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## New Officers Working Hard



At the end of each school session the student body at St. Mary's elects the Student Government officers for the following year. These girls serve as leaders of the whole student body. The following girls were elected to serve as the 1961-62 officers of the Student Government Association: Cornelia Hines, president; Betsy Nichols, vice-president; Nancy Heath, secretary-treasurer; Courtenay McDowell, chairman of Hall Council; Jane Brooks, secretary of Hall Council; Dabney Johnston, president of the Day Students.

The general duties of the president of Student Government are as follows: She shall serve as go-between for the students and faculty, preside as chairman of the Honor Council, and officiate at all Student Government meetings. Cornelia, who is from Lookout Mountain, Tennessee, served as treasurer of the junior class last year and is a member of the Circle. She has shown herself to be an outstanding leader at St. Mary's.

Betsy Nichols, who is serving as vice-president of Student Government this year, is a native of Durham. She has been an outstanding scholar and participant in all school activities at St. Mary's for the past three years. She won the Cooper Medal for the highest average in her class as a freshman. Some of her many activities have been serving as chairman of the junior class project committee, as a member of Orchestras, the Letter Club, Y. W. C. A., and *Muse* staff.

Nancy Heath is serving as secretary-treasurer of the Student Government Association this year. Nancy, who is from Charlotte, is beginning her fourth year at St. Mary's. She participates in the

Glee Club, Y. D. C., Letter Club, and serves as the assistant editor of the *Belles*. Nancy is also a member of the Circle.

The chairman of Hall Council is Courtenay McDowell from Charleston, South Carolina. Last year Courtenay served as a member of Honor Council. This year her duties as chairman of Hall Council include presiding over all Hall Council meetings, acting as a member of the Legislative Body, presiding over the Disciplinary Committee, and appointing incoming senior counselors.

Jane Brooks, secretary of Hall Council for 1961-62, was a very active participant in activities at St. Mary's last year. She was a member of the Granddaughter's Club, secretary of the junior class, a hall representative, a member of the dining room committee, the *Belles* staff, and took part in the May Day program.

This year her duties as secretary of Hall Council are as follows: (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 Student Government.

The president of the Day students for this year is Dabney Johnston. Dabney was president of the Letter Club last year and was very active in all Sigma-Mu activities. Some of her responsibilities as Day Student president are to preside over meetings of the day students and to keep them informed of all Student Government activities.

## New and Old Girls Take Part in Orientation Week

On Monday, September 11, approximately 230 girls arrived at St. Mary's—many of them for the first time. They were greeted on the front porch of Smedes by the President and Vice-President of Student Government and the Chairman of Hall Council. They soon were on their way to their halls and their two counselors, who had arrived on Sunday. This first day was mainly taken up by unpacking, but time was found for three annual events—the fire drill, the first student government meeting, and hall parties. Tuesday breakfast came all too quickly, and it was closely followed by an exodus to the gym for several hours of English and language tests. There were various meetings during the remainder of the day, and night arrived with all ready for bed, especially the juniors, who had their first and perhaps most exciting (?) picnic.

Wednesday was well taken up by SCAT tests, the arrival of the seniors, more library lectures, and senior matriculation. The freshmen and sophomores had a picnic in the hut, after which everyone but the poor seniors went to a movie downtown. The Class of '62 burned the midnight oil preparing for the Summer Reading exams to be given all day Thursday. By Thursday night they were ready for their picnic in the hut, after which everyone went to the auditorium and saw FROM HERE TO ETERNITY.

Friday morning Dr. Stone spoke in our first chapel service, and that afternoon Mrs. Cell explained the Faculty Advisory System to the student body. Friday night was taken up by the annual talent show and fashion show.

On Saturday classes finally started, and everybody ran themselves ragged trying to make it to each class before it was time to leave. Saturday afternoon the Big Sisters took their Little Sisters to lunch and to a movie. The busy day ended with the Old Girl-New Girl party, which was changed from the ones in the past. This year the dress was more informal; and the girls came at a specified time, thus giving everyone a chance to meet all the faculty and not have to stand in line for hours. The new plan seemed to work out very well, and many people said they enjoyed the reception much more than previous ones.

Sunday was the last official day of Orientation. The two main events were the 11:00 service in the chapel and the YWCA-Canterbury picnic in the gym. After the program was over at the picnic, nearly everyone rushed back to the halls to get ready for *the BIG DATE*. By the time 11 o'clock came and Orientation week was over, everyone was tired, but ready to start the new year with much enthusiasm and spirit.



Dr. and Mrs. Stone greet St. Mary's girls.