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Christmas At St. Mary's

by Edie Lindsay

Christmas activities are in full swing at St. Mary's. The festivities started the first week in December with dances both Friday and Saturday nights. Because the Oktoberfest dance had been postponed, the S.G.A. sponsored a Christmas dance for all classes on Friday, December 1st "Cornelius Brothers and Sister Rose" performed.

Saturday night "Fat Ammens" band entertained at the Holiday Inn Downtown for the Junior-Senior Christmas dance.

On Monday, DECEMBER 1/2TH, President Rice spoke at assembly. He encouraged students to start studying for exams and to "have pride in yourself" while taking exams. He also urged everyone "to find a place in your heart this Christmas for someone you may find unlovable." The Rice family

invited the student body to an Open House on Thursday, December 7th.

The Peanut-Shell activity has caused a lot of discussion. Each girl on every hall drew a name of another hall member, "peanut," to secretly give presents to every night for a week. At the end of the week, everyone will guess until she finds out who her "shell" is. This was done at each hall party.

On Tuesday, December 5th, a very special Chapel service was held. The next night, the Circle and the Beacon sponsored a Christmas party in the Tyler Lounge of the Student Union. Those "cute" Cold Cuts, in their Christmas uniforms, performed for us by singing "ole time" Christmas carols.

The Christmas buffet was held on December 6th. Everyone was asked to dress up in little Christmas costumes for dinner.

A New Club With A New Idea

Every year at St. Mary's brings new ideas and new clubs. This year, one such idea brought the formation of a new club, the Ivey League founded by Mary Clyde Bridgers. The Ivey League has had two formal inductions of members. They are: Lynn Gardner, Ann Holman, Mimi Huff, Foo Vaeth, Aura Bland, Lisa Nichols, Heidi Moore, Katie Seawell, Laure Redmond, Hamer Dillard, Polly Hudgins, and Susan Hutchinson. The officers are: Mary Clyde Bridgers, president; Lynn Gardner, vice-president; and Susan Hutchinson, secretary-treasurer. The League's advisor is Martha Stoops. So far the club has planned to raise money and replace the name tags on several portraits in Smedes Parlor. Other plans include a historical

assembly and tours of St. Mary's campus. The club strives to unit the school, and also to promote interest in the history of St. Mary's.

Sea Saints

by Kaky McCabe

Sliding, flipping, turning, and splashing, the St. Mary's Sea Saints are hard at work. They are probably the closest thing that one can compare to a mermaid. The Sea Saints are a group of energetic girls who devote extra time to perfecting water ballet movements.

As a result of all their hard work, the Sea Saints performed in the Octoberfest Weekend here at St. Mary's. They also performed for a seminar at Longwood College in Farmville, Virginia. The Sea Saints will continue to

DURING THE WEEK OF EXAMS

During the week of exams
And all through the dorms
No sound should be heard
No noise of any form.

Marina Lynch

Because of the great amount of studying needed to prepare for exams, all resident students must try to be considerate of others and observe quiet throughout the week. With this cooperation from everyone, the dorms should present no problems for students who would rather

study in their rooms than in the library. In fact, throughout the year girls should be considerate of their fellow students during quiet hour before they scream down the halls, turn the music up full blast, and tap dance in the middle of the night.

Quiet hour was originated in order for students to study comfortably in their rooms without first having to scream down the halls for silence. According to some girls in Smedes, "the only time to study is late at night," while girls on first Penick commented that the noise is "irritating when you're really trying to study for a big test." Others agreed that Sundays are the worst.

Dean Jones commented that she understands that there are many personalities and girls with different study habits living together in a community, not a single home. She added, "I feel very positive about the students, the noise, and the campus."

Consideration is the key factor in almost any situation, including this one. Quiet hour wasn't designed to punish anyone or prevent one from

talking, but rather to aid the student to better understand her schoolwork, her friends, and most importantly, herself.

It is imperative that consideration also be applied to the chapel services. The noise in chapel not only disturbs Mr. Dillard, but also disturbs the other students who attempt to worship. According to Dillard, "The students are probably more upset than I am, because the people doing all the talking are stealing from the people who want to listen." When asked for suggestions about the noise in chapel, many students felt that the marshals should take the names of the talkers in chapel, but instead, Dillard commented, "There's a time to know when to keep quiet, and the girls are old enough to know better. I suggest that it (the noise) just stop without anyone telling them." In closing, Dillard smiled, "Sometime we've got to learn when to be quiet, to enjoy the silence."

Only a little consideration is asked of students, so that everyone may live peacefully and happily together.

My Summer In France

by Edith Wooten

This summer I was fortunate enough to be involved in what I am sure will be the most rewarding experiment anyone could ever undertake. The program of which I speak is called the Experiment In International Living. This organization is in the process of trying to bring the world closer together by intermingling young people from various nations. It is based on the conception that if we get to know each other we will accept and learn to love, as I did, someone from a not-so-different culture. I think the best way to exemplify this is to relate to you some of my experiences.

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