

THE BELLES OF ST. MARY'S

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Out, About and Around

May 4—6:30 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: NCSU Fanfare Band. McKimmon Village, NCSU.

May 10—Exhibit: International Paintings. Union Gallery, NCSU.

May 11—7:00 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: Symphonic Band. Union Terrace, NCSU.

May 12—7:00 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: Fanfare Band. Union Terrace, NCSU.

May 13—7:00 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: Glee Club and Choir. Union Terrace, NCSU.

May 14—7:00 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: Braeschoir Band. Union Terrace, NCSU.

May 15—7:00 P.M. Outdoor "Pops" Concert: Symphonic Band. Union Terrace, NCSU.

Flicks of the Future

Ambassador: M.A.S.H.
Varsity: Romeo and Juliet, The Damned
State: Bloody Mama
Colony: The Liberation of I. B. Jones
Village: Loving
Cardinal: A Man Called Horse

PINS AND LAVALIERS

Pinned

Connie Darby to Bill Hartsell, Sigma Nu at NCSU.

Lavaliered

Valeta Sledge to Chris Jenkins, Pi Kappa Phi at UNC-CH.



EMMY: does 'Imperial Margarine' really make you feel like a QUEEN?

THE BELLE TOWER

There are certain traditions this school which are very meaningful, and very much a part of the spirit that is St. Mary's. One of these traditions is May Day.

It has been rumored that the May Day Festivities are soon to come to an end. Many of us feel that this would be a shame and we want to do something about it. It seems that the point of conflict is the time; May Day always seems to fall the same week as Jubilee at Carolina. Would it not be possible to have some compromise with the big university? Perhaps we could alternate dates each year; what we do not want is an end to a tradition that is so much a part of the life of St. Mary's.

So many of the girls who are able to be on the tennis team and Sigma-Mu can participate in the May Day program. This lets more girls take part in activities which makes them feel involved in what is going on in the school.

Change is good to a certain extent, but too much change at St. Mary's can make it just like any other high school and junior college. Cannot some of the St. Mary's real traditions remain as they are?

Cathy Neal

May Day Is Celebrated Worldwide

The first day of May, or May Day, has become synonymous with the beginning of spring. Practically all over the world festive celebrations are held on this day to signal the end of the season of winter and the beginning of the season of spring.

The origin of these festivals is thought by some to date to celebrations held in ancient Egypt and India. Others believe that "May Day" began with the Druids who worshipped the trees.

Upon further investigation, one will learn that the day is celebrated in English villages with the dancing around a may pole and by the singing of carols by children. Many villagers exchange gifts and choose a King and a Queen to reign during the festival.

In France, this day has religious importance in that it is the beginning of a month dedicated to the honor of the Virgin Mother. The French usually choose a May Queen who leads a religious procession in honor of the Mother of God.

The significance of May Day is somewhat different in totalitarian countries. There the leaders of the countries have chosen the day to demonstrate military might for propaganda purposes. The Communists in the USSR declare this day a national holiday and hold military parades and deliver speeches. To the Socialists, since 1887, this day has meant a day of unity for the working classes.

EARTH DAY:

A BEGINNING

On April 22, St. Mary's took part in a nationwide Environmental Action Day, or Earth Day. Students who visited the booth in Lower Smedes saw many posters and books pertaining to the problem of pollution. Most of the students show that they are in this campaign against pollution by wearing the ECOS buttons and by reading the various materials that were being distributed. Some of the printed literature dealt with constructive methods of conservation, as well as the danger of over-population.

The observance of Earth Day marked the beginning of St. Mary's interest in our "environmental crisis." For those students

who are interested in positive action right now, there are many conservation groups in existence which need youthful support, such as The Nature Conservancy, The National Wildlife Federation, The Wilderness Society, Friends of the Earth, The Sierra Club, and Zero Population Growth. Right within Raleigh, students can work with other civic groups and find ways to improve our environment. Earth Day marked a beginning at St. Mary's, and we the students must continue to actively support the programs dealing with pollution. Let us take the initiative in combating pollution and conserving our natural resources.

Wow; My first paper is in. Hope the next one won't be this scary. I certainly have some big footsteps to follow in, both literally and figuratively. Dru left me quite a bit to live up to. And I shall try, but I'll need lots of help, so I'm counting on you, the students.

I hope that in the next thirteen issues we will be able to broaden our scope, at least beyond Hillsborough Street. We should be more aware of the world outside the Grove and Fraternity Court. Because I feel that the Belles should do more than merely report campus events, I am opening a column up to the students themselves. In it they may express opinions and/or ideas about things both on or off campus.

However, students must bear in mind that we are not exactly The Daily Tar Heel. There will be several criteria for the articles. They must be turned in typed by May 8 to either Rebecca Stallings or me. The editors reserve the right to omit any articles written in poor taste. If any further information is required, please contact me. This column is a chance for you to express yourself. If there is no support, there will be no column.

J. L. D.