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News In Brief

Pershing Rifles "Guard" St. Mary's

Sophomore Sandwich Sale

The class of '67 had a very successful sandwich sale last Friday night, February 5. They made the sandwiches themselves, ranging from peanut butter and jelly to grilled cheese. The girls went from hall to hall after study hall selling their sandwiches and boosting their treasury.

Tea Party

Sunday afternoon Dr. Morrison invited her English History students to her apartment for tea and refreshments. There were two groups of girls arriving from 3:15 to 5:15.

Sea Saints Program

For many months the Sea Saints of St. Mary's have been planning and practicing for their program which will be given February 22 and 23. The students are invited to watch the swimming exhibitions shown both nights in the gym.

Freshman-Sophomore Dance

Big plans are underway for the winter formal being given by the Freshmen for the Sophomores on February 20. The chairmen are busy with their projects, hurrying to have them ready by deadline-time. The invitations have been sent and the combo has been chosen; now all that is needed is a little of that ingenuity and work.

Merit Finalist

Elizabeth Anderson Keller from Clayton, N. C. who is a sophomore at St. Mary's has recently been awarded a Certificate of Merit by the National Scholarship Corporation. This certificate signifies that she has advanced from the Semifinalist to the Finalist state of the Merit Program. Elizabeth is among a group of about 14,000 Finalists from all over the United States. It is from this group of Finalists that the 1965 Merit Scholars will be selected. To be named a Merit Finalist is a great honor; congratulations Elizabeth!

Miss North Carolina to Appear

On Tuesday morning, February 16, Miss North Carolina, Sharon Finch, will speak at assembly in the St. Mary's auditorium. Sharon is from Thomasville, N. C., and she graduated from St. Mary's in 1962.

Goings On Around Raleigh

The "movie theme team" Ferante and Teicher will give a concert in Raleigh on Friday, February 12 at 8:00 p.m. They will appear at Reynolds Coliseum on the North Carolina State College campus. Ferante and Teicher are best known for their recordings of themes from recent movies such as "Exodus," "The Apartment," and "Cleopatra." Their program will include movie themes, popular songs of yesterday and today, and the "pop" classic. The duo has been called "the most exciting piano team of our time" by a New York critic.

Administration Rates Thanks

A Saturday without classes is likely to be spent sleeping, relaxing, and having fun. But not at St. Mary's on Saturday, January 23, before exams. Alarms were ringing long before noon that day. The faculty was generous to give the students a Reading Day to prepare for exams.

Not only did the students have Saturday morning free to study, but also they could study for exams Friday night, instead of preparing for Saturday classes. Also this extra time allowed girls a little more time to sleep, after studying late each day. Some teachers came to the campus to be available in case students needed extra help. Some forums and discussions were also held that morning. The students certainly appreciate the teachers' consideration and generosity.

Students were asked to give their ideas about the success of this Reading Day. Some of the comments are given below.

Alice Purdie said, "I thought it was a great idea; it should be continued."

"We should all thank the Administration for giving us the extra time for preparing for exams," commented Susan Kip.

Jackie Myers added, "It was wonderful because it gave us a little more time to study."

"I enjoyed it and thank the teachers for making it possible," said Robbie Leach.

Louise Bauer commented, "I appreciate the teachers' giving us the extra time and then being available for extra help."

"I think Reading Day was an excellent idea. It gave us a chance for one day of uninterrupted study, and I think everyone took full advantage of this opportunity" was Ruth Little's idea of this Saturday.

"It gave me a chance to organize my material for exams," said Jody Burton. "By getting through my classes early, I had a chance to organize. There was uninterrupted study and so there was much less noise on the hall."

Nancy Russell explained, "Because of the length of time, the pressure was not as great. It gave one a chance to compose himself for the oncoming week."

Cheryl Koenig expressed the wish to have another Reading Day second semester.

Perhaps the good results of the Saturday Reading Day can best be summed up by Betsy Wilson, who said that without it, "I would have flunked my English exam!"

Contrary to popular belief, St. Mary's is not forming a ROTC company. Some students were beginning to wonder with all the military goings-on on St. Mary's front campus, Thursday, February 4. It seems that the Pershing Rifles of North Carolina State took it upon themselves to guard St. Mary's portal from twelve noon until three o'clock in the afternoon. Observations proved that it was not St. Mary's that needed protection but the victimized guards!

Actually the entire procedure was part of a week long initiation of pledges by company L-4 of the National Society of Pershing Rifles. Pershing Rifles is the tri-service, Army, Navy, Air Force, military fraternity at State. As a fraternity they abide by all State fraternity rules, differing from other fraternities only in that they do not have a house. Aside from routine military drills, war games, and instructions in military manner, the Pershing Rifles travel to drill meets in New York, Cincinnati, and Georgia as well as receive invitations from such events as the Rose Bowl and Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

The military display here at St. Mary's was to be a test of each individual pledge's ability to handle himself in a proper military fashion in any situation. In this case it was heavy warfare, because St. Mary's students were more than willing to offer assistance to test human endurance. Lipstick, shaving cream, blush-on, mira-col, and feminine flirtations were some of the more popular weapons of the girls while the pledges could only stand at attention, as the girls passed over the threshold, and bear the on-slaught without smile or cringe.

While bearing the attack of numerous participants, the pledges were under constant verbal fire from fraternity officers. Some of the questions

and memorized answers were especially amusing: How is a cow? She walks, she talks, she's full of chalk; the lactic fluid extracted from the female of the bovine species is highly prolific to the n'th degree. When asked what is ecstasy, a battle worn pledge answered, "Sir, it is the feeling that I feel when I feel a feeling that I never felt before." Occasionally a ready answer to some of the questions failed to be available and the pledge would reply, "Sir, my cranium, consisting of Vermont marble, African ivory, and volcanic lava, covered by a thick layer of case hardened steel forms an impenetrable barrier to all that seeks to impress itself on the ashen tissue of my brain. Hence, the effulgent and ostentatiously effervescent phrases just now directed are reiterated for my comprehension have failed to penetrate and permeate the seniferous force of my atrocious intelligence. In other words I am very, very dumb and do not understand, sir."

All pledges who survived the war games held the day after their ordeal here at St. Mary's will become brothers on February 13 at the fraternity's annual dance held at the Plantation Inn.

The Pershing Rifles extend thanks to St. Mary's for its co-operation and to the students (especially Jesse James, Gail Hunter, and Jean Muchmore) for their commendable conduct during the test.

