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Orientation Week Is Successful As Girls Gaily Enter Activities

Nell Eley Conducts First Formal Assembly Program In Auditorium

Excellent School Spirit Is Apparent

Saint Mary's one hundred and eleventh session began Monday, September 15, with the usual confusion and chaos. Lines formed for room assignments and registration. Girls heartily greeted old friends. Many new girls looked frantically about them, lost in all the confusion. Rooms were a mad collection of people, clothes, luggage, trunks, and furniture. But soon everything settled into a peaceful calm, and life at Saint Mary's began again. Orientation week was both work and fun for everyone. Some of the highlights are below.

Study hall was the scene of a bingo party Tuesday night, September 16, at eight o'clock. "Big sisters" brought their "little sisters" and played on the same bingo card. Emilie Adams called the numbers. Honey Cocks won the grand prize, a box of candy bars. Publications and Athletic Associations sponsored the party.

After the bingo party a pep rally was held. The *Sigma's* and *Mu's* sang their respective songs and yells.

Circle and the Beacon presented an orientation program Wednesday night, September 17, in the auditorium. The stage was a courtroom with Miss Liverman as the judge, Nell Eley as the clerk of court, and Deedee Davenport, Paula Whitaker, Susie Nicoll, Laura Deane Matheson, Timmie Timmons, Margo Hester, Betsy Webb, Sally Hodges, Nancy Bowles, Lillian Triplett, and Ann Pearson as jurors. The jury dressed in extreme costumes as men and women and called up members of the student body for silly crimes, such as being pinned, and gave them ridiculous penalties. Other crimes were taking the Dubarry Success course, talking too much, singing in the bathtub, going on a diet, and bringing too many clothes to school.

Seniors presented a minstrel show to the student body in Saint Mary's auditorium Thursday night, September 18. The seniors entered the front door in single file and marched onto the stage singing *When the Saints Go Marching In*. The chorus sang a number of songs, and Paula Smith, Sara Fair, Ann Ayers and Emilie Adams cracked jokes throughout the program. Nancy McIver imitated Al Jolson in two



Irene Emory and Allene Wellons unpack amid confusion with the aid of their mothers as counselor Deedee Davenport looks on.

songs. Chorus girls and several others entertained with dancing and singing. At the end of the program, Nell Eley, the master of ceremonies, asked everyone to stand and sing the national anthem (*Dixie*). After the seniors had finished their entertainment, they marched through the audience and out the front door.

Students of every hall gathered in the auditorium with their hall skits prepared Friday, September 19. All sixteen halls displayed their talents one by one beginning with Third East Wing and ending with Second Holt. The skits were colorful and varied, ranging from cave men days to modern times. The judges, Miss Morrison, Miss Davis, Miss Morris, and Mr. Hughes, gave First West Wing the first prize and First Holt second prize. The First West Wing skit was a radio program. Betsy Webb, Lillian Triplett, and Nancy Bowles appeared first as the rag mop maids. The master of ceremonies then announced that a talent show was next. The remainder of the skit consisted of commercials and musicians. The

skit ended with two mountaineers singing *I'm Yours*. All fourteen students on First Holt acted out a pantie raid on State College. The skit began with a conversation between two State boys just before the raid. The girls entered the room, claimed their long lost articles, and also took back souvenirs of State.

Highlights of orientation week were the picnics and square dancing held by the respective classes. The senior picnic was on Tuesday night. Afterwards, the seniors planned their Minstrel Show. The junior picnic was on Wednesday night. After hot dogs were served, Dr. and Mrs. Brown and Miss Cameron called figures for square dancing on the back campus. Thursday night the freshmen and sophomores enjoyed their picnic. After eating hamburgers, the group gathered for square dancing. Serving the supper each night were Nell Eley, Susie Nicoll, and Laura Deane Matheson. The hut was the gathering place for all picnics.

Officers Of SGA List Their Duties

Nell Eley, president of student government, conducted the first formal assembly on Tuesday morning, September 16, in Saint Mary's auditorium. She introduced the various student body and club officers who gave short talks concerning their duties for the year.

Officers introduced were Susie Nicoll, vice-president of student government; Rachel Brooks, secretary of student government; Laura Matheson, chairman of Hall Council; Harriet Harris, secretary of Hall Council; Gray Proctor, president of the *Mu's*; Donna Bull, president of the *Sigma's*; Paula Whitaker, president of the Circle and of the senior class; Margo Hester, president of the Canterbury Club; Timmie Timmons, president of the YWCA; and Sara Fair, chief dance marshal.

Girls Receive Formal Welcome From Dr. Stone

Dr. Stone formally welcomed the student body in chapel Friday morning, September 19. He opened his address with an apology for not being present the first day of school to welcome both the new girls and the old. His absence was due to his attending the fifty-seventh triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Boston.

In his talk Dr. Stone discussed his recent trip and compared it to school life here at Saint Mary's. He stated that the thing which impressed him most about the meeting was the fact that hundreds of people joined together for a common purpose—prayer. He also mentioned that throughout the meeting various rules had to be followed which seemed insignificant at the time but were extremely necessary in working and building toward that which is important. Likewise here at Saint Mary's each girl must cooperate and work together, following every rule so that this year may be the best.

Dr. Stone also emphasized the importance of the church in school life and mentioned the fact that many seek the chapel for peace and reassurance.

His talk ended with a challenge to each girl to work hard and do her part in all Saint Mary's activities.