

New Girl's First Impression

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The blur of the trees along the driveway, the shouted directions of the parking committee, the long walk up the front steps of Smedes Hall, and the flurry of a thousand first-day activities all mingle together in one's mind to form the first impressions of St. Mary's.

The "new girl's" first concrete impression is that of her room and her roommate. When she finally finds her room, a task which is not easily accomplished, she has entered unconsciously her new role in life. The fun then begins. Between griping about her room and carrying in loads of all her "earthly possessions," she makes her college friends. The atmosphere is one entirely different from home, and the spirit of independence is strongly felt. The girls tend to lean to one another for security in their new experience, and in these closely knit groups one begins to feel for the first time the meaning of "being a St. Mary's girl".

It is later in a quiet moment that she is able to feel the tradition of St. Mary's. The buildings present her with the ideas of wisdom and stability, which have existed through the years. The "new girl" has only to walk through the Chapel to understand why it is the heart of St. Mary's and the foundation of her life and her school.

The girls, the campus, and the atmosphere all serve to make her feel at home in her new environment, where she is given the warmth and security which is needed to make her love St. Mary's.

Cold Cuts Tap Fourteen Seniors

Fourteen new members of the Cold Cuts were inducted in assembly on Tuesday, October 1. With these new additions the Cold Cuts now total twenty-one. The new members taken in were Lola Kearney, Kate Smoot, Betsy Ross, Ann Cheatham, Kathy Cannon, Beth Sanders, Mary Quern, Macon Remsburg, Margaret Eason, Martha Powell, Elsie Ives, Tay Ashford, and Sue Spangler. Old members are Roses Watson, Martha Weeks, Cindy Schwartz, Gaye Harris, Beverly Bailey, Nancy Powell, and President Susan Ehringhaus.

This senior musical group is composed of girls wearing clod pants and madras shirts and playing anything from tamberines to home-made wash boards. Each year the group plays for the school at assemblies and also at many other school social functions. There is also a demand for these girls to play at functions occurring away from the campus. Already this year the Cold Cuts have been asked to play at a

St. Mary's Finds Pam "All American"

To this reporter's surprise, no Spanish dictionary or interpreter was needed in interviewing St. Mary's new girl from Panama. Pam Newberry is as American as any other St. Mary's girl.

"People expect me to wear nose rings and run around in skins," was Pam's distraught remark. "You'd think I were some sort of Aborigine or something," Pam, however, lived in North Carolina until she was fifteen when her parents moved to Brazil. Naturally, a few years in the jungle haven't turned her completely savage, and she does have a phobia about those twelve inch jumping spiders!

Living in the interior took a lot of adjusting. Not only did she have to learn Portuguese, but her parents allowed no spoken English, so Pam had to more or less "socially adjust." Obviously, she conformed.

Since Brazil does not abound in educational institutes, Pam's parents sent her to the Canal Zone to live with her aunt and uncle, where she went to the Balboa School and Canal Zone College, the third best high school in the United States, during her senior year.

When asked about her social life, she remarked, "Who has time for social life in the third best high school in the United States?"

Actually if one wants to date before she is twenty-one, she has to take along two or three brothers or uncles. "This doesn't handicap the natives, however," Pam comments. "You wouldn't believe some of the sombrero parties they have."

"It really isn't too foreign in the Canal Zone," she said, "but those riots are rather harrowing." The Panamanians are having a revolt about the American flag, and in protest demonstrate rather violently. Living only two blocks from the border presents a rather dangerous situation. "We had to have all sorts of Civil Defense drills," Pam said, "and would go in the basement and pump the air hoses. It was great fun."

Pam is really grateful to be back on the mainland near all her old friends and family. "I really love St. Mary's. It's so good to be able to talk to people again."

luncheon at the Carolina Country Club, at a Boy Scout Jamboree, at Dix Hill, and at several fraternity houses in Raleigh and in Chapel Hill.

Summertime is travel time and several of our teachers took advantage of this summer to take extensive trips.

