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Dr. Stone Greets Girls Talk Commemorates Century-old Chapel

At the first chapel service of the 1954-55 session Dr. Richard G. Stone, departing from his traditional procedure, delivered to the student body a formal welcome which included the history and progress of St. Mary's chapel during the past hundred years. Dr. Stone contrasted the present facilities and atmosphere of the chapel to that of its simple beginning in East Rock.

This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the present building. During the past century the original building, composed only of that part of the chapel known today as the nave, has undergone many changes. Larger student bodies have necessitated the addition of the transepts and the chancel; electric lights have replaced the original gas lamps; and two organs have followed the chapel's first organ. In commemoration of its one hundredth anniversary the chapel was painted inside and out during the past summer.

Dr. Stone expressed his hope that the present beautiful chapel will mean as much to the students of today as the first simple building meant to the students one hundred years ago.

St. Mary's Welcomes Alumnae Secretary

St. Mary's happily welcomes Miss Mary Jo Paul to its staff this year. Mary Jo is a native of Washington, N. C., and an old St. Mary's girl. Valedictorian of the class of '52, she was also president of the Canterbury Club, editor of the *Belles*, a member of the *Sigma Pi Alpha* and the Circle. Mary Jo also won the Niles Medal for having the highest academic average in the college department.

After graduation she went to the University of North Carolina and graduated in '53 with an A.B. in education. While at Carolina Mary Jo was a member of *Chi Omega* Sorority and *Phi Beta Kappa*. Her name was soon added to the American College Student Leader List. As Coed editor of the Carolina Handbook and editor of the Pan Hellenic Council Rush Manual, Mary Jo graduated from UNC in the same glorious style in which she graduated from St. Mary's.

As alumnae secretary on St. Mary's staff, Mary Jo serves as editor of the alumnae section of the *Bulletin*, and as advisor to the Granddaughters' Club. She is in charge of organizing visiting alumnae clubs and of school publicity. Mary Jo says, "Nice to be back."

Belles Suggests Cures for OWF

If by this time you feel completely discouraged with the daily grind of classes and school duties, remember that first week when you were bewildered, exhausted, and ready to give up—in other words, suffering from O. W. F. (Orientation Week Flusters). O. W. F. produces the above symptoms after several days of continuous tests, picnics, entertainments, and new faces. The best cure known at present seems to be to "concentrate on studying." No other remedy has ever been tried, however. (What might be the effect of a few days sleep?)

Certainly every St. Mary's girl was exposed to the infecting agents of O. W. F., and the common remedy most certainly is now being administered.

Even the Strong Get It

Anyone who has the mistaken idea that contraction of this disease is the result of physical or any other kind of weakness should have observed the counselors' efforts Sunday afternoon as they put up welcome signs on students' doors and prepared for Monday's rush of students.

A rush it was, too, as multitudes of girls, assisted by parents, brothers, sisters, and boy friends, attempted to move clothes and equipment for nine months into a very few cubic feet of closet and bureau space. By night seniors had matriculated, and a fire drill had been satisfactorily carried out. After dinner separate student government meetings were held for old girls and new girls.

Tuesday Brings Tests

Tuesday morning a visitor would have gone with all the girls to chapel and then to the first of a series of tests. There were all kinds of tests: Iowa tests, English, language, and speech tests. Handbook and swimming tests were also promised.

Class picnics, a treasure hunt, movies, and a style show helped prevent complications of O. W. F. such as duck fits and screaming meemies, but added to the danger of O. W. F. itself.

Girls Rush About

New people rushing about added to each girl's bewilderment at first, but as they all proved to be so very friendly and helpful, they soon served to ease the distresses of O. W. F.

Fortunately O. W. F. is quickly cured or replaced by S. J. (study jitters) when the aforesaid remedy is administered at once.

Sophomore, Senior Classes 1954 Renovate Smedes Front Hall, Parlor

Girls Attend Formal Party

St. Mary's held its traditional Old Girl-New Girl party last Friday night for the purpose of introducing the new girls to the faculty.

A pleasant innovation was the shortening of the receiving line to include only Sara Walters, President of the Senior Class, Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Stone, the Right Reverend Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of North Carolina, and Mrs. Penick, the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. I. Harding Hughes, Miss Martha Dabney Jones, and Harriet Madre, President of the Student Government Association.

After being introduced to the receiving line, old girls and new girls mingled with the rest of the faculty and administration. The marshals, Penn Anthony, Aubrey Campell, Kathy Whitfield, Mary Ruth Divine, Marie Tyler, and Kitty Campen, served fruit punch, nuts, mints, and cookies in the study hall. During the reception Martha Ann Horne entertained with selections on the piano.

St. Mary's Girls Well Represented in North Carolina's Debutante Ball

It was opening day at St. Mary's, and dozens of bright-eyed girls were coming up the front steps of Smedes. Others not so bright-eyed were some of North Carolina's 1954 debutantes, who had just enjoyed the most exciting weekend of their lives.

Naturally, scores of parties had been in progress for weeks prior to the ball itself, but the official events began for thirty-nine of St. Mary's girls on Thursday, September 9, at 1:30 p.m. when Betsy Williams, leader of the ball, entertained at her home. That evening debutantes and chief marshals assembled in the Memorial Auditorium for figure rehearsal. Friday the debs attended a luncheon in the Virginia Dare Ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel, where they received leather pin boxes as favors. That night there was a general exodus to the Memorial Auditorium for the event that everyone had been waiting for. The presentation of debutantes started at 8:30. The girls, wearing white dresses and carrying red roses, came down green covered steps leading out from a garden setting. The next morning, everyone enjoyed a morning dance at the Carolina Country Club. That afternoon Mrs. William B. Umstead entertained the debs,

Changes Glamorize School Entrance

A renovated and glamorized Smedes front hall and parlor greeted St. Mary's girls Sept. 13.

Last term the total sum of \$841.61 was left to the school by the Sophomore and Senior classes. The amount was approximately one half of the cost of the new parlor furniture. Without this money the purchase of the furniture would have been impossible. Four red velvet sofas, eight occasional chairs, and four wing chairs upholstered in nylon met the needs of the parlor perfectly.

In the hall the square newel post has been replaced by a curved, more graceful one. The woodwork and back walls below the chair rail were painted a grayed blue-green. The walls above the rail were redone in bright, gracefully-figured wallpaper.

Perhaps the major improvement is the green, wall to wall carpeting in the hall.

Mrs. Richard G. Stone and Miss Katharine Morris were in charge of the redecoration. They are pleased to note the overwhelming approval of their efforts by the girls.

their mothers, and their chief marshals at a tea in the Executive Mansion. The perfect ending for an unforgettable weekend was the dance honoring the debutantes in Memorial Auditorium on Saturday night.

Of course there were a great many parties, both impromptu and planned, during the entire weekend. It was also an opportunity for countless St. Mary's "reunions." The weekend was not devoid of humorous incidents, either. No one will ever forget the frantic pillow fight in Barbara Dearing's room at the Sir Walter or Dewey Owen's panic when she couldn't find her suitcase all weekend. Very few people were aware of it, but Betsy Williams, a former St. Mary's girl, removed her shoes while waiting for the figure to begin, and then, having put them on the wrong feet in the semi-darkened auditorium, staggered uncomfortably out to her position as leader of the ball.

Among the ten assistant leaders of the ball were three St. Mary's girls: Sally Wood McMullan, Blanche Robertson, and Kathy Whitfield. Other St. Mary's debs were Elizabeth Arthur, Jane Best, Corinne Bethune, Julianne Boone, Mary Ann Braswell, Mary Lee Brece,

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