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Lenten Services In Progress

With the coming of the Lenten Season, changes mark the religious activity at St. Mary's.

On the seventeenth of February, Rev. I. Harding Hughes, chaplain at St. Mary's from 1942 to 1957, addressed the students during the morning chapel service.

In the Lenten Season, students will have the opportunity to hear other visiting ministers. Usually, each Friday a guest minister will conduct the chapel program. Bishop Murray of Alabama will speak at one of these services.

On Sunday, February 26, the Rev. B. Daniel Sapp, rector of Christ Church in Raleigh, will conduct the eleven o'clock service. On March 12, the Rev. G. S. Wertz of Garner, will be here to bring the morning message.

Apart from the regularly scheduled chapel programs, special services will continue through-out the Lenten season. Dr. Guerry suggests that each girl may wish to clip the following schedule for future reference.

Monday: 9:30-10:00 p.m. Candles will be lit on the altar to aid in silent devotion. Tuesday: From 6:30-7:30 p.m. the Chaplain will have an instruction or discussion at his home for those interested in confirmation or the Episcopal Church. Silent devotion conducted between 9:30-10:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Immediately after supper, a candlelight service with organ and prayer meditation lasting for ten to fifteen minutes.

Thursday: At 6:55 a.m. Holy Communion will be administered. The night service will follow Monday's night schedule. Friday: Monday's schedule will be followed.

New religious pamphlets have been placed in the choir room in West Wing for anyone interested in reading them.

ELECTIVE COURSE: SHAKESPEARE

Restricted to seniors, English 25 and 26 are elective courses in which the student studies all the major plays of Shakespeare. The first semester's work consists of a reading of twelve comedies; the second semester a reading of three chronicle plays and nine tragedies. A student may choose either the first or second course or both courses.

The primary purpose of the courses is to provide as full an understanding of the plays as possible. Because the plays were written for a specific audience at a specific time, the approach to the plays is historical. Because Shakespeare did not write closet dramas, emphasis is placed on the works as plays for a specific stage—the

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2 New Members To Circle Totaling 12



Virginia McKimmon, President; Stuart Austin and Becky Elmore.

On February 13, 1961, the Circle walked and took in two members. Becky Elmore, a senior from Suffolk, Virginia, is secretary of the senior class and the feature editor of the Belles. She is also a member of the Y.R.C., Dramatics Club, Senior Little Store, and Cold Cuts. Virginia McKimmon, a senior and day student from Raleigh, is a counselor for the day students. Ginny is also a member of the Stagecoach business staff, Glee Club, Y.D.C., Altar Guild, Granddaughter's Club and Letter Club.

Religious Conference This Week-end

On February 25-26 in the State College Y.M.C.A. Building students from six colleges in Raleigh will meet to take part in a conference on religion. In addition to the several guest speakers there will be open discussion groups and fellowship activities. Any St. Mary's student interested in attending this conference may obtain a program of activities and registration from Patsy Frank for \$1.00.

YWCA - Orphanage Exchange

The Y.W.C.A. members are planning visits to the Methodist Orphanage and State School for the Blind in the near future to read to and play with the small children. In addition, an Easter Party will be given for each institution.

About two weeks from now nine different types of gold plated, gold, and silver charms will be sold to raise money for the club's projects and a gift to the school.

Late this spring the Blind School Orchestra will present an assembly program at St. Mary's.

Process Of Legislation

At St. Mary's students have the privilege of being able to request various changes in the regulations to afford them a happier and more beneficial college life. The legislative body of the Student Government under the chairmanship of Suzanne Bowles evaluates each petition and either rejects it or accepts it. If accepted the request is considered by Dr. Stone for the final approval or rejection.

Many girls have taken advantage of this opportunity this year. At the most recent meeting Feb. 1961, members of the senior class petitioned to obtain two additional Saturday nights and also to be allowed one cut per class, not including week-ends. Both petitions were rejected. However, the underclassmen were granted the privilege to double date without an upperclassman. Each of these petitions plus the majority of previous ones indicated a greater interest in trying to leave school more frequently than in trying to improve the conditions on campus. Mr. Tate, advisor to the legislative body suggested at an earlier meeting that an effort be made to stimulate interest in making St. Mary's campus life more pleasurable. Several girls have adhered to this proposal and have requested that an ironing board be placed in Smedes to relieve students on that hall from having to go to another hall to iron their clothes. The legislative body is considering this petition now.

The work of this representative group is probably the most far-reaching of any branch of the Student Government, for it is through the legislative body members that students obtain what they believe to be advantageous to them.

Elections Soon

Most of our time in assembly for the next two weeks will be taken up with student elections. The nominating committee will present its nominations, nominations will be made from the floor, and the election by the student body will take place soon afterwards. On February 28, we will have nominations for president of the Student Government Association and Rabbi Ben Asher to speak to us. On March 2, there will be nominations for chairman of Hall Council, on March 7 there will be nominations for the vice-president of the Student Government Association, and on March 9 there will be nominations for the secretary of Hall Council.

H₂O Ballet Underway

On Thursday March 9, the Swimming Club will present its annual water ballet. Under the direction of Miss Jane Lloyd, the club's sixteen members have arranged a water show with the theme of "The Fabulous Fifties." The girls will do various synchronized routines to some of the favorite songs of the 1950's. Among the numbers to be included on the program is a duet by Helen Thackston and Liza Sory to "The Theme from the Apartment." Betsy Dunn, Sally Harper, and Suzanne Boyles will give their swimming rendition of "Three Coins in a Fountain." Eight club members: Penny Ives, Frances Jones, Betty Whalen, Suzanne Miller, Ann Thompson, Margaret Smith, Sherry Pitzer, and newly recruited Tudie Thomas will present their conception of "Love Is A Many Splendored Thing."

"High Noon" will be depicted by Sophia Pike and five other girls, and "Return to Paradise" will be given by Jo Ann Rochow and Margaret Atkinson. Various other numbers including a solo and a finale with all sixteen members participating will be presented on the program.

Graduation Play Planned

The Dramatics Club is now busily working on its new play. The name of the play is still a secret to us, but the people participating in this production say that it is an excellent play. While preparing for it, the club has divided into four sections—make-up, acting, lighting, and stage groups. These groups enable students to learn more about the particular field in which they are interested.