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## S. G. Installs New Officers

At a very impressive service in the chapel on May 3, the student government officers for the '55-'56 school session were officially installed. Harriett Mardre, retiring president of the Student Government Association, opened the service with a farewell speech to the student body. She expressed her thanks for all the co-operation which she received during her time in office.

The new officers then received from their respective predecessors the symbols of their offices. The Student Government leaders for next year are: Beth Kemper, president of the S. G. A.; Nancy Smith, vice-president; and Ginger Walsler, secretary; Kathryn Webb, president of the Day Students; Marianna Miller, chairman of Hall Council; and Mott Butler, secretary of Hall Council.

Following a short talk by the new president, the service was closed by the singing of the school hymn.

## School For Blind Entertains SMC

At a recent assembly program the student body was entertained by the orchestra from the North Carolina School for the Blind. This talented orchestra has become an annual feature in the St. Mary's auditorium; moreover, it is listed as one of the favorite programs of the student body.

The orchestra, which is composed of approximately twenty-five members, rendered several numbers, the most popular being *Serenade* from *The Student Prince*. The program was highlighted by two solos and a clarinet quartet. Joanne Parnell was the violin soloist, and Don Ames was the piano soloist.

## Carolyn Warlick Presents Certificate Voice Recital

On Monday evening Carolyn Warlick, a student at St. Mary's, presented her certificate voice recital in the school auditorium. Carolyn, a Mezzo-soprano, was accompanied by Mrs. L. S. Winton. She was warmly received by her audience.

Included on her program were Handel's *Art Thou Troubled*, Gluck's *O del mie dolce ardor*, and Carissime's *Vittoria-Mio Core*. The second part was composed of *Nacht und Traume* by Schubert, *Frühling-snacht* by Schumann, *Morgen-Hymn* by Schmel, and *Zueignung* by Strauss. Thomas' *Connais-tu le pays* was the work included in the third group. Her final selections in-

## Orchesis Chooses '55-'56 Officers

At their last meeting of the year on May 10, Orchesis members chose their leaders for the coming school year.

Martha Williford, who has been a very active member of Orchesis this year, was elected president of the club. She is in the Dramatics Club and is on the *Belles* circulation staff, the *Bulletin* staff, and the *Stage Coach* staff. Martha is a *Mu*.

The secretary-treasurer for the 1954-55 term will be Mary Proctor. Mary is a member of the Grand-daughters' Club, the YDC, the YWCA, and the *Mu* volleyball team.

## Jones Gives Piano Recital

On Wednesday evening, May 4, Nancy Jones presented her certificate piano recital in the St. Mary's Auditorium.

Her well-balanced program included the sprightly *Pastorale* by Scarlatti and Bach's *English Suite in A Minor*, which Nancy played unusually well for a pianist of her experience. Next she played the *Rhapsody in B Minor* by Brahms and *Three Preludes* by Kent Kennan. The latter, by a contemporary American composer, was most favorably received by the audience. Nancy lost none of Chopin's elegant grace as she played the *Nocturne in F Sharp Minor* and the *Ballade in A Flat Major*.

Before coming to St. Mary's, Nancy studied with Ruth Van Naamen, who was a pupil of Harold Bauer. She has been a pupil of Mr. Donald Peery for the past four years.

Her immediate plans include transferring to the University of North Carolina. Later she hopes to pursue further study abroad in music, philosophy, and poetry.

cluded Menotti's *The Black Swan*, *Kitty*, and *My Love*. She also sang *Men* by Mopper, and *Thy Hand in Mine* and *Love Went a Riding* by Bridge.

Carolyn is a voice student of Miss Geraldine Cate. She has played one of the main roles in "Amahl and the Night Visitors" for the past two years. Carolyn represented North Carolina in the Stephen Foster Memorial Contest in Miami, Florida, in April. In 1954 she was alternate winner of the Goodman scholarship for voice study at the Federation's junior festival in Chapel Hill.

