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## SENIOR CLASS NOMINATES

On Monday, March 13, at 6:30, there was a roll-call junior class meeting at which the president, Mary Christopher, called for nominations for class president of the class of 61-62. The girls nominated were as follows: Marty Watkms, Tricia Armstrong, and Burnley Kinney. On the next day the election was held and Tricia Armstrong was announced at dinner to be the rising senior class's president. Tricia, from Chapel Hill, has been at St. Mary's for two years and has been very active here. She has been a member of the Beacon, president of Orchesis, and a Legislative Body representative.

On Tuesday night, March 14, the junior class nominated the following girls for Honor Council membership: Rosemary Adair, Dee Jarman, Mary Larsen, Julia White, Martha Wilson, Vickie McKinzie, and Nancy Heath. Two of these girls, one of whom will be the new Student Government secretary, Julia White and Nancy Heath were elected Wednesday.

## Elective Course: Government

American Government, an elective open to juniors and seniors, is a foundation course in the government of the United States. Being a semester course, it is by necessity a survey course. It is designed to instill an appreciation of free government and an understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship in a democracy.

After a study of the basic principles of our government as set forth in the Constitution, the student turns to an examination of organization, procedure and policies. Such subjects as political parties, pressure groups, the federal court system, regulatory agencies, and the structure of the United States is covered.

The class is conducted as a lecture-discussion and each student is expected to contribute information gained from her weekly current events reading and the assigned collateral reading, as well as from the text. She also makes written reports on all of this reading. In addition, each student writes a research paper on some topic which particularly interests her.

There is a great deal of factual material to be learned in prepa-

## Three Leaders For 61-62



Betsy Nichols, Tricia Armstrong, Jane Brooks

During the 1961-62 session at St. Mary's Betsy Nichols will be vice-president of the student body and Jane Brooks will be secretary of hall council. Both girls have been outstanding. Jane is from Charleston, S. C. Last year she was President of the student body of Ashley Hall in Charleston. As a junior at St. Mary's Jane has been a member of the Granddaughter's club, secretary of the Junior Class, a hall representative, and a member of the dining room committee, the constitution committee, and *Belles* staff and the May Day Reunion Dance.

After Spring Vacation Jane plans to work with Linda to learn the details of the point system. Also Miss Richardson has some ideas on how we may eliminate some of the red tape involved with signing in, permissions, and the point system. The duties of the office are:

(1) To keep full minutes of each council meeting. (2) to give students written notification of Hall Council penalties (3) to submit a written report of penalties to the Dean of Students after each Hall Council meeting (4) at the end of the academic year to submit an annual report to the President of the College and one for the files of the Student Government.

Talking about what she is going to do after she finishes at St. Mary's, Jane remarked: "I want to go to school as near Charleston as possible. I will probably be a

day student at Charleston College, or if I have a change of heart in the next year, I will go to the University of South Carolina." Jane will succeed Linda Ramsey as Secretary of Hall Council. Linda has filled the position this year in an efficient, commendable fashion.

Betsy Nichols, next year's vice-president of the Student Body, has always been an outstanding student. She won the scholarship award for having the highest scholastic average at Durham High School in the tenth grade. Again she won the Cooper Medal, as a freshman, at St. Mary's, for the highest average in her class. This year Betsy has been chairman of the Junior Class project committee and of the St. Mary's delegation to the mock United Nations. She is a member of Orchesis, the Letter Club, Y.W.C.A., Young Democrats the *Muse* and the Dramatic Club. Pertaining to her election, Betsy said: "I'm very flattered to have been elected vice-president and I hope that I will be able to live up to the standards of the job itself and those which my predecessor, Amelia Yancey has set." Next year Betsy wants "to find some way to build up school spirit which I feel is quite necessary in order to have a successful student organization."

This summer Betsy is going to teach dancing at Camp Yonolisee. After graduating from St. Mary's she plans to go the University of North Carolina and then to teach high school English.

## LEG. BODY MEETS

The most recent meeting of the Legislative Body was held on March 13. Several changes were made to the constitution and they were passed unanimously.

Several petitions were brought up. Among the ones which the Body passed was one that states that Freshmen be allowed to exchange one Short for an Extended; and that the Seniors have two extendeds and 7 shorts rather than unlimited shorts. These petitions await the approval of Dr. Stone before they go into effect. There are several other petitions passed by the Legislature Body in previous meetings that are still under Dr. Stone's consideration.

The next meeting of the Body will be held on April 10 and will be the last meeting in which petitions will be considered.

## ELEPHANT SALE: SUCCESS

A capacity crowd attended the White Elephant Sale held by the Junior Class in the gym on March 7. At 9:15 St. Mary's typical women shoppers began to push and shove to be first in line when the door was opened. In short order the display tables had been ransacked by the enthusiastic bargain seekers.

Main attractions of the evening were grab bags, door prizes, and "happy hours." During happy hours prices on the remaining articles were slashed. At 9:30 o'clock, Robert Lee Green Connelly—auctioneer, Jr. Class Advisor, and main attraction—with the aid of a sturdy weejun (for a gavel) began to auction off specific articles. Among the purchases were an unusual pillow case (bought by 3rd Smedes), long Johns (bought by Lane Norman), and a 4 inch penant which sold for 65 cents.

The Juniors wish to thank all those who brought (and spent) a nickol in their hot little hands. Congratulations to Betsy Nickols and Mr. Connelly for a job well done. Special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Guerry for their support, and an *Oscar* for Mrs. Stamey for her contribution!

## FRIENDS OF COLLEGE

The Friends of the College Series will present Elia Kazan's production of "J.B." on April 10. Called "one of the most memorable works of the century," this Pulitzer Prize winning play by Archibald Macleish will star Frederick Worlock, Shepperd Strudwick and John Caradine. The play will be given at William Neal Reynolds Coliseum at 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

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