

Centennial Program Of Redecorating Has Begun

New Members Are Appointed To Faculty And To Staff

Improvements Are Made In Smedes, Wings, Rocks and Other Campus Buildings

The Centennial Program for renovating the present buildings of Saint Mary's School and Junior College was begun this past summer. The actual construction of the proposed new buildings cannot be started yet because of war conditions and the incompleteness of the Centennial Fund Drive.

CHANGES

The offices in East Rock have been renovated, and the book and supply room has been moved to the ground floor of Smedes. All mailboxes have also been placed in Smedes' basement, and all now have combination locks. Most classrooms and dormitory rooms in Smedes, East Wing, West Wing and the Rocks have been freshly painted with floors refinished, as have a few rooms in Holt Hall. The Art studio and other rooms in the Art Building and Senior Hall, the teachers' dormitory, have also been repainted.

Saint Mary's Chapel Has New Altar Hangings

Miss Elizabeth Bason Works On These Decorations

Saint Mary's Chapel now has a new green Super-Frontal which was consecrated by Bishop Penick at the opening service on Thursday, September 21. This altar hanging was made possible by donations given by the Order of the Circle (1943 and 1944 chapters) and a visitor of last year in appreciation of the use of the Chapel for her niece's wedding. A new purple Super-Frontal will soon be completed and consecrated.

Materials for these Super-Frontals were purchased with the above donations, but the actual making was done by Miss Elizabeth Bason, head of the Home Economics department, who has long been devoted to the Chapel and its beautification. A golden cross at either end with three circles superimposed upon each other (symbol of the Trinity) are on the green Super-Frontal, and a gold, green and black fringe adds color and beauty.

Avoid having to write home all the details of school life. Send the *Belles* home for \$1.00 a year, 16 issues. Please see Betsy Durham.

We Look At Saint Mary's

All of the Saint Mary's girls, both old and new, found themselves picking up new impressions Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and even Thursday. The old girls, particularly the seniors on the welcoming committee, had a wonderful time welcoming people and showing off that "at home" look. They tried their best to remember names, and amazingly did remember quite a few until they got so muddled that they could hardly think of their own names and home towns. Everybody was playing "do you know?" They had a grand time greeting the friends that they hadn't seen for months or at least weeks. And wasn't it funny to see a senior trying to hide the fact that she didn't know a thing about the new setup of the mailboxes and book store? All the old girls, with hardly an exception, were wondering how they had ever survived the trials of registration and orientation, but the new girls seem to be doing pretty well—here's what Margaret Norfleet and Martha Conger had to say about it all:

ONE NEW GIRL'S IMPRESSION

"Gee, we finally made it! Saint Mary's, here I am! After waiting for the day to come for ages and then waking up Tuesday to find that it was raining torrents and also having that 'certain sorta' feeling that everyone must have had, I wondered if I'd like it, if I'd like my roommate, and if I'd have to work hard. I was plenty excited, but I guess almost everyone else was too.

"Sloshing around in the rain everywhere were girls of all sizes,

shapes and ages in everything from summer dresses to winter suits. The old girls could be spotted right away; they all had that old collegiate look—raincoats, kerchiefs and loafers. I must admit the whole place looked kind of dismal then, but the old girls saved the day. Now I really think that the next nine months will be lots of fun. I wonder if I'll ever get my room straight; it looks hopeless now—I forgot so many things. Maybe it'll improve with age.

"Although I started off by forgetting everything I was expected to know, being late to lunch and dinner, and getting lost several dozen times, I think Saint Mary's and I are going to get along fine. Here's hoping.

ANOTHER

"Yep, we're here, in spite of the fact that the rain did its best to make our coiffeurs and our spirits drop. I thoroughly enjoyed doing calisthenics to get into my closet, vaulting over trunks and boxes, and it was even exciting to get lost uncountable times. My pride wasn't hurt too awfully much when a sub-freshman had to show me how to work the combination on my mailbox. All the standing in line did prove to be a good time to get acquainted with all the other S. M. S. girls. I must confess nothing was more fun than whispering and appraising everyone with my roommate after lights. We never thought we'd hear the bells and get to breakfast. But, miraculously, we did. And now I know—I like Saint Mary's."

Tips For New Girls

On Sunday, go to the Chapel for choir practice when the bell rings after breakfast. Assemble in the study hall for church when the bell rings about 10:35.

It is an old Saint Mary's custom for the old girls to take their "little sisters" down town for lunch and movies the first Saturday of school.

There will be a "new-girl-old-girl" party Saturday night in the parlor. It's formal, and all "big sisters" will take their "little sisters."

Be sure to sign in and out properly at all times.

Be on time to all meals. Breakfast on Sunday morning is at 8:30.

Study your *Handbook*, and follow the rules. Student Government regulations are now in effect.

Regular hour classes begin Saturday morning. (ugh!)

Look on the bulletin boards in the covered way. All notices, including communications, are posted there, and everyone is responsible for knowing them.

Get permission slips in on time.

Incidentally, if you want to get letters, you'll have to write them. Saint Mary's stationery is sold in the book shop and at the "little store."

Be sure to get into extracurricular activities.

Five Are New, and Two Are Returning to Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's extends a welcome to seven new members of the faculty and staff.

Miss Betsy Blount, Business student here last year, will assist Mrs. Elaine T. Phelps in the Commercial Department. Miss Blount is from Washington, N. C. She was an honor student and a member of the Circle during her years at Saint Mary's.

TEACHERS RETURN

Miss Mabel Morrison is back at Saint Mary's after spending a year's leave of absence at her home in Canada. She will resume her former position in the Department of Social Sciences.

Mr. Donald Peery, who three years ago taught music here, has returned. He will teach piano and music theory. Mr. Peery studied at Oberlin in Ohio where he was a classmate of a former Saint Mary's music teacher, Sgt. Herbert Bird. Mr. Peery is from Raleigh and New York. During his absence he has studied in New York and taught in the Brooklyn Music Settlement and in a private school in Westchester. Mr. Peery commented, "... A profitable experience in teaching people with long names and black eyes. ... After three years in the city I am glad to be back in college teaching. It's a grand change."

Miss Doris Sharpe from Greensboro, N. C., will replace Miss Nell Battle Lewis in the High School English Department. Miss Sharpe was graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina and received her Master's degree from Carolina. She taught for a year in Ellerbe, N. C., where Miss Margaret Duckett taught at one time. About Saint Mary's she says, "I think I never saw so many pretty girls in one place in all my life."

Miss Lane Siler from Siler City, N. C., who was graduated from the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, and interned at Fitzsimons General Hospital (Army), of Denver, Colorado, will assist Mrs. Nanny Marriot as dietitian. (See P. 2, Col. 3)

The first meeting of the Publications Staff will be held Monday night at 7:10 in the Publications Room. That's in the basement of the Library Building; enter through the center door and take the stairs to the left. All girls, old or new, who are INTERESTED in writing, typing or circulation please attend. Bring pencils.