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# The Belles

OF SAINT MARY'S

SARA FAIR  
REIGNS AS  
MAY QUEEN

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## Juniors Choose May Dance Theme; A Cruise Down The Mississippi

Emory, Perry, Baker, Nash  
Head Committee for Affair

The Junior Class will give the annual Junior-Senior dance on Saturday, May 2. The dance will last from 8:30-12:00 P.M., and the theme will be "A Cruise Down the Mississippi."

Irene Emory is chairman of the decoration committee. Other members of the committee are Frances Atkins, Mary Grady Burnette, Pat Cowden, Joanne Curry, Harriet Cooper, Jean Dessasure, Mary Elkins, Carolyn Nelson, and Barbara Smith.

Frances Perry is chairman of the refreshment committee. Mary Windley Dunn, Charlotte Lily, Lynda Anderson, and Frances Spain are the other members of this committee. The night of the Junior-Senior, lime punch, cookies, and peanuts will be served.

Kay Baker is chairman of the figure committee. Assisting her will be Pat Adams, Pearl Smith, Virginia Harris, and Janet Taylor. The following girls will be in the figure: Nell Eley, president of the S.G.A.; Harriet Harris, secretary of the Hall Council; Laura Deane Matheson, Chairman of Hall Council; Paula Whitaker, president of the Senior Class; Becky Gordon, vice-president of the Senior Class; Doris Ann Lineberger, secretary of the Senior Class; Timmy Timmons, president of Junior Class; Laura Ervin, vice-president of the Junior Class; Connie Shaner, secretary of Junior Class; and Itsie Masterton, Treasurer of Junior Class.

B2 Nash is Chairman of the bids committee. Other members of this committee are Mary Jordan, Ann Freeman, and Allan Hardin.

The receiving line will be composed of Bishop and Mrs. Penick, Dr. and Mrs. Stone, Miss Martha Dabney Jones, Miss Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Paula Whitaker and Timmy Timmons. All members of the faculty and staff are invited.

## Bulletin Holds

### Criticism Sessions

The *Bulletin*, school literary magazine, has begun holding weekly sessions of criticism and discussion of contributions. At each session Miss M. D. Jones and members of the magazine staff receive anonymous copies of all contributions, which they discuss one by one. This constructive criticism singles out the best contributions for publication and at the same time teaches each girl how to improve her writing.

## Alumnae Present Sideboard To School

The late Sheraton walnut sideboard placed opposite the dining room doors is a gift of Mrs. James T. Cordon (nee Betsy London), Mrs. Fred Jerome (nee Camelia London), and the families of the late Mrs. John H. Anderson (nee Lucy London) and the late Mrs. J. Henry Fell (nee Sallie London) "in happy appreciation of Saint Mary's."

Three of the four London sisters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Armand London of Pittsboro, had daughters or granddaughters who attended Saint Mary's. The late Mrs. John H. Anderson, of Raleigh, had a daughter, Mrs. Thomas Wooten (nee Lucy Anderson), and a granddaughter, Mrs. William Byrd Traxler (nee Bettie Wooten), who attended Saint Mary's. Mrs. Henry Galt Siegrist (nee Bettie Fell) and Mrs. Gordon D. Griffin (nee Sallie Fell), daughters of the late Mrs. J. Henry Fell, of Trenton, N. J., also were students here. Mrs. James T. Cordon, of Raleigh, had a daughter, Mrs. S. O. Baesel (nee Betsey Cordon) who attended Saint Mary's.

Mrs. James T. Cordon is a past president of the General Alumnae Association. She owned the sideboard; Mrs. Jerome and the families of the other two sisters had it refinished.

## Mu's Win Exciting Volleyball Match

The *Sigma-Mu* game on April 13 was the highlight of the volleyball season at Saint Mary's. The *Mu's* had previously won one game and the *Sigma's* had won one. With a score of 34-33 in the last game the *Mu's* won the volleyball tournament.

The winning team was composed of Glenn Lightsey, captain, Nancy Eversman, Dill Walker, Deedee Davenport, Mary Michal, Allan Hardin, Trissy Holt and Sally Hodges.

