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WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S

by Cree Taylor

"All of these new faces!"

"How am I going to fit all my clothes in that tiny closet?"

"Can my mother possibly live without me?"

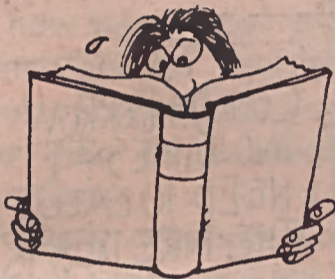
"Am I really going to gain 10 lbs.?"

"Did some girl really have a \$500.00 phone bill?"

"How can I survive on this food?"

These are some typical questions you, the new St. Mary's girl have probably

asked. If you are a little nervous and scared don't feel alone. Don't despair, you'll soon find yourself falling into place. You will discover, as old girls have, that there is a special feeling here at St. Mary's. Give yourself a chance and before you know it, St. Mary's will have stolen your heart. A medium would foresee new friendships and fun memories for you. The Belles wishes each and every one of you a fun year and many special times.



SHORT NEWS

Internships can be not only valuable to the community, but extremely valuable to you. After college, many employers require internships in order to hire you. Internships can be paid- or non-paid. Only forty clock hours are necessary to complete an internship. For internship applications and information, contact Barbara Bunch in the Guidance Office.

Some SMC Activities

by Lynn Jones

Once again, welcome back. You have probably seen signs and heard announcements about various workshops and tryouts being held this week. This may not mean very much to the new girls, so I am describing each group and telling a bit about its activities planned for the year.

There are three dance groups at St. Mary's, all instructed by Mrs. Susan Brown. Orchesis performs modern ballet and jazz dances. Anne Gregory is the president. JoCarol Walter is the president of Caperettes, the advanced tap dance class. Scottish dances are performed by the members of Gillie Callum, whose president is Angel Archer. All of the dance groups will perform at Parents' Weekend and at the Spring Festival and will also appear weekly at local schools.

accepted into a group, the class may replace a P.E. and counts as one fourth credit toward graduation.

Applause, Inc. is the drama club at SMC. The club's advisor and director is Mr. Harry Callahan and the president is Becky Rogers. There will be two productions this year. One, "Sweeney Todd," a musical, will be performed this fall. Auditions will be held Tuesday and Thursday, September 7 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Pittman. All students are encouraged to audition. One hour of credit is given to the cast of the plays. Members of Applause, Inc. also works on sets, lighting, make-up, and publicity. Interested students may come to the next meeting, which will be Monday, September 13 at 4 p.m. in Pittman.

NEW FACES AT ST. MARY'S -- MR. FREDERIC FLADENMULLER

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The new face in the Foreign Language Department this year is Mr. Frederic Fladenmuller. Mr. Fladenmuller, who teaches French, taught for five years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill before coming to St. Mary's.

Mr. Fladenmuller was born and raised in the southwestern part of France, in the Pyrenees Mountains. He left his native land after high school for America and Florida International University. There he received his B.A. in French and Psychology. He then went to UNC-CH where he received his M.A. and is presently working on his Ph.D. He is married with two daughters, Caroline and Claire. His wife Mary-Jo is a native American from upstate New York.

When comparing European education to American, Mr. Fladenmuller says that the Europeans stress preparation for college much more than we do. The

last year of high school in France, called "terminale", aids the student in choosing a major before he or she goes to a university. This eliminates the necessity of spending one and even two years on "general" courses as American college students do. The French also begin teaching foreign languages much earlier than Americans, Mr. Fladenmuller said. To graduate from high school, a French student must be fluent in at least one foreign language.

Mr. Fladenmuller is so far very pleased with the atmosphere at St. Mary's. He especially likes the friendly,

"family-like" relationships between faculty, administration, and students. He said that everyone he met when he first came to St. Mary's went out of their way to make him feel comfortable in his new surroundings. He was also impressed with the traditions of St. Mary's -- the buildings, the organizations, and the fact that daughters, nieces, and sisters of St. Mary's alumnae came here also.

On behalf of the student body, The Belles would like to welcome Mr. Fladenmuller with hopes that he will be with us at St. Mary's for many years to come.

The Belles is now on the lookout for new reporters, typists and photographers. If interested, please contact me, our advisor, Mr. Murray or come to our regularly scheduled meetings, every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Tyler Lounge. We need your help, and no experience is necessary. For further information, contact Mary Glenn Barwick, 309 Penick, 828-8765, or Professor Doug Murray, Extension 266.



Masquers Mime Company, instructed by Mr. Frank Jeffreys, performs pantomime at many school functions. They will also appear around Raleigh and are planning a spot on Frog Hollow, a local children's television show. No date for tryouts has been set, so look for notices soon.



Sea Saints is the name of St. Mary's synchronized swimming team. They "dance" their water ballet at Parents' Weekend and do a show in the spring. They will perform locally and for the first time will enter a competition soon. Mrs. Sandra Sappenfield, who also coaches the swim team, is in charge of Sea Saints.

All of these groups may be joined by tryouts only. Classes meet twice weekly. If



Other performing arts groups at St. Mary's are the Chorale and Ensemble, directed by Mr. Emmett Windham. Ensemble members are selected through auditions. Both classes receive one hour of credit per semester. Performances are scheduled for Parents' Weekend, Christmas, and a spring concert. Members comprise the choir in chapel. In addition, the Chorale and Ensemble will go on a four-day tour in North and South Carolina. Students who can read music and have had some singing experience are welcome to join through the end of drop-add period.

I have given you some background on some of the activities at SMC. Take some good advice and get involved in one (or more) of them. It is a great way to meet new people, it is fun, and it certainly makes the year pass more quickly. Good luck to those trying out.