Many Cities Claim St. Mary's Debs

During the summer, various Belles of St. Mary's made their first formal bow to society, and became officially "young ladies." The North Carolina State Debutante Ball in Raleigh, sponsored by the Terpsichorean Club, claimed the largest number of St. Mary's girls. They are: Katherine Duncan, Inez Coke, Gaye Harris, Eleanor Stowe, Betsy Ross, Terry Barnes, Janie Judd, Macon Remsburg, Kim Marsden, Tay Ashford, Susan Ferebee, Mary Stallings, Nancy Baker, Mary B. Ball, Susan Becton, Glenda Bowers, Susan Ehringhaus, Elsie Ives, Elizabeth Ponton, Janie Stronach, Sally Strong, Susan Strong, Aryne Weeks, Martha Weeks, Judy Perry, Anne Cheatham, Kate Smoot, Ann Hundley, Beverly Bailey, and Alexa Draxler. Ann Hundley and Tay Ashford had the added distinction of being assistant leaders.

Other debutante balls in the South this summer, where St. Mary's girls came out, were: Chattanooga, Pam Allison and Jane DeLoach; Greensboro, Mary Hart Ellison, Betty O'Bryan, and Marilyn Stadler; Richmond, Anne Chapman and Burwell Reid; Sanford, Cindy Schwartz; and Charlotte, Mary Quern. At the Shelby Sub-Debutante Ball, Linda Connelly and Betsy Rudisill were presented, and at the Sub-Debutante Ball in Lexington, Perry Grimes, Jackie Myers, and Martha Hardee made their bow to society.

Later on during the year, the following girls will also be presented: Gwen Nolan, Spartanburg; Ginny Willets, Durham; Jane Thompson, Orlando; Peachy Lee, Florence; Kathy Cannon, Charleston; Sue Spangler, Danville; Ellen Scurry, Columbia.

Sigma-Mu Cheerleaders Selected

Following tryouts yesterday in the gym, the new cheerleaders for the two athletic teams were chosen. The new Mu cheerleaders are Hannah Vaughn, Ruggie Gooding, Nancy Hicks, Martha Blanchard, Martha Hoot, Ann Adair, Tully Crockett, and Eva Lister. The Sigmas cheers will be led by Audrey Well, Charlotte Smith, Jackie Myers, Jan Robinson, Sandra Gizzard, Dixie Thomas, Ann Conrad, and Carol Summerlin.

Miss Lou Jones traveled to Israel for the months of July and August as Raleigh's Community Ambassador. She first went to the Peace Corps Institute in Vermont for training. From there she went to Greece, Israel, and Jordan with eleven other Americans.

Miss Jones remarked that Israel is a land of contrasts. People from a hundred nations now live in Israel, and they speak seventy different languages. They are held together by a common bond, the Old Testament.

Mrs. Sterling Nicholson took a group of seventeen girls and boys on a seventy-day tour of Europe. They visited fifteen countries including Communist Yugoslavia. Mrs. Nicholson plans to take another group next year.

Miss Teresa Barling went to Alaska this summer to teach Vacation Bible School for the Episcopal Church. She was joined by sixteen college men and women and they were flown to Fort Yukon for training. Along with teaching, they went into the individual homes to conduct family worship. Miss Barling remarked that the priests were a great help both spiritually and practically.

Dr. and Mrs. Browne also made a trip this summer. They traveled to Puerto Rico, where they visited their daughter who is a doctor there.

New French Teacher Joins Staff

This year St. Mary's has a new member of the French department, Miss Ann Eliza Brewer. Miss Brewer was raised in Wake Forest, where her father was dean of Wake Forest College. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree at Meredith College and a Master of Arts degree at Columbia University. She has also studied a year at the Sorbonne in Paris and has done graduate work at Duke University.

Before coming to St. Mary's, Miss Brewer taught at Brenau College in Georgia for thirty years and at Meredith College for two years.

Miss Brewer is an ardent philatelist. She says that she learns a great deal about the people of other countries and their history from stamps. Also she is an avid sports fan. Miss Brewer says, however, that most of her spare time is spent in church activities. She is a Sunday School teacher at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Miss Brewer finds St. Mary's a "lovely, friendly place with a distinctive Southern atmosphere." She added, "It is a delightful place to work."