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St. Mary's Has Successful May Day

"The Little Girl Who Couldn't Dance" was presented before Queen Coleman Jenkins, who presided over her May Court, on Saturday and Monday afternoons, May 4 and 6. The regularly scheduled Saturday performance, held in the gym because of rain, was well-attended by relatives and friends of the participants. The pageant was repeated outdoors Monday afternoon for the benefit of the students and those unable to attend the Saturday program.

The May Court was composed of twelve lovely Belles, attired in yellow chiffon, picture hats, and carrying bouquets of white daisys. The members were Dickie Robinson, Midge Bowen, Sylvia and Mickie Crumpler, Florelle Gwaltney, Julia Willcox, Mary Ann and Allene Keith, Helen Corbett, Marjorie Coddington, Octavia Phillips, and Betty Howard. Josie Ward, the maid of honor, wore blue chiffon, a picture hat, and carried white daisys with blue ribbons.

The 1957 May Queen, Coleman Jenkins, looked every inch a queen in her beautiful dress of white satin trimmed in seed pearls and sequins. Her bouquet was made of white and purple snapdragons, white roses, and orchids. Louise Landauer was her page.

After the processional, the court performed the traditional may pole dance. The pages assisted by bringing in the may pole and holding the flowers. They were Betsy Brinkley, Dottie Buck, Caroline Clark, Caroline Cobb, DeeDee DeVere, Patricia Huske, Byrd Love, Allison Moore, Margaret Reese, Mary Spainhour, Jane Walker, and Katesy Webb.

Following the may pole dance, the story of "The Little Girl Who Couldn't Dance" was presented. Legare Hobbs portrayed the little girl who has a terrible time in her ballet class which is instructed

by Jo Burgwyn. Being dismissed from the class, she falls asleep and has had dreams haunted by the Tormentors. Soon, however, she is awakened by the spirit Grace, Beth Morrison, who bestows this spirit upon her. She accordingly receives the gifts of the spirits of: Rhythm, Joy Howell; Beauty, Nancy Page Hopkins; and Choreography, Chee Davis. Now able to dance, the little girl rejoins her ballet class, and the pageant closes after the four spirits return to view her progress.

The May Day was directed by Mrs. Blount. Special Orchesis members who were responsible for the choreography were: Legare Hobbs, chairman; May Court dance by Allene Keith and Octavia Phillips; Ballet Class by Jo Burgwyn assisted by Barrett Proctor; Tormentors by Florelle Gwaltney assisted by Joy Little; Grace by Beth Morrison assisted by Julia Fuller; Rhythm by Joy Howell assisted by Anne Speir; Beauty by Nancy Page Hopkins assisted by Elizabeth Blake; and Choreography by Chee Davis assisted by Jennie Proctor. Costumes were under the supervision of Kim Hatcher. The members of the Beacon served as ushers. Barbara Thomas designed the program cover, and she and Catherine Dent were in charge of programs and publicity. Jane White was chairman of properties and the set designer; Libby Gregory was sound engineer; and Dot Harley, Jane Irby and Frances Pearson were stage managers. Dr. Browne, assisted by Michael Gardner and Bard Gatling, was responsible for the sound recordings. Mr. Lewis Haltey and Mr. Clifford Goolsby were the stage engineers.

Much time and work went into the production, and *The Belles* would like to offer its congratulations to all concerned for a wonderful May Day Pageant.

SMJC Students See Dedication Of Dorm

Students, faculty members, visitors, and distinguished guests witnessed the formal opening of Penick Hall on Saturday, May 4, 1957. The new senior dormitory, located on north campus, bears the name of the Rt. Rev Edwin Anderson Penick, President of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's and Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

St. Mary's president, Dr. Richard G. Stone, presided over the dedication and opening ceremony. The school chaplin, the Rev. Mr. I. Harding Hughes, presented the invocation, after which Mayor Fred B. Wheeler extended greetings from the city of Raleigh.

St. Mary's Glee Club rendered two selections, "Prayer for St. Mary's" and the School Hymn. Dr. William C. Pressly, who represented the North Carolina Council of Church-Related Colleges, was then recognized.

Following the path of tradition, deposits were made in the cornerstone box of the new building. The deposits were: minutes of the Board of Trustees; a St Mary's catalogue placed by Dr. Mable M. Morrison of the faculty; a copy of the "Bulletin" by Mrs. James M. Webb, President of the Alumnae Association; a copy of the dedication program by Mrs. Fitz E. Davis, President of the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter; newspaper clippings of the opening of the new dormitory by Barry Bowen, President of the Student Government Association; a copy of *The Belles* by Kim Hatcher, President of the Day Students; a copy of the *North Carolina Churchman* by Betsy Brinkley, President of the Senior Class; minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting which authorized the building by Caroline

Cobb, President of the Junior Class; a copy of the tribute to Bishop Penick by Suzanne Burton, President of the Sophomore Class; a copy of the Student Handbook by Katesy Webb, President of the Freshman Class; and a coin by Landrum Manning, President of the Commercial Class.

Mr. J. B. A. Eringhaus, a member of the Board of Trustees and chairman of the building committee, made the presentation of the trowel. The Rt. Reverend Richard H. Baker, member of the Board of Trustees and Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of North Carolina, later used the trowel in laying the cornerstone.

The Rev. Mr. James McDowell Dick, also a member of the Board of Trustees and building committee, paid a tribute to Bishop Penick. Jean Rogerson Penick and Charles Ingelsby Penick, Jr. grandchildren of Bishop and Mrs. Penick, then unveiled the plaque honoring their grandfather.

Bishop Penick, President of the Board of Trustees and Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina, made a brief response for having been so honored in the naming of Penick Hall. The Rt. Reverend Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina closed the ceremony with the benediction.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PICNIC IS HELD

Junior and Senior Picnic was held Friday, May 10, on back campus. Everyone enjoyed the chicken dinner and small get-together.