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Mrs. Richardson Speaks on Politics

Mrs. Mary Richardson was the guest speaker in assembly on Thursday, January 10. She has been in politics for the past five years and is now vice-chairman of the State Democratic party. Her topic dealt with the roll women play in politics today.

In a short history of the woman's place in politics Mrs. Richardson stated that women have voted for president only ten times. There are many more women in the United States than men, but women seem to be at a standstill in human affairs and politics. Few men like the idea of women mixing with politics because they feel that women try to show that they know everything and they can't keep things to themselves.

Mrs. Richardson went to her first precinct meeting in 1948 because she felt that she couldn't criticize politics when she didn't take an active part in them. She urged the students to attend precinct meetings because they take only about fifteen minutes every two years. Almost everyone who attends these meetings is elected to go to the county convention.

Politics influence almost everything that we come in contact with. There is a great need for young women to join in the political work of our nation because they will be the leaders of the coming generation. Since St. Mary's girls go to a Christian school and are being taught to respect the opinions of others, it is their duty to take an interest in the national affairs.

Legislative Body Elects Officers

The legislative body held its first meeting on Wednesday, January 9. The purpose of this meeting was the election of officers. Barry Bowen presided.

Jane Irby was elected chairman of this group. She is the legislative body representative from the senior class. Jane is exchange editor for *The Belles*, manager of the senior little store, a *Mu*, and a member of the Circle, YWCA, YDC, and Altar Guild.

Suzanne Burton, president of the sophomores and representative of that group, was elected secretary of the legislative body. She is also a member of the Doctor's Daughters' Club, the YWCA, the YRC, the Stagecoach staff, the Beacon, and a *Sigma* cheerleader.

After electing these officers, the legislative body heard reports from last year. Others present at this meeting were Katy Copp, Betsy Brinkley, Ann Roundtree, Kit

Portrait of Margaret Holt Unveiled in Holt Parlor

A portrait of Margaret Locke Erwin Holt was unveiled Saturday, January 5, in Holt Memorial Hall, a dormitory given by her husband, Lawrence Shakleford Holt in 1928. The occasion of the unveiling was the opening of Holt Hall's re-decorated parlors.

After Dr. Stone welcomed the guests Mr. Erwin Holt unveiled the portrait. The Rev. Mr. Hughes made the acceptance speech on behalf of the school. A benediction by the Rt. Rev. Edwin Penick closed the program.

The portrait by Hugo Stevens was the gift of their sons and daughters, Erwin A. Holt of Burlington, Mrs. Walter Brooks of New York City, Lawrence S. Holt and Mrs. Holt Clark of Asheville. A number of relatives and close friends of the family and the donors were in attendance.

Mrs. Holt was the daughter of Col. Joseph J. Erwin and Elvira Jane Holt Erwin. She was born

in 1852 at her grandfather's plantation, Bellvue, near Morganton, N. C., and died in 1918. Lawrence S. Holt was the son of Edwin Michael Holt, pioneer cotton manufacturer of Alamance County. They were married in 1872. Her husband was a prominent cotton manufacturer and had many other interests. In addition to this building at St. Mary's Mr. Holt made additional donations to other institutions.

Work on the parlors has been in progress since early in the fall. It was completed during the Christmas holidays. A color scheme of beige and blue is used throughout. Besides the portrait of Mrs. Holt there are several other prints on the walls. New furniture including such pieces as sofas, end tables, easy chairs, card table and chairs, and lamps furnish the rooms with an air of comfort and splendor.

A bronze plaque was also placed adjacent to the east door of Holt Hall.

Spainhour Tells of N.Y. Horse Show

The Horse Show at Madison Square Garden was the topic of discussion in assembly on January 3. Mary Spainhour who is an avid equestrienne related her experiences at the seventy-third horse show at Madison Square Garden.

Mary went to New York early in November with her parents. They were instantly thrown into a whirl of excitement which lasted the entire four days of their stay. The Waldorf was the headquarters of the show and also the residence of the Spainhours.

