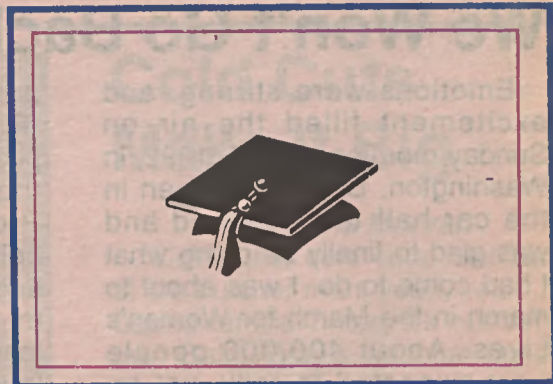


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## President Clauston Jenkins, a man with a plan

by Emily Masura

**D**r. Clauston Jenkins arrived at Saint Mary's College in the fall of 1986. Previously, he had been the legal counsel for North Carolina State University for ten years.

When asked of his first impression of Saint Mary's College Dr. Jenkins replied "I thought Saint Mary's should look as good as it is. When I first got here—and I told the Board of Trustees this—I thought it looked like a dump. Saint Mary's has a solid academic program and a good faculty but it was shoddy and unkept. There were dead trees, the buildings needed painting, and there were cigarette butts all over the front steps of Smedes."

Dr. Jenkins has also made several changes both inside and out at Saint Mary's. During his time at Saint Mary's a lot of renovation has been completed. Projects such as the renovation of second and third floors of Smedes, West Rock, the painting of the exteriors of most of the buildings, and the construction of the wall surrounding Saint Mary's campus in 1989-1990 have been completed. Dr. Jenkins has also instituted changes concerning campus life, especially in the high school. The absence of television in the dorms and lights out at midnight are changes that have occurred in the high school. Summer reading has been rein-

stituted along with an increase in SDH's for the college students. Dr. Jenkins felt that "most of the changes that have occurred at Saint Mary's were good and I haven't seen any disturbing changes."

Dr. Jenkins felt that women's colleges give women a chance to assume leadership roles in doing activities such as taking charge of social and academic activities. But even more important is that in the classroom women have a chance to learn to the extent of their ability without being held back in any way. Teachers are given a chance to focus on women students and to encourage women to reach their full

potential."

When asked about his opinion of having a high school and college interacting so closely, his feelings were mixed. "I think it's beneficial that it is only the eleventh and twelfth grade for I believe they are more socially mature and can handle the college environment. To the public, I believe it confuses some people for they haven't seen any institution like Saint Mary's and are curious. I know at Saint Mary's that the high school students may sometimes feel like they take a backseat to the college and the college students may feel like they are in high school

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## A Nostalgic Look at Our "Past"—the more things change...

By Elizabeth Denning

I was glancing back on the old Belles articles, and I had to laugh when I saw some of the things that the students were interested in. It is amazing how many things have changed over the years, and at the same time so many of the things are the same. In reality, fads cannot change but so much.

In the September 1976 issue, a student did a poll on the things that a Saint Mary's student needs, and the list was a hoot! Lacosta shirts, gym shorts with Saint Mary's on them, a cute nickname, Topsiders, fraternity boyfriend, ribbon belts, Looney Toons glasses, Levis, flip-flops, khakis, add-a-bead necklace, headband, tennis shoes, and the typical denim skirt. Isn't this interesting? Even though the length of the denim skirt or the quality of the fraternities may have changed, a lot of things still remain the same.

In the December 1976 issue I found a poll that had been done to try and guess what Saint Mary's would be like in the year 2060. It was quite funny to see some of the things that the girls put because so many of the rules have changed since they have graduated. I think you will enjoy hearing these. 1. Any male student caught studying in bed with a female student after 11:00 will be sent to Judicial Board. 2.



Webber Bell Paxton, '60, who helped start Cold Cuts, enjoys singing with daughter Elizabeth and the '91-'92 members.

Smoking marijuana is permitted only in designated areas. 3. Nude sunbathing is allowed only on the grass behind Smedes. 4. Each student is required to enter the Saint Mary's Chapel at least once per year. 5. Pregnant students may not have deliveries in the infirmary. 6. Cocktail hours are from 3:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. If anyone suspends these hours, they will be severely warned. 7. Pets must be house trained. 8. Any student considered to be "different" will not be accepted by the other students. 9. Minor offense now has the power to expel and suspend. 10. Everyone is required to wear clothes to all social functions.

I kept looking a little further to find things that I thought would make you smile, and I came to this article about what made the perfect "prep" in 1977. This is what I found: The preppy male of the time would have had on a pair of khakis and a button-down and a Southern drawl. Then there were the "middle of the line preps." They were the guys who stuck to Levi cords and Lacoste shirts (with an occasional three-stripe belt). And they had to have on Wallabees or Topsiders. The girls wore wrap-around skirts and striped sweaters. Shoes varied for the women, but L.L. Bean duckhunters were popular. Then there were the "hard-core preps."

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