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Bishop of Alaska Speaks at Vespers

On Sunday October 20, we were most fortunate to have Bishop Gordon of Alaska speak to us at our Evening Vespers Prayer Service. He related to us two most amusing instances about his little airplane. Also he told us the story of a young nurse, Jean E. Aubry, who had come to Alaska to work. She is now in Shagluck being not only a doctor and nurse, but minister and teacher for the natives. Through helping others she has received a great deal of personal happiness. Primarily however he pointed out that one need not be a missionary to devote his life to God. By just helping others in our daily lives we can find ourselves.

William Jones Gordon Jr. was born on May 6, 1918, in Spray, North Carolina. He went to the Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg for five years where he was quite a football player. After graduating from the University of North Carolina, he went to the Virginia Seminary.

His father had planned to be a missionary in China but due to the illness of his wife, he set up a mission in Spray. Although he was a home missionary, he inspired his children to go to distant missionary fields. One of his daughters, Laura, went to Brazil, and the other, Josylan, went to India. It was only natural that William, after he was ordained deacon would offer for a distant field such as Alaska.

Because of the wonderful work he was doing, there was only a short time before he was elected bishop. He was elected six months before he became thirty years old, which is the youngest age that a bishop can be ordained.

As bishop of Alaska he had territories stretching over 2,000 miles from north to south. The tiny native settlements are many miles apart. The former bishops had to travel by dog team and at first Bishop Gordon was no exception. Due to the interest of hundreds of parishes in the United States enough money was raised for him to buy a small plane. Now he can reach a distance that would take him a week by dog sled in a matter of hours by plane. Thus he is able to supervise more closely the parishes, missions, preachers, schools, and hospitals all over Alaska.

Bishop Gordon has contributed immensely not only to the spiritual life, but the health and happiness of the people of Alaska. Now, with new industries and the number of service men stationed in Alaska, Bishop Gordon's influence will be greatly needed.



Classes Elect New Presidents

The Junior class of St. Mary's has elected Jeannette Cross as its president for this school year. This year is Jeannette's third at St. Mary's, and she has proven to be a very capable person. She was vice-president of her Freshman class, secretary of the Granddaughters Club last year, and in the Beacon. Jeannette is starting her third year on the staff of the *Stage Coach*, and she is a member of the Y. D. C., president of the Y. W. C. A., and a *Sigma*.

In her second year at St. Mary's Bonnie Stone has been elected president of the sophomore class. She is from Martinsville, Virginia, and while in school there she was a member of the Tri-Hi Y Club, the Latin Club, and a cheerleader. At St. Mary's she is on the business staff of the *Stage Coach*, is a member of the Y. W. C. A., and is a *Mu*.

For this school year Martha Martin from Anniston, Alabama, will serve her freshman class as president. Since this year is her first year at St. Mary's, Martha is not in any of the clubs yet, but she is a *Sigma*. While in high school she was a member of the annual staff, the Tri-Hi Y Club, the International Club, and the Student Council.

The *Belles* wishes to express its congratulations to Jeannette, Bonnie, and Martha.

Chee Davis Chosen Editor of Muses

Chee Davis, who is editor of the *Muses*, the campus literary magazine this year, needs little introduction, for her personality and various talents have gained many friends for her. At St. Mary's, Chee is a very active member of Orchesis, the Glee Club, the Dramatics Club, and the *Sigma Phi Alpha* honorary language fraternity.

Even with all her activities here at St. Mary's, Chee manages to squeeze in dancing and voice lessons. Chee has studied dancing in New York for five summers. Because of her abilities as a dancer and actress, Chee has been given a leading role in the Raleigh Little Theater's production of "Pajama Game."

Chee's home-town honored her by electing her "Miss Nashville." To climax the summer, Chee was presented to North Carolina society in September at the 1957 Debutante Ball.

Harriet Lang, who hails from Kinston, N. C., is the new President of the Commercial Class.

In high school, Harriet was a member of the Dramatics Club, the choir, and was Class Editor of her annual. Before coming to St. Mary's, she attended Salem College where she was a member of the Canterbury Club, and the Home Economics Club. Here she is a member of the *Stage Coach* staff and the Granddaughter's Club. Harriet is also a *Sigma*.

Miss Erdman Gives Recital

Jean Erdman, of New York presented a recital of creative dance in St. Mary's Auditorium Monday, October 21, at 8:30 p.m. Of great interest to St. Mary's students, Miss Erdman's performance was composed of five dances; the choreography and many of the costumes of which were done by her. The dances were *Upon Enchanted Ground*, a dance before the Lord; *Fearful Symmetry*, an allegory in six visions; *Four Portraits from Duke Ellington's Shakespeare Album*; *Changingwoman*, a development of human feelings suggested through a series of nature images; and *Bagatelle*, a dance based on elements from the European folk traditions in the gay spirit of a *gigue*.

Miss Erdman conducted a class in modern dance for advanced pupils Monday afternoon. After discussing the meaning and history of the dance, Miss Erdman demonstrated techniques and exercises which the class performed. All these who came in contact with Miss Erdman found that she was untiring and most happy to discuss modern dance. In the opinion of many, she is the greatest virtuoso to have visited St. Mary's in many years.

Many students of St. Mary's practiced with Miss Erdman to achieve effective lighting for her performance. Sally Barnes and her assistants are to be commended for their excellent work in making an impressive recital. Also helping Miss Erdman behind stage was Jo Burgwyn, president of Orchesis.

Miss Erdman is one of the most interesting personalities to have visited St. Mary's.

Lunsford, Brady Tapped By Circle

Two seniors, on October the 24th, became members of the Circle, one of the highest honors a St. Mary's girl can achieve. The two girls that received this honor were Linda Lunsford and Jane Brady who are from Georgia and Charlotte, respectively.

While at St. Mary's, Linda and Jane have participated in many activities. Linda is a member of the *Belles* and *Stage Coach* staffs, choir, Y. D. C. and Orchesis. Linda is also Secretary of Hall Council, a cheerleader, and a counselor and a *Mu*. Jane, besides being a member of the *Belles* staff, Y. D. C., and Orchesis, is President of the Altar Guild, Assistant Secretary to Hall Council, office assistant, a counselor, and a *Sigma*.

Congratulations to you both!