

SGA News

by Marian Greene
The Student Government Association regrets that the Octoberfest Dance had to be cancelled, but maybe fate was on our side and destined it to turn out that way, for now we are planning, a big Christmas Celebration.

The Octoberfest Dance had to be called off because the back-up band for the Showman had a misunderstanding of plans and neglected to show up at St. Mary's that Saturday night quite to our dismay. The Student Government officers were at odds about what to do about the situation and came up with the idea to have another dance at Christmas. The Seniors had already planned a dance for Saturday, December 2, so we decided it would be fun if we made it a really big weekend and planned our dance for the whole student body on Friday, December 1. So look forward to a big weekend and begin looking for dates now! The S.G.A. has booked Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose for Friday, so let's keep our fingers crossed that they will come! The dance will be in the cafeteria like before, but this time the dress will be informal; however, we hope you will look your best. Those of you who bought tickets for Octoberfest will receive a rain check ticket, and tickets will be on sale for those who could not make it to Octoberfest but would like to come to the Christmas dance. There will be no refund of money. We hope everyone will participate in the weekend festivities; there are parties and dances planned for all the classes.

MASQUER'S MIME COMPANY

by Gwyn Cooley
Last year, the Drama Department of St. Mary's developed the idea of a Mime Troupe involving the students of St. Mary's. The Mime Troupe is formally called The Masquers Mime Company. The members of the '78-'79 Masquers Mime Company are: Claudia Warren - President, Corbin Hogaboom - Vice President, Laura McConnell - Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Clyde Bridgers, Gwyn Cooley, Cathy Davis, Helen Jones, Lisa Nichols and Holly Prichard. During the school year, the Masquers Mime Company will be doing workshops and performances at nearby Raleigh schools and will put on a Christmas show at St. Mary's. Auditions will be held in January for the selection of new members.

A Friend Is A Person

Who will help you in the hour of sickness;
Who will lend you a dollar without deducting the interest;
Who will help you up a hill when you are sliding down;
Who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of you;
Who will believe in your innocence until you admit your guilt;
Who will say behind your back what he says to your face;
Who will shake hands with you wherever he meets you, even though you wear patches;
and
Who will do all these things

The S.G.A. appreciates all the support you gave us with the Octoberfest dance and we hope you will give us a second chance. We would love to have your ideas and your criticism about the dance. With the student body's cooperation, a big Christmas weekend could become a St. Mary's tradition.

Changes To Benefit Day Students

by Patti Drake
I asked some day students what they would like to see changed at St. Mary's. Here is what they said:
--Have different or additional recreation hours, instead of night time only.
--Have some required events during the day instead of at night.
--Don't forget about us! When extra-curricular events or meetings are to take place,

Surveys Find A More Conservative View of Sex On Campus

Popular rumor has it that the student of 1978 is tending toward "a new conservatism." While that view is contested by many of today's students it may hold true for a topic close to many a student - sex.
A nationwide survey of sex on campus, taken in 1976,

found equal numbers of male and female virgins (26 percent), with sexual attitudes liberated by the woman's liberation movement. However, recent spot surveys from around the country reveal a resurgence of some supposedly dated patterns: There's still more men than women sexually active, and men and women still differ drastically over the relative importance of sex and love.

One thing remains stable, though: The number of sexually active students, with traditionally conservative southern universities showing no exception. In fact, southern universities sometimes exceeded the latest national average of 74 percent of the men remaining virgins, and a University of North Carolina-Wilmington survey turned up only eight percent of the students swearing virginity.

But the ratio of sexually active men to women consistently differed, with 10 to 40 percent more men indulging in sex. The reason may have most to do with the importance of many women of an emotional commitment prior to sex.

For example, a survey at Duke University indicated two-thirds of the women felt such a commitment necessary for a "sexual encounter." But while this percentage was similar for Duke's virgin men, the non-virgin men differed radically. Two-thirds said a commitment wasn't necessary.

The same response was

echoed at New Jersey's Fairleigh Dickinson University, where 66 percent of the male but only 36 percent of the females surveyed said they thought it was okay for a sexual partner to be a casual acquaintance. And a poll at California State Polytechnic University showed the same sentiment. Men cite sex as the single most important factor in keeping a relationship going. Women put sex fifth on the list, below such factors as love and meeting mutual needs.

The differences in male-female attitudes cause tension in relationships, the surveys indicate, but seems to be accepted as inevitable. "A woman always gets emotionally when there is sex, where a guy doesn't necessarily," explains a University of Houston man. A State University of New-York Courtland male student blames parental influence. "I believe sex has brought me closer to many girls I fooled around with," he said. "However, I also know that some girls just can't have it that way because of the job their parents did on them."