The losing team was composed of Nancy McIver, captain, Nell Eley, Donna Bull, Nancy Smith, Timmy Timmons, Susie Nicoll, Sara Fair, Nancy Jones, Alice Bost, Anne Bynum, and Laura Travis.

Mrs. Bryant officiated as referee.

## Orchesis, Sixty-Seven Southerners Present The Ole' Mississippi

*Orchesis* and sixty-seven other true southerners of Saint Mary's will present *The Ole' Mississippi* at the annual May Day festival on May 2 at 4:00 o'clock. The scenes, honoring the May Court, will be typical of life on the Mississippi.

The festival opens with that fabulous New Orleans carnival, the Mardi Gras. Members of the carnival precede the May Queen, Sara Fair, clad in a white dress with a full skirt of accordian pleated tulle trimmed in lace, tucked tulle at the top, and lace sleeves. Following her comes the May Court of beautiful Southern belles, carrying parasols and wearing dresses of net and shantung in two shades of blue, the shantung looped folds of the skirt caught up with flowers.

After the Southern belles have danced a graceful number, they all take their seats before a background of steamboats, carriages, and bales of cotton beneath the grand white columns typical of a Louisiana plantation, where they reign as queens of the Mardi Gras. Here, in the Southern setting of old oaks and white pillars, Nancy Bowles, maid of honor, will crown Sara Fair Queen of the May Festival.

## As You Like It Begins Rehearsals

*As You Like It* will be presented by the Saint Mary's Dramatic Club as its commencement play. Rehearsals have already started under Miss Davis' direction.

*As You Like It* is one of Shakespeare's best comedies. A Duke, banished by his younger brother, retires to the forest of Arden with some faithful followers. His daughter Rosalind remains at court with her cousin Celia. Rosalind falls in love with a young man, Orlando, a son of one of the banished Duke's friends. Later both Rosalind and Celia are banished from the court.

The rest of the play delightfully follows up the love affair of Rosalind and Orlando. Many humorous characters, such as Touchstone, the philosopher Jacques, and the faithful Adam, enter into the scene. The play ends happily with the wedding of Orlando and Rosalind and the dukedom restored to the banished Duke.

Betty Martin plays the part of Orlando; Myra Thayer the part of Rosalind; Charlotte Cocks the part of Celia; Mary Michal the part of Touchstone; and Ellen Ozon the part of Jacques.

The panorama of Mississippi scenes which follows is in honor of the May Court. First Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and Becky Thatcher present a scene typical of their childhood on the banks of the great river. Then comes "Father of the Waters," a group interpretation of the majestic qualities of the Mississippi. There follow a spirited tap dance by two butlers; a waltz quadrille, that stately dance so familiar in old plantation gatherings; and a horse-and-buggy dance, where boys and girls go on a flirtatious afternoon ride. Then the cotton pickers come in, weary from a long day's work; when they hear music they begin to dance. In an old Louisiana garden magnolias, daffodils, violets, butterflies, and a rose awake in the spring. At last comes the magnificent finale, when all gather to pay final homage to the Queen and her court.

The Queen of May Day is Sara Fair, and her Maid of Honor is Nancy Bowles. Members of the May Court are Myra Thayer, Eve Hargrave, Gene Overbeck, Laura Deane Matheson, Doris Ann Lineberger, Nancy Melver, Sylvia Hamer, Barbara White, Harriet Harris, Elizabeth Huffman, Anne Bailey, and Barbara Carter.

The music for the festival expresses the gait, stateliness, and romance which are associated with the Mississippi. It comprises many selections.

Miss Cameron is director of May Day. Gene Overbeck is chairman of choreography. Laura Deane Matheson is chairman of the costume committee. Louise Brand is chairman of the props committee, and Elizabeth Lynn is chairman of publicity. Syb Hamer designed the sets and the Circle is painting them. Georgia Moore is in charge of programs. The Beacon will sell drinks and other refreshments.

## "Sissie" Allen Wins Salem Scholarship

Madeline Allen, of Troy, won a competitive scholastic scholarship to Salem College valued at a thousand dollars (four hundred for the first year and two hundred dollars for each of the following years). After taking Scholastic Aptitude and Achievement tests, "Sissie" was interviewed by Miss I. M. Hixson, Dean of Admission. Last Friday, "Sissie" received the telegram stating that she had won the scholarship.