

Two Students Receive Honors

Two students of STC have been commended for their abilities in their special fields.

Robert Stephens, a member of the Freshman Class, has been awarded second place in Animal Husbandry in County FFA. By virtue of his honor, Mr. Stephens will attend the FFA Convention in Chicago in late November.

Maryanna Lake, a member of the Sophomore Class, was awarded second place in a speech contest sponsored by the Associated Young Plan of the Maryland Farm Bureau. Her topic was "Changes in the Cost of Marketing Products."

Off-the-Cuff Panel Discussions Are Planned

In their program to create more active interest in the Christian Association, the Executive Board of that organization has outlined a series of panel discussions which it believes will be of interest to most of the student body. The first of these is slated for this Thursday night at 6:30 in the Conference Room. So that the discussions will be completely off-the-cuff, those who will serve on the panel have been told only that their topic will be "Conflicts". The sub-topic will not be known until Thursday at 6:30, at which time Jack Weise, Moderator, will introduce the subject.

Those who have agreed to serve on the panel for this week are Janet Hart, Ada Banks, John Brenner, Jeanne Gladden, Rosemary Moxey, and Joe Evans.

Two-Day Session of MSFTA and SNEA Held

MSFTA Urged to Seek Top-Flight Students As Teachers

At the fall convention of the Maryland Future Teachers of America held at Western Maryland College on Friday and Saturday, October 10-11, delegates were urged to accept the responsibility of seeking A and B-grade people in the teaching profession. In an address on Saturday morning President-Elect, Jean Moser, of the Maryland State Teachers Association spoke to the group on the subject "What MSTTA Expects of the MSFTA." Miss Moser, who has since been installed as the new president of MSTTA, is Co-ordinator of the South Hagerstown High School. She further urged students to encourage college education among high school students.

STC was represented at the Convention by June Taylor, president of the local chapter of SNEA and a member-at-large of the State Executive Committee, and Doris Stonesifer. Dr. Leila Stevens, adviser to the local group, also attended the meeting.

Speaker at the opening session on Friday night was Dr. Walter Snyder of the Baltimore County Board of Education. His address

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THREE SENIOR MEN GIVE VIEWPOINTS TO ROTARIANS ON VALUE OF COLLEGE LIFE

The Rotary Club of Salisbury and the Senior Class of STC were dinner guests of the college on October 31. Dr. Wilbur Devilbiss, himself a Rotarian, arranged the program to show club members "their investment at STC." Three Senior Class leaders gave their impressions of just what college means to the STC student. Richard Morrison, President of the Student Government Association; James Fox, Senior Class President; and Charles Mulford, Senior Class Vice-President, were the three contributing to this part of the program.

Richard Morrison, in viewing "individual growth," began by reminiscing that last year's graduating class summed up their last year of college as one of toil, fun, and growth. He then developed the concept that growth is the most important of these by pointing the student's increasing realization of his responsibility to society. Through the aid of the academic curriculum, as well as the social aspects of the college atmosphere, and the self-discipline the student learns to impose upon himself, he learns to accept his place in society. Mr. Morrison summed up his message by saying: "Therefore, gentlemen, accept these men and women with all of the honor and prestige due their profession, for they will have proven their ability to accept the responsibility."

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Symphony Concerts Held Wednesday

The first of the 3 Baltimore Symphony Concerts sponsored by the Eastern Shore Symphony Society was held Wednesday evening, Massima Freccia conducting.

The first youth concert of the series of two was presented that afternoon at 4:00. To provide a background for this series, Miss Margaret Addis wrote a series of three scripts which were presented over WBOC radio on Tuesday afternoon. All schools in this area were notified of the series so that the pupils could gain an understanding of each of the compositions. The next youth concert of the series will be on March 12. This is the first year that the Baltimore Symphony has presented a series of youth concerts in Salisbury.

In the evening at 8:00 the adult concert was presented. This program consisted of four parts: Von Suppe's "Poet and Peasant Overture," Tchaikowsky's "Symphony No. 6 in B Minor" (Pathetique), Bulten's "Variation on a Theme of Frank Gudge," Wagner's Overture to "Rienzi."

