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## Belles Quizzes Resident Students To Find Examination Preferences

### Answers Show Students Prefer Essay Tests for Better Grades

The BELLES has canvassed resident students of Saint Mary's as completely as possible and has compiled this poll of their opinions concerning examinations.

Three questions were asked by the reporters. They are which type of exam the student prefers, which type shows a better comprehension of the student's knowledge, and which type of exam usually gives the student a better grade.

Eighty-seven students stated that they preferred the essay type of exam, 110 students preferred the objective type, and twenty-five students expressed no preference.

Pertaining to the second question of the reporter about which type of exam showed the teacher a better comprehension of the student's knowledge, ninety-five voted for the essay type, eighty-three voted for the objective type, and twenty were undecided.

The third question proposed to the students was on which type of exam they usually received a better grade. 110 students answered the essay type, ninety-five said the objective type, and fourteen didn't know.

The majority of students polled expressed the opinion that the objective type of exam required greater and more exacting study. On such subjects as history, students actually preferred a mixture of objective and essay.

## Orchesis Announces May Day Committees

Members of Orchesis will sponsor the May Day pageant held at Saint Mary's on the first Saturday in May. Mrs. Guess directs its planning and execution.

Libba Dorris, president of Orchesis, has announced the committees for this year's pageant. Betty Ann Williamson was chairman of the pageant committee, which will announce the theme of this year's pageant some time in the coming week. Alice Jones, Anne Rixey, Becky Wall, King Risley, and Anna Redding are other members of the committee.

Carolyn Welsh, chairman of the costumes committee, will be assisted by Margaret Cheatham, Sue Harrison, and Florence Swindell.

Laura Chapman, chairman, and Tonia Rowe are on the properties committee. Lane Buchly, chairman, Jean Summers, and Ann Patterson are members of the programs committee.

Peggy Hooker is in charge of the marshals, and Juliet Fulghum and Laura Hays are on the publicity committee.

Anne Rixey, president of the Stu-

## SMS Library Gets Fine New Bird Book

### Schlesinger Donates Two New Books to Saint Mary's Library

Saint Mary's library has received some very interesting new books. Besides many current best-selling novels, there are several biographies and *Menaboni's Birds* by Athos and Sara Menaboni. This beautifully illustrated book is already being hailed as one of the finest bird books since Audubon's *Folio*.

Among the biographies is *Man of Independence* by Jonathan Daniels. Mr. Daniels' book is primarily a biography of Harry Truman, but it brings in the story of the America in which the President grew up.

One of the most interesting of all the new books is Thor Heyerdahl's *Kon-Tiki*. Six men traveled 4,300 miles across the Pacific on a primitive raft to prove a scientific theory. This book is their true story and is written by one of the men who went on the voyage.

Some of the other new books are *Innocents from Indiana* by Emily Kimbrough, *World Enough and Time* by Robert Penn Warren, A. J. Cronin's *The Spanish Garden*, *The Adventurer* by Mika Waltari, and *The Little Princesses* by Marion Crawford.

Besides these books, the library has also received *The Nature of the Universe* by Fred Hoyle and *The Mature Mind* by Overstreet. Both of these books were donated by Mr. B. F. Schlesinger of Los Angeles, California.

## Anne Rixey Takes Over Student Gov't As Former Head, Williamson, Marries

### Mr. Holder Officiates at Quiet Wedding Ceremony in Raleigh

A quiet wedding ceremony at Christ Church in Raleigh united Betty Ann Williamson of Cerro Gordo, president of Student Government at Saint Mary's for 1950-1951, and Ralston Welch of High Point at four o'clock Tuesday, December 19. The Reverend Mr. Ray Holder officiated.

Betty Ann is a graduate of Saint Mary's high school and was a senior at Saint Mary's at the time of her marriage. During her three and a half years at Saint Mary's she had been very active in school activities.

Prior to his marriage Ralston Welch, president of the Student Government Association, has announced that nominations for May Queen will be made Tuesday, January 16, and that the election will be held on Wednesday, January 17.

