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Johnston Is Day Student President

Dabney Johnston is the newly elected president of the day students for 1961-62. Before moving to Raleigh, Dabney was treasurer of her class at Myers Park High School in Charlotte. As a freshman and sophomore at St. Mary's, she was in the letter club and dramatics club, and she was secretary of the sophomore class. The past year Dabney was president of the Letter club, on several committees, and very active in Sigma-Mu.

As President of the day students, Dabney will have the following duties:

1. To keep the day students informed of student government activities.
2. To call and preside over meetings of the day students.
3. To serve on the Legislative Body.
4. To submit to the president of the association the name of the faculty member desired as advisor.
5. To work with day student counselors to maintain order in the day students' room.

Elective Course: Bible 22

This course is mainly what may be called "The Drama of Christ's Kingdom". Drama is love or life in conflict. With that definition, the course proceeds on a dramatic outline like one of Shakespeare's tragedies, developed in five acts. Of course, the gospels were not written as a play or even as chronological biography, but there are developments that make five acts a vivid way of understanding the life of Christ as a whole and the conflicts that led to His crucifixion. However, this drama is not like a Shakespearean tragedy in that death is not the frustration of purpose but the chosen way of Christ's conquering love; though it shows the tragedy of man's ways and spiritual blindness.

In order to set the stage, a background of Old Testament history and Messianic expectations are reviewed briefly, with the bitter feelings and bloody strife in the Holy Land. Enough of the Book of Acts to see what happened after the gospels concludes the course which is given each semester.

Each student prepares as complete and as beautiful a notebook as possible, inserting the proper passages from scripture in the full skeleton outline for each act and scene of the drama. These notebooks should be a permanent possession for studying the life of Christ or teaching it in the future. The main parallel reading is *The Master*, a life of Jesus by Walter Russell Bowie.

Heath is Secretary of Honor Council Johnston President of Day Students



Dabney Johnston and Nancy Heath.

Circle Taps Four New Members

The Circle recently took in four new members who are Barbara Brittain from Mount Kisco, New York; Gill Holcombe from Charleston, South Carolina; Susan Harris from Smithfield; and Cornelia Hines from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee.

Barbara, who attended Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, Connecticut, before coming to St. Mary's, is president of the Young Republicans Club, a crucifer, a member of the Altar Guild; and she is a hall counselor.

Gill is secretary of the Legislative Body, a member of the Young Democrats Club, Altar Guild; and she is also a hall counselor. Both Gill and Barbara are seniors.

Susan, who just moved to Smithfield from Rocky Mount this past summer, is a member of the *Belles* staff as well as a member of the *Stagecoach* staff.

Cornelia, also a member of the *Belles* staff, was elected treasurer of the Junior class last fall. She is president of the Student Government for the 1961-1962 session of St. Mary's. Congratulations to these outstanding girls.

PUBLICATIONS EDITORS ELECTED

The publications editors have recently been elected for 1961-62. Replacing Margaret Midyette as editor of the *Handbook* will be Jody Blackwell. Jody, a native of Charlotte, has been very active on the St. Mary's campus this year. Serving as vice-president of the choir, Junior editor for the *Stagecoach*, and a Hall Council representative are some of her many activities.

Mary Jane Deadwyler will edit *The Muse* for next year. Mary Jane was a member of the annual staff in high school, and she has been a member of the Glee Club, Dramatics Club, and *The Muse* staff this year at St. Mary's.

Bee Pitt from Tarboro will replace Gay Davis as editor of the *Stagecoach*. Bee served on her high school annual staff for two years and was co-editor of the publication her senior year. This year at St. Mary's, Bee has served on *The Stagecoach* staff and has been a member of the Young Democrats Club.

Ann Niemeyer, who has served on the make-up staff of *The Belles* this year, will replace Carter McAlister as editor of *The Belles*.

Alumnae Day and May Day Combined

This year May 6 will not only be May Day, but it will also be Alumnae Day. At 12:30 there will be a dinner given in the St. Mary's dining room with The Right Reverend Thomas Wright, the Bishop of East Carolina, as the luncheon speaker. After the luncheon, the General Meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held in the

Chapel. At 4:00 P.M. everyone is invited to attend the May Day exercises.

On May 3 the Alumnae are entertaining the Seniors at a banquet in Ballentine Restaurant. The Alumnae President, Mrs. John Clayton Smith, and the Alumnae Secretary, Robin Fuller, will attend the Banquet.



Mary Jane Deadwyler, Bee Pitt, Jody Blackwell and Ann Niemeyer, new editors of St. Mary's publications.