of cheerleaders will cheer the "Gulls" to a successful basketball season. Good luck, "Gulls," we're behind you all the way!

The world's two largest telescopes, located at Mt. Wilson and Palomar Observatories in California, are operated jointly by the Carnegie Institute of Washington, D. C., and the California Institute of Technology.

February Filled With Interesting Events

In addition to the regularly scheduled basketball and soccer games announced for February, the Activity Calendar holds other and varied types of activity. On February 7 the Alumni Public Relations Committee Mrs. Paul Cooper chairman, will hold a luncheon meeting in the college dining hall.

The Freshman-sponsored Valentine Dance will be the outstanding social event. Under the leadership of Freshman president Dave Meredith, committees are busily engaged in planning a colorful and entertaining evening.

On February 18 and 19 the State Department of Education will sponsor here an educational conference for the supervisors of this section. Planned on the Language Arts Program, Mrs. Marjorie Seddon Johnson of the Temple University Reading Clinic will serve as consultant.

On February 18 as elsewhere announced the Sophanes Players will present their first performance of the year, a one-act play, PINK AND PATCHES, starring Charlotte Walsh.

On February 27 STC coeds will travel to Hood College to participate in a Play Day sponsored by the host school. Women to play on basketball, table tennis, badminton, bowling, and swimming teams will go, Miss Alethea Whitney, Director of Women's Physical Education, has announced. The group will spend the night at Hood and return to State Teachers on Sunday.

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