



Fred Wolfe, brother of Thomas Wolfe, talks with students and faculty during his visit at St. Mary's last spring.

PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR FATHER-DAUGHTER DAY

by Hattie Neas

The annual Father-Daughter Day will be held on Friday, October 29. A committee of eleven students and four members have planned a full and exciting day for the St. Mary's dads. The theme is "St. Mary's Throughout the Years." Halls will be decorated to cohere with the theme.

After registration in the morning, the fathers will attend abbreviated class sessions with their daughters from 8:30 am to 1:05 pm. During lunch, the St. Mary's Chorale will sing in the dining hall. Following a meeting with Mr. Rice at 1:30 pm, the fathers are invited to a tennis exhibition at 2:30 pm, a swimming and diving exhibition at 2:45 pm, and a dance performance at 3:15 pm in addition, the fathers will be honored at hall parties from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. At dinner, the Cold Cuts will provide entertainment. After dinner, fathers and daughters will attend Evening Prayer from 6:45 pm until 7:15 pm in the Chapel. To conclude the activities, a performance of "The Glass Menagerie" is scheduled for 8:00 pm.

The Father-Daughter Day

Committee is doing an outstanding job of organizing the events. The members of the committee would like to en-

courage everyone to remind her father of his special day which is being planned especially for him.

MERITS NAMED

by Hattie Neas

President John Rice has announced that Jane Farley and Marlin Smith have been named National Merit Semifinalists for 1977, with Frances Laine Sachsenmaier named as Commended student.

Through this appointment, Jane and Marlin will join approximately 15,000 students who have been named Semifinalists nationwide. These students will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 3,850 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.

Semifinalists must be fully endorsed and recommended by their secondary school administrators, must have high academic standing, and must confirm their test scores with equivalent scores on a second examination. Over 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to qualify as Finalists and to receive Certificates of Merit

next February. These high school Seniors represent the top half of one percent of the Nation's most academically talented young people.

Semifinalists who attain Finalist status will compete for at least 1,000 National Merit Scholarships. Each Finalist will compete with all other Finalists in a particular state for these scholarships, which are allocated on a state representational basis. A selection committee of professionals in college admissions and counseling is convened annually to select the 1,000 winners.

Frances Laine Sachsenmaier, although not entering the Semifinalist competition, has been awarded a Letter of Commendation in recognition of a test performance which indicates exceptional academic promise and places her in the top 2 percent of the nation's high school seniors.

THOMAS WOLFE COLLECTION TO BE DEDICATED

Since last September when Dr. John O. Fulenwider, Jr. of Pageland, S.C. presented St. Mary's with a first edition of Thomas Wolfe's famous novel *Look Homeward, Angel*, the Wolfe collection has grown rapidly. So rapidly, in fact that a special room has been constructed in the Library to house the archival collection. The Thomas Wolfe Room will be dedicated at 7:00 pm, October 21 and a banquet will follow in the Dining Hall. Other Wolfe activities are planned under the sponsorship of the Library Committee.

Mr. Fred Wolfe, last surviving member of the Wolfe family and "Luke" in *Look Homeward, Angel*, will be a very special guest. He will speak informally in the Library at 2:00 pm, on Wednesday, October 20. All students, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to attend. That night, President and Mrs. Rice will entertain Mr. Wolfe, Dr. and Mrs. Fulenwider, and other guests in their home. Faculty and staff will have a chance to chat with Mr. Wolfe and Dr. and Mrs. Fulenwider at a coffee, to be held in the Faculty Lounge, the morning of October 21. The Math and Religion Departments are sponsoring the coffee.

The banquet speaker will be Mr. Richard G. Walser of Raleigh, a Wolfe scholar and

the leading expert on North Carolina literature. Mr. Walser will speak on "The Wolfe Family in Raleigh" and promises some special items about St. Mary's. Another special guest will be Mr. Letterio Calapai of Glencoe, Illinois, an outstanding artist who created a portfolio of 25 wood engravings inspired by passages in *Look Homeward, Angel*. St. Mary's will have the engravings on display.

All students, staff, faculty, and interested persons are invited to attend the banquet. Tickets are \$2.50 for St. Mary's students and \$3.50 for everyone else. The deadline for reservations is October 14. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Library Committee and in the Library.

Members of the Library Committee are: John Tate, Georgette Campbell, Pat Connelly, Renate Haddon, Mary Ann McNeill, Van Quinn, Don Roberts, and Margaret Williams. Student members are: Kathy Cairns, Carter Cobb, Anne Lewis, Marlin Smith, Cora Urquhart and Carter Ward.

St. Mary's Thomas Wolfe Collection is now considered the fourth largest institutional collection in the U.S. The three larger collections are Pack Memorial Library, Asheville, N.C., UNC-CH, and Houghton Library, Harvard University.

CAMPAIGN SUCCEEDS

by Mary Lawrence Hicks

The Building Fund Drive reached its goal of \$750,000 as of August 1976. This money was applied to the building debt, leaving \$1,250,000 to be paid within the next fifteen years. The quarterly payments on this debt will be made from the annual budget plus money received from a continuing fund raising program.

The Building Fund Drive was started in October 1975 under the leadership of Mr. Thad Eure Jr. Mr. Eure intended to run the campaign for three months, but in December when the goal had not been realized, he decided to continue the drive until the \$750,000 was raised. Though the goal was reached in August, he will continue the campaign until December of this year, appealing to the

parents of new students and to all others interested in the future of St. Mary's.

Mr. Eure organized his campaign by dividing the volunteers into 15 teams. He had a football contest, giving each team the name of a professional team and assigning a coach to each team. The winning team, "The Dolphins", was given a victory dinner October fourth.

The "players" called on alumni, parents, foundations, businesses, and industries, faculty and administration and friends of the college.

The Development Department at St. Mary's, which is in charge of alumni, affairs, public relations, and fund raising; is under the direction of Mr. Cliff Beggs. He wishes to emphasize "the continuing need for annual support of all those interested in St. Mary's."