

## The Things We Did This Year, We'll Remember All Through Our Lives

Another wonderful year at Saint Mary's is almost over. As exams and Commencement week end draw near, we'll remember all that has happened during this year. Who can forget Orientation Week—to the new girls it was the first taste of Saint Mary's, to the old girls it was a repetition of all the fun they'd had during the first week of school in other years! The quiz show, the first hall parties, seeing old friends and meeting new ones, those endless tests, unpacking, and the Old Girl-New Girl Party are now fond memories. We'll remember that first day of classes, how depressed we all felt!

We thought Thanksgiving would never come, but it did. Going home was wonderful, and coming back wasn't half so bad as we thought it would be. It was good to see our friends again and tell about the good times we'd had. Those few weeks before Christmas were filled with festivities: decorating the halls, the Glee Club Concert, the seniors serenading the school, and the formal dinner.

We came back from a grand vacation to face exams—only a few weeks off. Eye strain and aching backs characterized Saint Mary's girls during that miserable exam week. We felt as though we needed the rest of the year to recuperate! Soon things were running along smoothly again. There were more Civic Music concerts and class picnics. When we began the work of

we were back in exam week, or, better still, through for the year.

Remember, too, the snowfall we had in Raleigh, and the fun we had throwing snowballs. Then came spring vacation—going home for almost a week was too good to be true. We came back with new spring clothes and found Raleigh just as cold as ever. Elections soon began, bringing with them a lot of excitement for everybody. Remember the school picnic in the gym—how surprised we all were at the faculty? The sun porch was opened, and everyone began looking browner and browner, except for a few, who just got redder and redder. Will we ever forget that wonderful day they read out the petitions? Our estimation of Saint Mary's went up 100 per cent. At last, after many preparations, the May Day week end came. The May Court was the prettiest and the dances were the cleverest we'd ever seen. Everything went smoothly in spite of threatening weather. The Junior-Senior Dance was as pretty as the Freshman-Sophomore Dance and everyone had a wonderful time. A few weeks later, June Bullard and Margaret Gaston gave their Certificate Recitals. The Athletic Banquet last week was one of the most memorable events of the year. We're all looking forward to Commencement week end; we'll be remembering the fun we've had here at Saint Mary's. It has been a year to remember.

## Sigmas, Mu's Elect '51-'52 Officers

At the Athletic Banquet Wednesday night, May 23, the new presidents and vice-presidents of the *Sigma's* and of the *Mu's* were announced. They are for the *Sigma's*: Pat Boesser of Winston-Salem, president; Nell Eley, of Ahoskie, vice-president; for the *Mu's*: Deedee Davenport, of Timmonsville, South Carolina, president; Sandy Donaldson, of Wilson, vice-president.

After the banquet the Letter Club held a meeting and elected Lane Buchly as president for 1951-52.

Pat is in the choir, Canterbury Club, and Glee Club. She is a cheerleader and Dance Marshal. For 1951-52 she is Chief Dance Marshal and a hall counselor.

Nell is secretary-treasurer of the Beacon, legislative body representative for the Sophomore Class, member of the "Y," and BELLES headline editor.

Deedee is a member of the Beacon, Letter Club, Swimming Club, Doctors' Daughters Club and a Dance Marshal.

Sandy is a member of the Honor Council this year. She is an acolyte and hall counselor for 1951-52.

Lane is a member of the Choir and Glee Club, president of the Swimming Club, and president of the Orchestras this year. Next year she is an acolyte and a hall counselor.

## Mu Softball Team Wins Final Game

Monday, May 21, the *Mu* softball team defeated the *Sigma's* to win the tournament. The *Sigma's* had taken the first game 17-15; while the *Mu's* came back full of spirit to win the last two 14-9 and 21-7.

The winning first team *Mu's* are: Mary Michal, catcher; Deedee Davenport, pitcher; captain Glenn Lightsey, first baseman; Beeps Buchanan, second baseman; Sally Hackney, third baseman; Sue Woodward, shortstop; Mary Dorsett, right fielder; Allen Loy, center fielder; and Ann Pearson, left fielder.

The fighting *Sigma's* are: Bimbo Parshley, catcher; Timmy Timmons, pitcher; Nancy Dawson, first baseman; Evelyn Oettinger, second baseman; Pat Dize, third baseman; Kay Daniel, shortstop; Carmen Gardiner, right fielder; Alice Hicks, center fielder; and Nancy Woodruff, left fielder.

## Art Classes Present Their Final Exhibit

Works of Miss Morris' art students will be featured in an exhibit in the art studio during commencement.

