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ORIENTATION INTRODUCES SMS

Orientation Week, September 15-21, was a time of excitement, confusion, and memorable occasions for the approximate 350 St. Mary's students, the largest enrollment in the school's history. Monday's bedlam of unpacking and meeting scores of new people was followed by two days of seemingly impossible tests, nerve wracking matriculation, and library lectures. For amusement on Tuesday night the Juniors had a picnic in the hut, followed by an amusing fashion show of St. Mary's "do's and don't's", put on by the counselors. Wednesday night the Freshmen and Sophomores met in the hut for a picnic supper. Afterwards the whole student body migrated in flocks to the town movie theaters. Meetings with Miss Richardson, the dean, brought each class in turn to the auditorium. Everyone soon felt she was an integral part of life at St. Mary's and important to the success of the school year. Thursday night was high-lighted by the showing of "Magnificent Obsession" in the school auditorium, after a picnic for the newly arrived Senior class.

Friday morning the inevitable happened—classes began. New girls were excited over their first day of real St. Mary's life, and old girls resigned themselves to another year of strenuous work. The Seniors began to realize how close the summer reading tests were. Friday night Big Sisters took their Little Sisters to the talent show. Everyone was very impressed with the professional-like display that the belles of St. Mary's presented.

Big Sister-Little Sister Day or Saturday saw everyone leave for lunch in town and a movie as a treat by every Big Sister for her Little Sister. The Old Girl-New Girl reception at 8:00 P.M. was the high point of the week. Good spirit ran high as the formally dressed girls met the faculty and staff. Piano and voice soloists rendered beautiful music for everyone's entertainment.

Sunday marked the close of Orientation Week with the Canterbury-YWCA picnic for the student body in the gym at 6:00 P.M. Thus ended a week to be remembered by every St. Mary's girl. The week's success is very evident as a closeness has grown throughout the school and hopes are high for a happy and fruitful year of new experiences which lie ahead for all.

Club Elects Williams

The first meeting of the Dramatics Club was held Wednesday, September 24. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for

Teacher, Hostess

Mrs. A. M. Fountain, a new faculty member at St. Mary's, will teach sociology this year in the absence of Mrs. Guess.

Mrs. Fountain was born in Enfield, North Carolina, which is in Halifax County. She attended Woman's College in Greensboro where she majored in the social sciences. Mrs. Fountain also attended the University of California and the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Fountain taught at Henderson High School where she was head of the history department. She has lived in Raleigh for twenty-two years. During that time she has taught in the public schools and has done substitute teaching. Last year she taught history for one semester at Meredith College here in Raleigh. Two years ago she taught Economics in Mr. Guess's absence.

Mrs. Fountain's husband is an English professor at State College. The Fountains have two children, a boy fourteen and a girl sixteen. Both children are interested in music and take an active part in the band at their school.

"The Belles" staff, with the entire Student Body, welcomes Mrs. Fountain to St. Mary's Junior College.

Orchesis Foresees

At St. Mary's, Orchesis is the modern dance group which enables the girls who are interested in dancing to perform for one assembly program and be in May Day. During the year students learn types of dances.

To be an Orchesis member a girl does not have to be a professional dancer, but must be one who has enough potential in dancing and enough interest in making Orchesis one of the outstanding organizations on the campus. It can not be said that there is no work involved because a two hour class is held every Tuesday, and whenever a program is to be given, the members must be present. Sometimes for several rehearsals.

Orchesis is a wonderful organization to be a part of if all the members are willing to work. It can be a lot of fun and a very rewarding experience.

We hope to have one of the best years in Orchesis history. This can only be done if all who are associated with Orchesis will give their full co-operation and extra time.

1958-59. Ann Williams was elected president, Vicki Rothrock was elected secretary, and Virginia Allen and Margaret McKee were elected co-program chairmen. Mrs. Nancy Stamey is the Club's advisor.

Join College Staff

This year St. Mary's welcomes our new hostess, Mrs. Rainer, to its staff.

Mrs. Rainer, who now lives in Wilmington, Delaware, is a genuine Goldsboro Tarheel. She comes to us from St. Catherine's in Richmond, Virginia, where she resided as house mother for four years.

Besides her hostess duties, Mrs. Rainer is Resident Counselor in Peniek Dormitory. Here she has already become established as though she had lived in Peniek for years.

The mother of four children, two of whom are married, Mrs. Rainer certainly joins the staff with a fine store of experience.

We hope everyone will soon know Mrs. Rainer and make her feel at home here at St. Mary's.

Copeland Presides Over Senior Class

Jane Copeland, a familiar figure on campus, is the president of the 1958-1959 Senior Class. Jane, who is from Kinston, has attended St. Mary's for the past three years and has taken a very active part in many school activities. During her Freshman and Sophomore years, she was a member of the Beacon and Vice President of the Y. W. C. A. This year she is a senior counselor, Alumni Editor of the *Belles* and a member of the Muse Staff. As president of the Senior Class, her duties include:

1. Acting as Senior Representative to the Legislative Body.
2. Managing the Senior Class Follies.
3. Organizing Class Day.
4. Making up the weekly page list.
5. Planning the annual Senior Christmas Dance.

SMJC Adds Council

An Athletic Council has been formed at St. Mary's. Members of the Council are President of the Letter Club, Lucy Milward; President of the *Sigmas*, Lew Newby; Vice-President of the *Sigmas*, Octavia Phillips; President of the *Mus*, Dana Borden; Vice-President of the *Mus*, Nellie Holmes Ballou; and advisor, Miss Jane Lloyd. The purpose of the Athletic Council is to direct athletics and promote school spirit.

"The Belles" plans a suggestion box for this year. We want all students to put any ideas they have about articles or editorials in this box. Also, if anyone has a question concerning St. Mary's that she would like explained in "The Belles", she can use the suggestion box which is located on the wall beside the last mailboxes.

Cross Heads S.G.A.

Jeanette Cross, the President of our Student Government, comes from Marion, North Carolina, and has participated in many activities here at St. Mary's for the past three years. She is a member of the Stagecoach staff, the Granddaughter's Club, the Legislative Body, and last year she was President of the Junior Class as well as President of the Y.W.C.A. Jeanette's duties as President of our Student Government will be as follows:

1. To call and preside over all meetings of the Student Government Association and of the Honor Council.
2. To appoint seniors to act as chairmen of each of the classes until the class presidents are elected.
3. To appoint the student members of the Constitution Committee.
4. To draw up in conference with student officers and officials a slate of the faculty advisors desired by the various student groups, and to submit this slate to the President of the college.
5. To serve on the Legislative Body, ex officio.
6. To serve on the Hall Council, ex officio.
7. To assume direction of Student matters not specifically assigned to other student officers.
8. Before the end of school to appoint members of the incoming senior class as counselors and vice-counselors for the coming year on the advice of the Counselor Committee.
9. At the end of the year to pass on to her successor suggestions and unofficial records that may prove useful to her, also any helpful records for the use of the next year's class presidents.
10. To assume the duties of the chairman of the Hall Council during a temporary absence of the chairman or to appoint a member of the Hall Council to serve as acting chairman.

Ann Wright Calls Assembly to Order

The new Assembly Chairman for 1958 and '59 is Ann Wright, Ann, who is a senior at St. Mary's, is from Petersburg, Virginia. She first came to St. Mary's last year, and since then she has taken an active part in school activities and organizations. Ann is a member of Y. W. C. A., Doctor's Daughters Club, *Sigma*, is head Crucifer, and is also a Hall Counselor on Third Holt. Ann is working hard to keep the Assembly programs in line for this year, so let's all give her our co-operation.