Tchaikowsky's "Pathetique" has been condemned by critics for its "emotional indecency" and "almost unrestrained self-revelation" and defended as the outcries of "a

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Wi-Hi Glee Club Will Present Music Program

The Wi Hi Glee Club, under the most capable direction of Mrs. Orlando Wooten, will present an assembly program on November 18, at 1:45 p.m. in the STC auditorium. Sidestepping the usual procedure of a guest speaker assembly, this presentation will be purely musical entertainment.

The Glee Club, consisting of forty-five members, will render several selections, including religious Thanksgiving songs and a variety of folk music.

Mrs. Wooten, Glee Club Director, is a graduate of Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and has done graduate work at Teachers College at Columbia University. She has been a member of the Wicomico Senior High School faculty for the past three years.

Christian Association Will Sponsor Thanksgiving Assembly

In keeping with the humbleness of the world-wide Thanksgiving season, the Christian Association will sponsor a very simple service to honor this day on November 25 at 1:45 p.m.

Mary Lee Todd, succeeding President of the Christian Association, will preside over the service and will introduce the speaker, the Reverend Robert Varley of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

The College Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Jessie L. Fleming, will render two selections: "Great King of Peace" by Roff and "Thanksgiving Song," a Hungarian folk song. Accompaniment will be provided by Dean Powell and Joanne Little.

Congregational hymns will be "Thanksgiving Hymn" and "Now Thank We All Our God." Reverend Mr. Varley will deliver the Invocation and Benediction.

Wednesday Morning Chapel Service to Be Held Soon

The Christian Association has devised a sensible plan for bringing religious services—and kindling interest in these services—to the Campus; a program of early Wednesday morning chapel services will soon go into practice.

Three weeks ago, Carole Kirkwood, an active member of the Association, spoke to the residents of the Women's Dormitory on the problem of the poor attendance to the Vesper Services which have been held, for the past several years, on Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 6:00 in the Social Room. Several reasons for the apparent lack of interest were discussed: some of these being, that at least two-thirds of the student body pack their weekend bags for a trip back home, and that Sunday night is absolutely the last chance to prepare for Monday morning classes. Several possibilities were also offered, the most workable leading to that solution which will soon go into effect—a mid-week morning service like the ones which were practiced with success here a year or two ago.

As it stands now, the services will be held from 8:15 to 8:40 p.m. in the Conference Room, until the Student Activities Center is completed. When that wing gets the finishing touches, services will be held in the Chapel Room. Speakers of all denominations will be asked to deliver messages, which the Christian Association feels will be of great value to the STC student.

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HOMECOMING?

Another Homecoming has passed by STC almost completely unnoticed. A few students wondered vaguely who all those people were, a few more curious ones asked: "Is this Homecoming weekend?", and a few even knew what it was all about—the eight Juniors who served at the banquet on Nov. 1, and approximately 30 Seniors attended the banquet and served as student guides.

There must be something wrong somewhere when a College Homecoming consists of nothing more than a banquet attended by scarcely a handful of recent graduates and a dance held on campus, and a tour of the library. No soccer game, no Homecoming queen, no comradeship. Homecoming weekend has long since been the biggest weekend of the year at most American Colleges and Universities. It's the only time when the present students have a chance to welcome back the alumni, many of whom they don't know, but all of whom have shared in their common heritage of one Alma Mater. Where were the banners of STC on November 1? Who came home? Who had a chance to welcome anybody home? There are one of two reasons for STC's nondescript Homecoming. Either the present students don't care to welcome anybody back, or the alumni don't particularly care to be welcomed back, that STC is merely a common meeting place and holds little or no nostalgia. There is certainly a large enough percentage of the student body and a large enough percentage of the alumni who want to do something about Homecoming at STC. A joint effort between the two should make Homecoming at STC something anticipated by everybody. STC has a good soccer team, it's not football, but it's good soccer. Certainly something can be done about achieving a soccer game on Homecoming Weekend. The Harvest Ball weekend is a big one complete with a queen, but there's no queen on Homecoming.

STC has 360 students but at least 250 of these are nowhere to be seen on Homecoming weekend. Certainly if something were done about making Homecoming a big weekend, enough alumni and students would attend a campus dance to make it a successful one. But there has to be more than preparation and effort to make Homecoming successful; there also has to be comradeship and sentiment, and about that this writer is confused.

