

## The SMC Constitution

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Body. The committee is a sub-committee of the Ledge Body. All amendments must be proposed by the committee or presented to the committee in the form of a petition to be reviewed by the committee. Then the proposed amendment is reviewed by Ledge Body and voted on. In order to be passed, the proposed amendment must be passed by the Ledge Body, the Student Body, and approved by the President of the College. Any one of these three parties may designate when the amendment will go into effect, with the approval of the other two parties.

Two Constitution amendments have been passed this year. The first was an amendment which requires that a majority of the eligible voters vote in any elec-

tion in order for the election to be valid. The second amendment which has been passed is one concerning the appointment of faculty representatives to the Honor Board and Social Board. In the past, the President of the College has had full power of appointments and our present President has always consulted with the Chairman of the Board concerning these appointments. However, for safety with future Presidents, the Chairman of the Board now has the right to submit a slate of perhaps five desirable faculty representatives from which the President of the College is to choose. If none of these five meet the approval of the President of the College or none are able to serve, the process is repeated.

A third amendment was not

approved by the student body and was tabled. This was an amendment for revising the procedure of class elections. The amendment proposed that class elections should take place in a class meeting. It was felt that this was necessary to install class officers faster, reduce the use of paper, and reduce the burden of those involved in the procedure of the present system. However, the student body apparently felt that enough thought hadn't been given to this proposal and that others perhaps should be considered.

Up until this semester the Constitution Committee has been placing its emphasis on bringing the Constitution up to present policy. Now we are considering amendments for the improvement of present policy. A proposed amendment to provide student government and a judiciary board for summer school has been initiated by the Constitution Committee and will be presented to Ledge Body and the student body in the next few weeks. Other possible amendments under discussion by the committee are reduction of responsibilities for each SGA officer, and possible creation of new offices to carry these responsibilities; new election procedures; the effectiveness of nominating committees for different elections; and revision and enforcement of the point system, which limits the maximum number of major activities and positions one person may take part in.

The Constitution Committee, as well as the entire Ledge Body would appreciate any suggestions or ideas any one of you may have to improve present policy of the Student Body workings. We need these ideas and cannot successfully represent you without them.

### SMC To Lose A True Friend

Everyone knows, although they try to put it out of their minds, what will be happening when May finally rolls around.

This year, however, the seniors are not the only ones who will be leaving. Reverend Johnny Davis, who has been our chaplain for the past two years, has been called to his own parish in Henderson, N. C.

Said Mr. Davis: "I was baptized, confirmed, ordained, and on the vestry there as a layman. I'd always wanted to go back after I'd done some things and had some experiences. The opportunity came when they called me during Christmas and asked me to come as Rector of the Holy Innocence Church."

Mr. Davis has been much more than just a chaplain at St. Mary's. Not only has he served as a faculty member, but he has also participated actively in every aspect of school life. The graciousness and generosity of both he and Mrs. Davis have been truly appreciated and will certainly be missed.

"I've never been anywhere that didn't leave me with pleasant memories after I'd gone," said Mr. Davis. We hope that St. Mary's will be no exception.

We are losing a chaplain, a teacher, a counselor, and best of all, a true friend. The people at Holy Innocence had better realize how lucky they are.

## "A Match in the Night"

By Laura Lewis

It all began on a gloomy, dateless night. With the exception of four girls, the entire 1st West Smedes hall had dating plans. To rouse a little laughter, I walked down my hall by the light of a single match. On this night, the "Undatettes" were born.

Two members were inducted on this night — Libba Williamson, Vice President, and Carter Warren, Secretary-Treasurer. Contrary to its name, there is more to the club than being "dateless." The official qualifications must remain unknown because the "Undatettes" are indeed an honorary secret organization. We do, however, "strive together, work for one another, and we have a 'dateless' good time — until that day when we achieve our ultimate goal."

Other members include: Gene Cowper, Polly Eley, Melanie Calvert, Betsy Barwick, Sarah Graves, Ruth Butler, Ann Barwick, Libbet Gregory, Betsy Henry, Mary Conners, and Katie Cole, Honorary President for 2nd Smedes. Undatette advisors are Kathryn Scott and Sally Alston.

Our best walk took place Tuesday night, January 28. New members include: Tricia Timberlake, Honorary President of 3rd Smedes; Ann Woodroof, Leigh Gaiter, and Lisa Norwood.

So the next time you see a line of girls clad in yellow raincoats — it's not raining; it's the "Undatettes"! On the next day you might ask the new members why they're so dressed up. If you do, you might get a little scoop!

## "The Spiders Are Crawling"

By Sally McAlister

A couple weeks ago, the St. Mary's Spider Club, a group of jivin' SMC souls who try to promote "a jivin' soul spirit" in the school, decided it was high time to induct a few more of the school's jivin' souls. On the eve of Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at approximately eleven o'clock, the Spiders began their second crawl of the year, decked out in the usual long dark robes, carrying lit candles and wearing "magic marker" spiders on their cheeks. President Pam Peebles led the procession, and the low murmur of "The Spiders are walking . . ." was heard throughout the halls of Cruik and Smedes. This brought many puzzled looks, even sending a few wary people into their rooms! The newly inducted Spiders include Paige Ward (who, incidentally was escorted down about three flights of stairs by her hall fans), Ann Barwick, Laura Lewis, Polly Eley, and Betsy Vann.

After these inductions came the "soul Spider dance," a

dance traditionally taught to the new Spiders on 2nd West Smedes. These new Spiders were treated to a party afterwards, and then thirteen soul Spiders set out to spy for "Spiders" for the next walk.

