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St. Mary's Welcomes New Faculty Members

Since last year many changes have been made in the faculty at Saint Mary's Junior College.

Miss Betty Debnam of Raleigh is St. Mary's new alumnae secretary. Miss Debnam graduated from St. Mary's in 1949. She received her political science degree from the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. William Hafley of Verville is the new accompanist in the music department. She replaced Mrs. Virginia Clancey. Mrs. Hafley received her B.S. degree from Penn State University.

The Rev. Mr. George R. Hale, rector of St. Saviour's Episcopal Church in Raleigh, has been appointed to replace Mrs. Watson K. Partrick as the new Junior Bible instructor. The Rev. Mr. Hale graduated from the University of the South Theological School in Sewanee, Tennessee.

Mrs. Charles E. McGee, who is replacing Miss Turner, is the new assistant in the biology laboratory. Mrs. McGee of Durham received her B.S. degree from Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miss Margaret Sasser is the new assistant hostess in the parlor.

Mrs. Ben F. Williams will be the assistant instructor in the Art Department. Mrs. Williams received her Bachelor and Masters degree in Fine Arts from Woman's College.

All of the students at St. Mary's wish to extend a hearty welcome to the new faculty members.

New Girls Meet SMJC Faculty

The annual Old-Girl New-Girl Party was held Friday evening, September 21, at 8:30, in the main parlor. All old girls attended with their little sisters.

Receiving were Miss Betsy Brinkley, Senior Class President, Dr. and Mrs. Richard G. Stone, The Rt. Reverend and Mrs. Edwin A. Penick, Miss Edith Richardson, the Reverend Mr. Hughes, and Miss Barry Bowen, Student Government President. Members of the faculty also had an opportunity to meet all old and new girls.

Refreshments were served to the faculty, guests, and students by the marshals, Misses Josie Ward, Julia Willeox, Mittie Crumpler, Sylvia Crumpler, Mary Ann Keith, and Alene Keith.

For entertainment Miss Jennie Proctor and Miss Marilyn Zschau sang two love-song duets, *At Parting* and *Nearest and Dearest*; Miss



This was a typical scene around St. Mary's on the first day of school. New and old girls are shown entering Smedes Hall where they were personally welcomed.

Activities of Orientation

Orientation Week at St. Mary's began with registration of all students on September 17, and was concluded with a picnic sponsored by the Canterbury Club and the YWCA on Sunday, September 23. Barry Bowen and Katy Copp, president and vice-president of the student body respectively, greeted the girls upon arrival on Monday.

Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes were given psychological exams and Iowa Tests at various times during Orientation Week.

Carolyn Charles rendered *The Man I Love* on the piano; and the glee club sang *A Grand Night for Singing*, *All the Things You Are*, and *The Orchestra Song*. The Program closed with the entire student body singing *The School Hymn*.

Announcement of Total Enrollment

Enrollment at St. Mary's this fall totals three hundred twelve, one less than last year's number. Of this number there are two hundred sixty-one boarding students, thirty day students, and fifteen special students.

This fall's Senior Class has eighty-one members. The Junior Class has listed one hundred nineteen students, which is three less than the preceding year.

Decreased by three is the Sophomore Class which has forty girls. Increased by seven, the Freshman Class numbers forty-three this semester.

The Commercial Class has fourteen members this year.

Seniors began English classes on Tuesday.

Highlighting the entertainment program was an Old-Girl New-Girl party which was held on Friday night. Class picnics, a style show sponsored by the Marshals, movie night, and a talent show presented by the Publications Department provided entertainment for the other nights.

"Little Sisters" were guests of their "Big Sisters" for dinner and a movie on Saturday.

The Belles Holds First Meeting

The Belles held its first meeting in the Gym on Thursday night, September 20. A welcome was extended by Jane White, Editor, to all the new and old girls who were present. She then explained the work of the various divisions of the staff. The managers and editors then met with the girls interested in their particular fields.

There were approximately one hundred and ten girls present and the groups were divided as follows: News Staff . . . twelve, Feature Staff . . . fifteen, Circulation . . . twenty-three, Typists . . . fifteen, Exchange . . . twelve, Business . . . thirteen, Copyreaders . . . eleven, and Headlines . . . seven. One girl from each hall was appointed to be in charge of selling cigarettes on their respective halls. The proceeds from the cigarettes will be used to purchase a gift for the school so the word is: "Smoke 'em, smoke 'em, smoke 'em!"

New Additions On St. Mary's Campus

Progress is not our most important product, but our new building is definitely a product of progress. The exterior is almost completed with the exception of a slate roof. Though the bulk of interior work remains to be done, it is anticipated that the new construction will be finished before the first of the year.

While St. Mary's "Belles" sunned, swam, and skied this summer, a new laundry-warehouse located on the north side of the campus was completed. It is built of brick with cinder block interior walls. The laundry is now a completely modern, well-planned utility building. A large two-roll return ironer is the only new piece of equipment added to the laundry. The other portions of the building are divided into Mr. Goolsby's office, a carpenter's shop, and various storage rooms for supplies.

During vacation time good-bye was said to the old laundry building which was torn down. The area where it formerly stood will be landscaped and beautified after completion of the new dormitory. The old warehouse, which will also be removed after completion of the new dormitory, is being used as a storage place for building supplies.

Major repairs have been made on the heating system, although the work has still not been completed.

At commencement time the Sophomore Class, the *Beacon*, and the YWCA appropriated money for the purchase of rugs for use in the three new parlors.

Through the personal efforts of Mr. Haywood Duke, member of the board of Trustees, new first-floor auditorium chairs have been secured. The chairs, which have been on order for several months but were delayed for shipment because of the steel strike, will be installed during the week of October 1.

President Speaks To Student Body

Dr. Richard G. Stone addressed the St. Mary's student body during the first chapel program on Tuesday, September 18, 1956. He spoke concerning the goals and ideals which should be predominant in the life of each girl during the year and throughout her life.

Dr. Stone's talk also explained the role of the religious liberal arts college and the meaning of education. Special emphasis was placed on the development of character and on learning to live with other people. Dr. Stone closed his address by noting that an education can not be acquired by an individual but must be attained through personal effort.