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WELCOME TO SAINT MARY'S

School Makes Many Changes In Summer

There are many new improvements this year in the buildings and the grounds of Saint Mary's. Most noticeable is the redecoration of the dining room by the alumnae. It has been painted Williamsburg Blue and several of the windows have been closed up and mirrors are to be put in their place. In the center of the dining room a large mirror has been placed with an antique sideboard; both were gifts to the school. The ceiling is sound absorbant and the room is lighted by indirect lighting. New beige draperies have also been ordered, and new equipment has been installed in the kitchen and the pantry.

Efforts were continued during the summer to improve and beautify the rooms. All of the woodwork in the buildings has been painted, and new furniture has been ordered for fifty rooms. There is a new cement floor on the ground floor of Smedes Hall, and a number of the classrooms have red asphalt tile floors.

The asphalt and brick walk on the east side of the campus has been completed with new walks from the office to the library and the extension of the walk as far as Saint Mary's Street.

Best, Huske Will Lead Campus Honor Society

On Friday night, June 3, in the last walk of the session 1948-49, the Circle revealed its officers for this year: Lucile Best president and Rosalie Huske secretary. A treasurer will be elected later in the year by members of the Circle.

Lucile Best is prominent this year as editor of the *Stage Coach*, and as a hall counselor. In addition to being a member of the BELLES staff, the Canterbury Club, Orchesis, the Letter Club, and the Dramatic Club, she made the Honor Roll for the past academic year. She is from Clinton, and has been at Saint Mary's four years. Lucile was one among the many Saint Mary's girls who made their debut in Raleigh last week-end.

Rosalie Huske is from Fayetteville, and this is her second year here at school. She is president of the senior class, a hall counselor, and a member of the Canterbury Club. Rosalie not only made her debut last week-end, but was chosen as one of the eight assistant leaders of the Debutante Ball.



Shown above studying the problems of registration day last Monday are Anna Jane Owens (left) and Mary Strickland. Anna Jane, a freshman, is from Wilson, and Mary is a junior from High Point.

Annual Party Climaxes Orientation Program

The old students and the new students have their first formal "get-together" on Saturday evening at 8:00 in the parlor. This traditional "Old Girl-New Girl Party" has long been an anticipated climax to orientation week. Rosalie Huske, president of the senior class, is in charge of the party.

A few minutes before eight, every "big sister" goes by for her "little sister," and the two girls, dressed in evening clothes, proceed to the parlor where they are greeted at the door by Rosalie and introduced to Barbara Wooten, president of the Student Government Association. Barbara, in turn, introduces each girl to Dr. Richard G. Stone, President of Saint Mary's School. The remaining part of the receiving line is composed of teachers and staff. Girls gather in groups on the floor and await a program and refreshments.

Rosalie has planned an interesting program including hill-billy singers, solo by Betty Ann Williamson, and a piano solo by Marnie Polk. Punch and cookies will be served by the marshals.

Two New Members Join SMS Faculty, Staff

Saint Mary's has made two additions to the staff and faculty for the school year of '49-'50. They are Miss Hilda Liverman, who will teach physical education, and Miss Lane Siler, the new dietitian.

Miss Liverman of Woodland, S. C., will take Miss Graham's place this year. She will teach archery, tennis, basketball, swimming, and softball. Miss Liverman received her B.S. degree from Woman's College in Greensboro and came straight to Saint Mary's. She has also had four years camping experience at Camp Forest in Cheraw, S. C., Winston-Salem "Y" Camp, Winston-Salem, and Camp Navita, Severance, New York, where she taught boating and canoeing.

Miss Lane Siler is from Siler City, and is taking Mrs. Marriott's place. She graduated from Woman's College with a B.S. degree and took a year of internship in dietetics at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Miss Siler was dietitian at Vade Mecum in 1943, June 1944, August 1945 and June 1946, and she was assistant dietitian here during the school years '44-'45 and '45-'46.

Session Opens With Large Enrollment

Saint Mary's opens the 1949-50 session with the large enrollment of 244 boarders and an unannounced number of day students. In this group of boarders, fifty-nine are seniors, eighty-five juniors, fifty-three sophomores, thirty-two freshmen, and fifteen commercial students.

There are nineteen states and the District of Columbia represented in the student body this year, and as usual, North Carolina tops the list of states with 161 girls. Virginia comes next in the list of states with twenty girls, and South Carolina follows with eighteen. Other states represented are Alabama, with two; Florida, six; Maryland, two; Texas, one; California, one; Kentucky, two; West Virginia, two; Georgia, three; Tennessee, three; Indiana, one; Pennsylvania, one; Michigan, one; Rhode Island, one; Ohio, one; New York, four; and Connecticut, one.

Charlotte has the largest representation for towns, with thirteen girls at Saint Mary's. Durham and Wilson follow with nine and five respectively. There are approximately 180 new girls here this year, which is the largest new-girl enrollment that Saint Mary's has ever had.

In 1942 there were 242 boarders with thirteen states represented, and in 1943, 231 boarders with sixteen states represented. One hundred and fifty-one girls during this session were North Carolinians.

FOREIGN NATIONS REPRESENTED

Saint Mary's is fortunate to have two of her students this year from Japan and Brazil. They are Sonoko Yamamoto from Tokyo, Japan, and Martha Adelaide Hood of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sonoko has attended Saint Margaret's School in Tokyo and Tokyo Woman's Christian College. She is twenty-one years old and plans to get an education in the United States and return to Japan to teach. Sonoko Yamamoto, which means "little garden child under the mountain," plans to study English, art and history.

Martha is the daughter of Brigadier General Ruben C. Hood, Air Attache to the United States Embassy in Rio de Janeiro. She has attended National Cathedral School in Washington, D. C., West High School in Washington, and Escola Americano in Rio de Janeiro.

She came recently from Woman's College where she was associate administrative dietitian for three years.