FACULTY

HERE and THERE
STUDENTS

JANICE HUBBARD

Pat Lloyd was bridesmaid and Gerry Blazek, maid of honor in the Messick-Bradshaw wedding at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Cambridge, on October 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira King of Secretary announce the engagement of their daughter, Iris Diane, to Mr. Leland Rhea Wheatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheatley of Hudson.

Louise Campbell and Joyce Bennett attended the homecoming game at Towson on Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fleming were hosts at a picnic for student nurses on Nov. 5.

Michael Shortall spoke on "The Importance of Proper Enunciation" at the Charm Course presented by

Du Barry at St. Francis de Sales School on November 6.

Janet Hart and Ann Kerns won first prize in the Halloween parade at Greensboro, Oct. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Phyle of Aberdeen announce the engagement of their daughter, Waltraud Adam, to Mr. Richard Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Edwardsville, Ill. The wedding will take place Jan. 24.

Carole Valliant is a member of the cast of "Goodbye, My Fancy," the current production of the Salisbury Community Players. Miss Valliant is the daughter of the mayor of Salisbury.

Dr. William Wroten is conducting a class in parliamentary procedure each Wednesday evening under the sponsorship of the Salisbury Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Jessie Fleming is giving a (Continued on Page Three)

WITHDRAWALS — WHY?

Among the numerous topics of conversation which may be heard being discussed over coffee in the Snack Bar during bull-sessions in the dormitories is the typical occurrence of students dropping out of this college. There seems to be a certain feeling of astonishment and an atmosphere of disquietude as we hear familiar names being added to the list of withdrawals, yet this is not an uncommon phenomenon among colleges and universities. Still the question of the reason, or more correctly, the reasons for these resignations from STC remain unanswered.

It is commonly known that our academic standards are rather swiftly being raised. There would be few who would sincerely say that they are not proud to be attending a college which is being widely recognized for its scholastic achievements. Could this very elevation be a contributory factor in causing students to give up? Since each prospective student is carefully screened and is presumed to be college calibre before admittance to STC, could not it then be suggested with some degree of justification that perhaps there be a re-scheduling of the course of study to eliminate one year of comparative ease followed by another which is so difficult that it is practically impossible for some students to pass all of the required courses?

It must be recognized, however, that this is basically an individual problem. With this thought in mind, then there still another approach that may be considered. Do the students, meaning by "students," each individual student, see themselves of the opportunity of seeking counseling? Or indeed, do the students actually know that such assistance is available or do they allow a defeatist attitude of personal inadequacy to grow and envelope them? To alleviate this feeling, could something be done to make students more aware and earlier that college, too, is survival of the fittest, on an intellectual level?

And, of course, to be completely realistic, it must be realized that it is to be expected that a certain few will drop out of college for either personal or academic reasons. There, too, there are those few who do not compliment themselves by dropping out without giving college even one semester's effort. What about the expression that is becoming so common: "I'm just fed up"? If this is to be expected, however, nature being as variable as it is, we have no cause for concern but should applaud ourselves for our normalcy. If, then, this would appear to be a problem which would require some concern and investigation.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



Mike Kitzmiller Climbs To Top of Tennis Ladder

Mike Kitzmiller, eliminating everyone he challenged in the tournament at Municipal Park in late September and early October, has climbed the "Tennis Ladder" to become tennis champion at STC for this fall season. Although Mike had little experience in team work before coming to STC, his skill and concentrated playing stem from four years experience on his own. It is unusual for a freshman to put himself up against so much competition from upperclassmen.

Tennis coach, James DiVivilio, commenting on Mike's skill, expressed his confidence that Mike could win every match played at STC if a full tennis team does develop, and that Mike could then meet the best of what other colleges have to offer. Mr. DiVivilio commented that Mike "has terrific backhand—better than any college player I have ever seen outside of big-time college tournaments."

Mike, a member of the Freshman Class, is a native of Salisbury and attended Wicomico Senior High School where he was active in golf, the Concert Choir, and dramatics. Here at college, he is also a very active member of the tenor section of the College Chorus and Men's Chorus. He plays the organ, and sings in the choir at the Asbury Methodist Church in Salisbury.

