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## Smith, Wescoat Take Leads In Final Play

'Much Ado About Nothing' Will Be Presented at Commencement This Year

Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" will be the annual commencement play presented by the Dramatics Club and directed by Miss Florence Davis. Preston Wescoat and Virginia Smith will portray the leading characters of *Benedict* and *Beatrice*, while Logan Vaught will enact the unforgettable comedian, *Dogberry*.

Others in the cast are as follows: *Don Pedro*—Marjorie Story; *Don John*—Anne Bradley; *Claudio*—Nellie Truslow; *Leonato*—Susan Jenkins; *Antonio*—Ann Duncan; *Balthazar*—Jo Ann Pinner; *Borachio*—Barbara Wooten; *Conrade*—Martha Bryce; *Verges*—Marguerite Burton; *Seacoal*—Dianne Guess; *Outcake*—Ann Latham; *Friar Francis*—Carolyn Watson; *Sexton*—Mary Gene Garrison; *Aero*—Phyllis Costner; *Margaret*—Ann Baker; and *Ursula*—Betty Ann Yowell.

*Beatrice*, a witty and gay spirited young lady of many remarks, is wed with *Benedict*, a person of the same general characteristics. These two, although not really in love, are tricked unknowingly into marriage. *Much Ado About Nothing*, a "contrast between the objective reality and the subjective apprehension of things, is most amusingly set forth and embodied in the senseless and stupid *Dogberry*. The comic humor of chance chooses to employ the silliest and most ridiculous of simpletons to bring to light what no doubt lay near enough to the surface, but nevertheless escaped the discernment of the cleverest."

## Swinson Follows Lucas As Editor of Bulletin

Peggy Swinson has recently been elected editor of the *Bulletin*, literary magazine published at Saint Mary's. She is succeeding Ann Lucas, who has resigned.

Last year Peggy served on the *Bulletin* staff and the art staff of the *Stage Coach*, was a member of the Y. W. C. A. and Art Club, and acted as co-chairman for the Junior-Senior.

Peggy is now working on the BELLES and *Stage Coach* staffs, and is a member of Orchesis and the Y. W. C. A. She acted as chairman of the decoration committee for the Senior Dance and is chairman of the costume committee for the May Court.

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## Masselos, American Pianist, Will Give Piano Concert Here

Young Pianist Receives High Honors From Previous Concerts In the U. S.

William Masselos, famous young American pianist, will present a concert in the Saint Mary's Auditorium, March 4.

Born and educated in the United States, Mr. Masselos began his musical training in Colorado Springs. A short time later Frank Damrosch brought him to New York where his promising talent secured him a scholarship at the Institute of Musical Art. When he graduated at sixteen, Mr. Masselos received highest honors and was awarded a fellowship for further study at the Juilliard Graduate School under Carl Friedburg.

Mr. Masselos was in a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York last November. "He has several enthusiastically acclaimed Town Hall and Carnegie Hall recitals to his credit, as well as a midwestern tour and a host of appearances throughout the East."

## Hines Snows 'Em All

By virtue of being the girl who really has the technique of how to snow 'em under, Gene Hines was elected the Snow Queen of Saint Mary's in student balloting last week. This was the second in a series of BELLES' sponsored elections.

Other girls who received votes for the queen were Anne Willingham, Frances Clarke, Jo Howell, Frances Isbell, Meredith Plant, Peggy Misenheimer, Jean Allan Price, Robbie Roberson, Page Parrish, Leah Rigsbee, Betty Ann Yowell, Barbara Miller, Sandy Spilman, and Nellie Truslow.

## Legislative Body Meets To Discuss Second Semester Student Petitions

The Legislative Body met February 9 and 16 to consider second semester petitions. The Body and Dr. Stone approved the following changes in rules:

"That college students be given eleven o'clock dating permissions." This petition was passed with the understanding that a girl who stays out until eleven will not leave school until six-thirty and will eat dinner at school. If a girl leaves the campus before six-thirty and has a dinner date, she must return at ten-thirty.

