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St. Mary's Opens Another Year

SENIOR CLASS ELECTS OFFICERS

On Wednesday, October 2 the Senior Class held a meeting in the auditorium to elect officers for 1963-64. These new officers will assist the president, Cindy Schwartz, who was elected in the spring of 1963. The following girls were elected: vice-president, Kathy Cannon; secretary, Sue Spangler; treasurer, Nancy Powell; dance marshal, Judy Perry. These girls will lead the Senior Class in the many activities of the year. Several of these senior projects are already on the class agenda. For example, a Halloween party will be held, as will a party at Christmas. Cindy and the other officers along with the rest of the class will organize a field day later on in the year.

OPEN HOUSE HELD

In addition to the activities planned for the future, one important class project has already taken place. This is the Open House which was held on Thursday, October 10, between 7:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. Greeting the juniors on their arrival was a unique receiving line consisting of various "teachers" of St. Mary's. The Open House, presented by the seniors for the instruction and enjoyment of the juniors, was given in Penick and included a museum of treasures found only in Penick, as well as a floor show organized by Elsie Ives and Ibis Ponton. Demonstrating their talents on the guitar, the "senior folk artists" were represented by Tay Ashford, Nancy Powell, Tiki Soper, Marilyn Stadler, Roses Watson, and Martha Weeks. Along with these events, refreshments were served throughout the evening.

CIRCLE WALKS FOR FOUR

At midnight on Monday, October 7, the Circle, St. Mary's honorary society, took in four new members during its first ceremony of the new school year. The president of the Circle, Ibis Ponton, and old members Cindy Schwartz and Roses Watson inducted Bet Taylor, Tay Ashford, Mary Stallings, and Martha Weeks into their ranks.

The newly-selected girls are well known on the St. Mary's campus as examples of leadership and service. Tay Ashford is the Secretary Treasurer of the Student Government, a member of the Cold Cuts, and a counselor. Mary Stallings serves as a coun-



New Senior Class officers: Cindy Schwartz, president; Kathy Cannon, vice-president; Sue Spangler, secretary; Nancy Powell, treasurer. Not present is Judy Perry, chief dance marshal.

Mr. Hale To Visit Campus

Robert Wallace Hale, a fine, young vocalist, will be on St. Mary's campus on Wednesday, October 16. He will meet the students in the Voice Department and give a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

At Colorado Woman's College this summer, he attended an opera workshop and studied with such impressive educators as Boris Goldousky, Robert Gay, and Arthur Schoep. Mr. Hale is scheduled to play leading roles in opera productions from the New England Conservatory and Boston University. After studying under Dr. Oreenith Smith, he played Alfio in *Cavalleria* and Escamillo from *Carmen*. He also sang the roles of Billy Bigelow in *Carousel* and Emile Debeeque in *South Pacific*.

Recently Mr. Hale was awarded the Master of Music Education Degree from Oklahoma University. Some of his honors include the winning of the Advanced Division for Southwest Regional NATS, (National Association of Teachers of Singing) in 1960; the Wilson Award in the Block Young

selor. Bet Taylor is a counselor and the Vice-President of the Student Government. A counselor also, Martha Weeks is the Vice-President of the Mus.

Artist Competition, 1961, and the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions in Tulsa. Mr. Hale was selected Young Musician of the Year for 1963 by the National Association of Teachers of Singing. He also won the Southwest Regional Competition and went on to win the National award.

Mr. Hale toured Europe with an opera group representing the United States Government. He appeared with the Amarillo Symphony in 1963, shortly after winning the Amarillo Young Artist Award. He also performed with several other leading symphonies.

Critics agree that Mr. Hale's voice has rare smoothness, beauty, and flexibility. Noted musicians such as Guy Fraser Harrison, Oklahoma City Symphony director; John Gutman, Metropolitan Opera official; and, Eugene Connelly, former Metropolitan Opera star, have praised his voice.

The students of St. Mary's Jr. College are indeed fortunate to have such a noted performer as Robert Hale on the campus.

WELCOME NEW GIRLS!

Improvements Made

While St. Mary's girls were enjoying their summer vacations, St. Mary's Junior College was busy preparing for their return. Plans for summer improvement included redecorating throughout the school, the new catering service, and a new gazebo.

Probably the first improvement to catch the eye is found in St. Mary's parlor. A new carpet adorns the front hall, and all the walls were freshly painted. The redecorating did not end there, however, for many of the classrooms and dormitory rooms were also painted. All the floors and windows shine after having been newly washed and polished for the beginning of the new year.

Perhaps the biggest change is the catering service. For the first time St. Mary's meals are being prepared by the Saga Food Service, one of the largest food companies in the nation. With its home office in Palo Alto, California. Saga Food Service supplies approximately 460 schools throughout the nation. The manager of the food service at St. Mary's is Mr. Robert F. Rowe, who was formerly at Queen's College in Charlotte. Very conscientious about his work, Mr. Rowe is always available during meal time to make sure everyone is satisfied. The change seems to be very successful, and this year looks as though it will be a good one for satisfying the appetites of St. Mary's girls.

Another addition to the school is the gazebo beside Dr. Stone's house. The gazebo, modeled after those in Italian gardens, became quite popular in America at one time. They were often brightly lighted and became the traditional spot for garden parties. The gazebo was presented to the school by Mr. J. T. Baker of Raleigh. Mrs. Margaret Williams, the art instructor at St. Mary's, had charge of moving and putting together the gazebo.

All these projects have taken a lot of work, but simultaneously they have helped the school.