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'NEW MORALITY' EXPLAINED BY FORMER CHAPLAIN

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Dr. Joseph Fletcher, controversial episcopal clergyman, advocate of the "New Morality", and former chaplain of St. Mary's, spoke on campus on April 3 and 4.

Dr. Fletcher, speaking to the student body formally in a sermon in the Chapel and in two lectures, also met with students and faculty members for two informal discussion groups during his stay.

Dr. Fletcher came to St. Mary's on a tour of southern colleges and universities from the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is a member of the faculty.

Dr. Fletcher centered his lectures on the principles and philosophy of "situationism."

The situationist is the person who adjusts his personal conduct and values to the aspects presented to him in a certain situation.

Although not advocating sexual promiscuity, Dr. Fletcher raised eyebrows when he stated his views concerning premarital sex relations, abortion, and birth control.

Dr. Fletcher, causing many differences of opinion among the students, laid down a philosophy which enabled the students to delve into their own philosophies and possibly to make alteration.

In an interview with Dr. Fletcher, he stated that the basic difference between the rebellion of the young people of the mid-twentieth century and that of the young people of the 20's and 30's lies in the purpose of the rebellion.

St. Genesis Inducts Four New Members

Saint Genesis, the new dramatics club, inducted its new members on March 24. These new members include Susan Hutaff, Joan Wickham, Sue Owens, and Francy Lewis.

The club now has nine members, the charter members being Linda Stenson, Linda Stott, Jody Burton, Joan Deas, and Mary Melcher.

Sue Owens played Aunt Trina in *Remember Mama*, and Grandma in the "Sandbox".

Also in the "Sandbox", Francy Lewis portrayed Death. Susan Hutaff is remembered for playing Christine in *I Remember Mama*, and will play Magdalena in the commencement play, *The House of Bernarda Alba* by Frederica Garcis Torca.

Joan Wickham has played a vital part in every play: she has been in charge of costumes.

These new members will aid in the activities of St. Genesis as the active nucleus and co-ordinating body of the dramatics activities at St. Mary's.

Today, young people are "prophetic rebels" reaching back to basic ideals, opposed to hypocrisy. In the 20's and 30's, young people were seeking a "new society" by means of "social idealism."

Dr. Fletcher stated that a revision of standards is possible, desirable, and profitable to intelligent, competent people. The immature and incompetent only reach a state of increased confusion.

Dr. Fletcher also stated that the great problem of the academic community is the unmotivated student. The student, although intelligent and capable, falls into a lethargic

state due to the fact that he fails to recognize or fails to come to someone with an emotional problem.

This type of student in some cases requires professional aid. It is this student that is easy swayed into foolish decision-making and finds himself harmed by his actions.

Dr. Fletcher led St. Mary's students and visitors in two days of intellectual inspection, two days which will not be forgotten by those concerned.

Dr. Fletcher's latest book — *Situation Ethics — the New Morality* — is now available in paperback at local bookstores.

Voting Completed For SGA Offices; Swann, Watkins To Fill Positions

Elections for the school term 1966-1967 have recently been concluded here at St. Mary's.

Gale Swann has been chosen as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Government. Gale is from Morehead City, N. C. She is a member of the choir, Secretary-Treasurer of the YDC, and a representative to the Legislative Body from the junior class.

Stacy Watkins, who hails from Emporia, Va., will be the Secretary of Hall Council next year. Stacy is a very active member of the Sigma-Mu team.

Chairman of Assembly next year is Linda Stott, an old girl. Linda is a member of Orchesis, and a very active member of the Dramatics Club. Linda is from Spring Hope, N. C.

Anna Holbrook has been chosen as the editor of the *Stagecoach*. She is

a member of Orchesis, and worked on the staff of the *Stagecoach* this year.

Editor of the *Belles* will be sophomore Molly Richardson. Molly is President of the Beacon, and she served this year as feature-editor of the *Belles*. Molly's home is Perry, Georgia.

Margaret Kelly will be the editor of the handbook. Margaret is very active in Sigma-Mu, and is from Tallahassee, Fla.

Sally Hurst, a day student from Raleigh, was chosen as editor of the *Muse*. Sally served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Day Students this year, and was also on the *Muse* staff.

Six girls were also chosen to be Marshals. Chief Marshal is Jane Patrick from Morehead City, N. C. Others chosen were Livy Miller, Lander Marshall, Margaret Isley, Rita Daniels, and Charlotte Weaver.

Library Finally On Way To Completion

After many unavoidable delays, the new library is finally on its way to completion. Carpeting should be laid by May 16, and the shelves should be installed by May 31, so that the summer months can be spent in moving books and in getting settled.

The building is to be completely air-conditioned. The walls will be oyster white, the doors and metal-work deep brown. The carpet is of acrilan and will be a bright rust color. The free-standing shelves are to be of Estey metal and will be fawn color with end panels of cordovan. The acquisition of draperies will have to wait until the library has accumulated more funds.

As one enters the main floor, she will find the reference collection and bound periodicals to her left. To her right will be the circulating books, and near the door will be the reserve book alcove. In the center of the room will be a glass-enclosed processing area where the work of preparing and repairing books will take place. At the rear behind the non-circulating books is a browsing room. It will be utilized for the display of new books, for holding library classes during orientation week, and for holding discussions after lectures. With this last purpose in mind, a small kitchenette for preparing refreshments has been added behind the processing room.

The building will be well lighted. There will be large globes in the browsing room. Over the stacks and shelves there will be special lighting, while the processing room will be equipped with a completely luminous ceiling.

Until sufficient funds can be procured, the furniture now in use in the present library will continue to be used. It is hoped that at some later time new furniture can be bought, and individual study carrels can be added.

On the second floor will be a meeting room which will hold about seventy-five people, and an inside room which will be used for showing slides if audio-visual equipment is ever installed in the library. Also there will be a St. Mary's publication and archives room and two faculty rooms, one for study and the other for discussions. There will be rest rooms at the rear of this floor.

The new library will house 35,000 volumes on the main floor, and later, 15,000 volumes on the upper floor. There will be 171 seats on the lower floor and 12 seats in the two faculty studies on the upper floor.

Upon its completion, the library will be a beautiful and much needed addition to the St. Mary's campus.



New officers for SGA include Gale Swann, Vice-President and Stacy Watkins, Secretary of Hall Council.