

# HOLLY THE LEAF

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## CAMPUS ELECTION RESULTS



MISS STC  
Nancy Atkinson



MR. STC  
James Fox



BEST WOMAN ATHLETE  
Carole Kirkwood



BEST MAN ATHLETE  
Murray Smith

### Fox and Atkinson Elected Mr. and Mrs. STC

SGA Announces Results of Recent Campus Elections  
The SGA sponsored and directed elections held this past week indicate STC's choice for campus leaders. These elections, held by order of the SGA Constitution in February of each year, are traditionally released to the student body by the "Holly Leaf." This year, top honors go to James Fox and Nancy Atkinson as Mr. and Miss STC; Murray Smith and Carole Kirkwood as Best Man and Best Woman Athletes; and Regina Hughes and Jay McCrea as May Queen and Escort. By virtue of being runner-up to the Queen, Helen Mae Ellis will be the Maid of Honor. Also released is the news of Woodrow Robbins being the Most Scholarly Man and Virginia Messick the Most Scholarly Woman. This last honor is not decided under the auspices of the Student Government Association.

Atkinson and Fox STC's Choice  
In early February the Junior Class nominates candidates for Mr. and Miss STC. Those eligible for this honor must have an average of at least 2.0 for a minimum of six of the preceding seven semesters and must possess "outstanding qualities of citizenship, character, school spirit, devotion, and leadership." The first qualification naturally requires that those elected be members of the Senior Class. The student body elected James Fox and Nancy Atkinson to receive this honor.

James Fox, son of Reverend and Mrs. Clarence Fox of Bishopville, Md., is enrolled in the Junior High Curriculum, majoring in math and science, and is student teaching this semester at Stephen Decatur. Last year Mr. Fox held the office of Vice President of the Junior Class; this year he is President of the Senior Class. In the past three and a half years, he has been active in all men's intramural sports.

Nancy Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Atkinson of Baltimore, Md., is a 1955 graduate of Catonsville High School. Enrolled in the Elementary Curriculum, she is student teaching the sixth grade at the Campus Elementary School this semester. She is Co-Editor of the "Evergreen" and Treasurer of the Philosophy Club. She has been active on the "Holly Leaf" staff for the past four years and holds the position of Business Manager of this publication. She has also been a member of the College Chorus throughout her four years at STC.

#### Smith and Kirkwood Chosen Best Athletes

Nominations for candidates for the Best Man Athlete and Best Woman Athlete are made in February.

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### Pressures of the Age Seen as Main Cause in Mental Illness Increase

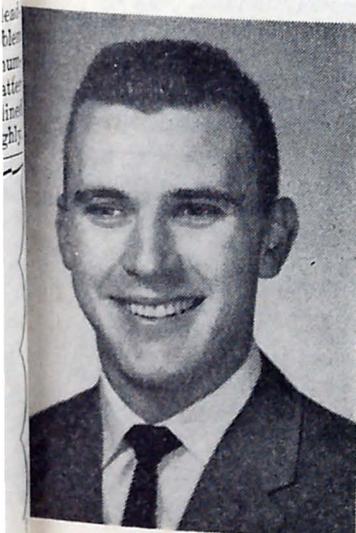
Dr. George Currier, Superintendent of the Eastern Shore Mental Hospital at Cambridge, Maryland, was the guest speaker at the third in a series of Coffee Hours held here on February 17. In the discussion on "The Phenomenon of Mental Illness," Dr. Currier stated that he feels this illness, which is the greatest single problem aside from that of existence, is on the increase due to the extreme pressure of our age.

Centering his comments around issues of especial interest to college students, Dr. Currier approached the subject from five questions. In the first of these, "How does the specialist in mental health account for the preponderance of mental illness?", Dr. Currier pointed out that over 50 per cent of the patients entering doctors' offices today have some form of nervous disorder. Although certain types have always been present, it is on the increase partly because of the increase in population and partly because of the increase in elderly people in our society. In fact, over 40 per cent of the people in mental hospitals today are over 65. Also to be considered is that more people are availing themselves of psychological service since it is becoming

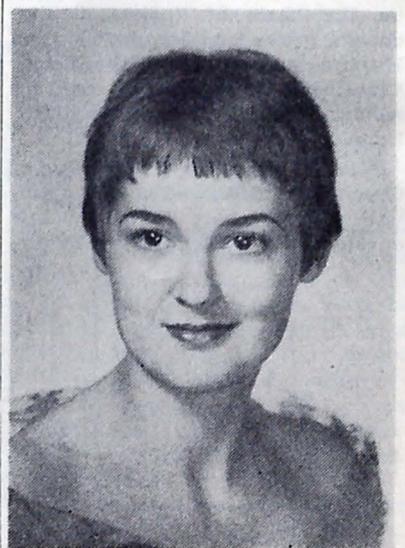
more widely accepted as simply another form of illness. If this widespread crippling disease would be fully accepted on the same basis as physical illness, there would be even more patients striving to enter already crowded hospitals. This is even more staggering when one realizes that it takes much longer to cure a mental than a physiological illness.

