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Dr. Parker Returns to Faculty

Dr. Eugene F. Parker has returned to the St. Mary's faculty after missing a semester while touring Europe with his wife. Before his retirement last year, Dr. Parker had served as Professor of German and Spanish since 1947. He recently returned to the campus to replace Mr. Gerberding as teacher of German and second year high school French.

In September the Parkers sailed aboard the S. S. Statendam and arrived at South Hampton, England. They spent two weeks in London. However, they encountered unpleasant weather which the British Broadcasting Station said was the worst in one hundred and eight years. Continuing the trip, Dr. and Mrs. Parker visited France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain and Italy. The Parkers had the most favorable weather of the entire trip when they visited Rome. The good weather made their first trip into Italy very pleasant.

Dr. Parker had the unique experience of being abroad during an American presidential election, and he noted the attitudes of the Europeans. They were all very much interested in the election even though they did not know a great deal about the two candidates. After the election they seemed to be pleased with the change in administration and they are looking with interest toward Kennedy's new ideas.

Dr. Parker returned with a few souvenirs. In Florence he visited famous art museums and brought back a few works of art. He also brought back watches from Switzerland and some linens.

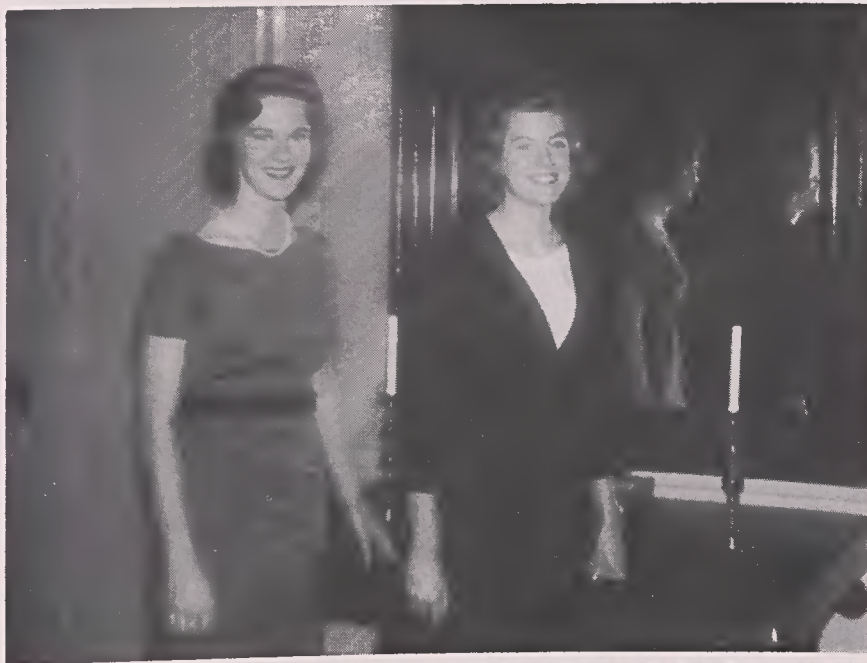
Dr. Parker wishes that the weather had been better during his trip. However, he is glad to be back at St. Mary's once again. Perhaps the Tar Heel weather will be kinder to him.

Library Conditions Considered Good

The St. Mary's student is aware of the cramped condition of the library, but she may not be aware of its full value in spite of this condition. Of all the libraries of junior colleges in the state having a larger student population than St. Mary's only five can claim more volumes. As of last June the number of volumes catalogued was 14,567. A constant process of "weeding out" is going on so that the library may house books that are up to date in addition to books that are of continuing value, and new books are ordered only after a careful reading of reviews has confirmed them to be good. The reference books and the magazine

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MAY DAY PLANS MADE



Maid of Honor, Molly Cooper and May Queen, Arden Fobes.

Although Old Man Winter is still making his presence felt around St. Mary's campus, Orchesis, under the direction of Mrs. Bailey, is already making plans for the best May Day ever.

The theme of the 1961 May Day program is the Face of America "the main historical events of our country shown through dance," explained Tricia Armstrong, president of Orchesis.

An Indian dance, led by Betsy Nicholls, will begin the program. Following this will be a pioneer dance; then these two groups will combine to represent the fight between the Indians and the early Americans.

Ann Tompson, Edith Alston, and

Erwin Parrott are the leaders of the Negro Spiritual dance which is the next number on the program. Next will be the Southern Belles number, done by the May Court. After this comes the reunion dance, led by Carlton Savage.

Gay Davis will lead the dance featuring the Charleston, Black Bottom and other dances of the roaring twenties. A jazz number will be presented by the members of Orchesis and will be entitled "Splitting of the Atom."

Each dance which will be presented will have its practices at designated class periods; then, when all the dances are put together, practice will be held from 3:45 — 4:45 on Tuesday afternoons.



May Court: Seated left to right, Mary Lou Dorris, Winston Conner, Jean Lippels, Haynes Walker, Susan Poe; Standing, Ann Osterman, Martha Pat Bell, Mary Brodie Jones, Frances Leonard, Cydney Wright, Hannah Wright. (Not pictured, Sophia Pike)

St. Mary's Represented at Mock U.N. Assembly

St. Mary's will take part in the U.N. mock assembly to be held at Duke February 22, 23, 24 and 25. Neighboring colleges and universities will participate, each of them representing one member nation. The five delegates from St. Mary's are Betsy Nichols, the head of the delegation; Frances Bridgers, Becky Petrea, Sophia Pike, and Hope Rouark.

Besides becoming familiar with U.N. procedure, the St. Mary's delegation is studying the social, political, and economic situations of the Jordan country which they will represent. In addition, each St. Mary's delegate has chosen a committee on which to serve while attending the assembly meeting.

A highlight of the Assembly will be the speech by Frederick Boland, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations scheduled for Wednesday night February 22. Sessions are scheduled throughout the four-day period including general assembly meetings, committee meetings, and speeches. Social activities have been scheduled between the business sessions so that delegates will have an opportunity to become acquainted with each other.

The delegates from St. Mary's have been meeting for the past few weeks with Dr. Mabel Morrison and Mrs. Martha Stoops to plan for the assembly and to study Jordan. The group plans to spend the four days in Durham in the homes of Betsy Nichols and Becky Petrea. Following the assembly meeting the delegation will present an assembly program to the student body to report on the activities at the Duke meeting.

Vale Finalist in Scholarship Competition

Kathryn Ann Vale, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Vale, of Norlina, North Carolina, has been named a Finalist in the 1960-61 National Merit Scholarship Program competition and has been awarded a Certificate of Merit. Miss Vale is a member of the senior class in the high school department of St. Mary's Junior College. She attained her distinguished performance on two tests and upon endorsement of her school. About six-tenths of one per cent of the seniors in each state received the awards. Approximately 9,800 students in the 50 states and in U. S. territories were honored. The Merit Scholars, to be announced April 27, 1961, will be selected from the Finalist group.