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Senior Class Plans Christmas Dance

The Senior Class will have its annual Christmas party on December 14. This year the seniors will celebrate at an informal dance in the gym from nine until twelve. The music for the dancing will be furnished by "The Tops" from Chapel Hill, who played at the Phi Gamma House during Germans. During the dance the couples may go to the Music Studio for smoking and "chit-chatting."

There are five dance committees: decorations, refreshments, bids, faculty invitations, and clean up. On the decoration committee are Florence McGowan, chairman, Mary Bahnsen, Sarah Barber, Betty Covington, Susan Hardin, Lois Middleton, Catherine Rakestraw, Polly Starbuck, Kit Tiedeman, Jenny Whitehurst, Michael Gardner, Bard Gatling, Mary Hill Moffitt, Peggy Withers, and Barbara Houser. On the refreshments committee are Lou Johnson, chairman, Nancy Atkinson, Mary Bailey, Margaret Crowson, Milly Fary, Mary Hannah Finch, Marianna Sink, and Cynthia Young. The bids committee consists of Doris Price, Chairman, Betty Bundy, Anne Morris, Mary Frances Edmunds, Rhetta Grier, Joan Barber, Jean Young, and Dorothy Overbeck. The faculty invitations committee is made up of Judy Scott, chairman, Chee Davis, Emeline Elmore, Betty Van Wagenen, Bette Lee, and Sally Greene. On the clean up committee are Emmy McNeil, chairman, Carole Barber, Billie Edmondson, Charlotte Hunt, Sybil Mathis, Nancy Rodwell, Sally Royle, and Honey Vann.

Select Group Sings At Xmas

The St. Mary's Vocal Ensemble is a group of girls from the Glee Club. The Ensemble does special programs during the year. For Christmas it plans to present to the school a group of Christmas songs from different countries. These are: "The Song of Mary," a Spanish song; "Shepherds on This Hill," a Greek folk song; "Behold That Star," a spiritual; "Ding Dong Merrily on High," a French song; and "Carol of the Bells," a Russian song. There will be many other interesting programs given by the Ensemble this year.

The members are: Priscilla Brown, Sally Bruce, Anne Jefferson, Emily Oulla, Sue Sandlin, Pat Zeigler, Sally McClure, Florence McGowan, Brooks Newton, Mary Ann Powell, Eleanor Ramsey, Vicky R o t h r o c k, Jean Thompson, Marion Verner, Caroline Cannon, Martha Kirscheimer, Sally Lewis, Toddy Mann, Virginia McLewin, Pat Watson, Ruth Whitley, and Helen Jones.

"Explore Books" Is Book Week Theme

The theme of National Book Week, November 17-23 was "Explore with Books." The St. Mary's library is placing special emphasis on literature concerning the International Geophysical Year which is the most important exploration of today.

The idea of the International Geophysical Year originated in 1950 at a meeting of scientists in the United States. These men decided that great scientific advances could be made through such a project. Mid-1957 was set as a starting point, and each nation chose committees to direct the work.

A network of more than 2,000 scientific stations has been set up all over the world to explore the sea, sky, tides, earthquakes, and winds.

Some of the questions which the scientists will try to solve about the earth's atmosphere are: What relation is there between sunspots and the weather? How much meteoric matter reaches the earth's atmosphere? What is the origin of various mysterious radio "noises"? How do the sun's rays ionize the earth's atmosphere?

The scientists will also try to answer questions about the earth's interior and its crust, such questions as: How is the earth's mass distributed? What materials make up the mantle? What is the nature of the earth's core? Can climatic history be read in glaciers? What do glaciers do to the climate? Can sea-level changes help forecast climate? How does gravity vary over the earth? Is the crust different under oceans and continents?

This 18-month year of scientific exploration is expected to yield vast quantities of new information.

In the library there is a very attractive and informational display of books, maps, posters, pamphlets, and magazine articles concerning the IGY, the display being designed to give the students a better idea of the purpose and significance of the International Geophysical Year.

Soccer Game

The soccer game played on Monday, November 18, ended in a 2-2 tie. The **Sigmias** made their last goal in the fourth quarter through the combined effort of the forward line. Both teams played hard, and it proved to be a rough game. Octavia Phillips received an injury in the game.

On Thursday, November 21, the **Sigmias** and the **Mus** played a scoreless game. Both teams fought hard, but it was a contest of strong, evenly matched teams. Priscilla Brown suffered a badly sprained ankle in the game.