The second question considered by Dr. Currier was, "How does the specialist define mental illness?" Approaching this question also from the standpoint of the court and the layman, he emphasized the diversities and corresponding confusion in defining the illness. In the courts, to determine the mental condition of a person, a sanity hearing is held in which doctors testify giving their professional opinion, whereupon the jury, or in the absence of a jury, the judge decides whether or not the person in question is "insane." To the layman mental illness may be synon-

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MOST SCHOLARLY MAN  
Woodrow Robbins



MAY QUEEN  
Regina Hughes

The "Holly Leaf" regrets that no picture of Mrs. Virginia Messick, Most Scholarly Woman, was available.

The "Holly Leaf" regrets that no picture of Jay McCrea, Queen's Escort, was available.

## Election

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ruary by the MAA and WAA Board. The Women's Athletic Association bases its qualification on a strict point system, which means that the Best Woman Athlete will most likely be a senior, since a senior, logically, has had more time to accumulate points. The Men's Athletic Association bases their choice somewhat more loosely on points. The Board nominates two or three men who have been active in an all-around sports program. The student body then has the deciding vote in determining Best Athlete.

Carole Kirkwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kirkwood of Baltimore, was graduated from Eastern High School in 1955. Miss Kirkwood has accumulated 1285 points for participation in women's sports at STC. She has played varsity volleyball and hockey since she enrolled in 1955, and has also played intramural softball and basketball. Last year, she was manager of the Varsity Basketball Team. She is this year President of the Women's Athletic Association. She has been on the STC Bowling League since its installation outside college program; she coaches St. Petersburg Church Basketball League. Miss Kirkwood has also been active in the College Chorus for the past three and a half years. Last year she was President of that organization and Vice President of the Christian Association.

Murray Smith, a native of Denton, Md., and a Navy veteran, receives for the second consecutive year the honor of Best Man Athlete. Mr. Smith is a member of the Junior Class, enrolled in the Junior High Curriculum. At STC he has played Varsity Basketball and Baseball and intramural basketball throughout his three years here. Outside of college, he plays on a town basketball team, and on a town softball league.

### May Queen and Her Court Decided

The May Queen and her Escort are nominated by the student body in a nomination assembly sponsored by the SGA in early February. The man and woman who are runners-up to the Queen and Queen's Escort become Maid of Honor and her Escort.

The Queen, according to the SGA Constitution, shall be elected on the basis of "poise, dignity, charm, grace, and beauty." Regina Hughes, a member of the Senior Class, has been elected as the woman fulfilling these qualifications.

Miss Hughes, who is a native of Greensboro, Md., and a 1955 graduate of Greensboro High School, is enrolled in the Elementary Educa-

tion Program at STC. She was chosen for inclusion in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1958-59. This year, she is Co-Editor of the "Evergreen," President of STC Wesley Foundation, a member of the Science Club, and the Bowling League, and also serves as intramural tennis manager on the WAA Board. This past November she was a Senior representative to the Harvest Court.

The Queen's Escort is elected on a basis of "fine countenance, well-proportioned physique, poise, gentlemanly air, and appropriate and neat dress." Jay McCrea of the Sophomore Class will be Escort to the Queen this spring. Mr. McCrea attended STC as a Freshman in the school year 1954-55. At the end of his Freshman year, he withdrew from college for a two-year term in the U.S. Army Paratroopers. He reentered this fall, while still Army personnel. He received his official discharge from military service this past October. At STC, this year, he is a member of the Varsity Basketball and Soccer Teams. He also sings bass in the College Chorus.

Helen Mae Ellis, who was elected runner-up to the Queen, will be Maid of Honor at the May Day Program. Miss Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ellis of Bishop, Md., was graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in 1955. Miss Ellis attended the Maryland Institute of Art for one semester the year before she enrolled in STC. She is a member of the Junior Class and is enrolled in the Elementary Education Program. She has been active in all Varsity Sports and a member of the College Chorus Ladies' Ensemble since she entered STC. This year she is Vice President of the Student Government Association and art editor of the "Evergreen."

