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ST. MARY'S ANNOUNCES DECADE OF RENEWAL

Development Plans Include Scholarships, Faculty Benefits, And Physical Plants

Thursday night October 8 was the formal announcement of St. Mary's ambitious new building program, The Decade of Renewal. Dr. Pisani stated that St. Mary's is a set of pluses, such as girls, tradition, a strong academic program, and a strong Christian background, against a set of minuses, such as a deteriorating physical plant, and lack of money for scholarships and faculty chairs.

The needs of St. Mary's are many and great. At the present, St. Mary's depends almost entirely on tuition. Endowments contributed four-tenths of one per-cent of the operating expenses in '68-69. Only by adding \$3,500,000 to the Operating Endowment in this decade can rising cost be met. The Scholarship Fund is also in need of aid. At the present it is virtually impossible for a talented girl who needs financial aid to enroll. If \$435,000 was added to the Scholarship Fund, scholarships could be awarded on the basis of both need and merit. For the faculty, St. Mary's plans to institute a program of salary increments which includes Merit Awards for outstanding teaching, Incentive Study Grants toward advanced degrees, and Annual Cost of Living Review.

The needs of the campus itself are perhaps the most obvious. Plans for renewing the campus call for rebuilding and restoration. Clement Hall will be razed and replaced by a Physical Education Center with Olympic-size pool, dance studio, complete gym, classrooms, and modern showers and dressing rooms, and by a Student center, which will include a large dining room, meeting rooms, offices for student activities, book and supply store, and post office. Other new buildings on campus will be a chaplain's residence, a new dormitory with 200 girl capacity, a new classroom building, and a fine arts center. Smedes will be renovated with the parlors remaining much as they are. The upper floors will be remodeled and used as offices for faculty, administration, and alumnae. The "Wings" will be removed in order to restore Smedes to its original state.

All these improvements are estimated to cost \$7,500,000. Dr. Pisani announced that \$1,100,000 had already been received via three gifts. This money will be used for chaplain's residence, the classroom building, and improvement of old dorms. Plans are now being drawn up for the gymnasium.



Dr. Pisani congratulates guest speaker Rowland McKinley after the formal announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY GIVEN FOR FRIENDS, OFFICIALS OF ST. MARY'S

The Formal Announcement Party given for the Board of Visitors, the Board of Trustees, and friends of the College was held October 8. Student hostesses ushered the guests to the black-tie, candlelit dinner held in the Dining Room at 6:30 P.M.

After dinner, Mr. Henry Witten, Master of Ceremonies, introduced those sitting at the head table - Dr. and Mrs. Pisani, the guest speaker, Rowland McKinley, "Miss R," Dr. Morrison, Catherine Hill, Mary Foy Thomas, and Mr. James Poyner, the

newly-elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The Cold Cuts then sang several of their favorite numbers for the guests.

When the entertainment was over, Dr. Pisani invited the guests and the hostesses to the Auditorium for a program including several songs by the Chorale, the formal announcement of St. Mary's building program, and an address given by Mr. McKinley, Headmaster of the University School in Cleveland, Ohio.



Jean Dodd and Nell Eatman greet Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rankin in the parlor.

SENIOR CLASS CHOOSES DIANE RICKS AS ADVISOR

Friday, October 2, the 1970-1971 senior class advisor was formally announced; she is Miss Diane Ricks.

This is Miss Ricks' second year teaching at St. Mary's. She teaches psychology in both the high school and college departments.

Miss Ricks attended St. Mary's for four years. She was president of the Student Government in the year 1964-1965. She was also a member of the Circle. She then completed four

years at UNC in Chapel Hill. She has also taken courses at the University of Delaware and the University of Hawaii. Her hobbies include painting and writing. In fact, she has just published a book of poetry.

When asked about her new position, Miss Ricks said that she felt very complimented and that she would like to express her thanks to the senior class.



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