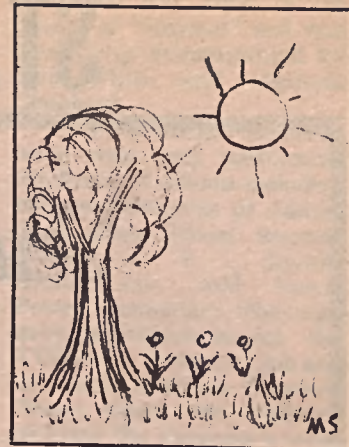




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Dr. Pisani

DR. PISANI RESIGNS

Most all students here at St. Mary's will agree that the chapel is the center of our lives here. For this reason, Dr. Frank W. Pisani chose the chapel to announce that for personal reasons, and because "his job was complete" here at St. Mary's, he was resigning as of May 15, 1976.

When I was asked to write this article, I tried several times to just write an objective, factual news story; but I found in Dr. Pisani's case, there must be more said.

I remember walking into Religion 21 as a freshman and thinking, "Oh my gosh; I've got the President of the college for Old Testament!" I

soon came to know this man as one of the most personal, likeable human beings I have ever known. (So much so that I stuck with him for three more semesters!) I could go on and on telling everybody what he's accomplished as the chief administrator of St. Mary's, but I believe his achievements speak well for themselves. What I would like to say is that those of us who have been fortunate enough to know Dr. Pisani, appreciate what a truly caring and giving person he really is; and those of you who have not had this opportunity have still been affected indirectly by the presence of this man and the

changes his administration has made.

Dr. Pisani will be greatly missed, but he has definitely left a mark in St. Mary's history that won't soon be forgotten.

Along the same line, I know that Dr. Pisani will want all of the school next year to help and co-operate in assisting the new President (and Chaplain) in every way possible so that they set off to a good start.

I might best express my feelings about Dr. Pisani in this quotation: "You have touched me, and I have grown."

NEW LEADERS CHOSEN

by Marcia Wahikiar

In a conversation the other day, I happened to overhear some comments about St. Mary's. One stated that no matter what happens at this school, it will pull through and be made stronger and better because of it. I thought about this and came to the conclusion that it was this thing called spirit that does it. Most important, though, are the girls that carry on this spirit. For next year, seven girls have been elected by the student body to strengthen this foundation.

St. Mary's is at a fork in the road. It seems that about every five years or so, SMC goes through a changing

stage. This year and next year also will be one of these. These girls seem to have the character and faith to help hold to St. Mary's good qualities and be open to the ever needed changes.

Ellyn Faircloth, a four year girl from Clinton, N.C. is president of the SGA. Cathy Connors, from Greenwood, S.C. is vice-president of the SGA. Betsy Barwick, another four year girl from Clinton (must be something about Clinton...) is Chairman of Honor Board. Ann Pelletier, a four year girl from Maysville, N.C., is Chairman of Social Board. Katherine Wooten, from Raleigh, N.C., is Secretary of SGA and Ann Shelton, from Speed, N.C., is

Secretary of Social Board. Bebe Tucker was re-elected as President of Day Students for the second year.

I am sure that all of these girls know that they have a big year ahead of them. Each of them has such strong leadership abilities that the student body will be one of the best yet. As everyone knows though, one can have the strongest leaders and without support from the body itself nothing can work. It is up to you, the students. You have elected some fantastic girls and they're more than willing to work for you. Good luck to all of the new SGA. I think I can say, with confidence, that it will be a super year.

At SMC Bicentennial Committee

On March 2,3, and 4, St. Mary's held a Bicentennial Forum. The subject was "The Continuing Revolution in Women's Education." On Tuesday, Mrs. Elizabeth Tidball spoke on "Rationales for the Education of Women." Mrs. Tidball is a Professor of Physiology at George Washington University Medical Center. She gave a very interesting talk with emphasis on a dual career for women, the housewife, and career woman. After her talk, she allowed the audience to ask questions. On Wednesday, Dr. Mary W. Atwell, Associate Professor of History on Hollins, spoke on "The

Education of Women: 1800-1976." Thursday night brought a panel discussion on "Prospects on the Education of Women: 1976-2002." Several guest including Dr. Katherine E. Hobbie, former Dean at New York State University and Dr. Anne Taylor, president Emeritus, Sweet Briar College talked about the future of women's education. All three nights the women emphasized the importance of women's colleges to the development of woman. Everyone enjoyed the three nights of discussion very much and we thank the St. Mary's Forum Committee for presenting it.

NCSL FOR '76

by Stephanie Born

The 39th annual session of the North Carolina Student Legislature opened Wednesday March 31 in Raleigh at the Royal Villa Motel. NCSL, a body of approximately 400 students from 40 colleges in the state, conducts mock legislative sessions and drafts bills on issues of importance to students which are recommended to the State Legislature.

It was St. Mary's first year as participants in NCSL. The seven-member delegation consisted of: House delegates and alternates Betsy Armstrong, Stephanie Born, Mazie Swindell, and Mindy Beebe. The Senators and alternates included Nancy Tripp, Kathy Tyndall and Minda Fleishman. Minda Fleishman was also appointed Recording Secretary of the Senate. In addition, St. Mary's further participated by providing pages for the annual session.

Major pieces of legislation included a Tax Reform Bill

submitted by UNC-CH, a Medical Malpractice Bill from Duke University, a bill concerning Euthanasia presented by ECU, and a bill requiring the Recertification of Physicians submitted by Greensboro College. St. Mary's bill dealt with requiring modification of the present inhumane steel-jaw trap now being used by trappers in North Carolina. The bill came out of committee with a favorable report and was passed in the House 97-10 and in the Senate 35-0.

At the final plenary session, Sunday April 4th, St. Mary's was presented with two awards. The awards were for the Best Bill from a new school and for Best Delegation from a new school. The SMC delegation was pleased to have received these awards.

It was an educational and enjoyable experience for all who participated. We all hope that St. Mary's will continue to be involved in NCSL for many years to come.

JUNIORS HOST JR-SR

by Lisa Albeit

The Junior - Senior Party was a curiosity to everyone, even to the party-giving Juniors!! No one really knew what to expect. But after numerous class meetings and many money-raising activities, the Juniors finally decided to entertain the Seniors with five kegs of beer, pretzels, potato chips, a couple of Mr. Grogan's cakes with "Come on Seniors-Please don't go" on them, and with juke-box music to dance. After a few beers, the party turned to wild conversation and dancing. Anyone who was lucky enough to go, didn't regret it.

The Juniors decided in a wild-goose chase, sending the

Seniors first to Katherine Wooten's to pick up their hats (Charlie Fallons type) and surprised them by having other directions. They ended up in Cathy Christian's spacious backyard. It took no time for the party to begin to swing.

Among the money-raising activities to support such a party were bottle drives, donut sales, and bake sales. The Juniors has as much fun preparing for it as the Seniors had being invited. As the evening wore on and food and drink began running out, Seniors began munching on their party hats! It was wild as the teachers realized when no one showed up for classes the next day!!!