He is enrolled in the Junior College curriculum and plans to attend

Positions Open for Interested Volleyball Players

There are places available on the Women's Volleyball teams for those interested and desiring to play this sport which has just begun. Practices are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

State Teachers College, Salisbury will have two teams this year playing in the Wicomico Women's Volleyball League, the Skyrockets and the Torpedoes. The first game of the Volleyball season will be played on Nov. 17.

The managers, Norma Baker and June Smith, welcome newcomers. Those that attended the first practice are as follows: Norma Baker, Janet Hopkins, Rose Mae Lewis, Phyllis Williams, Carole Kirkwood, Linda Cox, Buddy Guy, Mrs. Dahlinger, Pat Lloyd, Pauline Oskinski, Jerry Blazek, Nancy Sutton, and Ruth Tyler.

Even though there has been a change in the volleyball rules, the teams in Wicomico County have decided to continue to play the old rules of double hit and eight players on a team.

EDUCATIONAL TV FILM

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 value, college students do appreciate a chance to see what is being offered in the way of educational TV programs.

American University and study music after his two years at STC.

The tennis season will open again as soon as good weather begins in the spring. Mr. DiVivilio expressed his wish that enough players will come out to organize a full team, so that Mike and other able tennis players will be able to meet the best from competing schools, such as St. Mary's Seminary and Wesley Junior College.

The BILL-BOARD

by BILL LIVINGSTON

STC's brief soccer season is just about over, and although they did not end up with a perfect record on paper, they are still undefeated and untied in the eyes of many. The boys in knee pants deserve a lot of credit for putting up a stiff battle against all comers.

There are too many defensive and offensive standouts to make special mention, but this corner would like to offer congratulations to the team on a job well done.

There may be some who are in disagreement, but the win is not always the important thing. No team can be looked down upon as long as they play the caliber of ball that the boys exhibited this season.

It was one of the most talented and perhaps one of the best we've seen in the past few years. If the team stays together for next year, STC will make herself known throughout the soccer world.

DEPARTMENT OF WORTHLESS INFORMATION . . . The intramural football league seems to

be coming along nicely, and from all reports the games have been exciting. Rumor has it that big Noel Farmer has been approached by a couple of Baltimore scouts. Chester Davis has been considered the top man next season in the Colts' draft choice to fill the gap that will be left by Art Donovan. One can never foresee the magnanimous achievements that one may develop under competition.

All of this fury over college versus pro-football brings to mind one comment that was made by one of the gang around a cold coke one night. Seems as if this fellow felt the only thing wrong with college football was that they couldn't find room to play. Picture a hundred piece marching band, a drill team and floats moving gaily back and forth, plus numerous and sundry other performers trampling all over the field, and big Jim Tatum quietly saying, "You girls don't mind if we play for a while, do ya?"

As for this corner we still pick pro-ball.

Four Freshmen Girls Chosen as Cheerleaders

An authentic situation for cheerleading tryouts was presented in the gymnasium on October 27, sidestepping the usual practice of the cheerleading assembly. This situation was a basketball game at which the Pioneers, composed of freshman girls, competed against the Rebels, a team composed of the married women of STC. There were nine girls who cheered at this game; from this nine, four were chosen by the student body via secret ballot. The four freshman girls whose cheerleading ability won them the choice are Judy Leonard, Billye Parks, Judy Bozman, and Ann Jones. Serving as Captains for the six-member squad will be Jerry Baker and Don Moore, sophomores returning from last year.

Salisbury Defeats Towson, 3-2

On November 1, the soccer team traveled to Towson to spoil their homecoming by beating them 3 to 2 on their own field. Playing before a partisan crowd, the boys ignored the tension to make their record two wins, one loss and one tie. Murray Smith once again led the scoring with two goals, with Cliff Denny scoring a goal on a free kick. This victory was made sweeter because of the rivalry existing between the two State Teachers Colleges.

HERE AND THERE

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 series of monthly lectures on music to interested laymen in the community.

Mrs. Cyrus Griffith, secretary to Dr. Devilbiss, has recently returned to college following hospitalization.

