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School Welcomes 8 Members To Faculty and Staff

C. A. P. Moore, Donald Peery
Return After Leave of Absence

With the opening of the 1947-48 term, Saint Mary's welcomed not only many new girls, but also eight new faculty members and a new alumnae secretary to the campus. In addition to these, two former teachers returned after a year's leave of absence.

C. A. P. Moore, head of the English department, was on the faculty of Yale last year. During the summer he taught English at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

A new member of the English department is Miss Sara Esther Jones. She received her B.S. degree at Asheville College and her Master's degree at Peabody College. Last year she taught at Georgia State Teachers' College.

A South Carolinian, Miss Nancy Della McLaurin of Dillon, teaches English. She received her A.B. degree from Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., and her M.A. degree at the University of North Carolina last year.

Miss Consuelo Van Orsdell, Hudson, N. Y., teaches English and history. She received her A.B. degree at New York State College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y., and her M.S. degree from the University of South Carolina.

Donald Peery has again resumed his position in the music department after spending a year at Columbia University, where he received his Master's degree in Music. R. E. Osthoff, another member of the music department.

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Speech Tests Show Girls Need Training In Public Speaking

Realizing the importance of clear, distinct diction in all types of work, the school required all students, excepting seniors, to take speech tests under the direction of Miss Florence C. Davis.

These tests were held in the auditorium during the first week of school. Test items included conversational speech and oral reading, general voice and speech characteristics, and specific voice and speech faults.

Of all the girls who were tested, only forty-five passed. Passing grades were only fair, while 143 did not pass at all. All students receiving low grades will attend special speech improvement classes directed by Miss Davis.

Seniors Elect Truslow, Isbell, Rowland, Amonette

Girls Chosen Class Officers,
Legislative Body Member

Nellie Truslow, Frances Isbell, Emily Rowland, and Anne Amonette were elected vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and legislative body representative, respectively, at the senior class meeting, September 23, presided over by Sarah Walston, class president.

Last year Nellie Truslow, Chestertown, Md., a Mu, became a senior life-saver, was chosen as most outstanding player on the volleyball team, and earned membership into the Letter Club. She was also vice-president of the junior class, and a member of the Dramatics Club, Granddaughters' Club, Glee Club and choir.

Frances Isbell, Greenville, S. C., in high school was president of the Phi Theta Sorority, homeroom president, treasurer of the junior class, chairman of the Red Cross Committee, and a member of the Board of Control. She is a Mu.

A senior life-saver and a Mu, Emily Rowland was a member of the Dramatics Club, the Arts and Crafts Club, and president of her homeroom at high school in Sumter, S. C.

Anne Amonette, a Mu, was in the May Court last year and is a Marshal this year.

Orientation Week Tests Show Students' Abilities In Fields of Learning

The *Iowa Tests of Education and Development* were taken by all students during orientation week at Saint Mary's. A series of nine tests which covered all phases of school work were given. These tests have been sent away to be graded.

TWOFOLD PURPOSE

The tests were designed to help the school better understand the students' needs, and to see how Saint Mary's stands in comparison with other schools and colleges of the nation.

TO BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT

It is the desire of the administration that all new students at Saint Mary's take the tests in the future if they prove successful.

Programs Announced

Assembly programs for the next two meetings have been announced by Rose Potter, chairman.

September 30—Honor system discussion by Miss Martha Dabney Jones, Dean of Women.

October 2—Current Events discussion by Dr. Richard Stone.

Alumnae Greet Students with New Entrance Gate and Wall

Lamp Posts To be Purchased;
Walkway To Be Constructed

A new entrance gate and wall, which was financed by an alumnae committee headed by Mrs. William Person, Raleigh, has been completed. Work on this project was begun the first week in August.

COMMITTEE STUDIES PROBLEM

Several years ago an alumnae group became interested in a new entrance and a committee was appointed to raise money and to study the problem with the Board of Trustees. Mr. Charles Gillette, landscape architect, after consultation with the alumnae committee and the school landscape committee, headed by Charles A. Tucker, Warrenton, drew the plans for the gate. Originally it was planned to reconstruct the summer house, but a replica of it was found to be too expensive.

Shrubby is to be planted at each end of the wall, grass sown in plots in front of the wall, and ivy started at an early date. Iron urns on top of the center piers will be installed as soon as they are available.

Using some money raised by the local alumnae chapter, the school will purchase lamps and lamp posts to be put down the center walk.

The Board of Trustees has authorized the construction of a brick walkway from the chapel entrance around the corner of the chapel and down to Dr. Stone's house. A turn-around will be cleared in front of the infirmary for visitors.

New Students Attend Handbook Classes

That they may be more familiar with the school policies and rules, all new students are being instructed in the Student Handbook. Classes meet three afternoons a week at 5:00.

Seniors teaching these classes are Musette Brown, Jo Ann Darden, Luck Flanders, Gene Hines, Nancy Holland, Ann Lucas, Page Parrish, and Mary Lou Pratt. Students will be given a quiz which they must pass, according to Luck Flanders, vice-president of the student body.

NOTICE

The first two issues of the **BELLES** are being sent to all members of the 1946-47 classes. You will continue to receive the paper if you send one dollar to Charlotte Wallin, Circulation Manager.

Saint Mary's Sees Welcome Changes

West Rock, Recreation Room
Improved; Lighting Installed

During the summer many improvements were made to the campus and buildings of Saint Mary's. In addition to a large amount of cleaning, painting, screening and sanding, new furniture was bought for several buildings.

W. ROCK COMPLETELY REFURNISHED

West Rock dormitory has been completely refurnished with maple beds, chairs, tables and bureaus. New red furniture was bought for the day students' room and the room was given a complete repainting.

Fluorescent lighting was installed in all classrooms that did not have it, and splash-proof lights were installed at the swimming pool. Although the recreation room in the basement of Holt cannot be used immediately because of water on the floor, new furniture has been bought for it.

FACULTY HOUSE REPAINTED

The faculty house has been repainted and a kitchen, a living room, and a sitting room have been provided for the teachers. For off-campus faculty members there is a dressing room where they can rest between classes.

Dr. Stone said that he hopes to make improvements every summer.

Dance Group Elects Josephine Cooper, Nancy Holt Officers

In its first meeting of the school year, Orchesis, Saint Mary's dance group, elected Nancy Holt president and Josephine Cooper secretary-treasurer.

Nancy, a sophomore, took part in May Day last year and was treasurer of her class. She is a member of the Doctors' Daughters Club.

Jo, a sophomore, is a member of the Letter Club, the Swimming Club, the Granddaughters' Club, and the Woman's Auxiliary. She did a solo dance on May Day last year, was secretary of the Freshman Class, and is a former member of the BELLES staff.

Orchesis meets once a week and learns many types of dancing and exercises. In the spring it presents May Day. It is under the direction of Mrs. William C. Guess.