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McAlister Stresses SMC Involvement

by Beth DeLapp

In these times of governmental deterioration and mistrust, St. Mary's continues to stand, unaffected by such bothersome little problems as campaign spending, tampered tapes, and tax evasion. The most eminent problem St. Mary's student government has to deal with is one of spirit and involvement (something other governments should also be concerned with now), and Margaret McAlister, newly elected SGA President, is ready to cope with just such a problem.

"Hopefully," says McAlister, "school spirit will not be a problem." She sees taking Lane's (Turner) place as her greatest task. "It would be impossible to find better student government officers than we have had this year."

Margaret feels that being President of St. Mary's will give her a chance to do something for the school. She wants to give something of herself to St. Mary's. Being a "four year girl," Margaret has seen the

spirit of St. Mary's at its lowest. But, she has also seen it grow to its present peak. Margaret wants to continue this growth.

The new President has formulated some ideas and plans for next year's community. She places great emphasis on student involvement in every phase of SMC life. In the way of changes, the new President would like to see the classes doing more things together. All Juniors living in the same dorm is an idea that she strongly adheres to. Margaret would also like to bring back some of the

old traditions that have been forgotten, like step singing.

Influenced by recent incidences in the national government, Margaret has become more conscious of the importance of her job. She is aware of how important it is to have the support of the SMC community. If the students put their confidence in her, Margaret wants to return their confidence; she does not want to disappoint anyone. With good judgment and discernment, Margaret will achieve her goals and will serve St. Mary's as a proficient President.

SMC's Santa Sadly Leaves; Lawrence Wills To Resign

by Margaret Stevens

After serving St. Mary's seven years as chairman of the Mathematics Department, Mr. Gus Lawrence submitted his resignation, March 12.

Forever ready with a smile for everyone and a pat on the back to encourage the discouraged Miss Bunn or Miss Clark, Mr. Lawrence has devotedly supported "his girls" as shown by his faithful attendance at basketball games, Honor Society Inductions, and endless class functions. In addition, he has entertained the Student body year after year with his performance as Santa Claus at the traditional Circle-Beacon Christmas party and his role as auctioneer at Freshman Slave Sales.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Mr. Lawrence served in the Air Force 23 years before deciding to retire and continue his education. Already holding a B.A. degree from Michigan State, Mr. Lawrence earned his M.A.T. at Duke and then remained there to teach for a year. Now, in the fall, Mr. Lawrence will return once again to teach Calculus at Duke.

During his years at St.

Mary's, Mr. Lawrence has served on such committees as Academic Council, the Curriculum Committee, and the Faculty on Tenure. He has also acted as advisor for both the junior and senior classes.

Mr. Lawrence smilingly notes that he has missed only one class in his seven years here. He explains that the first day of this semester, his 12 o'clock class simply slipped his mind. Later, upon seeing Peggy House, he asked her why she wasn't in class. "Because you didn't come," she replied.

Another time, all five members of Mr. Lawrence's senior Calculus class accidentally decided to cut on the same day. Undaunted, Mr. Lawrence delivered his lecture to an empty classroom.

Concerning his resignation, Mr. Lawrence states that "it was with deep regret that I took this step and terminated this association which has been so rewarding and a source of so much pleasure and pride to me and my family." He adds that he hopes people will continue to drop by for visits since he, his family, and his two antique cars will continue to live a mere two blocks away.



CONFIDENT AND OPTIMISTIC . . . 1974-75 SGA President Margaret McAlister looks forward to a year of involvement.

English Department Loses Brown

by Margaret Stevens

For seven years, Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Brown has miraculously enabled such authors as John Keats, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and even James Fenimore Cooper to come alive for her SMC Literature classes. Now, after submitting her resignation in mid-January, Mrs. Brown will leave St. Mary's at the semester's end.

A native of Ohio, Mrs. Brown received both her B.S. and M.A. degrees from Bowling Green State University. She then taught college preparatory English in a public school system for three years. Later, upon coming to "informal" St. Mary's after working in a formal high school situation, she was floored when a girl walked into class to take Mrs. Brown's first test with a bottle of ink in one hand and a bottle of Pepto-Bismol in the other.

Extraordinarily enough, the summer of 1966 found Mrs. Brown happily managing a hotel in England. Having stayed previously in the hotel as a tourist, she was left in charge when the owner was called away unexpectedly. Although she left for the United States at the end of the season, Mrs. Brown returned for a visit in the summer of 1968 and ended up managing the hotel once again.

Since she has been teaching at St. Mary's, Mrs. Brown notes that even though the girls have continued to be extremely warm and friendly from year to year, they have changed in that they no longer read as much or as fast. In addition, she feels that while St. Mary's girls once placed a clear-cut emphasis on achieving a thorough education, they are now slanting progressively away from academics. And, in part, the changing pol-

icy of the administration toward academics has prompted her resignation.

Mrs. Brown states that her plans for the future are indefinite although she is always ready to take advantage of interesting opportunities. Her latest venture has been the purchasing of a farm near Siler City. Presently, Mrs. Brown has a small part-time job for next year as N. C. Executive Secretary of the American Asso-

ciation of University Professors. But, actually, Mrs. Brown prefers to teach.

Looking back on her years at St. Mary's, Mrs. Brown remarks that she has sincerely enjoyed her experience at St. Mary's. "I've found it very rewarding personally as well as professionally," she states. She adds that she has also profited from the opportunity to exchange ideas with other members of the English faculty.

Name Needed for New Club

Based on an organization at Wake Forest University, a newly formed club offers a chance for people to express their love for St. Mary's. To belong one must pledge a donation of \$10,000 to St. Mary's over the next decade. Already the club boasts a membership of six.

In return for their generosity, the members will have two opportunities to meet students and become familiar with the campus. Each fall, the members will be invited to a dinner after which they will receive patron seats at the annual SMC theater production.

In the spring, the benefactors will return to the campus on a Sunday for a special chapel service. The next day, they will journey to North Ridge Country Club to receive golf instruction from pro Peggy Bell. Then, they will play in the annual golf tournament there and join in a banquet afterwards.

This year, the SMC golf tournament and banquet will take place April 8. Sponsored by SMC parents, Peggy Bell, Dr. Frank Pisani, and coach Norman Sloan, the event will merit television coverage.

Dr. Pisani promises a steak dinner at the Angus Barn to any SMC student who comes up with an especially appropriate name for this new club by April 5.

Soph 'Casino' Proves Successful

by Mary McGranahan

All was fun and games the evening of March 14 in "Bud's" cafeteria, when the sophomore class sponsored a very successful Bingo game. The night began with Mr. Lawrence as MC, dressed up with a top hat and a most distinguished mustache! Ten games were played with such prizes as cakes, puzzles, books, albums, and gift certificates to Burton's and Mr. Jay's. The grand prize was a beautiful popcorn popper.

Refreshments were served throughout the games and included hot Brother's pizza, cool lemonade, and popcorn. After about two-and-a-half hours, the games ended and all was a success, due to a \$118 profit. Thanks are extended from the

sophomore class to everyone who came and helped make the

night so much fun and such a success.



BINGO! I WIN! . . . Tricia Northrop participates in the sophomore Bingo game.