Mr. A. L. Fleming addressed the Del-Mar-Va Traffic Club at its recent meeting in Delmar. His subject was "The Railroad in Modern Transportation."

Mr. James R. Focht has returned to his position on the Campus School faculty following a tour of duty with the Navy. Lieutenant Commander Focht has been on assignment in

Julia Ann Kerns was bridesmaid in the wedding of Gertrude Leiby, a former student of STC, on Oct. 11.

RETURNS TO CLASSROOM

Dr. Idabelle Thomas has returned to her classroom after an absence due to the death of her husband, Mr. Marvin Thomas. Mr. Thomas died of a heart attack while visiting relatives in California. Interment was in the family plot in Pocomoke Cemetery.

Gulls Bow to Baltimore U.

At STC's only home soccer game of the year, October 29, our boys played Baltimore University in an exciting game in which they didn't yield until the final gun. The "Gulls," after a slow start, scored two goals in the second half to draw within one point of a tie with one of the strongest soccer teams in the East.

With a large segment of the College on the sidelines cheering them on, the boys, led by Jim Balderson and Murray (the educated toe) Smith, played a spirited game meriting praise for all. Contributing to Salisbury's tight defense were our fullbacks, Cliff Denny and Jerry Wilson. Once again, dependable Buddy Butler appeared to be all over the field. His team will be missing him after he finishes College this week.



SOCCER TEAM, first row: B. Outten, D. Walls, A. Muir, M. Smith, T. Alderson, E. Mitchell, T. Lewis; second row: N. Lynch, J. Balderson, P. Butler, O. Birmingham, C. Barnes, J. Messick, W. Brittingham; third row: T. Dorman, manager; E. Detwiler, J. Stubbs, C. Denny, J. Muir, J. Barnes, J. Oakley, J. Potter, C. Ruark, Coach Maggs

Sophanes "Mutiny" In Review

A large percentage of the student body and a fair number of Salisbury citizens were audience to the Sophanes Players' first production of the year, "The Caine Mutiny Court Martial," on Oct. 30. It can be said with all objectivity that the dramatic group has indeed contributed much to the campus theatre at STC.

The two attorneys, Jim Davis as Lt. Comdr. Challee and Ronald Allen as Greenwald, kept the audience somewhat tense with the faltering memory of line while at the same time the viewers were impressed with their potential acting ability. Gerald Pine, cast Queeg, fell very well into the role of the Caine captain. He portrayed Queeg's calmness on the witness stand quite well, although his convincingness in Queeg's final crack-up was somewhat lacking. The casting of the players was very well done. Each actor, from the captain to the common sailor, was characteristic of his role and there is no doubt that they all had the ability of turning out a really polished performance had they had a week or 10 days longer to memorize lines and perfect certain scenes. The scenes between Maryk and Greenwald did not quite portray the necessary tension. Due to default of the STC auditorium speaker and the lighting system, the stage whispers between the two were too loud, and the lights played up the court too much and detracted somewhat from the actors in these particular scenes.

Nonetheless, Sophanes is on its way. With the continued effort of these able and interested actors, STC should be able to develop a dramatic group that any campus would be proud to own.

—Gloria Miller

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was concerned with leadership as a necessary adjunct to good teaching.

Dr. Stevens led one of two workshops held on Saturday concerned with programming and with membership in pre-professional organizations. The discussion in programming led by Dr. Stevens came to the conclusion that recruitment is the basic job of SNEA during American Education Week. Panel discussions carried on for high school audiences were recommended as a recruitment drive.

Men Needed in Teaching

A second workshop concerned itself with the problem of the lack of male teachers. It was agreed that men students should be urged to join SNEA and that, furthermore, both men and women students who are not majoring in education should be invited to join SNEA with the belief that their interest in teaching might be awakened.

The Conference was operated on a two-level plan: college students and high school students meeting in separate groups. A final general session was given to summarize the proceedings of all sections.