Mary showed three-gaited, five-gaited, and fine harness horses, and was the winner of several places in the contest. One of the most captivating of all exhibits was the thirty-two Royal Canadian Mounted Police who called their intricate drills of walk and trot. All thirty-two rode matched black horses. Arthur Godfrey put on a dressage exhibit at each performance.

Mary has seen International Equestrian teams compete twice, last year in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and in New York this year. Competition from Ireland, Canada, Mexico, Chile, and the United States was at the Garden. The Mexicans, always superb horsemen, won the group competition, while Mexican Brigadier General Mariles won the individual honors.

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Model Discusses Fashion Tips

Maggie Daly, one of Chicago's top models and fashion commentators, spoke at the St. Mary's auditorium on January 10. Miss Daly is one of four sisters who are popular in the fashion world.

This was Miss Daly's first visit to Raleigh. She began her talk by telling how she accented her best points. Everyone has at least one good point which she should accent. A girl must also find her own particular style of clothes and wear them. It is better to buy one expensive outfit than five inexpensive ones.

Miss Daly is 5'7". She found that her height and slimness are her good points when her mother told her, "You look tall so act proud and tall." She wore a tailored black suit. Such a basic suit or dress can be dressed up or down. Miss Daly demonstrated this point by showing various accessories. Miss Daly ended her talk with the statement that "beauty can't be painted on but comes from within."

After this interesting speech, Miss Daly answered questions. Members of the audience were invited to look at her accessories. Many of these are copies of originals but were made by Miss Daly; therefore, they are less expensive. Miss Daly received some of her accessories from designers for whom she has worked. Her book, *Maggie Daly's Guide To Charm*, is now on sale and discusses thoroughly fashion highlights.

Sigma Pi Alpha Taps New Members

Sigma Pi Alpha presented the assembly program on Tuesday, January 8, by tapping new members. The St. Mary's chapter of the National Honorary Language Fraternity is under the supervision of the Modern Language Department. College students with a B+ average in language as well as a B average in all other subjects are eligible for membership.

Sally Ruark, president of Sigma Pi Alpha for this year, explained the purpose of the organization and also introduced the old members and officers. They are Ann Bonner, vice-president, Sylvia Crumpler, program chairman, Dotty Pierson, secretary-treasurer, Carolyn Myers, Carolyn Charles, Libby Gregory, and Margaret Louise Hamilton.

Those tapped for Sigma Pi Alpha were Sally Barnes, Elise Bond, Chee Davis, Dorothy Hulick, Tora Kessinger, Sybil Mathis, Eleanor Newberne, Dickie Robinson, Marilyn Zschau, Julia Baker, Helen Corbett, Mittie Crumpler, Michael Gardner, Frances Hussey, Sally Lewis, Mary Hill Moffit, Brooks Newton, Catherine Rakestraw, Sally Rembert, Judy Scott, Mary Spainhour, Mary Tillery, and Phyllis Wall.

Sigmas and Mus Choose Teams

The *Sigma* and *Mu* basketball teams were chosen recently. These teams will begin an exciting tournament in the near future. The champion will be the team which wins two out of three games.

Leading the *Mus* will be captain Frances Pearson. The new team members are Sally Bickerstaff, Lucy Milward, Jane Burch Athey, Mary Elizabeth Hamme, Connie Fisher, Mary Catherine Jones, Margaret Louise Hamilton, Betty Howard, Emmie Spencer, Jenny Whitelurst, Katy Copp, and Lanetta Ware.

The *Sigma* captain is Betsy Brinkley. This team includes Dee-Dee DeVere, Ann Powell, Becky Carr, Nancy Sullivan, Legare Hobbs, Dickie Robinson, Harriet Vann, Sadie Carol Etheridge, Helen House, Barry Bowen, and Jane Walker.

The support given the hockey teams was little, but it is hoped that the student body will back their respective basketball teams thus taking one step toward regaining the lost school spirit at Saint Mary's.

"Pleasure's a sin, and sometimes sin's a pleasure." —Byron, *Don Juan I*.