Since both teams are so evenly matched, and time has run out, the officials have decided to give both teams an equal number of points and declare them tied for the season.

Beacon Taps Two Sophs.

Two sophomores were tapped by the **Beacon** on Tuesday, November 26. The new members are Lynda Richert and Mary Walke.

Lynda, a day student from Raleigh, is a member of the **Stagecoach** business staff, Y.R.C., and Honor Council. Mary hails from Greenwich, Conn., and is vice-president of her class and of the Canterbury Club. She is also a library assistant and a member of the Glee Club.

Two Day Students Go To New York

During the recent United Fund Campaign Miss Polly Starbuck was made an honorary Colonel of the government division of the drive. Five other divisions were organized at this time with Miss Josie Ehringhaus heading the division of education.

When the drive ended and the money was counted, the government division had the highest total and Polly was the winner of a trip to New York City for two. This included a two-way flight to N. Y. by Eastern Airlines, tickets to T.V. Shows. Broadway hits, tours of the city, \$50 spending money and residence at the Victoria Hotel while in N. Y.

The Educational division took second place in the contest, and Josie won a complete wardrobe of clothes. Polly then extended Josie an invitation to accompany her to N. Y.

During the four day visit they took in the United Nations, Chinatown, the Empire State Building, Radio City, the Bowery, the Battery, and the Statue of Liberty.

Night life was taken care of for the girls too! Polly's friend at Cornell was also visiting N. Y. with some of his friends which did make it nice. Together they went to Birdland (Sarah Vaughn), the Waldorf (Harry Belafonte), the Latin Quarter (Milton Berle) and the Tony Perkins new show.

After a wonderful weekend with lots of wonderful memories Polly and Josie boarded the plane for Raleigh Sunday morning. The trip was certainly a wonderful reward for their work in the United Fund Campaign.

SMJC Holds First Pep Rally In Gym

The first pep rally of the year was held in St. Mary's Gym Thursday, November 21.

Each team was well represented. Cheers were led by the cheerleaders of the **Sigmias** and the **Mus**. The two groups were equal in enthusiasm, and the game that afternoon proved that they were just as equal in sportsmanship.

Circle Taps Five New Sr. Members

On Thursday night December the fifth, the Circle walked for the second time this year, tapping Michael Gardner, Jessie Allen, Millie Fary, Ann Rountree and Shirley Smith.

Michael is from Greensboro, and among her activities she is Editor of **The Belles**, a senior counselor, a member of Orchesis, Head Cheerleader for the Mus, and is in Y. D. C.

Jessie is also from Greensboro. At St. Mary's she is Chairman of Hall Council, a member of Orchesis, the choir, the Altar Guild, and is a Sigma Cheerleader.

Millie is from Manila. She is a hall counselor, a member of the Altar Guild, a crucifer, a Mu cheerleader, and is vice-president of the Mus.

Ann is another Greensboro girl. At St. Mary's she is president of the Senior class, a member of the Legislative Body, a hall counselor, on the Altar Guild, and Alumnae Secretary.

Shirley is also from Greensboro. Her activities include Sec. of Student Body, a hall counselor, the swimming instructor, a choir member, and a member of the Stagecoach Staff.

These girls will assist the other members, Caroline Cobb, Dickie Robinson, Betsy Lipford, Linda Lunsford, and Jane Brady, in their many functions around school. Recently the Circle assumed the responsibility of writing a column concerning the history of St. Mary's, to be published regularly in the **Belles**.

SMS Gives Tea

A reception for Raleigh High School seniors and their parents was held in the parlor on Thursday, November 14, 1957. Before refreshments were served, a movie of life at St. Mary's was shown in the auditorium. Dr. and Mrs. Stone, Dr. Guerry, Miss Richardson, and Miss Betty Debnam received the guests. Mrs. Nannie Williamson and Miss Betty Lockey served tea at each end of the table. Miss Elizabeth Bason was in charge of the refreshments. All the St. Mary's day students were hostesses. Approximately thirty-five girls and their parents attended the reception.

YRC Holds Picnic In Hut

The members of the Young Republican's Club held a picnic in the Hut on November 20th, 1957. Approximately twenty girls attended to become acquainted with the doctrines of the Republican Party. Plans were discussed for future meetings; and last year's scrap-book, made by Lucy Milward, was displayed. The picnic was a big success.