VALUE OF COLLEGE

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James Fox, in his explanation of why he chose STC, pointed out several major reasons that he feels all students take into consideration when they choose STC. First, of course, is that they want to become teachers, and at STC can specialize in education. Secondly, he touched on the financial side. Many teachers college students are not in a position to go to a more expensive college, and since the state pays so much of the student's tuition in what amounts to a scholarship, the problem of finances is nearly eliminated. Being more personal, Mr. Fox said that one of his reasons was that STC is close to his home in Bishopville. He went on to point out that although it must be admitted that a small college has disadvantages in certain limitations, it does provide closeness between students, and between students and faculty. In pointing out that a student finds in a college what he looks for, Mr. Fox said, "It is not the college who makes the man, but the man who makes the college."

Charles Mulford, in speaking on his viewpoint of the opportunities a college education offers, mentioned that college life is an opportunity for all sorts of advancement in social, cultural and moral development. Basically, however, he believes that it is an opportunity for academic achievement. The college student will find college the foremost opportunity for academic achievement; other forms of advancement can possibly be gained nearly as easily elsewhere. In concluding, Mr. Mulford said, "I sincerely believe that the class of 1959 has taken advantage of the fine opportunity offered and will go on to reap the profits in the form of increased academic achievement and in the ever-growing changing status of the individual in society."

The three seniors who spoke are enrolled in the Junior High Curriculum. Mr. Morrison resides in Salisbury with his wife and children. Mr. Mulford also is a Salisbury resident, and Mr. Fox is a native of Bishopville, Md.

SYMPHONY CONCERTS

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dreamer of broken dreams, champion of lost causes and forlorn hope, and creator of unutterably sweet melodies which burst the heart and inflame the memories of the listener." The symphony produces a variety of moods, shining with bright colors and darkened with somber ones. The last movement, Adagio Lamentoso, a dirge, is a movement which few artists have dared to try.

Britten's style is marked by variety, brilliant orchestration and rare originality. He belongs to the younger generation of British composers who are influenced by the modern school of European musicians, generally labeled as "atonalists."

Wagner's Overture, conventional in form, uses themes from the opera "Rienzi" in which Rienzi offers prayers for his people. Woodwinds and brass, taking over the theme, are accompanied by strings.

Dr. Stevens Elected Officer at MST

Dr. Leila Stevens was elected president of the Teachers' Education Division of the Maryland State Teachers Association at the annual MST Convention. Before joining the faculty at STC, Dr. Stevens was principal of the Campus Demonstration School at Frostburg. She is at present chairman of the International Relations Study Group of the Salisbury branch of the American Association of University Women. During World War II, Dr. Stevens was a lieutenant in the WAVES, and after termination of her service, was on leave from the faculty at Frostburg to complete her doctorate in philosophy at the University of Wisconsin.

Housemother Retires After Six Years' Service

Mrs. Leone Miles, who had been housemother in the Women's Dormitory since 1952, retired unexpectedly this year due to illness. She will always be remembered for her many kindnesses, such as the parties which she would take time to prepare for the women in the dormitory.

A few weeks ago a party was given in her honor by the Maryland Civil Service Employees. On behalf of the College, Dr. Devilbiss presented her with an alligator purse to commemorate her conscientious attitude in the performance of her numerous duties as housemother. At this time Mr. Twilford, former maintenance engineer, was presented with a watch upon

Philosophy Club Elects Officers

Officers of the Philosophy Club for the year 1958-59 were chosen on October 2, when that organization held its first meeting of the semester at the home of Dr. William Wroten, Club adviser. The members elected Thelma Hack to the office of President, Bailey as Vice-President, Nancy Atkinson as Secretary and Treasurer.

At this same meeting, the group chose as its tentative course of study for this school year books from the Mentor Philosophy series. The book now being read is "The Age of Belief," concerning such Medieval philosophers as Augustine, Boethius, the Arabs, Bonaventura, St. Thomas Aquinas and William of Ockham.

The Philosophy Club, which meets on alternate Thursday evenings, is one of the more active organizations on Campus. At one time or another, all members participate in the thought-provoking discussion groups concerning various philosophers and their philosophies.

his retirement.

Mrs. Miles, a resident of Salisbury, has a son and two grandchildren living in Virginia. Her plans for the future are to "make it easy" and do church and community work. Although she "... hated to leave the girls..." Mrs. Miles says, "... I am grateful for what I have."

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