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Juniors Elect Crow
As '55-'56 President
"Fairsie" Captures
Highest Class Office

The Junior class of St. Mary's recently elected Fairfax Crow as their president for 1955-'56. Fairfax, popularly known as "Fairsie," originates from Houston, Texas.

Her first year at St. Mary's has been an active one. She enthusiastically and wholeheartedly participates in all her activities. She is the Junior Class representative to the Legislative Body, a member of the *Belles*, the *Stage Coach*, *Orchesis*, and the *Dramatics Club*. "Fairsie" is a *Mu*. Also, she was in *The Wisteria Trees* and had a leading part in the Junior Class minstrel show.

Fairsie, like most Texans, is proud of her native state, but she claims that she is actually a semi-North Carolinian since she visits Wrightsville Beach every summer. There she engages in her favorite sport, water skiing. Yale, we might add, has quite a claim on her, too.

Fairfax, usually seen in blue jeans, says her favorite food is ice cream. As to her peevess, she admits to none.

Her reaction to the news, announced at dinner, of her new office was to spill water all over herself in the dining room, to wave at someone who wasn't Nancy after all, and to be absolutely speechless. (The latter was the most surprising.)

YDC Members Visit
State Legislature

Several YDC members, under the sponsorship of Mrs. McGhee, Judge Winborne, and Mr. C. A. P. Moore, visited the two houses of the North Carolina legislature on Monday night, March 14.

The Young Democrats first attended a session of the House of Representatives. There they heard various bills read, discussed, and debated upon. St. Mary's YDC was also recognized. Next they went to the Senate, where they were once again recognized. The procedure there was quite similar to that of the House.

The girls were very enthusiastic about their trip, which was the first opportunity for most of them to see the wheels of government in operation.

A member of the St. Mary's delegation was honored in an unusual way after the recognition in the Senate.

Dennis Cook, State Senator from Lenoir, requested that Pat Hamer be made an honorary page of the Senate. The following day, Pat received a "Certificate of Election," stating that she is now recognized as a page of the North Carolina Senate.

Kemper, Smith, and Miller
Will Hold Student Offices

To head the Student Government of St. Mary's next year, the student body has elected Beth Kemper, from Bluefield, West Virginia, whose



Beth Kemper

every qualification for the office assures the school of outstanding future leadership. A list of her activities in the March 11 issue of the *Belles*

showed that for three years she has served the school capably and loyally. Next year's Vice-President of the Student Government is Nancy Smith, popularly known as "Smittie," of New Canaan, Connecticut. She is a veteran of three years at St. Mary's and has been an outstanding belle since her freshman days.

As for Smittie's participation in school activities, you name it, Smittie's in it. She's musical; she sings in both the Glee Club and the choir. She's literary; for two years she was on the *Bulletin* staff. And she's very athletic; her athletic ability has made her invaluable to the *Sigma's*.



Nancy Smith

and to the all-star hockey team for the past two years. Also, she is President of the Letter Club this year. "Smittie," serving as class secretary, has taken an active part in Junior Class affairs. To round out her versatility, she is also a vital element of the *Dramatics Club*. Students will recall her apt portrayal of

Bishop Carruthers
Speaks At SMC

For another in the series of Lenten services the Right Reverend Thomas R. Carruthers spoke in St. Mary's Chapel on March 16. Bishop Carruthers is the Bishop of the diocese of South Carolina. His sermon, concerning the pro's and con's of popularity, has been accepted by St. Mary's girls as the most meaningful and thought-provoking one of the series.

He impressed upon the congregation the fact that although friends are necessary to a wholesome and happy life, a person must use discretion in conforming to the ways of the crowd in order to gain friends—that individuality is an important aspect of popularity. Also, Bishop Carruthers warned that a person should never try to win friends at the price of making himself useless and selling his own soul.

Popularity was a very appropriate topic for Bishop Carruthers' sermon, for, without a doubt, his popularity on campus is overwhelming.

