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Cultural Affairs Committee Releases '60-'61 Convocation Plans

According to Mrs. A. L. Fleming, chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee, the three convocation speakers for next year have been obtained.

For the fall convocation, to be held October 7, 1960, Mr. Nicholas Goncharoff, a political scientist, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Goncharoff's theme will be "World Youth in an Ideological Conflict."

Mr. Goncharoff should prove an interesting authority on this subject since he is a former Soviet citizen and Russian tank commander. His higher education was received from the University of Odessa and the University of Munich, from which he received his Ph.D. in philosophy and history in 1952. He directed YMCA leadership training programs in American and French zones of Germany before he came to the United States in 1952. One year after his naturalization in 1957, Mr. Goncharoff did first-hand study of attitudes of youth in fourteen nations.

The second convocation for the school year 1960-61 will be the Mid-Year Convocation on February 7, 1961. For this occasion Mr. Cecil Northcott, a theologian, will be the guest of honor. He, too, has a topic that will be enlightening to the student body as well as informative. His topic will be "Africa: Continent of the Twenty-first Century."

Rev. Northcott has been a writer on religious affairs for the Manchester and London papers and editorial secretary of the Lutterworth Press. From 1950 to 1952, he was general secretary of the United Council for Missionary Education. After graduating from Cambridge and London University's School of Oriental and African Studies, he became a Congregational minister. In addition to this, he has made four visits to Africa and is now writing a major biography.

The third convocation, which is the Honor's Day Convocation,

Sixty STC Students Candidates for Diplomas

Sixty students are candidates for receiving diplomas at the Commencement Ceremony on June 6, 1960. Four people will be receiving their Associate of Arts Degree and the remaining fifty-six students will be receiving their Bachelor of Science Degree. The AA degree will be given to those who have successfully completed four semesters in Junior College, while the BS degree will be given to those who have successfully completed eight semesters of study preparing them for the teaching profession.

AA degree candidates are as follows: Lewis Coghil, Elbert Detwiler, Virginia Houchin, and Bon-

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Bertha Adkins Speaks at Commencement

Fifty-six State Teachers College students will be awarded the Bachelor of Science degree at the Commencement exercises on June 6 at 10:30 A.M. Of these, twenty-five are Junior High Education majors, and thirty-one are Elementary Education majors. In addition, four students will receive the Associate of Arts degree.

The Honorable Bertha Adkins, Under Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, will address the graduating



Miss Bertha Adkins

class. A native of Salisbury, Miss Adkins is the daughter of Edna Sheppard and Frederick P. Adkins. She was educated in the public schools of Salisbury, and was graduated from the Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa. She received her B.A. degree from Wellesley College and holds the M.A. degree from Columbia University.

Miss Adkins was appointed to her present office by President Eisenhower in 1958; she is the first woman to ever hold the office. Before taking the Washington post, Miss Adkins was Dean of Women at Western Maryland College for eight years. In 1942 she became Dean of Residence at Bradford Junior College in Massachusetts. Since 1955, she has been a member of the Board of Trustees of American University and is the only woman to serve on its Planning Committee.

Among other "firsts," Miss Adkins was the first woman ever to address the Finnish American Society. In August, 1959, she was the featured speaker at the 14th annual American Days Festival sponsored by this group and held in Pori, Finland. Under the auspices of the International Education Exchange Program of the Department of State, Miss Adkins made an official trip to Poland in November, 1959. She was the only woman of the delegation of four invited by the Polish Government to travel extensively in Poland for the purpose of exchanging views with officials of the Polish Government and Polish institutions.

While serving as assistant chairman of the Republican National Committee from 1953 to 1958, Miss Adkins instituted a series of "Breakfasts with the President." Under this plan, Miss Adkins brought to Washington outstanding women from national women's organizations, colleges and universities, and the business and magazine world, to meet and talk with President Eisenhower.

The Reverend G. William Truitt, Associate Rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury, will deliver the invocation and benediction. The College Chorus will sing "Anthem for Spring" from "Cavellaria Rusticana" with Mary Willis and Charlotte Simmons providing solos.

Candidates for degrees will be presented by Dean Earl T. Willis, and President Wilbur Devilbiss will confer the degrees.

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scheduled for April 25, 1961, will have Dr. Harold Taylor, a former President of Sarah-Lawrence College, as guest speaker. He has recently returned from a period of travel and study in the Near East.

Dr. Taylor's topic will be announced in this paper in an early edition next year along with more information pertaining to his background.

Both the fall and mid-year convocation will be subsidized by the Danford Foundation of the "Arts Program" of the Association of American Colleges.

