

School Celebrates Sunday For Youth

The nation-wide celebration of Youth Sunday on October 28 was observed at Saint Mary's with a special service conducted by four students. Aurelia Fulton, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, and Mary Giles Stewart, president of the Y.W.C.A., read the service of Morning Prayer. President of the Student Government Association, Frances Drane, spoke on religious development and the development of a strong faith by observing nature and other people, by observing God's workings in yourself, by doing good works, by cultivating moral integrity, by practicing God's pattern, and by worship and adoration. Ann Moore, vice-president of the Student Government Association, spoke on thankfulness. She pointed out examples in education, extra-curricular activities, and joy in living with girls. She spoke of the formation and molding of character, the teaching of self-control and restraint through limited freedom, the privilege of having such a beautiful chapel, and the privilege of being at Saint Mary's. The service was very impressive and all students enjoyed the observance of this special Sunday for youth.

Sigma Pi Alpha Holds Organizational Meeting

Recently an organizational meeting of the Sigma Pi Alpha, a national honorary fraternity, was held. Phyllis Costner, president, presided.

Betty Byrnes, Betsy Carter, and Barbara Miller were appointed as members of a committee, with Phyllis Costner, *ex officio*, to plan the year's program, which will include initiation of new members after the end of the first school quarter.

This year the state convention of Sigma Pi Alpha will be held at Saint Mary's. In order to be eligible for this fraternity, a student must make a B+ average in her language course and have a B average in her other courses.

Officers are Phyllis Costner, president; Barbara Miller, vice-president; Isabel Carter, secretary and treasurer. Other members are Pat Ambrose, Blanche Andrews, Betty Byrnes, Betsy Carter, Jean Hogard, and Joyce Richart.

Choir Members Elect Sheridan And Clark

The following officers of the choir were elected at regular choir rehearsal on October 14: president, Marjorie Sheridan; secretary, Nelle Clark. Members of the choir, old and new, are: Ann Cahoon, Caroline Cobey, Nelle Clark, Susannah Dell, Isabel Douglas, Ann Duncan, Dianne Guess, Heilig Harney, Elizabeth Kent, Olivia Lynch, Carol Mahon, Cordelia Michie, Barbara C. Miller, Ann Moore, Grace Norsworthy, Betty Ray, Lucie Ray, Mary Ann Robinson, Rosalyn Senseney, Marjorie Sheridan, Ann Shuford, Mary Suratt, Anne Townsend, Martha Upechurch, Mary Ann Westbrook, Betty Ann Williamson, Barbara Wooten, and Jean Wranek.

Teachers Triumph Over Students In Annual Play Day Relays

Again the teachers triumphed over the students—and not only in the classroom! On Wednesday, October 13, the faculty came out on top at the annual Play Day presented by the Athletic Board of Saint Mary's. The scores were as follows: Faculty, 13; Mus, 12; and Sigmas, 11. There were six relays, that proved to be amusing; a three-legged race, a potato race, a candle race, a balloon-bat race, a clothes-line race, and a tennis ball-passing race. This last race was the hardest and the funniest of all.

The faculty members that participated were Miss M. D. Jones, Mrs. Brown, Miss Ellington, Miss Morris, Miss McLaurin, Miss Kelly, Miss Graham, and Miss Hunter. Twenty students represented the two societies, Sigma and Mu.

Helen Roberson and Minor Jordan were in charge of the events. Mrs. Guess, Dr. Stone, and Mr. Hughes were the judges, and Miss Morrison and Ann Duncan were the scorekeepers.

The competition of the two athletic teams was keen and added to the excitement that prevailed in the gym. The sigma cheerleaders were led by Peggy Williams and the Mus by Lucile Best.

Many amusing things happened during Play Day; the three-legged race was full of clumsiness, as were the rest. Play Day was decidedly a success, and it succeeded in bringing the girls together and revealed the school spirit of Saint Mary's.

Students Voice Opinions Concerning Saturday Nights Taken In Raleigh

At the October 4 meeting of the BELLES staff, members asked if a question concerning Saturday nights in Raleigh could not be run. Since this question has been foremost in the minds of the students, the staff was advised to go to Miss Martha Dabney Jones, Dean of Students, and inquire about the basis of the change in the ruling.

