

ST. MARY'S SPORTS OUTLOOK

by Charlotte Hill

The outlook for St. Mary's sports for this fall is...magnificent! All the coaches appear to be genuinely optimistic and enthusiastic. They all believe to have dedicated players who can crank out victories as well as break a few records.

The tennis team, coached by Mary Lou Jones, consists of ten players. One of which is seeded number one. It is a team combined of high school as well as college students. The members include:

Byrd Britt - Sr., Margaret McGlohon - Sr., Terri Gardener - Jr., Ellen Reynolds - Fr., Laura Gray - Fr., Ginny Holden - Soph., Margaret Jones - Soph., Isabelle Santo-Thomas - Soph., Millice Rogers - Soph., and Val Scott - Fr.

The captain for the entire team is Byrd Britt, and Millice Rogers will act as captain for the high school team. The teams on the schedule are challenging, especially Meredith College, Peace College, and U.N.C.-G. However, Miss Jones feels as though her team shall pose a tough threat to them all. She even hopes that with hard work that her high school

team is capable of winning the state championship. She expressed her faith in them all when she said, "This is a team of dedicated players with a desire to win." Then she added with a quick smile, "It may be a Cinderella team!"

Another team on the courts this season will be the basketball team. Tryouts for the team will begin next quarter break. There will be several key returning players and some new talent. The combination of the old and new players from both high school and college should create a steadfast team. A new team will be on the schedule this year, Mary Baldwin College.

Miss Alexander also coaches the golf team. There are two main tournaments one of which is soon to be held at Pinehurst. Miss Alexander said that her players are really interested and are good competitors. She said that she felt as though they will represent St. Mary's well.

Some other teams that should do a good job of representing St. Mary's are the swim team and the diving team, both coached by Mrs. Sappenfield. They will be competing against staunch

teams. Nevertheless, they should prove to be quite strong. Tryouts have just been held and these people will be swimming:

Dawn Bodenheimer - Sr., Lisa Doehm - Sr., Gray Fagan - Fr., Tara Laughter - Fr., Teresa Miller - Jr., Beth Rickert - Jr., Felecia Wardlaw - Sr., Anne Cobb - Fr., Jane Edgerly - Jr., Sally James - Fr., Jeanne Mapel - Sr., Beth Morris - Fr., Linda Street - Jr., and Amy Woodson - Jr.

Mrs. Sappenfield stated that Sally James and Anne Cobb should be able to break all previously set St. Mary's swimming records. Both are excellent AAU swimmers.

Our divers should also set some records. They just tried out and these girls will be diving:

Mimi Boyd - Fr., Gretchen Butler - Jr., Hollis Heeny - Fr., Dede O'Neill - Jr., Kelly Schofield - Sr., and Sally James - Fr.,

Dede O'Neill should "win everything" and she in fact has the potential to go to the 1984 Olympics. In addition, Sally James also has an impressive diving record. As a team, they should do quite well.



Tennis team member, Val Scott, practices serve. (Photo by Laura Edwards)

DR. COFFEY SPENDS SEMESTER ABROAD

by Stephanie Gardner

Can you imagine what it would be like to spend your spring semester at U.E.M.? U.E.M.? Why, the University of El-Minya in El-Minya, Egypt, of course!! That's just what Dr. Janice Coffey, chairperson of St. Mary's science department did this past February through June! Dr. Coffey was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach graduate students in El-Minya, an Egyptian town south of Cairo.

Egypt has three main universities in Cairo and about eight regional universities. The curriculum, Dr. Coffey noted, is not as strict as in the United States. The standards are lower, the libraries are poor, and undergraduates cannot afford books; yet the students' never ending hunger for knowledge prevails.

"It's a third world country," Dr. Coffey remarked. In the villages, large families live in mud brick houses with dirt floors. The father is the ultimate and undisputed head of the household. The women are not known by their own names. Instead, they are often referred to as "mother of" the eldest son. Family life is very important and stable. A young lady would never act unseemingly because her actions reflect on her family. She would never want to disgrace her father and brothers! Parents choose the daughter's husband; the newlyweds must always have their blessings. There is no such thing as "dating" in this society. If any girl were seen with a male escort walking down a village street, she would bring shame, not only to herself, but more importantly to the family name.

Even the classroom atmosphere is different, Dr. Coffey recalled. The men and women sit at opposite sides of

the room across from one another. Not much discussion takes place during class - only lecture. Since text books are not available, the teacher mimeographs his class notes and sells them to the students. The score of the final exam at the end of the school year is the only grade a student receives. Learning includes memorizing all of the teacher's notes. Nevertheless, the students realize that education is very important. "Education," as Dr. Coffey put it, "is their only way up."