## Rev. Hughes Selects Chapel Assistants

At this time of the year when the new replaces the old, the girls appointed for service in the chapel take over their new duties. Succeeding Mary Elise Bridger, Lee Kohlsaat, and Carolyn Seyffert as acolytes are Debbie Connor, Ginny Dawson, and Susan Patman. To replace Sissie Dawson and Bitty Dent as crucifers are Mott Butler and Carolyn Foy; Ruth Rae Elliott, Bunny Gee, and Becky Hinkle will assume the duties of Toni Briggs, Margot Hammond, and Marty Whedbee as servers.

The duties of these offices are as follows: the acolytes light and put out the candles for the weekday and Sunday services. The servers help Mr. Hughes when Communion is served, and the crucifers carry the cross for Sunday services. All of these duties require responsibility and are sure to be well done by these capable girls.

## Pat Sullivan Heads Young Democrats Club

Recently the Young Democrats Club held their annual election for next year's president, and Pat Sullivan was chosen for this office. The other officers will be elected in the fall.

Looking over the activities of the club reveals that this year has been quite a successful one for the Young Democrats. Several representatives attended a joint meeting of clubs from Duke, Meredith, Wake Forest, Carolina, and other surrounding colleges at Chapel Hill. The representatives from St. Mary's enjoyed the talk by Mennin Williams, one of the speakers at this meeting, so much that they invited him to speak to the entire student body at St. Mary's. He was warmly received by all.

Among other activities, Anne Wallace and Sissy Dawson attended sessions of the State Legislature. Supper meetings in the hut for all young democrats have been reported by those present as being interesting as well as enjoyable.

## Drs'. Daughters Elect Officers

Recently the Doctors' Daughters Club elected its new officers. Next year's president will be Mary Louise Bizzell. Nancy Adams is the new vice-president, and Margaret Brunson is to be secretary-treasurer. The election of these new officers took place during a party given for the club by Miss Manget and Mrs. Seagroves.

On May 10 the club had a picnic which was reported to have been quite enjoyable by those present.

## Bridger Takes Essay Award

Reed and Barton, America's oldest major silversmiths, of Faunton, Massachusetts, have recently announced that Mary Elise Bridger has been awarded a special Certificate of Merit for her "Best-of-College" essay. Her essay was on sterling silver design in the company's annual scholarship program conducted this March at 150 colleges and universities throughout America.

Her essay was selected by Reed and Barton's Scholarship Advisory Board from more than five thousand essays as being one of the outstanding essays in the competition. The Advisory Board is composed of academic officials from 20 of the leading colleges and universities in the United States.

Mary Elise, a senior at St. Mary's, is a very active member of her class. She is vice-president of the YWCA and a member of the Glee Club, YDC, *Sigma Pi Alpha*, and Orchesis. She has served on the *Belles* and *Stage Coach* staffs and is an acolyte. She is also a *Mu*.

## Canterbury Club Installs Officers

The Canterbury Club installed its officers for 1955-'56 at the evening service in St. Mary's Chapel on Sunday, May 1. The new officers from St. Mary's are Catherine Dent, vice-president; Clare Patton, recording secretary; and Val McMillan, publicity chairman. The officers from State College are Woody Mason, president; Dorothy LeHew, corresponding secretary; Cliff Overman, treasurer; and Bob Marriot, publicity chairman. The Raleigh Canterbury Club is composed of students from St. Mary's, State College, Peace, and Meredith. It meets each Sunday night and presents interesting speakers, movies, and other forms of instruction and entertainment. Its next social meeting will be a picnic on May 14.

## Shaw Vocalist Sings

The assembly program on May 10 was one of the best of the year. Mr. Henry Blackman of the Shaw University faculty sang several selections. His first numbers were one by Handel and the other the *Overture to Pagliaci*.

To conclude the program, Mr. Blackman sang three very spirited tunes by Aron Coplan: *I Bought Myself A Cat*, *The Dodger*, and *The Boatman*. He was accompanied by another member of the Shaw University faculty, Mr. Harry Gil-Smythe.