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Saturday Dance Initiates Services of New Marshals

With the first school dance scheduled for Saturday night, October 30, the newly-elected dance marshals are preparing to assume their duties. Every class is represented at school dances by its dance marshals who act as hostesses for the events. Marshals are allowed one cut a year from school dances. They devote much time and energy to planning dances and in insuring their success. The marshals agree that their advisors, Dr. and Mrs. Owens H. Browne, are always faithfully at hand to offer invaluable assistance. The juniors elected five girls to help Kathy Whitfield, chief dance marshal, take charge of making the dances run smoothly. Ruth Watkins, whose other activities include Orchesis, Orchesis Council, YDC, Granddaughters' Club, and *Belles* and *Stage Coach* staffs, is from Henderson.

Ina Gee Ridley, a *Sigma* cheerleader from Courtland, Virginia, is in the Glee Club, Letter Club, Choir, and the YWCA. Lenore Smith, an old girl from Tallahassee, Florida, is also in the Glee Club, Choir, Letter Club, and the YWCA.

Nancy McLain is a new girl from Durham, who belongs to the YWCA, the Dramatic Club, the Glee Club, the YDC, the Doctors' Daughters' Club and the *Mu's*. Mary Louise Bizzell, a new *Sigma* cheerleader from Goldsboro has many extra-curricular activities including the YDC, the YWCA, and the Doctors' Daughters' and Dramatic Clubs. Mary Louise also helps publish the *Stage Coach*.

Freshmen elected Pat Coulter of Jacksonville, Florida as their marshal. She is a member of Orchesis and the Dramatic Club, and is a *Mu* supporter.

The Sophomore Class picked Patsy Beams from Martinsville, Virginia and Mittie Crumpler of Mebane as their two choices. Patsy was a dance marshal last year, and this year she is a member of Orchesis, the *Bulletin*, YWCA, YDC, Dramatic Club and the Altar Guild. Patsy cheers for the *Mu's*. Mittie, also a *Mu*, belongs to the YWCA, Orchesis, and the *Belles'* exchange staff.

Nancy Cook of Fayetteville was the choice of the Business Class. Nancy, a new *Mu* cheerleader, is also in the Granddaughters' Club, the YWCA, and on the *Belles*.

Assembly Displays St. Mary's Talent

St. Mary's girls enthusiastically applauded the assembly program last Thursday in which Shirley Dees, Nancy Carpenter, Ina Gee Ridley, and Jenny Davis exhibited their various talents. Shirley and Nancy, both former head majorettes at Durham High School, gave a skillful exhibition of baton twirling.

Ina Gee Ridley, whose voice old girls remember hearing in *Amahl* and *the Night Visitors*, sang *Blue Skies* and *Hey There*. Then Jenny Davis amazed the audience with her extraordinary skill as a dancer and contortionist.

Whedbee Receives Unanimous Election to Edit Handbook

"Marty" Whedbee has been unanimously chosen editor of the *Handbook* for the 1955-56 session of St. Mary's Junior College. Marty, a senior from Hertford, N. C., entered St. Mary's with an excellent record and has, according to popular opinion, more than maintained her standing since her arrival.

Last year, Marty served as Vice-president of the Canterbury Club. This year, besides being a member of the Canterbury Club, she is news editor of the *Belles*, a member of the *Stage Coach*, the *Sigma Pi Alpha*, the Altar Guild, the YWCA, President of the Granddaughters' Club, and a *Mu*. Her job as *Handbook* editor includes, among other things, serving on the legislative body.

UDC Elects Officers; Gets Down to Business

If the growth and spirit of St. Mary's YDC are any indication of the party's status in general, state and national Democratic leaders can look forward to victories in November. The YDC here has gotten off to a firm start this year by electing the following new officers: Betty Hunt Procter from Washington, vice-president; Elizabeth Oden from Washington, secretary; and Ann Elliot from Huntsville, Alabama, treasurer.

Judith Rice, a senior from Raleigh, holds the position of president of the club. Sissy Dawson, from Stantonsburg, is the membership chairman, and C. A. P. Moore, head of the English department, is the club advisor.

YDC plans for the future include talks by local and state political leaders and informal discussions by the fifty-eight members at the hut.

"The over-all aim of the YDC is to get St. Mary's girls interested in political developments and acquainted with the goals of the Democratic Party," stated Judy Rice.



The hurricane in all its fury rampaged through St. Mary's campus. The consequent damage was limited to trees, but the extent of the tree-damage was great. After the strong winds the campus was littered with up-rooted trees, most of them mammoth in size. School officials counted forty trees blown down by the destructive visitor. Electric wires were cut by falling trees, and the school was without lights for almost fourteen hours.

Bulletin Reveals Student Dramatists Staff, Schedules Present Monologues

The *Bulletin*, with a staff including both old and new girls, has begun what promises to be a very successful year. Because of a definite schedule of assignments and topics for discussion, rapid progress is being made in preparation for the Christmas issue.

The staff meets every Monday night for the purpose of introducing and reviewing the basic principles of the creative writing that the members are interested in doing. The staff members also engage in informal discussions and criticisms of the original work which has been submitted during the previous week. Many girls are experiencing a genuine delight upon hearing the "masterpieces" of their friends and finding that they, themselves, can really write!

The *Bulletin* staff, with Lane Welsh as editor and Miss Martha Dabney Jones as advisor, includes Nancy Jones, Carolyn Seyffert, Gail Edwards, Anne Norman, Sylvia Crumpler, Martha Brooks, Patsy Miller, Frances Pearson, Margaret Burnside, Dewey Owens, Margot Hammond, Patsy Beams, and Catherine Dent. Jeanne Ogburn, Sugar Dudley, and DeeDee DeVere are typists.

Students taking courses in speech and theatre arts under the direction of Miss Florence C. Davis will present a program of monologues in the school auditorium for morning assembly Thursday, November 4. The first two of the series were presented October 26 and October 28, at which time the audience quite evidently responded with great enthusiasm. The study of monologues is required in the study of characterization in the course of dramatic arts leading up to the production of plays.

The monologues presented are as follows: *The Bride*, given by Lou Lesley; *Light and Shadow*, Anna M. McLean; *A Dark-Brown Diplomat*, Martha Williford; *The Children's Pilgrimage*, Ann Bachman; *In a Day Couch*, Ellen Clarkson; a pantomime, *Bijou Special*, Nancy McLain; *Lost*, Laura Bettes; *Joys of the Open Road*, Mary Louise Bizzell; *Everything's A Dine Here*, Shirley Dees; *Oh, H-E-N-R-Y*, Carolyn Wise; *Marketing*, Gail Edwards; *The School Play*, Mary Louise Howell; *Nicoletta*, Grace Boney; *Vera Cheera's Morning Sunshine Talk*, Mary Ruth Divine; *Mother on a Moment's Notice*, Frances Ann Morton; *At the Station*, Margaret Thompson; *Hello Invalid*, Betsy Wright; *Woman at the Doctor's*, Nancy White; *Art-but of Course*, Mary Dianitia Hutcheson.