

# Social Happenings

By Katherine Jordan

## WATS . . .

Do you remember when you heard a lot of noise near the beginning of September in your dorm? Well that was WATS. They went through the dorms chanting, clapping and searching for their new members. Virginia Gary, Virginia McGratty, Ali Tew and Kim Czornij were recruited by President Shelly Nuttall, Vice President Garnett Vranian, Secretary Wick Dunlap, Sarah McElveen, Jennifer Jones and Katherine Allen on September 6. WATS promotes school spirit through various activities from supporting all walks to cheering at athletic games and matches.

## COLD CUTS . . .

On October 2nd the seven original Cold Cuts "showed their colors." On October 9th they will play for the Fall Fest behind Smedes. The Cold Cuts, with their colorful instruments, sing traditional songs that have been handed down for the past forty years. The members who provoke spirit here at SMC are President Lauren Sessoms, Secretary/Treasurer Beth Watson, Flossie Dossenbach, Garnett Vranian, Ali Dilworth, Margaret Hane and Clair Cockrell.

## ATLAS . . .

This is a group of International students. The club's purpose is to

make the girls feel more at home in case there is a cultural shock and to get them involved with school activities. Some of their goals are to unify the Foreign students and the American students into one and educate us (Americans) about other cultures. They want to go on a trip together over Thanksgiving or Spring Break, but these plans are tentative.

## SCOOP . . .

On September 26th at 9:30 p.m. SCOOP members walked. SCOOP is the only club at SMC that consists of both high school and college girls. The club's purpose is secret, but they are concerned with upcoming walks, new members and activities in the community. The members are

President Catherine Sellars, Vice President Katherine Allen, Anna Underwood, Audra Wetherill, Heather Moore, Ann Maury Smith, Holli Donnell, Bridget Butler, Beth Scott, Molly Hull and Robin Bullard.

## MAPS . . .

They are walking on October 11 at 9:00 in front of Cruikshank. This is a really secret club that nobody knows about, so be prepared. President Sarah McElveen, Vice President Virginia Gary, Secretary Clari Cockrell just might be looking for you!

## Star-Spangled Christmas

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bundle and to spread each member's greetings as widely as possible. While the number of units receiving mail increased once again last Christmas, highlights were the addition of an entire remote Army base and the inclusion of 19 ships of the Navy's fleet. Several large overseas units will be added as more mail becomes available.

For information about taking part in this unique program, please send your name and address along with a first-class postage stamp (no envelope; just a stamp is required, please) to: MAIL CALL! BOX 988, ST. ROBERT, MO 65583, and mention that you read about Mail Call in *The Belles*.

President Clauston Jenkins has been elected to serve as treasurer of the N.C. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the N.C. Center for Independent Higher Education for 1989-91.

## From The Chaplain

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This favorite and frequently used prayer says a lot, and it has been a comfort to many. I'll never forget finding out, a few years ago, about a student who was dealing with a major failure in her life, who heard this prayer in Chapel one Tuesday night and found hope. She later embroi-

dered just one significant line from the prayer on a pillow she made: Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start.

The assumptions of this prayer are the assumptions the Vestry and I share in planning the Chapel program. We believe God does see the world in which we live, and our struggles to cope with the craziness of that world. God is not removed from what's happening in the world, but aware of it, and present in even the most unsteady and confusing events.

Secondly, we assume that God wants us to discover and share with others His presence in the world. We believe that the search for God's presence, in worship, in service to others, in friendship or

solitude, even in crisis is always lively. Even the most crushing sense of defeat is lifted and a sense of hope appears when we ask for God's help.

Lastly, we believe, as the prayer states, that young people do have faith in God, but it is often tested, and needs a great deal of nurture and support. We hope the Chapel program is one source of strength, through prayer, fellowship, insights about Scripture, or simply a quiet moment in the beauty of the Chapel.

## \$11,000 Poetry Contest

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Each poem is also considered for publication in the *American Poetry Anthology*, a leading collection of contemporary verse.

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## A Tribute To Nancy Stamey

BY CLAUSTON JENKINS

With the death of Nancy Stamey on July 10, Saint Mary's and Raleigh lost more than a professor emeritus, we lost someone who made a difference in students' lives far beyond the confines of the classroom or stage. Those Saint Mary's girls who were fortunate (a deliberate choice of word) enough to be instructed by her remember to this day some of the things she taught them. One alumna remarked to me that "I say 'just' instead of 'jist' and 'get' instead of 'git' just because of her." She taught presence and poise and had the ability to bring a joy to her work that transfused the production and enlivened the students.

Before she came to Saint Mary's, she taught drama to children in Raleigh, and little did she know that, in the summer of 1949, the young boy she directed in a play would, in the summer of 1989, be the president of Saint Mary's.



Nancy Stamey stood for quality, distinction and joy. She helped make Saint Mary's what it was and even today represents those things we seek to inculcate in our students. She will be missed, but she shall not be forgotten.