

Saint Mary's Girls Find Gold Fish To Be Delightful Pets

Dreaming of moonlight nights, desert isles, and the South Seas? And are you looking out over frost-bitten Raleigh? -Don't take it so hard, kid. There's one sure way to lend a touch of tropical glamour to your barren cell. Get an aquarium. Betty Bevan did. Caroline Camp did, and so did Janice Edgar. These girls have all gone hawg-wild crazy on the subject of gold-fish. Not ordinary gold-fish, mind you, but fabulous critters straight out of a technicolor movie, with gog-eyes and fan tails.

Mrs. Callahan, too, has the gold-fish fever. "Seagram 7" and "White Horse," as hers are called, are the black sheep of the S.M.S. menagerie. Seems as though they acquired their names last Christmas holidays over at State College. A high old time they had! "Whitie" hasn't recovered as yet. He has been found several times asleep on the window sill.

Yes, it's a gay life they lead. Theodore and Albert, who belong to Janice, were dumped protestingly into the bathtub with Cindy Perkins.

Over in Holt, Pat Ambrose's Homer, an attractive snail, shares quarters with Camp's Hengist and Horsa. Incidentally, in the near future there will be a sufficient supply of little Homers to furnish the entire student body.

Ebo and Fanny, or Mutt and Jeff, belong to Rose Potter down in West Wing. They no doubt have most radiant personalities, but at the time of the interview simply refused to give out any revealing information.

And those are the highlights from the Animal Kingdom.

Swedish-American Line Sponsors Essay Contest

The Swedish American Line is sponsoring an essay contest entitled "The Influence of Swedish Settlers on a Community or Religion." All high school students and college undergraduates are eligible to enter.

The essay must be a biography of any man or woman of Swedish birth or descent who has settled in the United States or Canada in the past 200 years. It must not exceed 2,500 words and must be typewritten. The essays will be judged for their style, originality, human interest, and local color.

The first prize is an eight-week trip to Scandinavia; the second prize a six-week trip; and the third, a trip to the Swedish Pioneer Centennial Celebration in the Middle West. All expenses will be paid by the Swedish American Line. Other prizes are United States Saving Bonds.

The contest closes April 1, 1948, and entries must be sent to Contest Editor, Swedish American Line, 636 Fifth Ave., New York 20, N. Y. Other information is posted in the East Rock covered way.

Christmas at SMS

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the school Not a girl was quiet—violating that rule.

The stockings were hung on the chair with great care

For tomorrow at noon they'd no longer be there!

Their clothes were all nestled all snug in the bag,

While visions of home were ring d with a fog.

Roommate in her night-shirt, and I was in mine

We had just left the room for a time divine.

And out in the hall there rose such a clatter

Girls sprang from their featherbeds to join in the chatter.

Huddling together in the room dimly lit

We opened the cookie box and cokes equally split.

And what to our wondering eyes should appear

But a crack of the door and the words, "Who's here?"

And a familiar face so clearly seen

Was at once recognized to be our Dean.

Quick like a bunny into the room she came,

Glanced around and called by name:

"Now Mary! Now Jo! Now Flee and Isabel!

Come Kitty, come Martha and you, too, Nell!"

From under the bed and in the closet

The girls' eyes with Miss Jones' met.

But as excitement before the nineteenth comes

Our friend voluntarily put away the guns.

A smile of her mouth and a nod of her head

Soon assured us to know we had nothing to dread.

So inside the room meat was furnished by Pards

And into the morning we sat playing cards.

Talk and more of our new appparels,

Then merrily singing Christmas carols.

And with happy thoughts and new expectations

We decided to sleep a wink before vacations.

So away each one flew as a gay little deer

Shouting, "Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year."

How does Saint Mary's expect her students to remain law-abiding citizens when in a recent sermon the minister stated, "We must keep alive the faculty." This is certainly putting ideas into people's heads. The faculty need not worry, however, because the teachers at Saint Mary's are exceptions to the rule that all teachers are demons and should be treated as such. However, if there should be any daggers thrown on the campus, just remember the power of suggestion is great.

News and Views of Sig's and Mu's

MASDTS . . . MASDTS . . . MASDTS . . .

Adopting the methods of leading radio advertisers in puzzling and annoying their listeners with confusing letters, the brain cell of this columnist advocates that MASDTS . . . and there's no denying.

