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Glee Club Busy

After the Thanksgiving holidays the Glee Club of St. Mary's was especially busy preparing a Christmas Concert to be given in the College Union at State College.

On the night of the 8th of December a bus pulled into St. Mary's and the members all climbed aboard. As they had progressed only six blocks down the street—the engine of the bus cut off. The girls, dressed in their finest clothes, crawled out and proceeded to the Union on foot.

When they arrived, they settled themselves; and the program began sharply at 8:15. There was much enthusiasm among the girls, and they enjoyed performing for their first time this season. After the program the Music Committee and other students of State College entertained the Glee Club by serving coffee and open-faced sandwiches. The members seemed boosted by the reception they received.

The St. Mary's Glee Club will be giving the same performance on December 19, 1957, at 8:30 P.M. in the school auditorium.



Some of the Seniors are seen decorating for their Christmas Dance held December 14, 1957.

Letter Club Chooses Two

Two new Letter Club members were chosen recently. They are Octavia Phillips and Dot Overbeck. Octavia is a **Sigma**, a Soccer All-Star, on the **Stagecoach** staff, a member of Orchesis, Granddaughter's Club, and the choir. Dot is the co-editor of the **Belles**, one of last year's Hockey All-Stars, a **Sigma** and also a member of Orchesis.

Captains of the basketball teams were also chosen recently. The captain of the **Mu** team is Jenny Whitehurst, who is also the **Mu** President. The captain of the **Sigma** team is Dickie Robinson.

Newton Is SPA President

The honorary society, Sigma Pi Alpha, met on Tuesday, December 12, and elected Madam Smith as their advisor; Brooks Newton was elected president. Brooks hails from Southport, North Carolina, and is a member of the choir and Glee Club. She is also head of Senior Follies this year.

The Sigma Pi Alpha is a language club based entirely upon scholarship. The purpose of this organization is to promote scholarship and to acquaint students with life and customs of foreign countries.

We admire the man who demonstrates his abilities with "work" not "words."

There is no point in wasting our energy brooding about things over which we have no control.

Vespers Given By St. Mary's Choir

A vesper service of Christmas Carols was conducted by Dr. Moultrie Guerry, chaplain, with the assistance of the choir, in the St. Mary's Chapel, Sunday, December 15, at 5:00 p.m. Students and visitors enjoyed singing such familiar carols as "Angels Ye Have Heard on High", "Away in a Manger", "The Snow Lay on the Ground", "From the Eastern Mountains", "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne", and "Of the Father's Love Begotten". Also, the congregation sang in part with Sue Sandlin, St. Mary; and Vicky Rothrock, St. Joseph, in a German Carol; with Sue Sandlin in "Here Bewixt Ass and Oxen Mild"; with Anne Jefferson in "What Child Is This?"; and with Priscilla Brown in "Silent Night".

The choir presented "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light", "Saw You Never in the Twilight", and "In the Bleak Midwinter". Mr. Russell Broughton played an organ selection for silent prayer in the candle-lit chapel.

The St. Mary's Christmas service is an inspiration to all who participate and the 1957 service was no exception; though not the same service as in past years, the spirit of Christmas filled the hearts of everyone as they sang the beautiful carols.

You cannot whitewash yourself by blackening others.

Learn to say kind things—nobody ever resents them.

Christmas Program Presented Tonight

On Thursday night, December 19, members of the Glee Club, the Ensemble, and Orchesis will present a Christmas program to the student body. Highlights of this program include a dance by members of Orchesis and songs by the Glee Club and Ensemble. The Glee Club will sing "O Light Divine", "We Hasten With Eager Yet Faltering Footsteps", "Blessing, Glory, and Wisdom", and Benjamin Brittan's "Ceremony of Carols". The Ensemble will sing Christmas songs from all over the world. Their selections include "The Song of Mary", "Shepherds on This Hill", "Behold That Star", "Ding Dong Merrily on High", and "Carol of the Bells".

State College Lists Events

State College Union has a variety of programs planned for the month of January that may interest each St. Mary's student. Each Friday night there are Platter Parties, and on Wednesday nights Square Dances are held in the Student Union. On January 14 a formal discussion by General Wood will be given on missiles. Pullen Hall is having a pantomime circus on January 17 and there will be a small chore.

Every man is a fool for at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding that limit.

Seniors Have Parting Blast

Early on the morning of December 20th, the seniors celebrate the traditional Christmas farewell to the entire school. Activities usually begin with a party in the Hut at six o'clock after which time the seniors engage in Carol singing around the neighborhood. Then they go up and down the halls of each dorm, rousing the girls in a gentle but firm manner. Friendly jokes are played on the underclassmen as they run for breakfast. Pity those who can't step lively!

At breakfast the seniors arrive wearing Bermuda shorts which certainly is a sight to behold in the Saint Mary's dining room. Songs are sung in Christmas cheer. Excitement glows in every face. Thoughts of home and the Christmas season thrill the heart. Shouts ring out "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year".

Mr. Tate Chosen As Belle's Adviser

The **Belles** is most fortunate to have Mr. Tate as its new advisor. He was born on April 8, 1926, in Columbus, Mississippi, and sixteen years later he moved to Gulfport, Mississippi. Mr. Tate attended Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge where he was co-editor of the **Delta**, the college literary magazine. After two years at the university he joined the Air Force. There he served as a radio operator in Hawaii and Guam. After three years he went back to the university for two more years.

Mr. Tate taught freshman English for one year at Chapel Hill. It was there that he met his wife in 1954. Mrs. Tate was formerly Brita Moberg from Djursholm, Sweden. She was working on a Navy grant at the Medical School at Chapel Hill when she met Mr. Tate.

Before he was married, Mr. Tate's hobby was attending many of the plays in New York. Now he collects books and has some valuable signed editions of modern authors, such as Faulkner and T. S. Eliot.

As advisor to the **Belles**, Mr. Tate's job is not only to supervise the paper but to help with the editions in any way he can. He intends to read over each article to check its accuracy and to get new and varied ideas which will help make the school newspaper interesting and informative.

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself.

It is easier to climb up the ladder than it is to fall down.

Bad habits, like a comfortable bed, are easy to get into but hard to get out of.

O day of worry is more exhausting than a week of work.