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GRADUATION WEEK END BEGINS

Alumnae Association Will Meet Tomorrow

The Saint Mary's Alumnae Association will have its annual meeting tomorrow. This group has invited Mrs. James L. Coker, an authoress from Hartsville, South Carolina, to be the luncheon speaker.

Mrs. Coker is a graduate of Converse College. In the past she has done work in modeling and has served as a writer for pulp magazines. A mother of two children, Mrs. Coker is an active church worker. A member of the Authors' Guild and other civic organizations. She has found time to write three novels. Mrs. Coker is now working on a historical novel of the first settlement at Charleston, South Carolina.

The Alumnae Association will meet in the Saint Mary's Chapel at 11:30 A.M. Mrs. Barbara Henderson of Chapel Hill, president, will preside. The Rev. I. Harding Hughes will open the meeting with a prayer. The business will include the presentation of the plans for a Margaret Jones Cruikshank Memorial scholarship. The luncheon will be in the college dining room at one o'clock. The subject of Mrs. Coker's address is "Woman's Place."

Classes having reunions at this time are those of 1896, 1906, 1911, 1916, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941 1946, 1951, and 1955.

Sigmata Win Plaque At Final Banquet

The long awaited *Sigma-Mu* banquet was held yesterday at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. The entire student body attended this banquet which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The theme of the 1956 *Sigma-Mu* banquet was "Greeks (Sigmata) vrs. Trojans (Mus.)." The cover of the program was illustrated with a character of this particular time. "Agamemnon" Conner opened the program with the announcement of the new Letter Club members. They are House, Faulkner, Hollowell, and Jones.

After this announcement "Athena" Barber named the all-stars in the various sports. The new all-stars are Tiedeman, Pearson, Devere, Ridley, House, Morton, Norman, Smith, Hollowell, Conner, Jones, and Satterlee. "Andromache" Guess announced that Smith, Devere, and Morton took first, second, and third places respectively in the

group with the highest number of points.

Oakes, Hollowell, Hartsock, Walker, Westbrook, Conner, Gamble, Smith, and Williford were the most outstanding girls in the different sports categories. Carol Biggers is the new *Sigma* president and Mary Catherine Jones is the new *Mu* president. Kit Tiedeman and Billie Adler are the new "veeps."

The climax of the banquet came when the Plaque was awarded. This year the much-coveted Plaque went to the hard-fighting, never-say-die *Sigmata*. This announcement was made by "Zeus" Hughes.

Circle Elects New Officers

The Circle walked for the last time this year on Thursday night. The occasion was the election of new officers. DecDee Devere is the new president, and Betsy Brinkley is the new secretary. The treasurer will be elected at the beginning of next year's term.

Groups Present Mozart Program

The combined efforts of the Dramatic and Music departments will present on Saturday, June 2, at 8:30 P. M., *An Evening of Opera* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This program is in commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of this famous composer's birth. The entire program will be directed by Miss Geraldine Cate and Miss Florence Davis. The accompanist will be Mrs. Virginia Phelps Clancy.

First on the program will be *Bastien and Bastienna*, a comic opera in one act. This opera, translated from German by Olga Paul, is a typical eighteenth century play written for garden performances. *Bastien and Bastienna* was written when Mozart was only twelve years old, and was first produced in Vienna in 1768. The characters are: Bastienna, a shepherdess, Carolyn Myers; Bastien, her sweetheart, Patsy Ann Moore; and Colas, a so-called magician, Marilyn Zschau.

Second to appear on the program will be the opening scene from *The Magic Flute*. This was translated from German by Ruth and Thomas Martin. *The Magic Flute* is Mozart's last operatic work. It was designed as an eighteenth century "Hansel and Gretel." The scene of this opera is an Egyptian temple of Osiris. The characters

Announcement of Final Plans

Commencement and Class Day exercises for the graduating classes at St. Mary's begin Saturday, June 2. These exercises will be the school's 114th Commencement Program.

The Sophomore Class will begin the activities with their Class Day program at 10:30 a.m. The Senior exercises are to take place at 4:00. Both will be presented in the auditorium.

The Music and Drama departments will present scenes from Mozart operas Saturday night. This program is in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of the great composer's birth.

The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Reverend Thomas A. Fraser, Jr., rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem on Sunday, June 3. Mr. Fraser was born in Atlanta, Georgia. He attended Hobart College, the Virginia Theological Seminary, and was a special student at the University of Gena in Germany.

are: Tamino, an Egyptian prince, Mr. William Allen; Papageno, the bird man, Dr. James Edwards; attendants to the Queen of the Night: Jennie Proctor, Ina Gee Ridley, and Marilyn Zschau; the Queen of the Night, Carolyn Wise; and the Serpent, Mark Caplan.

The final *pieces de resistance* are three scenes from *The Marriage of Figaro*. Some critics believe that this is comparable to no other opera except Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*. The setting for these scenes is the castle of Count Almaviva which was near Seville around the

Mr. Fraser is married and has two children. Prior to coming to North Carolina he was the rector of churches in New York City and Alexandria, Virginia. He became the rector of St. Paul's Church in 1951. In the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Stone will entertain the graduating students and their parents at a tea.

The graduation exercises will begin Monday, June 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. Mr. William R. Traum, director of radio and television for "America's Town Meeting of the Air," will deliver the Commencement Address. At that time, the high school Seniors will receive their diplomas. The second part of the graduating exercises will follow in the college chapel. The Right Reverend Edwin A. Penick, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, will present the diplomas to the graduates of the Junior College. He will then make a brief address to the graduates. The formal closing of this school session will follow.

year 1786. The Countess Almaviva is played by Ina Gee Ridley, Susanna by Carolyn Wise, Cherubine, the Count's page by Jennie Proctor, and Marcellina by Penny Fuller.

Members of the chorus are Bebe Bass, Lemma Baucom, Anne Byrd, Jane Duke, Florelle Gwaltney, Ann Elliott, Eric Huske, Jean Duke, Alice Lancaster, Linda Sykes, Kit Tiedeman, Mary Tillery, Judy Townend, Marion Verner, Nancy White, and Anne Yeamans. Members of Miss Davis' Dramatics Club and Speech class will help with the stage work.

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Saturday, June 2

- 10:30 A.M.—Sophomore Class Day Exercises.
- 11:30 A.M.—Annual Alumnae Meeting in the Chapel.
- 1:00 P.M.—Alumnae Luncheon.
Speaker, Mrs. James L. Coker, III.
- 4:00 P.M.—Senior Class Day Exercises.
- 8:30 P.M.—Excerpts from Mozart Operas in commemoration of the two hundredth anniversary of Mozart's birth. Presented by the Music and Drama Departments.

Sunday, June 3

- 7:30 A.M.—Celebration of the Holy Communion in the Chapel.
- 11:00 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Baccalaureate Sermon by The Rev. Thomas A. Fraser, Jr., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- 4:30-6:00 P.M.—President's Tea for Parents and Graduating Classes.
President's Home.
- 6:00 P.M.—Step Singing, Smedes Hall.

Monday, June 4

- 10:30 A.M.—Graduating Exercises in the Auditorium
Speaker, William R. Traum, Director,
Radio-TV Division of The Town Hall.
—Presentation of Diplomas in the Chapel.