Since Dr. Coffey was the first American teacher at the University of El-Minya, the students were eager to share their Egyptian lifestyles with her. She met the families of many of her students and even lived in the villages with them. "Students in U.S.A. have no idea how easy they have it," Dr. Coffey stated. Each Egyptian student lives on about \$12.00 a month.

"The average American," she added, "probably never even thinks about Egypt, or he is largely misinformed. Tourists who visit the country for a short period of time usually end up in tourist traps without ever seeing the true Egypt." Dr. Coffey is also distressed by the fact that even the books that Americans read about Egyptian life display an extremely poor understanding of the country. Hopefully, through Dr. Coffey's experience, many St. Mary's students will be able to perceive a truer picture of Egypt.

Dr. Coffey's efforts at the University of El-Minya must have been a great success; the Director of the Fulbright Association has invited her back to the school to help evaluate the country's science program. Does she want to go back? She smiled and said, "It might be interesting to return!"

SGA ESTABLISHES COMMITTEES

by Angela Patrick

The S.G.A. has established committees designed to get the student body more involved in campus activities. These committees include Assembly Committee, the Calendar Committee, and the Food Committee. Assembly Committee representatives are: Rebecca Caldwell - Sr., Angela Patrick - Jr., Suiter Whitehead - Soph., and Beth Howard - Fr.

The Calendar Committee representatives are: Alison Edwards - Sr., Laura Pattisall - Jr., Ann Nelson - Soph., and Cynthia Gimesh - Fr.

Food Committee representatives are: Em

Vance and Brett Clye, Srs., Melanie Hardy and Cindy Tillis, Jrs., Sydney Brown and Martha Robeson, Sops., and Jacelyn Davis and Ann Cobb, Fr.

In addition the S.G.A. is responsible for holding class elections for the Senior and Sophomore classes in the spring. Senior class officers are: Dudley Hanes, Pres.; Martha Hancock, V.P.; Jennifer Collins, Sec.; Mary Mahoney, Tres.; Mary Clyde Bridgers, Judicial Board Representative; Louise Heath, Legislative Body Representative; Laura Culbertson, Academic Council; Mary McLean,

Activities Committee; Paige Brown, Dorm Council; and Head Counselors, Porter Page, Coles Hines, Bonny Harris, Julie Greenbaum, Linda Brandscome and Karen Apostolue.

The Sophomore class officers are: Millie Tolson, Pres.; Millice Rogers, V.P.; Juli Yongue, Sec.; Harriett Arhby, Tres.; Beth Simpson and Louise Johnson, Judicial Board Representatives; Mary Duke Sanders, Legislative Body Representative; Mary Hunter Martin, Academic Council; Bettine Bickle, Activities Committee; and Tricia Moss, Dorm Council.

SMC CLUBS SHOW VERSATILITY

by Lee Williams and Gina Ellis

Clubs at St. Mary's give both high school and college girls a feeling of unity. For many years, they have been the source of extra-curricular activities.

The Circle is an honorary organization made up of college girls oriented to promoting school spirit. The old members are Paige Brown, Elizabeth Brooks, Liz Willis, and Ruth E. Perry, the president. The newly inducted members are Ann Tyler Edmonds, Mary Hollinshed, and Dede Perry. The Beacon is a high school organization that promotes spirit among high school students. The Beacon members are Stephanie Gardner, Beth Simpson, and Millice Rogers, the president.

Another high school organization composed of sophomores is the Undadettes. They walk four times a year with the last walk picking new officers which will be rising sophomores. The

Undadettes at this time are Juli Youngue, Zeta Clay, Allison Poole, and Amy Armstrong.

The Spiders are a very secretive high school organization. They are often referred to as the "Jivin Souls." They also walk four times a year. The members are: Sallie Harris, Ruth Bynum, and Tricia Moss.

St. Mary's also has a

water ballet group known as the "Sea Saints." The old members are Mary Hunter Martin, Louise Johnson, L.C. Holleman, and Sally Harris. Tryouts were held recently and the new members are Ellen Rodman, Libby Ward, Sally Mayo, Susan Miller, Tally Debnam, Gay Haggin, Michelle McLean, Sally James, Melanie Hardy, and Debbie Woodruff.



Biology lab sets out to identify various trees on campus. (Photo by Laura Edwards)