On questioning Miss Jones, it was found that in general the change was due to the misuse of the privilege to such an extent that it caused ill feeling among residents of Raleigh toward Saint Mary's girls. The ill feeling of these Raleigh residents took form because of the general behavior of a few girls.

Some hostesses in Raleigh were quite upset about the way the girls responded to their invitations. The school was notified and then more ill feeling arose.

Saint Mary's was, at the time, one of the very few girls' schools which allowed its students the privilege of spending nights in town. There was no stated rule in the 1947-1948 *Student Handbook* against Saturday nights in Raleigh; therefore students were allowed the privilege. Now, however, the misuse of the privilege by a few of the Saint Mary's girls has caused the majority to suffer.

Letter Club Gives Assembly Program

To create a greater interest in sports and to familiarize the new students with the athletic department at Saint Mary's, the Letter Club was in charge of assembly Tuesday morning, October 13. Sara Ann Proctor, president of the Letter Club, opened the program by introducing the officers of the Sigma and Mu teams.

The Club gave a short skit in which each sport was represented by a member. Aurelia Fulton, swinging a baseball bat, represented baseball; Charlotte Wallin, sporting a Saint Mary's tank suit, swimming; Frances Drane, carrying a hockey stick and wearing knee guards, hockey; Ann Moore, dribbling a basketball, basketball; and Mary Surratt, demonstrating the curtesy stroke, tennis. Betsy Shepherd and Minor Jordan, Mu president and vice-president, and Dot Teague and Robbie Roberson, Sigma president and vice-president, added to the skit by making humorous side-remarks as the different sports were represented.

A pep rally, led by the newly elected cheer-leaders, followed the skit. Lucile Best, head cheerleader, Phyllis Costner, Helen Humphrey, and Pat Starr will lead the Mu cheers this year. Peggy Williams, head cheerleader, Jackie Murray, Mary Lou Byram, and Virginia McFarland will lead the Sigmas. The pep rally closed the assembly program.

Day Students Give Hilarious Program

The day students, in keeping with the good work they have already done this year, presented the boarders with an uproarious skit Thursday morning, October 14, in assembly.

"What Happens to a Saint Mary's Girl" brought down the house when Eliza Chipley, as a midget (Jane Clendenin was the "hands" for the midget) answered to the question of why she was so short, that Saint Mary's had "stumped her."

Next on the program was the "serious" operation on an old woman who was on her deathbed. Joan Stieber, as the doctor, put on a hilarious show. The "Anesthetician," Libba Dorris, had the audience on the edge of their seats each time she brought down her wooden plank on what was supposed to be the patient's head. The assistant doctor was played by Luke Hill; the nurses by Cleo Bickett and Anne Badger Smith; and the stretcher bearers by Jean Newcomb and Betty Shield. Peggy Sears put on such a realistic faint that half the audience rose from their seats to help her. The last remark by Jane Clendenin to the doctor, who had struggled so hard during the operation, put the final funny touch to the program. On pulling out a can from the incision in the patient's side, Jane cried out, "It's a can-sir!"

Orchesis Elects Best, Johnson as Officers

Ann Johnson was elected president of Orchesis, the modern dance group of Saint Mary's, in a meeting to organize the club, October 12. Lucile Best was elected secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

Ann is a senior at Saint Mary's. She is a marshal and is active in campus activities.

Lucile graduated from the high school department at Saint Mary's last year. She is news editor for the BELLES, vice-president of the Dramatic Club, and head cheerleader for the Mu team.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Guess, this club plans to sponsor May Day. The purchase of new dance suits in various colors is another project of the organization. A very active year is anticipated by the club members. All new students interested in creative dance are urged to join.

Minor Jordan: I believe that if we have misused this rule, it is possible that the school should have taken this privilege away from us. But if we can show that we can abide by the rules that we now have, I believe that in time we can regain this privilege.

The BELLES staff believes that after the above girls read the editorial concerning this subject and the reasons given by Miss Jones for the removal of this privilege, they may change their opinion. If so, the BELLES would like these new opinions for the next issue.