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St. Mary's To Use 5-Day Schedule

FACULTY PASSES SENIOR PROPOSAL

Monday, December 9 was an important day in the history of St. Mary's. It was on this day that the St. Mary's faculty voted to adopt the senior class' proposal for a five day week.

The senior class decided early in the school year to adopt the project of eliminating Saturday classes and thus, working on a new schedule for a workable five day week. A steering committee was picked from the class to direct the work of the project. The committee was made up of Sealy Cross, Suzy Rapp, Julie Badger, Beth McLean, Bonnie Jones, Cathy Canady, and Susan Johnson. The senior class presented two previous schedules to the class. However, in both schedules there were numerous conflicts resulting from the biology labs overlapping into other classes. The labs were the pivotal point around which the schedule had to be worked. The fact that there is only one room in which biology labs can be held dictated the fixing of the schedule.

A third schedule was presented to the Curriculum Committee on November 11 by representatives of the senior class to review and present the proposal to the faculty. Present at this meeting were all departmental heads, teachers, and interested students. Several problems were brought up, and it was decided that the seniors and the Curriculum Committee would work to iron out any faculty problems before the plan was presented at the December faculty meeting. The essentials of the proposal are as follows:

1. Starting date — second semester.
2. School days start at 8:00 instead of 8:30.
3. MWF schedule unchanged except that chapel moved to 8:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays (10:30-11:00 free on Friday).
4. Saturday classes discontinued.
5. Tuesday-Thursday classes changed to 1½ hours in lieu of one hour classes. Cuts are limited to two.
6. Half hour gaps beginning at 12:30 and 2:30 placed in the schedule to accommodate labs.

Each teacher was sent a schedule to determine the acceptability of the new hours and to obtain comments. This was also to determine conflicts with teacher's activities outside St. Mary's, such as faculty teaching at other schools



SENIOR STEERING COMMITTEE: Suzie Rapp, Sealy Cross, Bonnie Jones, Cathy Canady, Beth McLean and Susan Johnson. (Julie Badger—Not Pictured.)

or taking courses at State or Carolina.

As a result of the schedule change problems did arise. Therefore there were adjustments to the basic proposal:

1. Art — Tuesday-Thursday classes will be changed to two 1½ hour sessions instead of the one 1 hour and one two hour session.

2. Social Science
 - a. One of Mrs. Stoop's American history classes was eliminated. The students shifted to other sections, same teacher
 - b. One of Dr. Morrison's high school classes was moved to 8:00 from 9:30—two students had to switch classes, same teacher.

3. Mathematics — Mr. Lawrence's Tuesday-Thursday Calculus stays on the 3 one hour sessions by adding a Monday from either 1:00-2:00 or 3:00-4:00—two students had to shift biology labs—same teacher.

4. Foreign languages—The same arrangement was made as in the calculus for intermediate French and Spanish.

Last Monday the schedule was presented at the faculty meeting by the Curriculum Committee as a student proposal. The student's appraisal included the following good points for the change:

1. On Monday through Thursday there will be more intellectual atmosphere when students realize Saturdays are free. This would eliminate the lack of preparation for the present Saturday classes.
2. With the 5-day schedule, free time is left for class, committee or

advisee meetings, student-teacher conferences, and organization of material before next class on Friday 10:30-11:00 and on Tuesday and Thursday—12:30-1:00 and 2:30-3:00. The break between 12:30-1:00 will permit all students to eat.

3. This will reduce class cuts under present schedule. The students use all their cuts in the TTS classes on Saturday.

The students' cons on the proposal mainly consisted of the question of whether students would take the responsibility of the added work. Nine students have four classes on Tuesday and Thursday. This does not include the language, history, and math classes that will be changed.

The Curriculum Committee then presented its appraisal of the proposal:

1. The proposal did not take into consideration the subject matter. In intermediate languages the student can better learn the language by hearing the language spoken at 3 different times than just two times a week. In math, the students can absorb more math in 3 sessions with homework than with two 1½ hour sessions and homework.
2. The schedule was broad enough to avoid switching students to different teachers. Only two students (Dottie Scardon and Ginger Rogers) had to switch teachers.
3. If problems do result from the schedule during the second semester, it is flexible enough so

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PRIDIE CLARK CHOSEN AS 1969 MAY QUEEN

This week elections for May Queen and her Court have been held at S. M. J. C. Miss Pridie Clark, a senior from Fayetteville, was elected May Queen. Pridie is Vice President of Student Government this year, serves on the honor board, is a hall counsellor and a member of the granddaughters club. She is also president of the leg. body. Pridie was a member of the May Court last year.

Members of the Court were announced in assembly Thursday. Elected Maid of Honor was Miss Josie McCall, a senior from Baltimore, Maryland. This year Josie is a marshal and a hall counsellor.

Senior representatives on May Court are Mardy Gray, Anne Harrell, Patricia Little, Mary Morrison Pennington, and Wendy Soper. Mardy, a four year girl from Whiteville, is head marshal, and a counsellor this year. She has also been a sophomore and junior representative on May Court, the sophomore dance marshal, and a member of Y. R. C. Anne, from Edenton, is a marshal and also plays the sticks in the Cold Cuts this year. Patricia, from Greensboro, is secretary-treasurer of student government, serves on the honor board and is a hall counsellor this year. She has participated in Y.W.C.A. and the altar guild. Mary Morrison, from Tarboro, is president of student government, a member of the tennis team, sigma-mu, letter club, circle, and a hall counsellor this year. Wendy, from Atlanta, Georgia, is a marshal and a hall counsellor this year.

Junior members of the May Court (Continued on Page 6)



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