

What's Going On With Clubs?

By Suzanne Quebedeaux

Parents Weekend was an active time for many of the clubs at Saint Mary's. The Marshals helped the members of MAPS register the parents and also helped host the continental breakfast Friday morning. Plenty of entertainment was provided by the various performing arts clubs. The Cold Cuts, a Saint Mary's favorite, put on an enjoyable lunchtime show. The three dance groups, the Capettes, Gillie Callum and Orchesis, all dazzled their audiences with their fancy footwork. The Sea Saints gave a splashing — I meant smashing — performance to wrap up the day's entertainment. The Day Students were busy preparing their house for their Open House. Refreshments were served and a dinner at the Crossroads restaurant was raffled off.

For Halloween, the Vestry sold bags of treats as Halloween gifts for you to give to others or keep for yourself to feast upon. The Spiders hosted the Governor

Morehead children as they trick or treated in all of the halls. If you have checked your mailbox in the last month, then you know what the Granddaughter's Club did for Halloween. In case you haven't checked yours, the members placed candy bags in them out of Halloween good will.

The Covenant House Chapter held a 24-hour fast to raise money for the Covenant House Foundation. The members also held a bake sale during Parents Weekend which proved to be profitable. Science Club was busy testing lead in pottery and other objects as one of their fund raisers. The members also asked Saint Mary's students and faculty to put glass and aluminum containers in designated places so the items could be recycled. The High School Honor Society spent a sunny afternoon doing their part to beautify the landscape of Ragland.

If your club has any news or event that Saint Mary's should know about, tell us. Please send us updates to: Club News, care of Dr. Schroeder.



The Student Activities Committee sponsors aerobics classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 6:30.

Fallfest Success

By Michelle Baba

If the number of t-shirts on Saint Mary's girls' backs is any indication, Fallfest was a hit! The events took place on October 9 and 10 with the highlights being a bonfire and the first Cold Cuts performance of the year.

Sunday night, October ninth, SMC girls gathered around a bonfire to sing songs (with the help of Lightnin' Wells), roast marshmallows, and enjoy the cool autumn evening.

The next day, we were treated to an outstanding Cold Cuts performance. The group played their own version of Wheel Of Fortune complete with over-zealous contestants, a lovely hostess, and the ever-handsome host, Pat Sajak. After revealing this year's colors, aqua and bright yellow, the Cold Cuts took to doing what they do best, singing? Lucky cut-ees included Scott Cole and Louise Hogan.

Overall, Fallfest rang in the season with a gong and gave students a chance to relax and have some fun.

Atlas Says "Thank You, Domo"

By Atta Raoufian

During Fall Break five Atlas members enjoyed their Fall break in Williamsburg, Virginia, with Dr. and Mrs. Esthimer. Before the foreign students left the campus on Friday afternoon, Dr. Esthimer said, "The rules are pretty simple: No spitting out of the window and call me Papa-San and my wife Mama-San." It is a polite Japanese way of saying "Mom" and "Dad," and since the students took him seriously he had to get used to the idea of having four daughters who called him "Dad" in

Japanese.

The girls spent the whole Saturday afternoon in Busch Gardens, and afterwards they ate at a beautiful tavern where they spotted a cute waiter.

On Sunday, the Atlas members went to Carter's Grove to learn a little bit about history so that Dr. Hume could be impressed. The trip was definitely a lot of fun for the girls and Atlas would like to thank Dean Hack, Margaret and the Esthimers for all their support.



Tennis Team Triumphs

By Katherine Cloninger

This year's Saint Mary's high school tennis team was characterized by diligence and unity. Even with only three returning players, the perseverance of the team led to success.

The seniors include Alyse Armfield (co-captain), Katherine Cloninger (co-captain), Mary Virginia Green, Melissa Elliotte, and Cary Hodges. The juniors are Robin Bullard, Katie Landry, Laura Peterkin, Kathryn Taft, and Linnell Vaughan. Manager for the team is Kirke Hooper.

After working throughout the season under the direction of Coach Mary Lou Jones, the team ended up with an undefeated 11-0 record.

Then, at the conference tournament, SMC received runner-up honors. Laura Peterkin, Robin Bullard and Katherine Cloninger won singles in their respective flights, while Laura and Robin won the doubles title also.

While the rest of Saint Mary's was enjoying Parents Day, the tennis team was still battling it out on the courts for the State Independent Schools Tournament. Congratulations to Laura Peterkin and Robin Bullard for winning the state championship in the number one and number two singles flight.



The SMC tennis team excels again.

The Photography Club

By Kelsea Parker

This summer Dr. Esthimer accidentally stumbled across the darkroom in the music building. As a result, he decided to fix up the room and start a photography club. He hoped that his club members would use the photography lab in order to save money on developing film and also to aid them in learning how to use a camera.

Before the students can develop film by themselves, they must help Dr. Esthimer rejuvenate the neglected little room. Since its equipment has not been used for approximately eight years, students will have to clean lenses, throw away old non-toxic chemicals, and make sure that the room is suitable for its purpose. Although people have not used this space for quite a long time, much of the equipment still functions and little needs to be done before they can start developing their pictures there.

Of course a mode of action such as this involves money. Dr. Esthimer has acquired some funds from the college. However, the Photography Club can not be dependent upon this money alone so the members have plans for fundraisers. They plan to have numerous contests. One which concerns photographing the most unusual thing you can find on this campus. According to Dr. Esthimer, using the darkroom as a "buying consortium" would finance the club considerably. They have not definitely decided on these fundraisers, but such ideas are presently lurking in their minds.

Along with these financial goals, the club also plans to help its members learn all they can about how the camera works, how to use different techniques, and how to operate equipment in the darkroom. They will hear lectures from professional photographers teaching them about which cameras to buy for their intended purpose and which materials to use in conjunction with their cameras. One can also learn from the other club members who have experience. Dr. Esthimer and his club committee members want to teach us about the physics of light and freeze action. They will show us how to manipulate filters and diffusion lenses for taking more detailed pictures. Ginny Griffin, the club president, has suggested choosing a topic for the members to photograph. This will aid them in learning how to take pictures of still-life, people and landscape. The club also wants to go on field trips to the mountains, fairs, and museums to further help them in becoming better photographers.

Dr. Esthimer is pleased that twenty out of the forty-five people that signed his sheet to show interest in the club have attended meetings. He feels that "a photo is a piece of you" and that "you can capture a piece of you on film" so why not be the twenty-first member in the club and express yourself to the other members. Besides, the more people they have, the more each person will benefit from each other's experience and will save on developing pictures.