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New Members Enhance Our Faculty

This year there are several new faculty members at St. Mary's, and one of these new members is Mr. Harry Gerberding. He was born in Detroit Michigan, but spent all his school years in Utica. When he was graduated from high school, he attended Michigan State college, majoring in German and minoring in French and social studies. He spent four years in the U. S. Air Force as a language specialist; and, while stationed in Germany, visited 18 European countries. After attending graduate school at his alma mater, he taught at Oak College in Holland, Michigan. Now he teaches German, French, and history at St. Mary's. Mr. Gerberding's main interests are travel, sports, and reading. He has been across the United States and over most of Europe, and he enjoys traveling very much.

Another male addition to our staff is Mr. Robert Connelly. He is teaching French and Spanish. He was born in Cary, N. C., and was graduated from Broughton High School. After majoring in French and minoring in Italian at U. N. C., he taught there as a graduate instructor for two years, then was employed for four years in the library there. Mr. Connelly has had a year of study at the University of Paris, under the auspices of a Fullbright scholarship. His hobbies are records, current literature, and cooking. He also enjoys spectator sports such as football and basketball.

Mrs. Martha Stoops was born in Staunton, Virginia, where she attended Mary Baldwin College. She received her masters degree in American History at the University of Wisconsin. While her husband was stationed in China during the war, she taught at a public school on Long Island, then at Peace College in Raleigh. After her husband came back and graduated from State College here, they moved to Ohio where he obtained his Ph. D in ceramic engineering. In 1958, the Stoops family (including an eleven-year-old girl, Carol, and a nine-year-old boy, Robby) moved back to Raleigh. Mrs. Stoops taught European history for the spring term at State College. This year Mrs. Stoops is teaching history at St. Mary's. Her hobbies are writing and reading.

"Miss I. T.," as she is known to all St. Mary's students, is the sister of our own dear Miss Edith Richardson. Miss I. T. is a Wellesley graduate and has had much

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Orientation Week Begins New Year At St. Mary's

Orientation week at St. Mary's. What a week! New places, and many things to do. On September 12, the old girls and new girls, minus a few seniors, arrived at Smedes Hall to be greeted by the student government officers, the counselors and Dr. Guerry. As soon as a girl signed in, she and her parents began the ordeal of getting the teddy bears and tennis rackets from the car to her room. As if the day had not already been hectic enough, the annual first day fire drill called for another trip down the steps. But what a lovely chance for the new girl to make new friends. Beside her walked the cute girl in the next room with her sturdy shoes, flashlight and her bath towel around her neck.

The first night there was a student government meeting in the auditorium where all of the students met their favorite friend, Miss Richardson. She was as cute and sweet as ever as she told everyone who was not homesick that she must be maladjusted.

After a leisurely breakfast at seven thirty A. M., the students assembled in the gym to take grammar and reading tests.

As if the word "orientation" didn't sound strange enough, a new word, "matriculation," became the center of conversation. Most students were curious to know in just which room that took place. When answered, "Cheshiere," the puzzled look still remained. Just as the dictionary tells people that to matriculate is to enroll, Mr. Shellans told the students what time they are enrolled in which class. After each girl drew her number and finished matriculating, she made a

dash to the book store.

The rest of the days were filled with S.C.A.T. tests, very interesting library briefings, but most fun of all, the tour of the campus. Luckily for some new girls who weren't accustomed to five-mile hikes, the tour ended in the infirmary where refreshments were served to all.

St. Mary's enjoyed the night life of Raleigh on Wednesday as they marched, en masse, to the movie theater. Still another movie was shown to the students on Friday in the auditorium.

On Friday classes started and everyone slowly adjusted to the daily routine of St. Mary's. The various class picnics had been held and each class had met with Miss R. Studies had begun, and St. Mary's was set for another year.

The Thursday schedule of classes was over Saturday at one o'clock and the big sisters treated their little sisters to dinner and a movie. The Village Theater was literally packed with St. Mary's girls seeing "Ben Hur."

Saturday night everyone dressed up for the old-girl new-girl party. The purpose of this party, a long-standing tradition at St. Mary's, is for the teachers to meet the students.

Sunday at St. Mary's has its own tradition. Everyone attended the first church service of the year and was inspired by Dr. Guerry and the loveliness of the chapel. By eleven o'clock that night, however, everyone realized that the fun and leisure of Orientation Week were over, and that the time had come to settle down for a wonderful year at St. Mary's.

Miss Jones Is Senior Sponsor

For the fourth straight year the Senior Class has chosen Miss Sara E. Jones as its class sponsor. Because of her past experience in this position, the seniors feel that her aid will be invaluable to them dur-

ing the coming year.

No plans have been discussed thus far concerning the senior class projects, but everyone is looking to the senior class and Miss Jones to lead them in an outstanding year.

"Cold Cuts" Choose Additional Talent

The "Cold Cuts," a group of seventeen spirited seniors, gave their first official performance at the annual Sigma-Mu night on October 4. Starting off with their theme song, the "Cold Cuts" presented such numbers as "You Talk Too Much," "When The Saints Go Marching In," "Little Darlin," and "Handyman."

Led by their piano-playing president, Sue Creech, the group announced its newly chosen members in an assembly program on September 29; so for many girls, the performance in the gym was their first rehearsed concert.

The "Cold Cuts" group started two years ago by some of the more enterprising seniors who enjoyed singing and playing their own versions of popular songs. Since then, the group has been declared an official school organization.

Blue overalls, plaid shirts, sun glasses, and hats—all shapes and sizes—make up the official uniform of the "Cold Cuts."

Membership, which is by selection, is open to seniors only. Of course, there is an exception to every rule, and in this case, the exception is Frances Douglass, who is a junior. This bland maracas-shaker was originally a mascot for the group.

New members, as announced in the assembly program, are Ruth Bowles, Suzanne Bowles, Becky Elmore, Trudy Johnson, Edith Alston, Sheff Wilson, Irene McGuirk, Sally Harper, Midge Midyette, and Betsy Holland, better known as Holly Berry.

The old members are Sue Creech, president, Diane Blanton, Frances Douglass, Carter McAlister, Gay Davis, Muff Nabers, and Betsy Dunn.

The purpose of the group is to promote school spirit and to introduce fine music, artistically played, to the school.

Five More in Orchesis

Last Thursday night, September 29, paired silent figures dressed in black and carrying candles were seen moving through the dorms. These figures escorted five girls to the gym for the impressive induction ceremony of Orchesis. The ceremony was conducted by the president of Orchesis, Patricia Armstrong and the secretary-treasurer, Hadley Morgan and witnessed by the old members, the director, Mrs. Bailey and the honorary member, Dr. Guerry. The five new members of Orchesis are: Brooke Davila, Ann Thompson, Priscilla Lyerly, Gay Davis and Martha Pat Bell.