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Honor Organizations Elect Members

Circle Taps Three Seniors

Confronting the cold December winds, the Circle walked at midnight, December 9, to take in three seniors. Those inducted were Alice DuPre, Nancy Dame, and Betsy Ross.

Alice, who is from Mt. Pleasant, S. C., participates in many activities at St. Mary's. This year she holds the major office of Chairman of Hall Council. Last year serving as vice-president of the Junior Class, Alice was also a participant in May Day and was a member of the choir.

Hailing from Bethesda, Md., Nancy is currently serving as Secretary of Hall Council. She is also a member of the Altar Guild and is a post office assistant. Last year an active member of the CCUN, Nancy is serving the organization this year as its vice-president.

Betsy, the third new member, is from Concord, N. C. Filling the position of Editor of the BELLES, she is also a member of the Cold Cuts and the Granddaughters' Club. Active in athletics, Betsy is a member of the Letter Club.

The purpose of the Circle is to promote a spirit of cooperation

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PLANNED

Glee Club & Orchestras Combine to Give Christmas Concert

Under the direction of Miss Beverly Bailey, the Glee Club and Orchestras groups will combine to present St. Mary's annual Christmas program, which will be held this year on Wednesday, December 18.

Accompanied by Mrs. Beverly Gilliam at the piano, the Glee Club will open the program with several Christmas songs from such great church composers of the sixteenth century as Buxteh-

ude, Bach and Palestrina. Accompanying the choral group will be a string trio, and Betsy Phifer, a senior, will be the soloist.

Of special interest will be the five narrative carols with texts from the Middle Ages, written by Floyd Pfautsch. Rodney Marsh, the first-chair flutist from Needham Broughton High School Orchestra, along with Bob Brantley, drummer, and a junior at State, will also participate in these carols. Marion Purcell is the soloist in this group.

A concert arrangement of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" will end the Glee Club portion of the program. The Vocal Ensemble, a small group chosen from the Glee Club to present special programs, will sing several folk carols. Taking part as soloists will be Gretchen Craig, Jeanne Smith, Jane Williams, Dottie Nahikian, and Julia Anna Leigh.

The Orchestras portion of the Christmas program will be the presentation of **The Littlest Angel** as a dance drama. The narration, under Mrs. Stamey's direction, will be done by Beverly Bailey. This is one of the favorite Christmas stories of Dr. Moultrie Guerry, who is the only honorary member that Orchestras has ever had. When this same story was presented at St. Mary's several years ago, Dr. Guerry advised and worked very closely with Orchestras on the details of the program.

This is the story of a little angel, portrayed by Jane DeLoach, who enters Heaven. She is greeted by the gatekeeper, Harriet Williams, and is helped with her problems in Heaven by Susie Nagel, the understanding angel. The cherub tells this angel that she is bored and has nothing to do in Heaven. So the understanding angel gives the littlest angel permission to have a messenger, (Gaye Harris) sent back to earth to retrieve one of the child's earthly possessions, an old box filled with several of the child's worn playthings.

Soon after this, all the angels in Heaven prepare gifts to give to the Christ Child, who is soon to be born. The only gift the Littlest Angel can give is her old box. Although she is ashamed of such a poor gift, she gives it anyway, and, to the surprise of the other angels, it is chosen by God as the best gift because of the sincerity and genuineness with which the Littlest Angel gave her treasured possession. This gift then signifies the Star of Bethlehem.

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Beacon Walks For Five

Monday night, December 9, the Beacon Club inducted five new members. These new members are Mary Block, Lela Cowardin, Charles Deering, Mary Ann King, and Francis Taylor.

Membership in the Beacon is limited to those girls in the high school department who exhibit qualities of scholarship, leadership, and a high sense of school spirit. Mary Block, from Wilmington, is the president of the Beacon this year; last year she participated in this dance group as well as Dramatics Club, May Day, and BELLES' circulation. For the preceding year Lela Cowardin was Secretary of the Freshman Class, in the choir, Granddaughters' Club, May Day, and the Dramatics Club. Charles Deering from Raleigh has participated in the activities of the day students and is a member of

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Seniors Hold Banquet

At 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 3, the Senior Class of St. Mary's held their annual class banquet at the College Inn. As usual transportation was supplied by the day students. Along with the class members, Dr. and Mrs. Stone, Miss Richardson and Mrs. Nicholson, who is class adviser, were present.

Cindy Schwartz, class president, started the evening off by welcoming class members and guests. Mrs. Stamey, class adviser, and the banquet

The first course was a tossed green salad with choice of dressing and assorted crackers. Following the salad was the main course which consisted of steak, baked potatoes, and various kinds of bread. Sour cream was available to those who wanted it. Although everyone was well satisfied, apple pie a la mode soon followed and was quickly consumed.

After the meal, the entertainment began. A group of girls started off by giving humorous toasts, concocted by some anonymous seniors, to all members of the class. Following the toasts, Gretchen Craig sang "You'll Never Walk Alone." She was unexpectedly called upon by unanimous consent to sing for the last time a song which has been a class tradition for a long time.

Then, much to her surprise, Cindy Schwartz was also called upon to do her comic imitation of a certain math teacher at St. Mary's. But Cindy did not completely get away with it for Martha Weeks did an imitation of her. Following Martha's mimicry, everyone sang "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" to Cindy and the banquet ended on a gay note. Although many returned to study, the girls were allowed to remain out until 10:30.



Christmas Spirit Inevitably Pervades St. Mary's Campus