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## Garden Is Voted Best Dressed

### Sea Saints To Present Musical Myths

The Sea Saints will present their annual water pageant on February 25-26 at 8 P.M. The pageant entitled "Musical Myths," will be narrated by Tiki Soper.

The Sea Saints have tried to make the program original by having all the members of the club contribute their own ideas to the performances. The pageant consists of various acts, each of which has a mythological story as the theme and a modern musical composition as the music.

The first act will be "Creation," which has been adapted to a Ferrante and Teicher melody. The music for "Pandora" will be played by Miss Haig, piano teacher at St. Mary's. "Old Man and the Sea" will be done to a percussion recording, whereas "Cupid and Psyche" will be performed to a Roger Williams song. The music for the act "Persephone" will be that of Ray Coniff. "Hit Themes from Foreign Films" is the album to be used for the background of "Medusa" and "Judgment of Paris." To end the ballet the Sea Saints will present "Feast of the Gods," with the musical background from the album "Giant."

One of the highlights of the evening will be a solo by Sally Adams. Sally will demonstrate a new phase of water ballet never before seen at St. Mary's.

The Sea Saints are making their own costumes which will be both simple and elaborate, depending on the acts. The details of the scenery have not yet been announced; however, it will be unique because it is animated.

Director of the pageant is Mrs. Mona Bradburn. The members are President Sally Adams, Nina Andrews, Laura Eutsler, Carol Fletcher, Patti Grier, Barbara Hall, Ellen Jones, Frances Knight, Helen Knight, Florence Leatherbury, Ginger Maupin, Shirley McCaskill, Louise Rose, and Kay Van Doren.

### Ann Day Named Merit Finalists

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced last week that Ann Dorsey Day had been named as a Merit Scholarship Finalist. This award is a distinction won by approximately 13,000 students—about one-half of one percent of the secondary school seniors in the nation.



Clare

### Seniors Model In Bridal Show

On Tuesday, February 11, Ann Hundley, Aryne Weeks, Clare Garden, Judy Dudley, and Anne Chamberlain participated in a bridal fashion show at the Raleigh Little Theater. The show, which was sponsored by Burton's Department Store, presented five complete wedding sets including trousseau clothes and outfits for the mother of the bride. The models were selected from the May Queens and courts of St. Mary's, Peace, and Meredith, and from local Raleigh women.

Although Aryne Weeks modeled in every set, most girls modeled only one or two outfits. While Anne Chamberlain modeled a white peignoir and a long pink bridesmaid's dress, Clare Garden modeled a blue and an aqua bridesmaid's dress, and Judy Dudley modeled a short pink bridesmaid's dress.

Each set was culminated by the appearance of the bridal outfits which were modeled by the May Queens. The brides appeared under an arch erected on the stage, walked down a ramp to the audience, and threw their bouquets.

The show was climaxed by the blue wedding set in which Ann Hundley modeled the wedding gown. She had the unique honor not only of wearing a special gown purchased from *Mademoiselle*, but also of being escorted by a "groom."

### Clare To Represent St. Mary's In Glamour Contest

St. Mary's student body chose Clare Garden, a senior from Kenbridge, Va., as its candidate for *Glamour Magazine's* contest to find the "Ten Best Dressed College Girls."

Clare has served St. Mary's in a variety of ways and has received many honors. Last year she was treasurer of her Junior Class. This year she is Assembly Chairman, a marshal, and a hall counselor. She is also a member of the May Court, the *Stagecoach* staff, and the Young Democrats Club.

The winners of the contest are chosen on the strength of three photographs and an entry form which must be sent to *Glamour* for final judging. In the three photographs Clare will be dressed in a typical campus outfit, in an off-campus daytime outfit, and in a party dress, either full or cocktail length.

### Valentine's Day Carries Legends

St. Valentine's Day has traditionally been set aside for young lovers to exchange symbols of their affection. Every February 14 the typical St. Mary's girl rushes to her mailbox in hope of receiving a valentine from that "special boy." But who was this St. Valentine, and how did his celebration begin?

Actually the name St. Valentine belongs to three different martyrs, each having his feast day on February 14. One was a Roman priest and doctor who was beheaded in A.D. 269. The second was a bishop who is believed to have been beheaded in A.D. 273. The third was a relatively unknown martyr in Africa.

Although the customs of St. Valentine's Day have little to do with the saints, legends have grown up linking the day of love with these martyrs. Probably the best known of these legends is the one concerning St. Valentine, the Roman priest. Supposedly, the Roman Emperor declared marriage illegal because the men were thinking more of their wives and families than of going to war. St. Valentine married lovers in secret, but his illegal action was discovered, and he was beheaded. Thus the young lovers declared February 14 a day to celebrate love, in honor of their martyr.

Although these legends are interesting there are two more probable explanations concerning the customs of Valentine's Day. Some think that St. Valentine's Day is a survival of a Roman festival on February 15. Others link the celebration with the medieval belief that at the start of the second fortnight in February birds began to mate.

Whatever the explanation for St. Valentine's Day, the fact remains that it has become an important day in the lives of millions of young lovers.

*Glamour* will first select a group of semi-finalists and from these girls will select the ten winners. The "Top Ten" will be notified in April and will be photographed for the August issue. Honorable mention winners will be featured in a fall issue.

The ten winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York in June. There they will be presented in an annual College Fashion Show to the leaders of the fashion industry. Their other activities will be varied. They will visit cultural centers, see the World's Fair, attend the theater, and go to teas, cocktail parties, and dinners.

In addition, the winners will receive many gifts. Last year's winners received such things as watches from Sheffield, Rugby sweaters, and rings from Coro. All winners had their hair re-styled by Mr. Kenneth. Later they took trips to different parts of the globe. These trips were featured in *Glamour*.

*Glamour* is sponsoring this contest in order to impress upon college women the fact that good looks and a good mind are important goals in these highly competitive times.

### Judy Dudley Elected Dance Marshal

At a recent Senior Class meeting Judy Dudley was elected to serve the class as the Chief Dance Marshal. In this position she will assist any of the other classes in planning their class dances.

A senior from Washington, N. C., Judy is a member of Hall Council and the *Belles* staff. Last year a participant in May Day, she was elected to the Court this year.