## Elena Imaz, Argentine Dancer, Will Present International Dance Trio

### Saint Mary's Will Be Host To Famous Dance Trio Next Friday

Elena Imaz, Argentine dancer, will appear with her International Dance Trio in Saint Mary's auditorium Friday, January 19. Miss Imaz has conceived a new kind of entertainment composed of classical Spanish dances, the balletomanes, folk and character dancing.

The International Dance Trio is comprised of three dancers, Miss Imaz, Iona McKenzie, and Wayne Lamb, and directed by Miss Imaz. They perform as a group or in solos or duets.

Miss Imaz is a tiny brunette who is especially noted for her performances of the Bolero, Tango, and the Jota. From her studies of dancing in the Latin countries of Europe she brings a dance technique amplified by the facial and posture art of the mime.

Iona McKenzie, the young ballerina of the International Dance Trio, dances in the classical tradition to the music of Strauss and Chopin. She also combines with Miss Imaz and her male partner in folk dances of different lands.

Wayne Lamb gives the group support as a male dancer and offers as his solo contribution a specimen of the modern dance idiom.

Miss Imaz was born in Argentina of Basque parents. For four years, a ballet and character dancer at the Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires, she won her place there on the basis of two examinations in which she competed with 300 other dancers. During those years, Miss Imaz danced in more than fifteen operas.

Ballerina Iona McKenzie is typical of the new crop of young ballet dancers. The English-born girl received her dance training in Canada. In Canada, she conducted her own school of the dance for three years; in America she was soloist with the New York City Opera Company and premier danseuse with the San Carlo Opera Company. On Broadway, she scored a notable success as principle dancer in such hit musicals as "Oklahoma," "Call Me Mister," and "Ballet Ballads."

Wayne Lamb is a product of American training and the Broadway stage. He studied dancing at the Edler School in his native Wichita, Kansas. His musical comedy experience has included solo dancing in "Yours Is My Heart," a leading dancing part in the road company of "Call Me Mister," and roles in "Earl Carroll's Vanities" and "Make Mine Manhattan."

Michel Bourgeot, noted French pianist, accompanied the International Dance Trio. Mr. Bourgeot was brought to America especially for the Trio engagements by Miss Imaz.

## Pi Chapter Takes In 22 New Members

### State Joins Sigma Pi Alpha for Initiation of Large Group

The *Sigma Pi Alpha* chapter of Saint Mary's initiated twenty-two new members in the study hall December 13. Membership in this modern language fraternity is based upon scholarship. Requirements are a B average and a B+ on foreign language.

Members of the fraternity from Saint Mary's and State College took part in the ceremony. Those initiated were Mary Sue Strupe, Margaret Gaston, King Risley, Alice Jones, Franky Allen, Marian Faison, Alice Hicks, Mary Ann Eaddy, Allein White, Laura Hays, Mary Stuart McKee, Margaret Malvina Stewart, Martha Hood, Mary Jo Paul, Barbara Clark, Betsy Clarke, Mary Aston Leavell, Mary Sutton, Virginia Mowery, Libba Dorris, and Sonoko Yamamoto.

Katherine Armistead is president of the *Pi* chapter. Mimi Lynch is vice-president, and Virginia Gilliam is secretary and treasurer.

Old members of the *Pi* chapter are Mary Strickland, Catherine Bikle, June Bullard, Martha McGuirk, Margaret Dunn, LaNelle Edwards, and Laura Chapman.

was a senior at Wake Forest College.

Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Winston-Salem. They are now making their home in High Point.

Betty Ann's office as president of Student Government at Saint Mary's has been filled by Anne Rixey of Norfolk, who was vice-president of Student Government.

As the new Student Government head, Rixey's new duties will be to call and preside over all Student Government and Honor Council meetings, to be an *ex officio* member of the Hall Council and the Legislative Body, to assume leadership of student matters not belonging to other students, and at the end of school to appoint counselors and vice-counselors for the coming year on the advice of the Counselor Committee.