Address on Man's Destiny At Baccalaureate Service

The Reverend Howard L. Gordy, Jr., speaker at our Easter assembly, will present the address to the Seniors at the Baccalaureate service on "Rendezvous with Destiny" on June 5, 1960. A native of Salisbury, Maryland, Reverend Gordy received his BA degree from the University of Michigan and his BD degree from Yale University. He now serves as pastor of Quantico Methodist Church. In keeping with his theme, excerpts on the dignity of man as a gift from God

and a challenge to man to be strong of character, withstanding and battling all injustices, are taken from the Books of Psalms and Ephesians from the Bible for the Scripture lesson and the responsive readings.

Music for the service is under the direction of Dr. Jessie L. Fleming. The processional hymn will be the majestic "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Charlotte Simmons, a contralto, will sing the solo part of "Ave Maria" with the College Chorus. Jeanne Gladden, soprano, also a soloist with the ladies octette, will sing "Panis Angelicus" by Franck. Accompanists will be Barbara Carstens, Class of '58, Joanne Little, Class of '60, and Charlotte Simmons, Class of '62. "God Ever Glorious" will be the recessional hymn concluding the service.

Students and their parents, faculty members, and the public are invited to attend the Baccalaureate service, which will be held in the college auditorium at 3:00 P.M.

STC Students Honor Dr. Ida Belle Thomas

On May 24, 1960, Dr. Ida Belle Thomas, retiring this year as a teacher in the history department, was given a formal farewell by the entire student body in a Student Government Association sponsored recital in recognition of her thirty-seven years of dedicated service to the teaching profession in general and to State Teachers College at Salisbury in particular.

Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss, President, escorted Dr. Thomas into the assembly hall as SGA President Jack Messick welcomed her on behalf of the many students, past and present, who have had the privilege of learning in her classes. Tom Wimbrow, Vice-President of the SGA and representative of the present student body, presented Dr. Thomas with a Wedgewood bowl.

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SPORTS

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of the game, was the number of fans who turned out to cheer their favorites on to victory. Not only did they offer encouragement to the players, but their attendance at this game as well as throughout the entire season add non-vocal support to Coach Ben Maggs' "Sports for All" program which on occasion has been the subject of some minor local criticism.

The season has ended and with it another school year, so with its close comes the thanks of the participants in the intra-mural leagues to Coach Magg's (Charlie Bett's friend), for organizing a program in which we all, regardless of ability, could participate and enjoy ourselves.

So, with the cry of "someone help Outten with the bases and equipment; and what happened to all the good softballs?", ringing in our ears we say so long — have a wonderful summer, stick with those Orioles, and finally the old cliché . . . "Tennis, anyone?"

Paul Merrill
Sports Editor, 1960-61

SIXTY CANDIDATES

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nie Lee Jones.

Candidates for the BS degree are as follows: George Alford Colonna, Lloyd L. Cooper, Joan Cowan, Julia Crawford, Thomas Daffin, Donald Darby, Mary Alice Dyer, Helen Mae Ellis, Margaret Flannery, Beatrice Gilbert, Janet Hart, Ellen Brown Hawks, Constance K. Hillman, Peter Cathell, Eugene Carstens, David Byrd, Emily Burns, Kenneth Bridges, Robert Bowen, Cecelia Beryk, Joyce Bennett, Marilyn Boston Bandel, Patricia Bailey, Grace Aspian Ayers, Gloria Miller, Joanne Moran, Jane Harris Nashold, Debra Peters, Dean Powell, Sue Magee Purcell, Robert Schilling, June Taylor Smith, Murray Ross Smith, Carolyn Higgins Taylor, George A. Thomas, Mary Joyce Townsend, John Messick, Barbara Marshall, Irvin Marsh, Patricia Mahan, Mabel Madden, Joanne Little, Rose Mae Lewis, Margaret Lewis, Ellen Greig LeBel, Janet Hoffman Judd, Constance Mears Humphreys, Janice Hubbard, Suzanne Robinson Holt, Edward Yawger, Phyllis Yates, Robert West, Mary Jane Weber, Mary Emily Twilley, and Nancy Lee Townsend.

Officers Elected

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registration cards have been filled out and elections have taken place. The members of the women's dorm have selected the following officers to represent them and to work with themselves and the association next September:

President, Jerry Blazek; vice-president, Jackie Davis; secretary-treasurer, Linda Dentz.

Miss Blazek, a capable and vivacious lass, intends to follow much the same policy and pattern as advocated by the out-going officers.

The members of the Men's Dorm have chosen the following officers:

President, Jay McCrae; vice-president, Tom Alderson; secretary, Bill Wheatley; treasurer, Wayne Moore.

Newly elected President Jay McCrae intends to enforce dorm regulations and to work closely with the administration in order to promote suggested policies as brought forth by members of the dorm.

The Christian Association chose as their officers the following:

President, Barbara Crum; vice-president,

STC Seniors Make Future Plans

Many are interested in what the seniors, who will be alumni after June 6, will be doing next year. Questionnaires were sent out to the seniors asking their placements for next year; this same questionnaire also asked for the individuals to mention what were their most treasured results from four years of college.