The exhibition will open Friday night, May 1, immediately after the Shakespearean play. It will remain until noon Monday.

## Saint Mary's Commencement Embodies Traditions That Are SMS Foundation

Embodied in our life here at Saint Mary's are the traditions which are the very foundations of our school. These traditions come to be so vital a part of us that we feel as if we had originated them ourselves. Each time that we dress for a concert or for meals, we are making use of the heritage that comes to each of us as "a Saint Mary's girl."

At Commencement time we observe two of the main traditions of Saint Mary's. On the Sunday before Commencement, the entire student body assembles on the steps of Smedes to sing together—some for the last time. For these, it is the last time they will be a part of the gay and noisy student body, for on Monday the student body will be serious. This custom is not as old as some of our other traditions, but its meaning compensates for its youthfulness. As we sit on the steps together, we sing those songs that bring to us most vividly all the best

memories of our short life here. Whether a fraternity party song or our own beloved *Alma Mater*, we will remember the songs and the times, both happy and sad which are an essential part of our life here.

The event that is perhaps anticipated more eagerly than any other is the dropping of the handkerchief which marks the closing of the school year. When that bit of linen flutters to the ground, we are then free to indulge once more in the joys of home life and to participate in the freedom of vacation. For some of us it means not just the completion of one unit of our life here, but the beginning of an entirely new life. The chief marshal steps up and raises her hand to drop the handkerchief, and we are faced with the reality that we are no longer sheltered by Saint Mary's protective guidance. We realize that she has given us her best, and we are now left on our own to fulfill her teachings.

## Coolness Is The Word In Clothes Here At Saint Mary's These Days

The short cut to coolness these few remaining days of school and the remainder of the summer is shorts. There are short shorts like Frankie Allen's chartreuse ones and Bimbo's blue jean baseball shorts. Most girls prefer the short "little boy" shorts. Years ago, shorts were only made in solid colors; now, they are made in plaids, checks, piques, and stripes.

Speaking of pique, this interesting material has a new slant on life this year. The new waffle pique has a dot of color in the center of each "waffle." Pretty tricky, *N'est ce pas?*

These Saint Maryans are surely prepared for all types of weather. The weather turned warm suddenly and out came Louise Milliken in a darling navy blue sun dress with white pique trimming. Suzanne Robinson looked like the sun in a brilliant yellow cotton sun dress. Anne Bransford wore a halter sun dress made of an Indian print in cotton. *Tres gai.* Both Betty Jo Snider and Catherine Morrison look as cool as cucumbers in their green dresses.

Whether all the girls that play golf are golfers or not is a debatable question, but they certainly wear "genuine" golf dresses. Kathy Le-Sturgeon has a blue, white, and red checked one, Rixey has a pink one, Ruth Hines has a yellow one and Sandra Sims has a yellow "rocking chair," which is very similar to a golf dress. All said and done, these dresses are pretty, cool, and comfortable.

A little birdie "kinda" hinted that there are going to be quite a few weddings among our girls this summer. Those who are going to take the fatal step are all seniors or day students. It must be nice to graduate and get a man too. Anyway, congratulations to those lucky girls. They are Mary Lou Richardson, Alice May (maybe in August),

Stella Cobb, Harriet Tew, and Spooner Harrison. All of these girls have exciting plans for trousseaus and wedding gowns, but describing them would be telling a military secret. All the dresses sound perfectly "serumptious."

Miss Bason and the new marshals have picked out the prettiest evening dresses. In case you haven't had time to notice (who has time?), they are white organdy with flowers woven in the material. They have double Peter Pan collars, long sleeves, and twenty-nine buttons (actual count) unless Anna Redding's dress is lacking a button. The Sunday dresses are white pique with small collars and appliqued flowers.

## LIBRARY NEWS

This week in the library, fiction seems to be the main topic. *Time To Be Young*, edited by Whit Burnett, is a collection of short stories that includes stories about young people, stories about Winston Churchill and his trouble with Latin, and "James Street's story of a boy and a dog." Ernest Hemingway, Mark Twain, and Katherine Anne Porter are among the fifty authors whose works are in this book.

Another good book is *Jenkins' Ear* by Odell and Willard Shepard. The story is about the ear of one man and all the confusion it causes and the way it affects people in Africa and America. In 1739 when Jenkins brought back his ear which had been cut off by the Spanish, he set off a great war. The action is thrilling.

*The Eyes of Discovery* by John Bakeless tells us about "America as seen by the first explorers." There are stories of De Soto, Raleigh, Hudson, Jolliet, and others. The book has twenty-four pages of illustrations.