"That all upperclassmen should be allowed to go to town on Saturday morning under the same conditions enjoyed by the sopho-

## Holder, Darst and Powell Address SMS

Visiting Lenten Preachers Discuss Variety of Subjects

The relationship of birth, joy, sorrow, and death to Lent was the subject of the first Wednesday afternoon Lenten message given by the Rev. Mr. Ray Holder, pastor of Christ Church, Raleigh, February 11.

Lent is a time to grow spiritually and learn more about God. Mr. Holder explained Lent in terms of a child growing into an adult through knowledge. The sermon was a spiritual beginning to Lent observance for Saint Mary's girls.

The second Lenten message was given by Bishop Thomas C. Darst, who was retired from active church work in 1946 and is now residing in Wilmington.

Reminding his congregation of the two words "pattern" and "example," the Bishop explained that Christ set an example which is the pattern to follow. "Come with me to the Upper Room," he said, "and picture how Christ felt when He washed his disciples' feet before the holy sacrament of the Last Supper." This was an example Christ set. In the garden of Gethsemane Christ's faith and trust in God were unsurpassed. Lent is the time to increase our faith in God and to follow the pattern set by Christ.

On February 20 Saint Mary's students heard Bishop Noble C. Powell, Bishop of Maryland.

Bishop Powell called the students' attention to the importance of "you as a living advertisement" for home, self, school, and God. "What one thinks is reflected on his face," said the Bishop. Just as Jesus is witness to God,

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mores. If the upperclassmen should have classes on Saturday morning, they should be allowed to go to town immediately after their classes."

The Legislative Body rejected the petition that "All students be allowed to leave for spring holidays on March 20 after classes and return on the 28 instead of leaving March 17 and returning the 23."

"That underclassmen be allowed to double date with each other on Saturday nights until 10:30" was rejected. To take care of this situation, a rule was passed which states that a list of selected

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## Cooper, Bowers, Cohoon Attain Highest Grades

School Averages 79; Winslow, Richert Lead Upperclassmen

Members of the BELLES staff have averaged each individual's grades in school to compute the semester average of each student, of each class, and of the student body. The averages were arrived at by using the same numerical grading the office uses, giving the highest possible numerical value for each alphabetical grade. One hour credit courses were not included in the average.

With an average of 97, sophomore Jo Cooper chalked up the highest average in school, with sophomore Mary Blair Bowers, and freshman Pat Cohoon coming close behind, each with a 96 average. Senior Edith Winslow led her class with 94 and junior Joyce Richert led hers with 94.

The sophomore class boasts of the largest number of grades over 90, although the group did not make the highest class average. Helen Brundage, Nancy Hamel, and Ruth Clarke averaged 93; Lucille Best, 92; Barbara Corpening and Grace Jones, 91; and Aurelia Fulton, Mary Lou Kimbell, Barbara Wooten, 90.

Averaging over 90 in the senior class are Martha Roberts Palmer with 93; Lila Spilman, 92; Helen Eppes, 91; Gene Hines, 91; and Maggie Hudson, 90. Juniors Isabel Carter, Barbara Story, Betsy Carter and Pat Ambrose averaged 92, 91, 90, and 90 respectively.

Three freshmen, Martha Woolery with 93, Charlotte Wallin with 92, and Alice Lide with 91, made over 90, while one commercial student, Frances Fowlkes, averaged 91.

The senior class attained the highest class average, making 82.06. The sophomore class ran a close second with 80.34, with the juniors right behind them with 79.27. The freshmen averaged 78.83 and the commercial class trailed behind with 76.7.

The student body average stands at 79, which is better than the 1943-44 average which was 76, or the 1942-43 average, 75. It is interesting to note that the freshman and commercial average is below the student body average.

To Betty Mardre Cherry, the PUBLICATIONS staff wishes to send the heartiest congratulations on the birth of her daughter on February 20.