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## Casadesus Performs At Civic Music Concert

The first Raleigh Civic Music concert of the season will be presented tonight, Friday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium. The great French pianist, Mr. Robert Casadesus will perform. He will play selections from the works of Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, and Ravel.

Mr. Casadesus was born in Paris in 1889. He has played with all the major orchestras here and abroad and has appeared widely in concerts in France, Belgium, and Holland.

Mr. Casadesus's wife is also a pianist, and the two of them sometimes tour together. They come from a very musical family, and both of them have taught at the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau. Mr. Casadesus and his family now make their home in Princeton, New Jersey.

This concert should be of particular interest to St. Mary's students because Miss Mary Ruth Haig of the music department studied under Mr. Casadesus at Fontainebleau.

## Pierce To Head Commercial Class

Marty Pierce, from Weldon, has been elected president of the commercial class. In this her second year at St. Mary's she is president of the choir, is a member of the YWCA, and is a *Mu*.

The other officers are as follows: Vicki Taylor, from Rocky Mount, vice president; Brenda Taylor, from Chatham, Virginia, secretary-treasurer; and Kathy Davidson, from Emporia, Virginia, Honor Council representative.

## Nash Elected President Of Swimming Club

Florence Nash, a senior from Tarboro, has been elected president of the Swimming Club. She is a member of the Granddaughters' Club, Letter Club, *Sigma-Mu* team, the *Muse*, a hall counselor, and a member of the new organization, the Cold Cuts. Last year she was president of the junior class. Florence entered St. Mary's for her senior year in high school and was a member of the Beacon.

Lila Laxton, another senior, from Charlotte, has been chosen secretary-treasurer. Lila entered St. Mary's last year and is a member of the Granddaughters' Club. YWCA, Altar Guild, is secretary-treasurer of the Dramatics Club, and is a hall counselor.



Studying a report on St. Mary's are, left to right, Dean Cecil Abernethy, Dean Harriet Hudson, and Dean F. T. Lenfestey.

## Visitation Committee Aids In Evaluation Of School

A three-member visitation committee from the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools recently spent three days, October 20-22, at St. Mary's as an important part of the self-study in which the faculty and staff have been engaged since last February. The visitation team included Dean Cecil Abernethy, chairman, from Birmingham - Southern College; Dean F. T. Lenfestey, from Pensacola Junior College; and Dean Harriet Hudson, from Randolph-Macon Woman's College.

In February of 1958 Dr. Richard Stone appointed a five-member steering committee whose purpose was to guide an institutional self-study at St. Mary's. Earlier in the school year St. Mary's had volunteered, along with many other southern colleges and universities, to conduct a self-study to aid the Commission when it conducts such self-studies in all members of the Southern Association beginning in 1960. The members of the St. Mary's Steering Committee were Mr. Carl Cannon, chairman; Dr. Moultrie Guerry; Miss Sarah Esther Jones; Dr. Mabel Morrison; and Mrs. John Cell.

The essential purpose of the self-study at St. Mary's and the follow-up visit by the Commission's team is the "improving of the educational effectiveness of member colleges and universities." The self-study procedure was designed to help St. Mary's reassess its objectives, measure success in obtaining them, ex-

plore ways and means of more effective teaching, and prepare the way for ever increasing demands upon the college as an institution of higher learning. The program of self-study and periodic visitation, which the Commission hopes to initiate on a possible ten year cycle, permits each institution to measure itself, and then to be measured by the evaluating visiting committee through "identification of strengths and weaknesses, problems and solutions." And lastly, the self-study encourages participating institutions (such as St. Mary's) to project its educational program into the future and to plan its growth within the framework of its purposes.

During the spring, summer, and fall of this year, guided by the steering committee, various department study committees, special sub-committees, and the steering committee have been examining various aspects of life at St. Mary's. Each teaching department appointed a sub-committee to study the purposes, program, and needs of its department and to report its findings and recommendations. Special sub-committees studied the infirmary, the dining hall, and the laundry. Another sub-committee, gathering recommendations from the faculty, trustees, alumnae, and friends of St. Mary's, proposed a new statement of purposes for St. Mary's. Another sub-committee, aided by members of the administration, studied the administration and the administrative offices. Oth-

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## Dramatics Club Begins Rehearsals

If the audience enjoys *The Skin of Our Teeth* as much as the cast is enjoying the rehearsals, it should be a great success. The cast includes everything from gold fish to dinosaurs; from snakes to kangaroos, some seen and many imagined. And people — different kinds of people: a housemaid, a delivery boy, a gypsy fortune-teller, and other varieties. The play concerns man and his destiny from the Ice Age to the Age of Singing Telegrams and all the things he has managed to escape "by the skin of his teeth".

The mammals are busy rehearsing daily. Pam Wright plays the general utility maid, Lily Sabina; Rebecca Petrea is the eternal mother, Mrs. Antrobus; her husband is played by Charles Faust, remembered as "the judge" in *The Chalk Garden* last spring. The two thousand year-old children are played by Frankie Davis and William Dean. Sandra Cobb, as the fortune teller, will startle all with her predictions of things to come—especially rain, rain, rain. More than forty other students and male actors take part in the production.

## Day Students Choose Huntt As President

Heading the Day Students this year is Josephine Huntt, a four-year student. Phiny, a *Mu*, is treasurer of the Circle, secretary of the Canterbury Club, a member of the Granddaughters' Club, and is on the business staff of the *Stagecoach*.

Betty Separk, vice president of the Day Students, is on the *Stagecoach* and *Muse* staffs. Jane Jordan, secretary-treasurer, is on the *Stagecoach* business staff and is a *Mu*. A graduate of Broughton High School, she was secretary of her junior class and of the National Honor Society.

## Officers Selected By Choir

The Choir elected its officers for this year on Thursday, October 1. The choir is under the direction of Mr. Russell Broughton and consists of thirty-two members.

Marty Pierce, a commercial student, is president. Sue Creech, a junior, is vice president. Pat Exum, a sophomore, is secretary; and Cydne Wright, a freshman, is bookkeeper.