

New Swimmers Are Added To Sea Saints

Sea Saints tryouts were held in the gym on Thursday, October 3, to select new members for the organization. Eleven new members were chosen for the Sea Saints on the basis of their own individual style in swimming and their aquatic abilities. The following swimming styles had to be demonstrated by each girl: the front crawl with head out of the water, the back crawl, the breast stroke with head out of the water, the side stroke, a surface dive, the back dolphin, the front dive, and the ballet leg.

The new members chosen are:

Ellen Jones, Carol Fletcher, Frances Knight, Shirley McCaskill, Bobsie Hall, Louise Rose, Helen Knight, Nina Andrews, Florence Leatherberry, Laura Eustler, and Susan Leete.

Sallie Adams, Pattie Grier, Ginger Maupin, and Kay Van Doren will also swim for the Sea Saints again this year.

The swimming club, which plans to have the annual swim pageant in February, meets every Thursday at 3:45. Mrs. Robert Bradburn is the instructor.

Music Groups Hold Tryouts

New members of the St. Mary's Glee Club and Choir have been chosen for the 1963-64 session. Selection was based on the try-outs held in the voice studio.

New members of the Glee Club are Letitia Baker, Betsy Brown, Carol Erskine, Lyllian Gray, Ruggie Gooding, Sally Hill, Randel Jones, Hetti Johnson, Libby Keller, Susan Leete, Julia Anna Leigh, Richie Lucas, Shirley McCaskill, Annie Lee Mobley, Dottie Nahikian, Susan Osborne, Jo Rand, Beth Sanders, Jeanne Smith, Linda Stott, Carolyn Thomas, Cile Wallace, Jackie Walker, Ginny Willets, Jane Williams, and Judy Williams.

The Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Geraldine Cate, will sing at several school assemblies and concerts this year. Plans are underway for the club to attend a collegiate "sing" at Greensboro in the spring.

New members of the Choir are Letitia Baker, Charlotte Blackwell, Elizabeth Carrington, Cris Gouboud, Lawton Davis, Ruggie Gooding, Sally Hill, Elizabeth Keller, Susan Key, Julia Anna Leigh, Mary Melcher, Joan Muchmore, Judith Parker, Emaly Pemberton, Ginny Schaum, and Janie Williams.

The Choir, under the direction of Mr. Russell Broughton, not only will lead the hymns during church and chapel, but also will sing an offertory anthem at the Sunday morning services.

Dramatics Club Organizes

The Dramatics Club of St. Mary's held its first meeting of the new school year Wednesday, September 25, in the school auditorium, at which time Beverly Bailey and Leah Osgood were elected to serve as president and secretary, respectively, of the club. These officers, together with Mrs. E. L. Stamey, dramatics advisor, have already begun work on launching plans for what may prove to be one of the most successful years the Dramatics Club has ever known. Mrs. Stamey said that the enthusiasm of the students this year is very strong, and that "more have shown an interest in the Dramatics Club this year than in the past. We have over ninety members already."

This year many varied activities are being included in order to give each of the club's members some experience in the facet of dramatics which she prefers. Acting is just one of the many phases of the theater; others such as lighting, make-up stage managing, directing costuming, soundings, and play reading are just as important, and the Dramatics Club plans to present all of these to interested members in the forms of workshops. One such workshop will be under the direction of the Raleigh Little Theater for those especially interested in make-up.

Another workshop now in progress is in the form of two short plays which will be given as soon as they are ready for the club and other interested students. These plays give members not only opportunity in acting, but also in directing. Letitia Baker is the student director for *The Sandbox*, and Angie Chalfont will direct a scene from *The American Dream*.

Both of these plays were written by Edward Albee, who is one of the leaders of the Theater of the Absurd, of the "Avant Garde" Theater, a modern school of theater with which the Dramatics Club will be mainly concerned this year.

Other than these small skits, the club always gives two major productions a year. The play to be given first semester is a comedy and will be presented the week before the Thanksgiving holidays. This play will be announced later, and tryouts will be open to all interested. The male characters for such a production are played by members of the Raleigh Little Theater, State College, and occasionally Broughton High School students. This gives the girls a chance to work with experienced actors.

A number of social events are also being planned for the club; among these are cast parties and picnics for the entire Dramatics Club.



Mass Confusion? . . . No, just the Sigma-Mu pep rally.

SIGMA-MU GETS UNDERWAY

The traditional Sigma-Mu party, held in the gym Thursday, October 3, began again the sports year at St. Mary's. At approximately 9:15 p.m. the silence of closed study was broken by enthusiastic

yells and loud noises, as Letter Club members and several seniors rushed on the halls to inform the new girls whether they were a Sigma or a Mu.

The new girls were then led to the gym where a pep rally was held to incite team spirit and to renew the Sigma-Mu rivalry. During the year these two teams compete for the athletic plaque which is given to the team which has accumulated the most points.

After the cheers subsided, the program began as Helyn Watson, president of the Letter Club, introduced the following officers of the two teams: Monica Gouboud, president of the Sigma team; Marilyn Stadler, president of the Mus; Liza Sory, vice-president of the Sigmas; and Martha Weeks, vice-president of the Mus. Miss Lou Jones, the physical education teacher, was also introduced. As the finale of the evening, the Cold Cuts provided entertainment.

Ann Day Named Semifinalist

Ann Dorsey Day, a sophomore at St. Mary's and winner of last year's Cooper Medal, is a semifinalist in the 1963-64 National Merit Scholarship competition. Suzi Nagels, also a sophomore, received a Letter of Commendation.

This test of educational development was given in more than 16,500 high schools last March. The semifinalist group is composed of the highest-scoring students in each state and in the United States territories. The Letters of Commendation are awarded to the 32,000 students in the country for their outstanding performance on the tests.

About April 23, 1964, the names of the Merit Scholars will be announced, the exact number depending on the extent of sponsor support of the Merit Program. In 1963 NMSC and sponsors together awarded about 1,500 Merit Scholarships.

Dance Groups Elect Members

ORCHESIS

Orchesis, the honorary dance society at St. Mary's, has elected seven new members. They are Donnie Slade, May Montague, Anne Chapman, Frances Lewis, Meg Graham, Susan Dixon, Jeanie Garnett, Nancy Powell, and Mary Stuart Dent. Orchesis is under the direction of Mrs. Doris Bailey and is made up of girls who are picked for their proficiency in dance and choreography. There are three old girls remaining in Orchesis this year. They are Jane DeLoach, president; Suzi Nagel, secretary - treasurer; and Harriet Williams.

Orchesis presents the annual May Day Program, a dance drama in the fall, and many other programs both on and off campus.

CAPERETTES

The other dance society at St. Mary's is the Caperettes, a tap dance group organized last year under the direction of Mrs. Bailey. The Caperettes are headed by Mary Block, president, and Carolyn Broun, secretary-treasurer.

The Caperettes have elected Beverly Bailey, Elsie Barnes, Anne Chamberlain, Alexa Draxler, Martha Hardee, Ibbey Pollard, Jan Query, Carole Stephenson, Stephanie Swain, Kathryn Symons, Mary Meyers, Diane Martin, and Sue White as their new members.

The Caperettes present a dance in the May Day program. This year they plan to teach dancing in a junior high school.

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