Henry Arthur Henry in *The Wisteria Trees*.

"Smittie," who hears endless teasing for her northern accent, apparently enjoys living in Dixie, but she isn't quite a convert to Southern ways. Thinking of her last two college years, she's torn between the lure of Carolina and the Northern environment of Smith (to keep it in the family) College.

Marianna Miller, of Pineville, will be filling the responsible position of Chairman of Hall Council for 1955-'56. This is Marianna's second year at St. Mary's, and she has been an enthusiastic participant in school activities since her entrance as a sophomore.

Talented and versatile, Marianna keeps a capable finger in many



Marianna Miller

school pies. She writes for the *Belles*, works on the *Stage Coach* staff, and is a member of the YWCA and the *Dramatics Club*. As for politics, Marianna never misses a YDC meeting. Intermural sports claim her interest, too, and she wears the red apron of the *Sigma's* in hockey, basketball, and volleyball.

Besides her studies and school activities, Marianna has widespread interests and hobbies. She loves to paint—anything from abstract watercolors to "permanent" eyelashes. And she devotes some time to the neighborhood K.A. chapter, where she has family and other ties! In fact, Marianna's having such a good time here that she hasn't yet planned where she'll go when she leaves!

Orchesis Dancers, Costumers
Prepare May Day Program

If you notice someone frantically counting the days on a calendar and counting right on past March 26, she is probably an Orchesis Committee chairman figuring up the number of days before some deadline. May Day is rapidly approaching, and girls serving on committees are responsible for all of the countless details involved in a production of its size.

Yards of fabrics of various colors are being transformed into gay costumes. Drawings have been sent to the shop for the construction of some of the properties, while others are being zealously collected by the participants at large. Music for the dances has been chosen by the choreographers after listening to stacks and stacks of records. Pictures have been taken for papers,

Beacon Initiates
Five New Members
Leading Students

Receive Top Honor

The Beacon, St. Mary's high school honorary society, tapped five new members Thursday night, March 17, 1955. The members are chosen for their outstanding participation in school and class activities—scholastic, spiritual, social, and athletic. The five new members are Katy Copp, Barbara Spangler, Patsy Beams, Sally Underhill, and Sylvia Crumpler.

Katy Copp, who comes to St. Mary's from South Bend, Indiana, says that the most exciting moment of her life was when she was asked to join the Beacon. She is treasurer of the Sophomore Class, a member of Orchesis, the YRC, the *Dramatics Club*, the *Glee Club*, and the *Mu's*.

It has been reported that Barbara Spangler from Charlotte was equally as thrilled as Katy over her initiation. She is in the YDC, Orchesis, the YWCA, and she serves on the *Stage Coach* staff.

Even though Sally Underhill is a day student, she is extremely active in all phases of St. Mary's activities. She is Treasurer of the Freshman Class and an active participant in all *Sigma* sports.

Patsy Beams from Martinsville was so stunned over the honor bestowed upon her that her first reaction was, "You're kidding!" She is a Dance Marshal, a *Mu* Cheerleader, and a member of the Orchesis Council, the Altar Guild, the YWCA, the *Bulletin* staff, the YDC, and the *Dramatics Club*.

Conscientious Sylvia Crumpler of Mebane was extremely excited when tapped. She is very active in Orchesis, is a member of the *Bulletin*, and the *Sigma's*.

and the May Queen, Kitty Campen, has even appeared on WUNC-TV.

All of this feverish activity is in progress in preparation for the annual May Day which will take place this year on May 7. The various committees and their chairmen are: program committee, Susan Patman; props, Mickey Crumpler and Margot Hammond; choreography, Betty Martin; costumes, Lenore Smith and Nancy Crow; and publicity, Mena Way Marsh.

The dances now being choreographed are to bring to life the scrap book of a reminiscing old couple. After the opening of the giant book will follow pictures of their courtship, their first home, the sailing of the man in the First World War, the ballet, Swan Lake, their future, and lastly the dream finale.