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Architect's rendering of new President's House.

## PISANIS TO MOVE ON CAMPUS

On July 15, ground was broken for a structure that is to be very vital to the St. Mary's community. This building is to be the home of President Pisani and his family. Mr. Pisani hopes to move in by February 14 or, at the latest, by mid-March.

The house will be of Georgian-Colonial architecture, with Williamsburg brick used as the building material. It will be quite a large house, with six bedrooms and baths, a kitchen, a breakfast room, a family room, a recreation room, a dining room, and a living room.

The first floor, particularly the living room and the dining room, will serve the Pisanis and St. Mary's in an official capacity. It will have a formal atmosphere and will be furnished in a Queen

Anne-Williamsburg manner with mahogany reproductions. The color scheme will be green and white. The rest of the house will be furnished in Early American. There will be a large recreation room with a pool table where the Pisanis hope to entertain students informally.

To care for this special house and the Pisanis requires special attention. This is the job of Rebecca Houston who came from Virginia with the Pisanis. She has been with them for thirteen years.

Asked why he decided to build on Campus, Mr. Pisani said that he wants to live on campus with the students and to be where the action is. He said that the new house will be open to all St. Mary's girls.

## NEW ACADEMIC COUNSELOR COMES TO ST. MARY'S

Among the new staff members at St. Mary's is Miss Mary Lou Eaton. As academic counselor, Miss Eaton acts as an advisor if any problems concerning grades should arise. She keeps records of student grades and is in charge

of college boards. Semester averages and placement of students on the Honor Roll or on academic probation are also included in her many duties. Miss Eaton also teaches Bible.

Miss Eaton has lived almost all her life in Arlington, Virginia. She graduated from Western Maryland College where she majored in religion and philosophy. After teaching religion for several years at St. Agnes' and St. Margaret's in Virginia, she studied at the Virginia Theological Seminary and received her master's degree. Miss Eaton later returned to St. Agnes' School as an assistant to the academic dean.

Although Miss Eaton has been here for only three weeks, she said that she feels as though she belongs with the girls and faculty because everyone has been so friendly and helpful.



MISS EATON

## STUDENTS GIVEN A VOICE AND A VOTE IN ADMINISTRATION POLICIES

During the first week of school, Mr. Pisani announced his plans for student representation on thirteen committees that had previously been composed only of faculty or board members. Nine committees were limited to seniors, but four were open to all students. Lists were posted and all interested and qualified were encouraged to sign up. Out of the 470 members of the student body, 150 girls did sign. Faculty members and student government officers assisted Mr. Pisani in placing every student who had signed the lists and was not on Academic Probation on a committee. Since all committees must have a majority of faculty members, several committees were limited to a small number of students.

A new committee for the selection of an Academic Dean is headed by Dr. Penick, a board member. The committee members will establish the duties of an Academic Dean and then will begin to find the person to fill the position. The Dean will serve as an assistant to Mr. Pisani and will especially work with the heads of the academic departments.

Mr. Baird is the chairman of the Chapel committee. The members will discuss plans for more meaningful chapel services. They will also study the controversial question of compulsory chapel.

The Catalog committee has already begun work on updating and improving the St. Mary's Catalog. Mrs. Gunn is chairman of this committee.

Mrs. Brown is the chairman of the Library committee which will work to provide the students with a well-equipped, modern library.

The Publicity committee is one of the larger committees and is supervised by Miss Haig. Members will be asked to write articles for the newspapers and perhaps to design pamphlets to be sent to alumnae.

Dr. Morrison is chairman of the Lectures and Concerts committee which will try to bring interesting and cultural programs to the students.

Miss Richardson, Dean of Students, is chairman of the Hospitality committee. Among other duties, the members will show

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## SENIORS ELECT 1969-70 OFFICERS

Seniors held annual elections beginning with an assembly to nominate candidates on September 26. The class voted on September 29, and the winners were announced at a special assembly that night at 6:30. The officers will organize the class in its plans for several parties, assemblies, and the senior dinner at the Angus Barn. This year the seniors will sell UNICEF Christmas cards as a class project.

Beth Denning of Benson, N. C., was elected vice-president. An old girl, Beth served as treasurer of her sophomore class and was a member of the Beacon. She is now a member of the Granddaughters', Dramatics, and Spanish clubs and is a counselor on 2nd Cruik.

Beth Coltrane of Madison,

N. C., was elected secretary. She is on the news staff of the BELLES and is a member of the Granddaughters' club. Beth is also a counselor on 3rd Holt.

Jennie Wiggins, a Wilson, N. C. native, was elected treasurer. She was in the Dramatics club last year and also worked on the STAGECOACH staff. Jenny is a counselor on 2nd Middle Smedes.

Laura Saunders, a native of Plymouth, N. C., was elected dance marshal. She is a member of the Granddaughters', Dramatics, and Spanish clubs. Last year she served on the STAGECOACH staff and was a member of the YDC.



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