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SMC Bids Good-bye to Chaplain and Family

By MARGARET STEVENS

After serving St. Mary's as chaplain for almost three years, the Rev. Robert B. Hobgood will head for Florida and a new parish April 1st. A farewell dinner in his honor took place in the cafeteria at 7 o'clock, March 28th.

As rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Mr. Hobgood will live with his family in Perry, Fla., a small town near the Gulf. In addition to serving the 200 families in his parish, Mr. Hobgood will act as priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Mission which is 37 miles away from Perry. His duties for the 55 Episcopalians in the Mission will include conducting a Sunday service and spending an additional day of the week there.

Although Mr. Hobgood says that he has enjoyed his stay here, he explains that he has felt a realization that his main strengths and talents lie in the more varied area of parish ministry. His desire is to have an opportunity to work with the young and old, the married and unmarried, the children and families with babies, in addition to the constant age group found in a college situation.

Graduated from the University of Florida in 1965 with a degree in History and Sociology, Mr. Hobgood was faced with the decision of either going to Chile as a part of the Peace Corps or entering the seminary. He chose the



latter and was graduated from the Virginia Seminary in Alexandria in 1968.

For two years, Mr. Hobgood was associate rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, a suburban parish in Jacksonville, Florida. He came to St. Mary's in July 1970.

Mr. Hobgood recalls one humorous incident which occurred his first year here when his

family lived off campus. After returning a babysitter to Smedes, he was stopped by Mr. Byrd, the fire watchman, for being a male on back campus.

Mr. Hobgood, who is 29 years old, has been married to his wife Nancy for nearly eight years. The Hobgoods have two children: Susan, four-and-a-half years old, and Christopher, eight-and-a-half months. Mr. Hobgood affirms that Susan, who at 18 months had to be taken from the chapel service when she recognized her father and cried, "That's my daddy," will especially miss the ice cream box in the cafeteria and visiting all her friends at lunch.

"We have enjoyed the unique opportunity of being able to live on St. Mary's campus and will miss some very good times and friendships we have had," Mr. Hobgood concludes.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DAY PLANS NOW COMPLETE

By PAM STROUPE

Last October St. Mary's had a very successful and very meaningful Father-Daughter Day, but it seems that many mothers have felt left out. Now they are going to get the same opportunity to see St. Mary's girls in action. On April 6, St. Mary's will have her first Mother-Daughter Day.

Our mothers will register from 9-12:30 in Smedes receiving name tags made by their daughter (incidentally they will be collected by the committee on April 1). Classes will continue until 3:00. At 3:00 there will be a fashion show by Mac Josephs featuring ten of our students plus Mrs. Werman and Mrs. Cressman. Combined with the fashion show will be a reception both of which will be followed by a performance of the Sea Saints from 4:15-5:15. After a period of free time there will be a chapel service from 6:00 to 6:30. At 7:00 dinner will be served to mothers and their daughters. Dinner will include live entertainment by the popular Cold Cuts. All girls not having their mothers on campus are asked to eat at the normal time. Then at 8:30 all mothers and daughters are invited to the Dramatic Club's production of "An Evening with Thornton Wilder". All mothers who wish to can spend the night with their daughters in the dorms.

We would like to thank Charlotte Cameron, chairman, for all her hard work and initiative, Mr. Whitten, their advisor, and Nature Armstrong, Josie Rawls, Melba Heflefinger, Beverly

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DR. MILLER NAMED NEW ACADEMIC DEAN

"The following is a reprint from THE RADFORD MESSENGER"

Dr. Robert J. Miller of Radford, Virginia has been named academic Dean of St. Mary's. Dr. Miller, a native of North Carolina, received his Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina State University in 1956. Following a period of industrial employment in public relations and land development, he received the Master of Forestry, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Yale University. After service as an Assistant in Research and Instruction at Yale University, Dr. Miller joined the Radford College faculty in 1965 as Associate Professor of Biology. In 1967, he was promoted to Professor of Biology and named departmental chairman. The following year, he was selected to be Dean of the School of Natural Sciences. In 1971, Dr. Miller was named Vice-President for Academic Affairs. This past fall, Dr. Miller returned to full time teaching in the department of Biology at Radford College. Active in both church and civic affairs, Dr.

Miller, a licensed Layreader, is a former vestryman and Sunday school teacher of Grace Episcopal Church, Radford, in which he served as president of the Men of the Church. Dr. Miller is currently a member of the Radford Municipal Forestry Commission and is a former Director of the Radford Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Miller is a Mason and a Shriner. In the course of his scholastic career, he has been elected to membership in the following academic honor societies: Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Xi, and Xi Sigma Pi. Dr. Miller is also a member of the Ecological Society of America, the American Society of Plant Physiologists, the Society of American Foresters, and the Association of Southeastern Biologists, and is an Associate of the Smithsonian Institution. In 1971, Dr. Miller was selected as one of the Outstanding Educators of America. He is listed in the 1972 edition of *Who's Who in America*.

Dr. Miller is married to the former Rebecca Ballantine of Marion, South Carolina. The Millers have three daughters: Patricia, 11; Susan, 10; and Nancy, 7.