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CLASSES ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Dent, Mayer, Sabiston Are Presidents

Statistics Tell Story

St. Mary's opened this year with a capacity enrolment of 382 students. Twenty-eight per cent of them are in the high school department and 72 per cent are in the college. There are 109 seniors, 166 juniors, 46 sophomores, 53 freshmen, and 8 commercial students. In comparison, last year began with 378 students, 130 of whom were seniors, 145 juniors, 49 sophomores, 46 freshmen, and 8 commercial.

C.C.U.N. Hosts Peace Corps Representative

Mr. Jerry Garthe, former Peace Corps volunteer, spoke to the St. Mary's C.C.U.N. on Wednesday, November 6, about his experience in the Peace Corps.

The C.C.U.N. received Mr. Garthe as a dinner guest Wednesday evening after which he spoke to the group for forty-five minutes.

Mr. Garthe spent two years in Chile as a member of the Peace Corps. His work consisted of two main parts. During the first eleven months he helped Chilean farmers by assisting them in setting up cooperative systems of purchasing and selling in order that they would make more profit from their produce. He went on to work with the forestry department in setting up a national park in the beautiful southern region in Chile. Others in his group did a variety of activities. Many of the girls taught home economics in Chilean schools; however, there was a variety of other areas of work.

The Peace Corps notified Mr. Garthe that he had been accepted in the corps shortly after he returned to his California home after having graduated from college in Idaho. He believes that the reason he finally decided to apply was that such work presented a great challenge. He had had previous experience in working in forestry since he had worked during several summers for the forestry department. He returned in August, 1963, and is now working on his Master's degree at N. C. State, where he has been sent by the Ford Foundation.

Sixty-five of the girls are day students, but the other 317 hail not only from different sections of North Carolina, but also from 21 other states and one foreign country. As usual North Carolina takes the lead, claiming 276 girls. Virginia runs a poor second with 40 girls, and South Carolina comes close behind her with 34. Thirteen students hail from Florida, and Georgia and Alabama each claim ten. Seven girls come from Tennessee, and two come from Maryland, New York, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Mississippi and Texas each claim one girl. St. Mary's is also privileged this year to have one student from the Canal Zone.

For many of these students the beginning of school meant not only orientation and getting settled but also SCAT placement tests. In spite of the tension of that first week, several girls managed to make excellent scores. Out of the junior class, Michele Hill, Marcille Pritchett, and Harriet Jeffress ranked in the 96-98 percentile band on the combined verbal and math tests. Margaret Burgwyn ranked highest in the freshman class with a score of 98-99, and close behind her come Elisabeth Keller and Joan Wickham, who ranked in the 97-99 percentile band. Three sophomores, Kathie Lou Childers, Ann Dorsey Day, and Hetti Johnson all ranked in the 99-99.5 band. Although seniors did not take the tests this year, Bet Taylor, who scored in the 99-99.6 band, placed first on last years tests. Panthea Twitty followed close behind her with a score in the 98-99.1 band.

This year eighty members of the junior class were from the top quarter of their high school classes. Three girls scored in the 650-699 bracket on the math SAT test, and two scored in that bracket on the verbal test. Marcille Pritchett scored in the 650-699 bracket on both tests and came out the highest in the junior class with a combined score of 1308.

St. Mary's can also be proud of its alumnae, for 100% of the graduates from the high school department and over 90% of the junior college graduates continued on to college.

The remainder of the classes officially organized this week with the election of their officers. The Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman Classes elected their class leaders during the time allotted for Assembly on November 5 and 7.

Glee Club to Participate in Concert

Eleven students from St. Mary's will contribute their vocal skill to a concert which is to be presented jointly by participants from St. Mary's, Meredith College, and North Carolina State, accompanying the Schola Cantorum of New York, on November 14, 1963, at the Reynolds Coliseum. This will be part of the Friends of the College concert series.

St. Mary's will be represented by eleven girls, while Meredith has ten students working on the program, and twenty students from N. C. State will provide the male voices in the group. The eleven St. Mary's students contributing their efforts are those which comprise the St. Mary's Ensemble. These girls are as follows: Elizabeth Bird, Gretchen Craig, Alice Gann, Annie Lee Mobley, Dottie Sue Nahikian, Betsy Phifer, Marian Purell, Jeanne Smith, Tiki Soper, Dottie Walters, and Jane Williams.

The Schola Cantorum is a professional vocal group from New York, which will be making a special appearance in Raleigh. On the concert program for the Schola Cantorum will be the "Cryes of London" by Orlando Gibbons, a sixteenth century English composer, choruses from the oratorio *Solomon* by Handel and other choruses from Leonard Bernstein's *Candide*. The Schola Cantorum will sing other selections which will not be accompanied by students from the three Raleigh schools, but which will be accompanied by the Duke orchestra.

JUNIORS

Leading the Junior Class this year will be Mary Stuart Dent, who was elected president. Monica Goubaud was elected vice-president. The new Junior Class Honor Council representatives are Diane Ricks, Perry Grimes, and Mike Hill.

Mary Stuart is an old girl from Jacksonville, Florida. A member of the Beacon last year, she is currently a member of the Orchesis. Monica is currently president of the Sigmas, while Diane served last year as the Sophomore Class representative to the Honor Council. Mike is a new girl from Arlington, Virginia, and Perry acted last year as representative to the Legislative Body. The remainder of the Junior Class officers are to be elected next week.

SOPHOMORES

The Sophomore Class elected Ella Reese Mayer as its president, Candy Carr, vice-president, Karen Oetjen, secretary, and Mary Ann King, treasurer. Alice Tripp is the new Honor Council representative. Serving as the Sophomore representative to the Legislative Body is Ann Dorsey Day, who represented the Freshman Class last year. Jane Roughton is the class dance marshal.

FRESHMEN

The Freshman Class will be headed this year by old girl Kinsey Sabiston. Lucille McKee of Raleigh will serve as vice-president. The secretary of the class is Sandy Beck of Thomasyville, while Margaret Stevens of Shiloh will assume the duties of treasurer. Gray Anderson of Raleigh was chosen as the Legislative Body representative. The freshman dance marshal is Jane Williams of Warrenton.

Political Clubs Make Plans

St. Mary's has two political clubs — the Young Republican's Club and the Young Democrat's Club. Both clubs are planning several projects for the year.

Each club has just elected a president. Anne Cheatham is president of the Young Democrats, and Martha Wright is president of the Young Republicans. The Y.D.C. is planning on electing its remaining officers within the next few weeks. The Y.R.C. nominating committee is meeting to nominate

their remaining officers, to be elected within the next week or so.

The Young Republicans are hoping to have speakers throughout the year to discuss current events and the National Republican Party. In addition to other activities the Y.D.C. is planning several picnics.

Both clubs need the active support and participation of everyone at St. Mary's, and both presidents predict a busy year.