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Dawson And Ashburn Are Elected To Student Body Offices

Poncie Dawson Will Be Chairman of Hall Council; Susan Ashburn Is Vice-President-Elect of Student Body for '45-'46

Poncie Dawson, of Cramerton, was elected during recent student body elections to fill the office of chairman of the hall council for 1945-46, the same position that her sister Sarah held in 1942-43, to succeed Mary Arden Tucker; and Susan Ashburn, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to fill the office of vice-president of the student body succeeding Sara Coe Hunsucker.

Before coming to Saint Mary's in September, Poncie graduated from and took a year's post-graduate work at National Cathedral School in Washington, D. C. Poncie was captain of the Gold Team, one of the two athletic teams at National Cathedral, a member of the student council, the Missionary Board, and the Glee Club. At Saint Mary's this year Poncie is secretary of the junior class, and a member of the Choir, the Letter Club, the Circle, and the Canterbury Club Council. As to the election Poncie remarked, "I'm thrilled at such an honor; and although I'm looking forward to working with the hall council next year, I hate to be the one to campus people!"

Susan graduated last spring from Ocean High School at Virginia Beach where she was president of her junior class, editor of the school paper, a member of the Beta Club, and secretary of student government. She received a medal her senior year for the best-all-round girl in high school. At Saint Mary's Susan is a member of the basketball team and manager of the volleyball team. With the usual grin that she has for everybody, Susan commented on the election, "I've never been so happy in my whole life! I'm going to do my best to keep the high standard that Coe has set this year in new girl orientation and the like."

Mildred Chappell Is Elected President Of 1946 Senior Class

Mildred Chappell of Richmond, Virginia, was elected yesterday as President of the Senior Class for next year.

Mildred graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Richmond. She has already shown herself an outstanding member of the Junior Class this year as a member of the Swimming Club, the Orchesis, and as Vice-President of the Y. W. C. A. Hearing the news, Mildred said, "Honest, I'm so happy I'm right sick."



1945-46 STUDENT BODY OFFICERS. Poncie Dawson, Chairman of the Hall Council; Kathryn Fulton, President of the Student Body, and Susan Ashburn, Vice-President of the Student Body leave Smedes after Church Sunday.

Elliott, Campbell And Pinckney Are Named Editors Of 1945-46 Publications

Ginger Young Will Edit Student Handbook

Sally Ann Elliott, Jane Campbell, and Mary Pinckney were unanimously elected to the three student editorships for next year in assembly April 10, after being nominated by the Publications' Staff. Sally Ann will succeed Maria Gregory as editor of the *Belles*, and will edit the final two issues of this semester. Jane will take over the *Stage Coach* from Sue Moore, and Mary will succeed Margaret Rodwell as editor of *Saint Mary's Bulletin*. Ginger Young will edit the *Handbook* which states the rules and principles of Saint Mary's.

Jane Campbell, newly elected Editor of the *Stage Coach*, is from Atlanta, Georgia, where she attended Washington Seminary. While there, Jane was Editor of the Seminary combination paper and magazine. This year Jane has already shown her ability as a member of the Legislative Body, the Publications Staff, Canterbury Club, the Sigma Lambda Literary Society, and the Circle. When interviewed Jane replied, "It's grand . . . but I'm already praying for film next year."

Mary Pinckney, new Editor of the *Bulletin*, is from Columbia, South Carolina, now. When asked where she was from, Mary reeled off (See P. 4, Col. 2)

Nation Mourns Loss Of Franklin D. Roosevelt

President Dies April 12 at 4:35 P.M. In Warm Springs, Georgia

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, thirty-first President of the United States, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 4:35 in Warm Springs, Georgia. The President had been in ill health for several weeks and died of a cerebral hemorrhage. His death came as a shock to the nation as well as to the world, although high Government officials knew that his health was weakening. Mrs. Roosevelt and their daughter, Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, were in Washington at the time of his death; the President's four sons were all on active duty with the armed forces.

Mr. Roosevelt, who died at the age of 63, was the only man in the history of this country to serve four terms in the office of President. He was inaugurated for the fourth term in January with Harry S. Truman as Vice-President, and lived to serve only three months of this term.

Before the outbreak of our second World War on December 7, 1941, the President's chief national interest was in Social Security. With the coming of hostilities, his foremost aim and interest became the eventual defeat of Germany and Japan, and next the establishment of a peace that would permit no war.

The President was in Warm Springs, center of his National Infantile Paralysis Campaigns. On his last day he prepared the itinerary for his coming visit to the San Francisco Conference. He had planned to attend a barbecue given him by the Infantile Paralysis Foundation Thursday afternoon, and at the time of his final relapse he was posing for a portrait.

Winston Churchill was so shocked by the President's death that he made no comment to newsmen. The strain of the Yalta Conference with Mr. Churchill and Marshal Stalin is said to be the direct cause of Mr. Roosevelt's death.

Service men took the news rather hard. One soldier in the European theater said, "And he had to go before he saw our victory . . ." Just before the President's death, high military officers reported probable victory in Europe before many weeks.

The Army radio on Saipan was the first to make the announcement in the Pacific. At Okinawa the news was broadcasted over the loud-speaker system of the amphibious fleet. Work slowed but did not stop; the terse Navy bulletin was followed up by the declaration that the President's death was as much of a war casualty as any of those on the Pacific beaches.

Circle Initiates Seven New Members Wednesday

Campbell, Dawson, Durham, Fulton, Guion, Goerch, and Gregory Join Honorary Organization In Midnight "Walk"

The Order of the Circle held its third initiation of the year on Wednesday night, April 11. Two senior day students, two senior resident students, and three juniors were chosen for this honor. In an impressive ceremony held in the back quadrangle each initiate lighted her candle with the old members from the torch of Ann Edmunds, president of the organization. Then all nineteen Circle members marched around the campus in their traditional, solemn file.

The new members are: Jane Campbell, editor of the 1946 *Stage Coach*; Poncie Dawson, chairwoman-elect of the Hall Council; Betsy Durham, secretary of the Student Government Association; Annette Fulton, president of the Dramatic Club; Emma Katie Guion; Sibyl Goerch, business manager of the *Stage Coach* and president of the Sigma Lambda Literary Society; and Maria Gregory, editor of the *Belles*.

Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, took his oath as President of the United States at 7:09 p.m. Thursday before Chief Justice Harlan C. Stone. The cabinet will remain intact for the present.