The confusion over conflicting attitudes is undoubtedly making many students defer sexual relationships. Yet Allen Bell of Institute for Sex Research predicts there won't be any big decrease in the number of sexually active students. He foresees a campus trend towards "permissiveness with affection."

--College Press Service

INTRAMURALS ARE GREAT IN '78

by Pam Lewis
The Intramural program at Saint Mary's this year is expected to be the best yet. Many activities which everyone enjoys have been planned, and if you don't like a specific activity there's always something else happening. The activities for the first semester include volleyball, spades, table tennis, basketball, backgammon and swimming. Intramurals have been established from last year and hopefully these activities will provoke interest in the program.

Letter club president, Polly Ross, is willing to push the intramurals program in any way she can. Polly thinks the program is set up well and to be a success all it needs is support! She is open for any suggestions that anyone may have. The program won't function without support and improvement.

Each dorm has a representative that is in

charge of getting people to participate in intramurals. It's not a fun job because too many students condemn intramurals before they try them. The representatives post signs stating the event and the date of it. Everyone should try to sign up for some event, at least to try out the program.

The dorm representatives are: Georgia Lewis - East Cruik, Raine Gilbert - West Rock, Mary Joe Wannamaker - East Smedes, Mary Clyde Bridges - Middle Smedes, Mary Hughes Boylan - West Cruik, Laura Culbertson - West Smedes, Agnes Stevens - 1903, Anna Faircloth - Penick, Nancy Lyday - Freshman Junior Day Students and Pam Lewis - Senior Day Students.

Please support the intramural program and it will support you! It's a lot fun and a great way to get revenge on someone. Get involved! Try intramurals and you'll end up liking them.

Basketball Schedule '78

Nov. 28	SMC at Meredith College	7:00
+ Nov. 30	Hale High School at SMC	4:00
Dec. 4		
Dec. 6	SMC at Ravenscroft School	4:00
+ Jan. 13	Methodist College at SMC	2:00
Jan. 16	SMC at Wallace O'Neill School	5:00
+ Jan. 23	Bishop McGuinness at SMC	4:00
Jan. 31	Wallace O'Neill School at SMC	5:00
Feb. 6	SMC at Bishop McGuinness	4:00
Feb. 7	Meredith College at SMC	7:00
+ Feb. 15	Cherowin College at SMC	TBA
Feb. 19	SMC at Hale High School	4:00
+ Feb. 21	Ravenscroft School at SMC	4:00

Tennis Team News

by Anne Sigmon
Byrd Britt reached the finals in the singles and along with Mary Jo Wannamaker won the District Championship in doubles by breaking Terry Gardner and Liz Bobbit of Rocky Mount Academy (7-5, 6-2). By the team winning along with Ravenscroft, this entitled St. Mary's to participate in the State Championships. In the State Championships Mary Jo Wannamaker and Byrd Britt lost a close semi-final match to Gaston Day. St. Mary's

ended up 3rd in the state. The whole team together had a 8-6 record. They really had a winning season. St. Mary's is very excited about co-hosting with Meredith the NCAIAW Division 3 Small College N.C. State Tennis Championships. The tournament will be held April 18-21. The director of the tournament will be our own coach, Lou Jones. We are all hoping that our college team will come out on top, enabling them to go to the Nationals. The site of the tournament will be announced at a later date. Holden Anthony and Lynn Jones will be defending their titles in their respective divisions.

without expecting any in return.
--Dorothy C. Retsloff

Basketball At Its Best

by Pam Lewis
The St. Mary's basketball team is very optimistic about its upcoming season. The schedule includes both high school and college teams since our team consists of both high school and college players. The season promises to be very challenging to everyone. After being separated for the past two years, the high school and college teams have now been reunited. The two teams were joined again because of a series of problems including lack of time and adequate gym space. The players are adjusting the change well.

The worst problem plaguing the basketball team is that since it is mixed, many schools won't play St. Mary's. High school teams won't play us because there are college players on the team, college teams won't play us because of the high school players. Fortunately, however, Coach Alexander has been able to

find several schools, including colleges and high schools, which understand our problem and will compete against us. Other problems have also arisen. For example, St. Mary's was recently dropped from a high school "Tip-Off" tournament because other high schools would not compete against college players. Also in the past month, several schools have dropped St. Mary's from their schedules. As of November 12th, the final team has not yet been chosen. Coach Alexander wants to have the best possible team. The final team promises to be filled with talented girls with lots of potential.

This year the team needs all the support that St. Mary's can give and there will be plenty of opportunities to come and cheer. Please come to the home games, and show your support. Let's show everybody that St. Mary's is the best!

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