



The Belles of St. Mary's



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SMC Vestry Stays Busy

By Deborah Walter

The past few weeks have been busy for the Vestry. The week before Thanksgiving, the Vestry, along with members of the senior class volunteer committee, sponsored a party for the Governor Morehead School for the Blind's third graders. Girls from each class spent the afternoon with the children, and it was a full day of fun, from the scavenger hunt to the dancing to the Cold Cuts' music.

Secondly, the Vestry sponsored a used clothing and toy drive for the Methodist Orphanage. Along with the clothes and the toys, the offerings from the chapel services of November and December were given to the orphanage for Christmas. Due to the great response, the orphans should have a good Christmas.

Also, the Vestry, with Chaplain Davis, made the decision to try out the new service, and thus put the booklets together. In addition, the offering taken up during the service on Father-Daughter Day established a fund by which the Vestry hopes to use to paint the chapel. Also, the Vestry organized a group of volunteer tutors for the Catholic Orphanage. And the Vestry members ended their projects by planning the message for the December 8 service.

By and large, the Vestry projects have been a success only because the students have been so cooperative and willing to give of themselves.

Circle Takes Second Walk

The second walk of the Order of the Circle took place Tuesday night, December 3 (much to the surprise of the "scoopers"!). And now that the old members have decided to go back to the tradition of having only the old members leave a sign in their room, it was harder than usual to discern who the honored were. But they finally emerged and The Belles staff gives their congratulations to Margaret McAlister, Sallie Shuping, and Jeannette Sanderson. See ya around!



COME ON, MARTA! DO YOU HAVE TO SMILE WHEN YOU DO THAT? . . . The Tug-o-War was a big success this year, with the turkey dinner (cooked by the Beacon members) going to Third East and West Smedes.

Chorale Sings at Assembly

By Kay Castleberry

St. Mary's Chorale set the mood for Christmas with an assembly of Christmas music on December 4. The members were dressed in colorful ski sweaters to add to the spirit. Chorale opened the program with "Ring Those Christmas Bells," and continued with other songs of

the Christmas Season. Solo parts were sung by Melinda Shepherd, Ruth Butler, and Lena Johnson.

Chorale also presented a program of Christmas music for Chapel Wednesday night which proved very inspiring. Mr. Michael Bulley is the director of the Chorale.

Freshmen Work Hard For Annual Dance

By Thalia Cooper

Okay, freshmen, we know you need money for the Freshman-Sophomore, but if you have another bake sale like the last one, everybody's gonna look like such a hog that they won't be able to get dates. Please keep essentials like that in mind; next time sell Aysds or something.

Seriously though, the food was delish; congratulations on clearing about \$90. Hope your bake sale after Christmas is even better!

The car wash was a great success, too: \$125 added to the fund. Rumor has it that y'all got quite a bit of business from Central Prison; hope you were honorable enough to put those personal tips into the pot — you know, use that sex appeal for the good of the class.

What we're all really waiting

for, though, is the annual freshman slave sale. Everyone who hasn't been saving their gross-est jobs all semester, start right away, so you can get your money's worth out of your slave. Or you can plan a week of luxury — have your room cleaned, laundry done, etc. Or if you've got a problem, like Robert Redford won't quit calling and bugging you for a date, the freshman can handle that, too. Leave it all up to them.

Everyone please make a New Year's resolution to support the freshman class. They're working so hard to make the Freshman-Sophomore a success, and they need everyone's help. Special thanks goes to Lore White, Mabel Geoghegan, Mary Ashton Kollmansperger, and Elizabeth Vann for their extra work. Keep it up, freshmen — you'll get there yet!



DANCIN' TO THE COLD CUTS! . . . As they always do, the children from Governor Morehead School of the Blind enjoyed the Cold Cut music the most at the party given by the Vestry.

Circle-Beacon Christmas Party — Enjoyment for All

By Anna Savage
and Lisa Albert

The Circle-Beacon Christmas Party this year was given December 10 at 8:00. The Circle and the Beacon raised money for this gay event as one of their annual projects. The Beacon raised money by putting on the Tug-o-War. Every person on each hall on campus (except one) donated 50 cents so they could participate in this exhilarating event. The halls battled against one another until two winners were announced — Third East and West Smedes. The girls on these halls were

treated to a turkey dinner (cooked and served by Beacon members). The Circle raised money by selling the beautiful St. Mary's mugs. Mr. Tate substituted for Santa Claus this year and did the service very well. (In years past, he was Santa Claus, too). Refreshments were served, the Cold Cuts performed and the girls dressed festively for this grand occasion at St. Mary's.

In closing, the Belles staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and, certainly, a "party-ing" New Year. See you January 12!

Election Results Given; Better Method Needed

By Mary Dombalis

Class elections were held after Fall Break. The results are as follows:

Freshman Class: President, Lore White; Social Board, Frances Schultz; Vice President, Mabel Geoghegan; Secretary, Mary Ashton Kollmansperger; Treasurer, Elizabeth Vann; Dance Marshal, Hunter Dortch; Legislative Body, Debra Rhodes.

Sophomore Class: President, Christine Thompson; Honor Board, Pam Peebles; Social Board, Ellyn Faircloth; Vice President, Carter Warren; Secretary, Betsy Barwick; Treasurer, Ann Barwick; Legislative Body, Ann Woodroof.

Junior Class: President, Barksdale Spencer; Honor Board, Mary Dombalis and Towles Dunbar; Social Board, Betsy Armstrong; Legislative Body, Liz Baskerville and Joanna Drake; Vice President, Lou White; Secretary, Rogers Pender.

These girls are very capable leaders. They will surely make good officers with the support and cooperation of the student body.

The class elections started on Monday, October 21 and lasted through Monday, December 9. The delay was due largely to the fact that there were several fallacies in the election system. First of all, the elections were only held four days a week. Therefore, if nominations were submitted on Sunday night for an office, elections began on Monday. It usually took two run-offs before a winner could be announced. By this time it was Thursday and nominations could not be submitted until the following Sunday night. Thus, it took approximately one week to elect one officer.

The major problem, however, was the lack of voting on the part of the students. At first, students were eager to vote. But, as the days wore on, the student body as a whole became less and less enthusiastic and participated in the voting less and less. Therefore, the elections were delayed many times because a class failed to have a majority of the class voting. This caused hardships for all concerned — the SGA officers, the girls who counted votes (all of whom gave unselfishly of their time) and finally, the nominees themselves.

The legislative body subsequently passed a petition which would alter the system for class elections. By the new system, each class would hold a meeting in which they would elect officers in one day. The meeting would be supervised by the SGA officers, and Dr. Miller and Dean Jones would be present to approve the nominations. The nominations would then be submitted in writing and approved and the class would then vote by a show of hands. In this way all class officers would be elected in one day. This petition was brought before the student body in assembly and discussed. The students voted by show of hands. Because the vote was apparently very close and a large amount of disagreement was evident, the petition was tabled until other methods of conducting elections are offered. One thing is certain — a more effective way of electing class officers is necessary and only the ideas and interest of the students will bring about a change in the present system. Please submit your ideas to Susanne Owens in a petition.

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