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President Rice and son Bobby look over the SMC campus.

President Rice Arrives

by Hattie Neas

When John T. Rice came to St. Mary's last spring as the father of a prospective student looking over the campus, he learned of the concern the students felt for the new president who hadn't been selected at the time. The students felt that a new president would rush in and change everything they loved at St. Mary's. When John Rice arrived in July with his family as the president of St. Mary's, he came with the desire to take time to get to know the institution first and to leave any changes up to the students.

In the few weeks that President Rice has been working with us, he has sensed the community feeling that is a part of life at St. Mary's. This feeling has been attained by everyone (students, faculty, staff, and administration) by working together, and he feels it is essential to a young woman in this period of her life.

President Rice considers one of SMC'S strengths is her faculty. In a city with six colleges, the resources in Raleigh are ideal for keeping the faculty. Also, a motivation to learn is encouraged by the low student-teacher ratio which makes the teachers more special to us.

By no means does President Rice give all the credit to the faculty. Giving special recognition to Mr. Hatley, the Director of the Grounds, and Lt. Poole of the

Pinkerton Police, he commended the staff of St. Mary's for the wonderful job they have done at keeping everything running smoothly. Last, but not least, he praised the great student body here at St. Mary's.

The framework of St. Mary's-the honor code-is very important. In President Rice's view, it is easier to attend a college with an honor code, and ours works. He stressed that while at other colleges that have dropped their honor code and consequently all responsibility for one's fellow man, the honor code is strongly felt and highly respected at St. Mary's.

Mrs. Rice has more to handle than just being the President's wife. Along with entertaining faculty, students and friends, she also has to take care of four children. She

makes sure that they have a life of their own apart from the campus. Their oldest son Tom, a sophomore in high school, has become involved with football at Ravenscroft. Sarah 14, and Anne 10, have been finding their own friends, and Bobby 5, is most impressed with campus life and is often found swimming in the pool. Obviously, they have an advantage living on campus. They are exposed to cultural events, etc. held here at St. Mary's. But both President and Mrs. Rice are going to make sure that they will find their own interests.

The student body, faculty, administration and all the others who make up the community of St. Mary's are proud and happy to have President Rice with us and wish to welcome the Rices to our family.

Who Cares?

Who CARES? We should all CARE. The CARE Committee (Conserve All Resources and Energy) had its first meeting on September 1 and reaffirmed its goals of encouraging conversation of all resources at St. Mary's: water, energy, people power, paper, buildings, and grounds.

Mrs. Greiner chairs the committee, with Mrs. Sappenfield and Jeanne Bridger heading communications; Mr. McRae, statistics; Mr. Appleton, building studies; Mr. Conrad, resource policies; Mrs. Rice and Briane Pittman, beautification. They are all looking forward to our participation and support.

The first topic discussed was water usage. They hope that all of us will develop habits that minimize water usage, and suggest the following: 1) Take short showers. 2) Collect used shower and basin water in a pan to water plants. 3) Shut off faucet while lathering and brushing teeth. 4) Shut off faucets completely. One drip per second wastes, in a month, 132 gallons of water and \$1.60 of electricity (for hot water). 5) Be sure the commode stops running after each use. 6) Report leaks by leaving a note on Mr. Cotton's Bulletin Board. 7) Wash only full loads of clothes.

Talent Show Held

by Lisa Tate

On Tuesday evening September 7, the stage of Pittman Auditorium displayed the talents of the St. Mary's student body. In measures of participation and attendance the 1976-77 Talent Show, organized by assembly chairman, Nancy Thompson, was a great success. Approximately eighteen groups participated in acts which included skits, songs, and dances.

Rivaling one another in spirit and humor, comedy skits were performed by first West Smedes, second West Smedes, and third West Cruik. Singing the lyrics, "If we weren't St. Mary's girls, I wonder what we'd be," the senior counselors portrayed in their skit various answers to this question.

Surprise guest appearances were made by Barbara Streisand (Polly Morrison) and Miss Jane Pittman and her Singing Soul Sisters. The Jane Pittman

(Emily Warren) skit was comprised of alumnae who returned to perform from Chapel Hill.

Other groups performing were the Day Students, the Spider Board, and a group of students who hail from Virginia.

A main highlight of the evening came with the musical performance of Frances Shultz and Amy Peden. With Frances on the guitar, the duo sang two popular songs. Then at the audiences' urging, alumnae, Lou White, joined them to sing "When I First Came Here," a song written by two former St. Mary's girls, Sally Lewis and Martha Kelly. As the song came to a close all the visiting alumnae in the audience joined in the final chorus.

To the cheers of "We love you Coldcuts," the 1976-77 Coldcuts, led by president, Annette Blalock, finished the program with their ever popular renditions of love songs and beach music.



Pittman Auditorium

SMC RECEIVES "FACE-LIFT"

by Elizabeth Blades

During the summer, St. Mary's campus had a "facelift". The renovation project included Pittman, East and West Rock, Smedes, and the Music building.

Pittman Auditorium was completely renovated. The interior was replastered, painted, parts of the downstairs were carpeted, and the stage curtains were cleaned. A new public address system was installed, and the store rooms were cleaned out. The skylight was cleaned and repaired, and hopefully in the

future, a flood light will be installed above it. The outside of the building was sandblasted, and the woodwork was painted.

The central front of Smedes was painted, and West Rock was completely redesigned. Walls were either put up or taken down. There is now a new presidential suite and the visitor's lounge has new draperies and upholstery. The next step is to install an econostat in East Rock.

With the new changes in East Rock came a rechanneling of offices. Mr. Johnson,

the Registrar, has been moved to Lower Smedes. Mrs. Bunch, the Guidance Counselor, was moved across the hall. Mr. Cotton and his housekeeping staff were moved down the hall into East Smedes.

The Music Building was repainted, the voice and piano studies were recarpeted, and the voice studio was repainted.

In the Student Union Snack Bar the jukebox has been fixed. Hayden Blackwell's mother had it equipped with all brand new records.

REV. DAVIS RETURNS

by Elizabeth Blades

The Reverend Johnny Davis, a long-time friend of St. Mary's, has returned to give the Chapel services on Tuesdays and Communion services on Thursday mornings. The Sophomores are even lucky enough to have religion under him.

Mr. Davis was reared in Henderson. So two years ago

when the Church of Holy Innocence in Henderson asked him to be their minister, he accepted and was able to fulfill a lifetime dream. Now because of his strong feelings for St. Mary's he has come back until a full-time minister can be found.

Mr. Davis attended UNC at Chapel Hill and the Virginia Seminary. He married Sara Dawson Davis, a former St. Mary's girl. He has two

children, Mary Davis Garrett and John Davis.

Mr. Davis loves to play golf when he finds the time. This summer he spent most of his spare time scraping the paint off of John's jeep and helping him to fix it up.

Since returning to St. Mary's, Mr. Davis has added so much to the Tuesday afternoon Chapel services. We are all delighted to have him here.