

Profile:
Mrs.
Brightwell

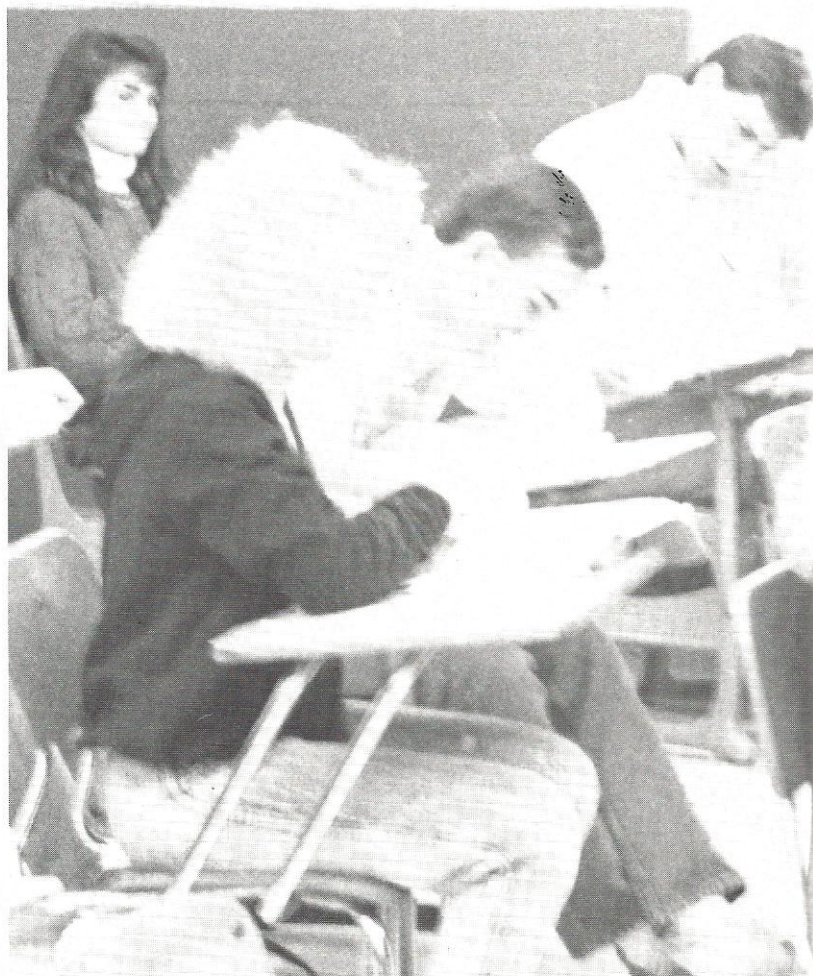


Mrs. Brightwell is John C. Calhoun's librarian. She loves being surrounded by books and to read them. "I cannot imagine my life without books," said Mrs. Brightwell. She likes to quote John D. McDonald in saying, "a nonreader's life is a life without meaning or substance because he cannot comprehend the world in which he lives."

Mrs. Brightwell shows her enthusiasm with the students by forming reading programs. These programs are made for all ages of students. Techniques such as storytime, games and book talks are used to enhance reading abilities. This year a new program was introduced called D.E.A.R. — Drop Everything and Read. This program promotes reading through a twenty minute free reading period in which the students can read anything.

What book would you like to see made into a movie and why?

When asked this question Mrs. Brightwell responded, "Most of the books I love have already been made into movies and 99% of the time I always feel that the book is better. However, if I had to choose, I would like to see the book *Nicholas and Alexandra* made into a movie. It is a very moving and tragic story of the last czar and czarina of Russia."



Mrs. Brightwell provides story time for younger students.