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Two educators from Pennsylvania are spending a busman's holiday at New College, working and writing in a college-owned home at the edge of the campus.

Yugoslavian-born Dr. and Mrs. Stanko M. Vujica, on a sabbatical leave from Wilkes College in Wilkes Barre, Pa., will live for six months in a college house in the uplands which, until January, housed members of the New College Natural Science Division faculty.

Dr. Vujica is head of the department of philosophy at Wilkes while his wife is chief librarian.

They are the first to take advantage of the new policy governing leaves to faculty at Wilkes, where they have been since 1947.

Said Vujica: "After 18 years of teaching, I feel the need to 'stop and think'--to take stock, replenish my spiritual resources, to recharge my intellectual batteries, as it were. So I intend to do three things: reflect, read, and write."

The former Fulbright Scholar wrote to New College President Elmendorf and arrangements were made for the Vujicas to live adjacent to the campus.

Dr. Vujica knew about the college from some of the stories that appeared in national magazines and also because he had seen on national television, filmed on campus, former visiting Professor Arnold Toynbee.

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When the visiting philosopher said that he enjoys greatly walking about the waterfront campus, he was asked, "Is it because you enjoy treading the same paths as Dr. Toynbee did?"

"Perhaps subconsciously," said Dr. Vujica, remarking that he believes Dr. Toynbee's prose writing is second only to the late Winston Churchill's.

Dr. and Mrs. Vujica came to the U. S. when Tito rose to power in Yugoslavia. Dr. Vujica had been editor of a magazine that had a very anti-communist policy.

While at the college he is working on several projects. One is a paper on the Yugoslav Marxist philosophy, which he says negates Marx. Another is a book which is developing a philosophy of history, a long range project.

Mrs. Vujica has been very interested in the New College library, for which she had high praise, saying the progress made in such a short time was remarkable.

Her own return to Wilkes has a fixed date for, as head librarian there she must return for the groundbreaking for the college's new library building. The Wilkes library, she says, is her family and her life.

She is planning to use her time while here to write and has had published in her native Croatian four books of prose and poetry.