James Davis, as a runner-up to the Queen's Escort, will be Escort to the Maid of Honor. Mr. Davis, of the Sophomore Class, is a member of the College Chorus and a Sophomore Class representative to the Student Government Association.

### Most Scholarly Man and Woman Announced by Registrar's Office

Woodrow Robbins and Virginia Mezick, as the Senior man and woman with the highest academic average for the seven preceding semesters at STC. This honor is announced in February of each year by the Registrar's office.

Mr. Robbins, a 1955 graduate of Cambridge High School, entered STC in September of 1955. In November, 1957, he was married to the former Nancy Klein, who was graduated from Salisbury Junior College in 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Robbins are now living in Salisbury.

Mrs. Stella Virginia Brown Mezick was enrolled in STC in September, 1955. By attending summer school, Mrs. Mezick acquired enough credits to finish college last summer. She will receive her degree with this year's senior class. This year, Mrs. Mezick has been teaching the fifth grade at Beaver Run Elementary School.

### Honored at May Day Program

Traditionally, the Queen of May will reign over the program which will be held on the lawn in the latter part of May. On this day, Mr. and Miss STC, Most Scholarly Man and Woman, and Best Man and Woman Athletes have been honored since the program's installation.

### DEAN'S LIST

First Semester, 1958-59

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#### Seniors

Reida Bowden Butler  
Anna Jones Dufty  
Mary Alice Dyer  
James Lee Henderson  
Sallydale Lynch  
Patsy Ruth Miller  
Robert Felton Schilling  
Doris Stonesifer  
John W. T. Weise  
Elizabeth Calcott Wootton

#### Juniors

Joan Esther Cowan  
Helen Mae Ellis  
Suzanna Robinson  
Sophomore  
Thomas Alan Towers  
3.25 - 3.49

#### Seniors

Rebecca W. Ehrlich  
Woodrow Ernest Robbins  
Albert Freeman Seymour

#### Juniors

Margaret Ann Flannery  
Carolyn Susanne Higgins  
Janice Doreen Hubbard  
Mabel Failes Madden  
Debra Ann Peters

#### Sophomore

Thomas Duncan Wimbrow

#### Freshmen

William Joseph Cotten  
Johanna Edith Dubs  
Evelyn Mae Lofland  
George L. Stelleges

## Mental Illness

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omous with "crazy" or "out-of-his-mind," while those in the medical profession state that "A mental illness might be characterized by deviations in a person's behavior interfering in his ability to deal with and interpret his environment."

Dr. Currier then discussed the question, "What may be said for the role of the school in working cooperatively with other agencies to lessen this social tragedy?" In this, he said that the world is look-

ing to the teacher for "inspiration and leadership" to develop and to induce youth to think themselves. Educators are in a position to nullify such theories proposed in Huxley's "New World" which states that a new world of popular drug addiction will be used by dictators to enslave the world. Also, educators are obligated to help in the area of semantics in order to better public understanding and interpretation, thus facilitating fuller comprehension of meaning.

Next, considering the question, "What are the possibilities of the average citizen reckoning with the problem?" Currier stressed the great damage caused by mental illness in the \$2,000 supplemented patient by the state, the economic loss to the family and community and the misery which the sufferer from public stigma. Since this is a social and community problem, it is therefore public who decides what type of public services we have. He pointed out that we should be aware of the interpersonal problems contributing to this illness: loneliness, security, fears and anxieties, the necessity of assuming responsibilities, the presence or absence of conscience, and an awareness of responsibility to others. The most important in view of the present "I'm for me" attitude is essential to each person feel that he is important and

Finally, answering the question of "How secure does the public feel in the advances being made in research in this field?" Dr. Currier told the group that it is reasonable to expect that if money, and know-how are expended good results will naturally follow. He spoke of the tremendous headway which has already been made due to Freud's work on the function and existence of the subconscious, the theory of frustration, and interpersonal relationships. There have been many techniques developed in treatment the last 20 years, such as psychoanalysis and electroshock therapy. More emphasis is being placed on biochemical research in order to better understand and adequately treat the mentally ill.

In conclusion, Dr. Currier stressed the social responsibilities which we must not neglect upon ourselves in our desire to compete with the known "Joneses." In view of this, he said during the Coffee Hour perhaps we Americans should consider and reevaluate our values and our relation to society.

Isn't it grand to run into a body who not only looks bright but is bright?