The Spider Club, which came into existence last year, started with a "nucleus" of about three young Spiders who set out to enlarge the club with jivin' sophomores and a few jivin' counselors, so watch out ya'll . . . because it won't be long before a new "nucleus" will be chosen.

As a final note of warning, in case the new Spiders hadn't heard . . . there IS such a thing as a "Spider Board" (Cathy Martin, Lyn Clark, Mary Dombolis, and Ann Mayo) and very severe consequences result from not doing what they say, believe me. One of their "favorites" is to make you shout "I love you, Spiders" at such school gatherings as Day-Student-Boarder Picnics, assemblies, etc! This is embarrassing enough, but being run down by three or four older Spiders, could be mortifying!

## McNair Teaches Equitation

By Anne Turnage

Catherine McNair is a new teacher here at SMC, but if her name does not ring a bell, don't worry. Ms. McNair, who is the director of McNair's Country Acres, teaches horseback riding. In addition to her classes here, she also teaches girls from Peace, school age children, and adults. She runs a camp for children in the summer and boards horses all year round.

Ms. McNair's family has always had horses and she learned to ride at an early age. After going to school at SMC and NCSU, she decided to teach

riding in order to support her own horses. Her formal education in equitation consists of two springs studying under Olympic riders in Mexico.

In her P.E. classes, the student learns the basics of a sound forward seat. Control of the horse, both in the ring and across country is stressed. In addition to two outdoor rings, there is also an indoor ring, making it possible to have classes in all kinds of weather. The more advanced students jump, ride cross-country, and have an opportunity to show and foxhunt.

## The Review Zoo

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music. Bad Company's album is an excellent mixture of rhythm and blues, rock and roll, and "boogie music." Average White Band is an excellent new English group, and their first album proves it. George Harrison and Loggins and Messina have come through with some of their best. The new albums are entitled "Dark Horse" and "Mother Love" respectively. Last, but by no means least, the Bob Dylan we all know and love has finally come through again. His new album, "Love

in the Tracks," is Bob Dylan really being Bob Dylan. Although "Planet Waves" was good, his last two solo albums will never make the gold record scene, and it's great to see him playing his own great, unique music again.

Well that's about all this time. The next "Review Zoo" should contain reviews as well as previews of upcoming entertainment in Raleigh and the surrounding area. Hope you have found this interesting, and remember — suggestions and comments are welcome.

## U. S. Economy

### Tidings Of Discomfort

By Lisa Albert

Last week there was more gloomy evidence of the economy's continued deterioration. Today's economy is an important conversational piece in today's society. The fluctuation of the stock market leaves all our fathers in kahoots in his business. Just what is happening?

According to the Department of Commerce, the nation's output of goods and services declined by an estimated 7½% in the last quarter of 1974, the biggest annual drop since World War II. The auto industry showed that new car sales in December hit 26% below just a year ago; for 1974 they were down to 23%. Unemployment has reached 7.1% and threatens to exceed 8% before the recession bottoms out — the highest jobless rate since 1961. Ford Motor Co. closed 22 of its plants for a week, idling 85,000 workers.

To seed the recovery when it comes and stop the pains of recession, the Government must take immediate action to stimulate the economy. Essentially, President Ford has planned a

three-stage recovery operation. Stage 1) A quick infusion of \$16 billion of new buying power . . . \$12 billion to consumers in rebates on 1974 taxes, \$4 billion to corporations in higher tax credits on purchases of new machinery. Stage 2) Imposition of \$30 billion in new energy taxes that makes a citizen pay more to drive cars, heat houses, or turn on light switches. Stage 3) Recycling of that \$30 billion back into the spending stream, by permanent cuts in corporate and individual income taxes.

If this policy works, sales would revive, unemployment would moderate, and the nation would be better off if cutoff of foreign oil. If the policy fails, the nation would suffer in raging inflation, unemployment, and in consequence a monstrous depression.

Unfortunately, even if quick stimulative action is taken by the Government, the recession we are in today will continue into next summer or fall, making it the longest slump since World War II. It began in November 1973 and has been increasing all through 1974. Let's hope for the best.

## Raleigh Needs Volunteers

By Kay Castleberry

During this period of high prices, recession and unemployment, literally hundreds of Raleigh people — the old on fixed incomes; the ill; the blind, dependent children; and the unemployed — are living in constant misery and on the brink of disaster. Higher fuel

### DAY STUDENT SCOOP

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between classes until lunch-time, which ranges from 11:00 until 2:00. This is the time of day when most of us girls all work together; either fighting to use the three minute phone for 30 minutes, or watching our favorite soap operas — "The Young and The Restless" and "All My Children." Also, this is a universal time for laughter, tears, wisecracks and "cigs," sounds interesting — huh? Well, to some boarders who think it's wonderful to be away from home — some words of wisdom: The Day Students have a house full of love and unity which I wouldn't give up for all the world. Thank you, Corneille Little.

costs, higher food costs and fixed incomes all spell out real deprivation for many Raleighites who cannot buy enough wood or coal to keep warm, or pay utility bills to keep the heat on, or put food on the table, or pay their usually exorbitant rents. The need is real and now. The Social Services Department has limited budgeted funds for emergency situations in which families or individuals are faced with no food, or no heat, or eviction because of circumstances they cannot control.

This gives students at St. Mary's an excellent opportunity to really do something to help people in the Raleigh area that can do little to help themselves. Groups, clubs, and individuals can help by contributing to an emergency fund to be used by the Wake County Social Services Department for extremely difficult cases. Help in these cases is desperately needed. You would certainly be contributing to a worthy cause. If you or your group would be interested in helping, contact Mr. Roberts.