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"WE'RE THE COLD CUTS, 14 STRONG!"—New members join old with tears and laughter.

Bennette Performs at SMC

by Lisa Albert

The stage was set—draped black curtains centered a black piano, giving off an expectant atmosphere of the mystic. George Bennette, decked in black tuxedo and contrasting white beard, walked cautiously across the stage. This blind pianist arrived all the way from New York to entertain St. Mary's with this concert. During his performance this great maestro proved that even the blind can "see" in many other ways than with the eyes.

Born in Greensboro, Mr. Bennette schooled at the Morehead Foundation here in Raleigh. His profession has taken him

throughout the United States and abroad. When asked how it felt to return to St. Mary's after several years, Mr. Bennette shyly replied, "The clapping of the audience seemed much louder this year. It's always nice to come back to such a friendly place." Mr. Bennette says that he prefers classical music but has tried his hand at some jazz, which he says disagrees with him.

I'm sure to many of us music lovers Mr. Bennette gave a thoroughly delightful escape from the study routine. It's a beautiful thought to know that a handicapped man has created musical harmony to delight our ears.

Sr. Class Is Active

by Thalia Cooper

Each year, it is traditional for the senior class to head many school projects, not only for itself, but in conjunction with the other classes as well. Jo Ann Nance, this year's project chairman, and Lou Ann Coleman, president of the Senior Class, have, with the help of other seniors, already carried out such projects as selling cookies on the halls, organizing the powderpuff football game, and setting up a concession stand there. (Incidentally, it has been proven that selling food, naturally, is the best way to raise money. Since there are so many conscientious dieters here though, it must be assumed that these warm-hearted weight-watchers buy it just to send to their little brothers and sisters at home!) Also, "the seniors really hope to work closely with the SOS club," stated Jo Ann Nance, "in order to help promote spirit in every class. It would be great, too, if the seniors could begin projects that the underclassmen could follow through on later. And we also hope to raise enough money to leave St. Mary's a little remembrance from our class."

Now, let's not forget that the seniors are really concerned about the safety and well-being of the other students. Proof of this is the large amount of time and trouble that they went to in order to plan a special fire drill for the other classes!

But don't worry. There will be more fun surprises for everyone throughout the year, compliments of the senior class!

After many weeks of nominations and voting and counting ballots, the seniors have finally come up with a complete roster of officers for the 1974-75 year. These girls are: Bettie Henderson, vice president; Cord-

elia Plunkett, secretary; Gaither Kelly, treasurer; and Francis Creel, Leg. body representative. Also, Hall council elected Sallie Shuping as its secretary and its representative to Social Board.

Please keep in mind, underclassmen, that your elections will be held after you return from fall break. Paige Ward, on 2nd West Cruik, has asked that you turn in your nominations for president by 10:00 Monday night, Oct. 21. In order to nominate someone you must have three persons to sign in support of that nominee.

Circle Makes First Midnight Walk

by Celeste Neaves

If you looked out of your window about 12:00 the night of September 26, you saw some mysteriously-robed girls marching on back campus. However, it was not that, but The Circle, making their first walk of the year. For this first walk, all but two of last years members returned for a memorable reunion.

The Order of the Circle was organized in 1938, and it has the same purposes now as it did then: to cultivate and promote fellowship among St. Mary's students, to encourage school spirit, to bring the students and faculty closer, and to get the students to participate in college activities.

The 1974-75 members are President Deborah Walter, Secretary Thalia Cooper, Pat Holt and Paige Ward. The members inducted on September 26 were Sally Lewis, treasurer, Martha Kelly and Bonnie Bell. New members are initiated several times each year, and if you missed the first walk be sure and come watch the next one.

Cold Cuts Now Fourteen Strong

by Thalia Cooper

Finally, after all that suspense and all that waiting, there are seven new voices rising soft and clear from St. Mary's. Well, maybe not all that soft, and maybe not always from SMC, but the new Cold Cuts are definitely here—just ask the management at the P. R. and the Templar Haus!

Before the new people are congratulated, it is only right to give the Original Seven the recognition and credit that they deserve. Only the Cold Cuts themselves (and Julie Walker, their manager) know how much time and hard work comes before the fun and dating and playing. Also, no one quite

realizes how much the whole student body depends on the Cold Cuts to help start the year off right just by playing, being here, and adding such a bright spot to the first hectic weeks of school. Finally, no one can possibly imagine the long hours of working with new people trying out, the try-outs themselves, and the all-nighter spent trying to pick just seven people out of almost forty great girls.

Last of all, the Cold Cuts have a certain image that they must live up to, and some high standards they have to meet. It's a hard job and a big responsibility being a Cold Cut, but our Original Seven: Jan Morgan, president, Tina Blackley, Cacky

Daniel, Sally Lewis, Susan Pitt, Jane Roberts, and Maggie Sargent have handled everything just fine.

Now, the seven slightly hung-over but happy new girls are: Nan Brantley on the washboard, Carol Cleveland on the grater, Bonnie Ford on the tambourine, Allison Kerr on the bongos, Loula Polites on the cow bell, Kathryn Scott on the shakers, and Yorke Wooten on the morcas.

Petitions Granted

by Marcia Nahikian

Several petitions have been presented to the Legislative Body this year. One of the main bills was that boys be allowed on back campus during the week, but the Leg. Body tabled this until proper security can be enforced so we would feel safe with boys on back campus.

The second bill has made a lot of St. Mary's girls very happy!!! Juniors now have one night out during the week and also Sunday night. If they have a 2.0 or higher when grades come out this quarter they will be able to keep these privileges. But if their grades are below a 2.0 they will have one night out during the week and only every other Sunday night. The girls that have a QPR below a 1.8 will have only every other Sunday day. But they may petition their Sunday night privilege for a week night instead.

Seniors got something also! If they are on AP (Academic Probation), their privileges now extend to one week night and every other Sunday first semester, and second semester they will have one night during the week and every Sunday night.

Several Sophomores have said that they feel they should have a few more privileges but Sophomores and Freshmen are happy about one thing—the paging system in Smedes will be done away with and replaced with a telephone.

The majority of the student body realizes that the new rules and even the ones that have been tabled show that the Student Government is working for us.

Poole Guards Ford

by Janet Smalley

I'm sure every St. Mary's girl knows the smiling face of Lieutenant John Poole. Well, recently Lieutenant Poole was a member of the Security Guard for President Gerald Ford when he was at Pinehurst in September to dedicate a Hall of Fame for golf! The President played nine holes of golf with Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicholas, and several other pros.

Lieutenant Poole described the President as a plain country boy who acts no differently as president. "He's just like anyone else; he's friendly to everyone, and he's very open." Lieutenant Poole says that he really enjoyed the day having the chance to meet the President.

Book

by Deborah Walter

If you have seen a pair of twinkling blue eyes and a warm smile as you clean out the cobwebs from your mailbox in the student union, you have seen a glimpse of our new bookstore clerk, Mrs. Teresa Hayes. Mrs. Hayes, after traveling with her husband who was in the Air Force, now resides in Raleigh with him and her six-month-old son, Jeremy. She graduated from Hardbarger's Business College here in Raleigh.

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Sewing is one of her enjoyable past times. Although she has not lately had time to get involved, she is interested in music and singing, also. And she said she enjoys sports very much, but as a spectator rather than a participant.

So if you see a bright cheery brunette in the bookstore, she is not a student, but our new clerk, Mrs. Hayes. Say "Hello" to her, and make her feel at home!