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MARTIN
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This year, the celebration of Martin Luther King Day included a special chapel service. This was a unique Thursday service. Although there were the expected and appreciated prayers and hymns sung, the focal point of the chapel was not a sermon delivered by Chaplain Ellington.

Jeanine Eason was the speaker. Her speech had most of the campus excited and impressed. With her talent for rhetoric, she conveyed the message that there is still a need to respect Dr. King's dream. She wanted those in her audience to realize the need for everyone to disregard the differences between individuals and treat people with equality. It is important that everyone starts off on equal footing Jeanine's speech said. The speech was a tribute to a man who was a symbol for his times, and for a school of thought that taught people to see beyond skin color.

The congregation responded well to the speech. Becca George thought the speech was especially moving and enjoyed the entire service as well. When asked what her opinion of the chapel

was, Josie Allen commented enthusiastically. She said to say "Right on." to Jeanine. Alyssa Holbrook was as positive about the service. She said she enjoyed the entire service. As it was her first Martin Luther King Day at Saint Mary's, it was a good foot to start off on.

One of the hymns sung was "Lift Every Voice and Sing", otherwise known as "The Black National Anthem". Chaplain Ellington chose the other hymns because of either their meanings or her preference for them. One of the hymns spoke about the love that all can find in Christ, regardless of if one is black or white. Another hymn sung was Chaplain Ellington's personal favorite. She felt it added something to the ceremony.

Chaplain Ellington felt the service was well received. She also felt the chapel was a fitting way to remember one so influential and respected.

Being an All Campus chapel, the entire student body was able to enjoy it, both College and High School.

It seems that the chapel, and Jeanine's speech in particular, caught the attention of students and the spirit of the holiday.

High School Honor Society Inductions Held

by Sara McClure
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The Spring semester High School Honor Society inductions were held January 25, 1995 in the Saint Mary's Chapel. Six new members were inducted with their family members present.

The new members are: **Andrea Aitken-Spague, Catherine Baratto, Sara McClure, Laura Raspberry, Elizabeth Stark, and Emmye Taft.** These girls took the oath with their parents present, after meeting the qualifications of the Society.

The ceremony has been used for a number of years at Saint Mary's, creating a sense of tradition.

Revisions of the qualifications have been made. They now reflect the increase in the numbers of students who are in honors academic courses and the new requirements for High School Students. Also, a policy had to be implemented to accommodate the addition of the ninth and tenth grades. Now only eleventh and twelfth graders are eligible.

The qualifications consist of: a quality point ratio of 3.75 or above based on a minimum of five academic courses per semester, for juniors; a quality point ratio of 4.00 or above based on a minimum of five academic courses per semester, for seniors who have been at Saint

Mary's for one semester; a 3.50 GPA is required for induction based for students enrolled in two or more college classes after one semester, and a 3.25 after two or more semesters.

The honor society emphasizes ideal scholarship and character. Eligibility is determined by both GPA and the approval of the President and both Deans.

Dr. Margaret Grissom, who is the sponsor, commended the ceremony. She said, "You do not have to be in the Honor Society to be a scholar. Anyone who upholds the ideals of scholarship and character is an honorable scholar."

The centerpiece of the ceremony was Dr. Thomas Bauso's speech. He spoke on the challenge of being an intelligent woman. He spoke of the obstacles that such a woman might face, as well as the contributions an educated woman might make in today's society.

Dr. Bauso was pleased with the invitation to speak, and based his talk on class discussions. "I am always happy to learn from students," he remarked.

The current officers of the High School Honor Society are: **Jennifer Lewis, President; Ashley Smith, Vice President; Beth Parker, Secretary; and Alicia Isenberg, Treasurer.**

The High School Honor Society will continue to recognize excellence in scholastic pursuits and strength of character.

Literary Event is a Great Success

by Cee Sidler
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Saint Mary's Muse Week took place this year from January 16th to January 20th. It was filled with a variety of literary events.

One event was a poetry reading on the night of Wednesday, January 18th. The feature writer for the evening was Michael Chitman, an accomplished writer of poetry and short fiction. Chitman is currently employed by the Research Triangle Park as a science writer and editor, and has received such awards as the

Robert Ruark Foundation Award for his short fiction and the Zoe Kincaid Brickman Award in 1993 for his book *Salt Works*. In addition to having been a visiting writer at Wake Forest University and Ohio University, he has also taught at the Duke Continuing Education Program. He has also participated in the Poets and Writers Exchange. Chitman's work has been published in anthologies as well as *Poetry*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *Shenandoah*, and *Antioch Review*.

Another writer that participated

in the poetry reading was Shirley Moody. She currently teaches poetry and creative writing here at Saint Mary's. After her first work was published in 1978, Mrs. Moody's poetry has appeared in numerous literary magazines, books, newspapers, journals, reviews, and anthologies. She was also included in the book, *Four North Carolina Women Poets*, and her own book *Charmers* was published in 1990. She enjoys working with schools and has actively taken part in North Carolina's Arts Council's Artists-in-

Schools program since 1978. She is constantly conducting residencies, poetry readings, lectures, speaking engagements at colleges and high schools, and writing workshops.

There was a great turnout and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Mr. Chitman read funny as well as serious pieces, some of which were requested by those who are familiar with his work. Mrs. Moody shared some ideas that she uses in class along with reading some of the poems from her book. Students greatly enjoyed this event.