Yes, sir, THE MU'S ARE STILL DEFEATING THE SIGMA'S. Or so far this year, the Mu athletic society is leading, having won both hockey and swimming tournaments.

GAMES ARE ONE-SIDED

In the final hockey game, December 1, the Mu's rallied forth with a 5-1 victory over the hard-fighting Sigma's, after they had already won the first title 6-2 the week before.

High scorer was Mu, Lucinda Edwards, sending the ball over the Sigma goal 4 times. Truslow and Bowers came next with 3 goals apiece; and Roberson for the Sigma's with 3.

Playing on the first-string Mu team were Virginia Smith, captain; Anne Willingham, Butch Pratt, Nellie Truslow, Blair Bowers, Mary Marshall Ragland, Mary Cease, Betsy Shephard, Frances Drane, Lucinda Edwards and Rose Potter.

Captained by Jane Gower, first-string Sigma team was composed of Ann Badger Smith, Pat George, Sylvia Newson, Robbie Roberson, Page Parrish, Cordelia Michie, Dot Teague, Peggy Almand, Logan Vaught, Charlotte Wallin and Ann Moore.

After the final game team members chose an all-star team, who received stars in assembly Tuesday morning. Girls on that team were Bowers, Cease, Newson, Drane, Smith, Teague, Moore, Pratt, Truslow, Roberson, Willingham, Edwards and Gower. Manager Nancy Holland received a star for her capable management.

MU'S DROWN SIGMA'S

It seems the Sigma's could hardly swim out from under the powerful Mu swimming team at the meet before Thanksgiving. Coping all speed races, the two relays and one form competition, the Mu's won the meet by a large margin. Jo Cooper was victorious in the breast stroke for speed; Butch Pratt, the back stroke; and Joan Tate, the American crawl. By virtue of swimming two lengths of the pool Frances Drane proved the champ underwater swimmer. For form competition, Sigma, Luck Flanders demonstrated the best side stroke; Mu, Joan Tate, the best American crawl; and Flanders and Mu, Mary Cease tied in the breast stroke. The Mu's came first in both the medley relay and the umbrella relay.

LETTER CLUB

In assembly Tuesday morning, Virginia Smith, president of the Letter Club, after explaining the purposes of the organization, in-

vited four new members into the club. They were Mary Cease, Lucinda Edwards, Anne Willingham, and Luck Flanders. All members of the club were entertained at a party in the hut Wednesday night.

Instead of the large stars that have heretofore been awarded for all-stars, the Letter Club is now giving small all-star emblems, and an SM block letter to Letter Club girls. The small stars can be worn with a block letter.

As a club project, the group has been selling Saint Mary's seals, and they plan to sell suitcase and car stickers. They have also ordered Saint Mary's pennants.

Paul M. Moore, manager of the ManMur Bowling Center, spoke to the student body on its new bowling program that is being sponsored by the Letter Club. He explained the price reduction to Saint Mary's girls, the awardance of trophies and gold pins to high scorers, and possible Sigma-Mu tournament plans.

SAINTS FOLLOW SUIT

Now that the larger universities are playing basketball, Saint Mary's devotes the majority of her extra-curricular time to said game. Eleanor Hope Newell and Adelaide Linehan are Mu and Sigma managers, respectively. Quite a few girls are coming out on Mondays and Thursdays, so some rip-roaring tournament games should result. The Sigma's claim the largest number of new girls, their number far exceeding the veteran players.

RUN DICK, RUN

If anyone on your hall informs you she is learning to run, don't psychoanalyze her or rrtsh her over to Nursey Naylor's, because she is probably learning to walk all over again from Mrs. Guess. Just wait until you learn to skip! It's surprising how few girls have mastered the art of skipping over a rope. Also concerned with our appearance in public, posture classes meet once a week.

MAY DAY

With Nancy Holt acting as general chairman, committees have been appointed for the planning of the May Day program. Under the sponsorship of Orchesis, Saint Mary's dance club, the program will launch its second year at Saint Mary's this spring. Committee chairmen are Nancy Hamel, pageant; Elizabeth Burns, elections; Jackie Burke, properties; Peggy Swinson, costume; Bobbette Chapman, publicity; Daisy Dixon, program; Betsy Evans, marshal; and Nancy Hannah, stage sets. Committee members will be announced in the next BELLES.