Many just replied that they would be teaching next year; a few did specify where they would be doing so. Gloria Miller plans to teach the third grade at Bel Air Elementary School; Janet Hart, this year's *Holly Leaf* editor, plans to teach the fifth grade at the State Ridge Elementary School, located in Harford County.

The second grade at West Seaford Elementary will be benefitted by the teaching of Carolyn Taylor, and the fifth grade at Pemberton will be in the capable hands of Joyce Bennett. Gene Carstens plans to teach math and science at Stephen Decatur, Beatrice Gilbert plans to teach the fourth grade at Seaford Central School, and Joanne Little will teach the fourth grade at the Beaver Run School here in Wicomico County. Mary Joyce Townsend and Nancy Townsend replied that although they will be teaching here in Wicomico County they are not sure of which school they will be assigned to do their first year at teaching. Tom Daffin replied that he is going to teach fourth grade at the Ardmore School in Prince George's County. Barbara Marshall plans to teach the second grade somewhere in Harford County, and Peg Flannery, not only plans to start her teaching here in Wicomico County during the coming year, but to be married as well. Pete Cathell and Jack Messick also plan to do something other than teaching immediately upon graduation. They both plan to spend a few years in the U. S. Marine Corps before entering the teaching profession.

Many interesting replies were received from the seniors on their treasured results of college years. Most of them replied college had helped them to make many new and lasting friendships, but more replied that college had given them an intellectual maturity, enabling them to think critically and to have a cultural and aesthetic appreciation. Perhaps

APATHY ON CAMPUS

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Just what are other college students doing? They are actively opposing such issues as state loyalty oaths and right-to-work legislation. They are vigorously supporting the banning of nuclear tests and the right of students to invite controversial speakers to the campus. In short, they are forming opinions, expressing opinions, and acting on opinions.

College students are also disputing the emphasis being put on the Grade. (Note capital G.) According to a cross-country survey college officials are talking more and more about "quality education" and we already know what the majority of the students are doing. They are buckling down, worrying about exams, giving up membership in campus organizations, and glorifying the point average. Again quoting *Mademoiselle* — "Most college students accept the new grimness of the academic grind almost without question. 'This is the way it is,' they seem to say, 'this is the way it's going to be, I'll do my best to succeed on their terms.'" (This editor urges the reader to note the use of the pronouns "I" and "their".)

This is not to say that the *Holly Leaf* is saying that quality education is not important. But, is it really quality in education that we are getting when we become so grade conscious that we forget all else? Is quality education what we are achieving and have achieved when we are found to be wishy-washy in principle and spineless when a situation arises calling for a definite stand one way or the other?

It is gratifying to read of a new vitality, a new Awareness, a new personality in college students around the country. It would be still more gratifying to be reporting that S.T.C. students are realizing that they live in a world broader than the four walls of a classroom — a world that has need for people who can and will form opinions worthy of activation.

the most rewarding comments of all were those which read "college has trained me for a profession."

Should a Catholic Be President?

By Loretta Fitzsimmons

Now, with Senator Morse withdrawing from the race for the Presidential nominee for the Democratic party, it looks as though a Catholic, and a very capable leader, may be facing Vice-President Nixon in November.

Everyone is entitled to freedom of religion according to the Constitution of the U. S., but throughout our history followers of Catholicism have been handicapped politically.

Senator Kennedy has given this country nothing short of excellent political service; he has served his home state of Massachusetts as an efficient senator, and even before he entered the race for the Presidential nomination, there was scarcely a week that passed that his name was not mentioned in the news for something outstanding he had said or done.

How realistic is the oft-repeated assertion that a Catholic would not make a good President because the Pope could tell him how and when to make his decisions? As an STC instructor recently said, Senator Kennedy, if he should become President, will not call the Vatican and ask the Pope's opinion on the decisions he should render.

It is agreed that his religion would influence his leadership

somewhat, for everyone's religion or lack of religion has an influence. However, Roger Brooke Taney, a Catholic who served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, a very high office in this country, never made a decision which his religion determined.

The Constitution gives to each person here in the United States freedom of religion, but is Kennedy's freedom of choice between being a Catholic or being President? It's almost as confusing as the racial issue; the Constitution also gives the Negro citizenship, but the white people are prejudiced against them, too, and do not wish for them to have status in society.

Why don't the voters of this country wake up and recognize a person for what he is — his characteristics, his leadership qualities, and the past record he has set? Many Protestants, who have held the office of President, have lived very poor examples of a Christian life, yet no comment was ever made regarding their faith.

If Kennedy were not Catholic, how many would hesitate to vote for him on the basis of his record in the Senate? Undoubtedly, Kennedy would be the Democrat's next Presidential nominee, but because his religion has been brought into the limelight, he may be like Al Smith and go down to defeat just because the American people are proportionately more anti-Catholic than positive in their determination to have and maintain good government.

Geiger counters, used in finding uranium ores, are offered for sale in some California supermarkets.