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Hall Skits Climax Orientation Week

The hall stunt contest climaxed the orientation program Friday night, September 21. Each hall presented an original skit in the auditorium.

Third Smedes East with the Saint Mary's Rockettes won first prize, a box of candy. Gene Overback did the Charleston solo. Helen Setzer, Bunce Robinson, Ann Carlton, and Carolyn Landis played ukuleles and sang *Ain't She Sweet*. The chorus line wore attractive blue and white crepe paper costumes. As the chorus line turned around at the end of the skit, the letters on their backs spelled Saint Mary's. Chorus girls were Nancy Vaughan, Nancy Boston, Mary Elizabeth Pennington, Mary Clements, Rachel Brooks, Bebe Correll, Gena Timberlake, Barbara Carter, Gene Overback, and Nancy McIver.

Second prize went to first East Wing, which presented the orchestra broadcast. Blanche Robertson, the announcer, directed the orchestra. Betty Dry, Edith Gregorie, and Sydna Rustin acted out *Pretty-Eyed Baby* as the record played. Eve Hargrave, Lucy Heilig, Margaret Mansfield-Jones, and Anne Robinson dramatized *Way Up in North Carolina*.

First West Wing won third prize. This hall presented a Paris fashion show. Laundry bags, sheets, towels, curtains, and bed spreads were the materials for these French honeymoon styles. Leon Gould was the shop's proprietor. In the cast were Edith Cross, Betsy Clarke, Emma McCotter, Leon Gould, Laura Erwin, Anne McCabe, Scotty Anderson, Ferebee Cooper, Mary Jane Swinson, Nancy Glenn, Louise Wooten, Ann Bowen, Sue Trinkle, Gray Proctor, Joan Moreland, and Sylvia Calloway.

Other stunts were "The Social Event of Dogpatch" by second West Wing with Anne Pearson as the preacher, Glenn Lightsey as the bride, and Margo Hester as the groom; "Wedding a la Quack" by second Smedes; "Cinderella" starring Bet Allen by third Smedes West; "The Opening Day of Saint Mary's in 1920," a silent movie, by third East Wing; "Dagwood and Blondie" by second East Wing; "Dundabeek" starring Gwen Grizzard by third West Wing. Also presented were "A Typical Parlor Scene," in which East Rock's Millie Ward sang *It Had to be You*; "Chole" by first West Rock; a cannibal feast in which second West Rock's counselors, Ann Patterson and Margaret Cheatham, were victims; "A Bedroom Scene at Saint Mary's in 1920" by first Holt; "The State-Carolina Game" by second Holt; "To Dress or Not to Dress" by third Holt.



Saint Mary's Rockettes of Third Smedes East

Alice Hicks, President Of SGA, Opens First Assembly Of New School Year

Many Girls Enter '51-'52 Session

Saint Mary's total enrollment for the 1951-1952 session is 273. There are 230 boarding students and 43 day students. There are sixty-one seniors, eighty-nine juniors, fifty-four sophomores, forty-six freshmen, and twenty-three business students. One hundred twenty of these girls are at Saint Mary's for the first time and one hundred ten are returning students.

Fifteen states are represented this year. There are 157 girls from North Carolina, 33 from Virginia, 16 from South Carolina, 8 from Florida, 2 from Texas, 2 from Alabama, and one each from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee, West Virginia, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Two girls are from Rio de Janeiro, South America, and one is from Nassau, Bermuda.

Handbook Classes For New Students Begin

Handbook classes for the new girls started last week. The classes meet three times a week at five o'clock for a period of two weeks. October 8 is the scheduled date for the handbook test which all new students must pass.

The handbook teachers are Pat Boesser, Laura Hays, Jeanie Patterson, Lane Buchly, Gillie Martin, Mary Jo Paul, Sally Hackney, Helen Setzer, Sue Ann Sadler, and Anne Stewart.

Officers Outline Activities, Aims of S.M.S.

Alice Hicks, president of Student Government at Saint Mary's, opened the first assembly in the auditorium September 18. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the student government officers and the various school clubs to the new girls.

Alice welcomed all the girls into the Student Government Association and then introduced Nancy Dawson, vice-president of Student Government, who explained her duties. Alice next introduced Sally Hackney, temporary chairman of the Hall Council, who outlined her duties.

Lois Perry, president of the Circle, told of the purpose of the Circle, a secret honorary organization based on principles of service, fellowship, citizenship, and scholarship.

Catherine Morrison spoke of the Beacon, the honorary organization for high school girls. Lane Buchly explained the main purposes of the Letter Club which supports the athletic program.

Pat Boesser, president of the *Sigma's*, and Deedee Davenport, president of the *Mu's*, urged active participation by everyone in supporting her team.

Jean Ann Patterson, president of the YWCA, and Mary Jo Paul, president of the Canterbury Club gave summaries of the activities of each of these Christian organizations. Jean Ann invited all non-Episcopalian students to join the YWCA, and Mary Jo issued a similar invitation to all Episcopalian students.

New Students Meet Faculty At Party

One of the highlights at Saint Mary's during orientation week is the traditional Old-Girl New-Girl party. Last Saturday night in Smedes parlor, amid the rustle of evening dresses and excited chatter of girls, the "big sisters" introduced the new girls to the Saint Mary's faculty and staff.

In the receiving line, totaling thirty-seven, were Ann Patterson, president of the Senior class; Alice Hicks, president of the Student Body; Dr. and Mrs. Stone; Bishop and Mrs. Penick; and both old and new members of the faculty and staff.

Following the introductions, punch and cookies were served in the study hall by the school marshals.

Last on the evening program was a delightful entertainment provided by some of the school's talented students. Preceding the entertainment Ann Patterson, president of the Senior class, in behalf of all the old girls, extended a warm welcome to all the new students and new members of the faculty and staff to Saint Mary's School.

First on the entertainment were two lovely selections, *When I Have Sung My Songs* by Ernest Charles, and *Sympathy* from the *Firefly* by Fremel, which were rendered by a trio composed of Letitia House, Harriet Harris, and Nancy Murray, accompanied by Miss Cate. Then Helen Setzer cleverly recited four short poems. Next were two lovely solos, *The Star* by Rogers and *My Hero* by Oscar Straus, sung by Barbara White and accompanied by Mrs. Winton. Climaxing the night's entertainment were "Deedee" Davenport's enthusiastically received popular vocals: *Stormy Weather*, *Blue Moon*, and two of "Deedee's" own compositions, *Come Back to Me*, and *Cry, Baby, Cry*.

Picnics Are Highlights Of Orientation Week

Orientation Week was highlighted by the picnics and square-dancing held by the respective classes. The senior picnic was on Tuesday night followed by the junior picnic on Wednesday and the freshman-sophomore on Thursday. Hot dogs were served in the hut after which everyone gathered on the back campus to begin square-dancing. Miss Cameron, the new gym instructor, led the dancing. Dr. Browne played the records and gave the calls. After a little demonstration by May Holton, Joanne Trowbridge, Marjorie Penton, Ann Penton, Becky Hurt, Ann Harless, Marian Faison, and Alice Jones, everyone formed groups of eight where "promenading" and "swing your partner" were enjoyed by all.