

The Belles

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NEW CLASSROOM BUILDING COMPLETED

As St. Mary's newest classrooms, found in the Ragland building, were opened for use November 22, students and faculty had various comments. Most of the reactions were favorable, ranging from "I like the elevators!" to "It's gorgeous, but it sure is cold!"

One student, feeling St. Mary's was due for some changes said, "It's great . . . what we've always needed. And, it is long overdue." According to Mrs. Barnhart, though, some apprehension was seen in the faces of the high school students. She heard several remarks that they would rather be in Smedes with its poor lighting and the roaches!

Ragland, or "Rag", as some students have come to call the building, was christened October 15 during Father-Daughter Day activities, but was not ready for use until November 22. There appear to be several problems, as pointed out by students dealing with the absence of pencil sharpeners and clocks. One girl asked in a tone of dismay, "They are going to get some, aren't they?"

Miss Culley, after thinking for a few moments said, "The facility will be comfortable as soon as the heat is fixed. It is attractive, tasteful, comfortable and conducive to . . . scholarly pursuits." And, while the teachers appear to be enjoying their new offices (at least those who have been able to find desks), there are feuds between many of the girls as they bicker back and forth with, "It's 20 miles from Holt!" and "Yea, but it's right next to Penick!"

For the girls in Holt, have no fear. Maybe some day St. Mary's will be able to build an underground subway between the buildings so you won't have as far to walk. As for those in Penick, just put your head under your pillow, and those taking the shortcut through first Penick won't wake you up! And Smedes? Well, those of us who really love third do not mind walking up 72 steps after each class. Besides, it builds up your leg muscles!

Words Of Wisdom

Faith not only refers to trusting something, but also to having confidence in it, too. This virtue is as difficult to attain as it is retain. But it is necessary to have Faith in only three things.

- Have Faith in yourself.
- Have Faith in people.
- Have Faith in God.

New Beacon Members

The Beacon is an honorary organization in the high school department. Its purpose is to promote a better school spirit, encourage cooperation in all phases of life at St. Mary's, and to support participation in extracurricular activities. Members are chosen from the sophomore class at intervals throughout the school years. A limited number of freshmen are elected in the spring. Academic achievement and service are considered in the selection of members.

New members are Melrose Whitfield, Lauren Jones, Giny Philpott, Ruth Anne White, and Janet Blair.



New Beacon Members.



Faculty Lounge.



Classroom.

THANKSGIVING SHARING A SUCCESS

The vestry is very pleased at the enthusiastic and meaningful response of the student body to our Thanksgiving appeal.

In response to specific cases of need the student body responded to the matching promise of the vestry. From the student's offerings came \$211.45, which was matched by the vestry. The next week we received a \$25.00 check from the parents of one student. The matched funds, with the additional gift, amount to \$427.90.

Some of the money has already been used for these people — the remaining money will go for Christmas gifts and a monthly amount for the family for a few months, and the young girl's portion will go toward paying her hospital bill. Many thanks for your participation.

As Christmas approaches, may each of us remember with thanks the true meaning of this joyous season.

— The Chapel Vestry

become leaders in their communities."

Academic Dean

President of academic affairs.

Becoming interested both in more challenging work and in returning to North Carolina, he came to St. Mary's.

"I've known about St. Mary's all my life," commented Dr. Miller, "mainly from past dating experiences."

Although he has no personal advisees, he says "My job is to help the students graduate. I'd like to help everyone."

Stated Dr. Miller: "I really enjoy being a dean, but I wouldn't want to give up teaching, either. I am thoroughly enjoying every aspect of St. Mary's."

SMC Thespians To Present Play

by Tonia Bryan, II

Tryouts were conducted for the first Drama Club production of the 1973-74 season at St. Mary's on Aug. 28-29. To be performed the week of Father-Daughter Day, the fall production is Sandy Wilson's "The Boy Friend," a delightful musical about a girls' finishing school in France and their love life problems. Set in the 1920's, it is filled with the music and dancing of the time.

Cast as the female lead is Catherine Blankenship portraying Polly Browne. Karen Rose is the fussy headmistress of the school, Madame Dubonnet. Maisie, that "Madcap" school-girl, is represented by Lena Johnson. Other characters include Hortense, Leigh Ann Raynor; Dulcie, Sugar Bryan; Lady Brockhurst, Janet Davis; and as Tony (the Boyfriend) Roy Dicks. The cast also includes Coco Pollard, Beca Bittle, Don Key (a noted Raleigh talent) and members of the chorus.

The production is directed by Harry Callahan, with musical supervision by Michael Bullock.

The president of the Drama Club is Mebane Ham, vice president is Sugar Bryan, secretary is Karen Rose, and Catherine Blankenship is treasurer.