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CIRCLE WALKS — PRESENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANS

By MARGARET STEVENS

Walking for the second time this academic year, the Order of the Circle inducted three new members on November 28.

New inductees into this honorary organization of the college department are Anne Blackwell, Virginia Gayle and Nancy Gregory. Other current Circle members are president Frances Kannon, Amanda Brantley, Cameron Cutting, Nancy McKenzie, Charlie Sloan, Missy Taylor, Elsie Thornhill and Margie Worthington.

The Circle traditionally walks once each of the first three quarters and twice during the last quarter. Only seniors are inducted at the last three ceremonies. Two juniors are inducted in addition to seniors at the fourth ceremony, and two juniors are taken into the group at the final ceremony. The number of seniors chosen each year is determined by the Circle members.

Along with the Beacon, the high school honorary organization, the Circle will sponsor a Christmas party December 11. To feature the Cold Cuts and a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" by Santa Claus, the party will take place in the main parlor of Smedes at 8:00 p.m. All faculty, administration and their families are invited along with the entire student body.

PHI THETA INDUCTEES

By MARILYN THIES

Three new members were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa on December 1st in a thirty-minute ceremony conducted in the library Friday morning. The three new members are Debbie Jolliff, Susan Dill, and Virginia Gayle. The ceremony was performed by Amanda Brantley (President) and Clarke Brinkley and consisted of the three girls taking the honor society's pledge and signing the register.

Chorale Sings Of Christmas

The Chorale's annual Christmas Concert was held Wednesday at 10:30 assembly. Clad in slacks, ski sweaters and scarves, the 38 girls were directed by Miss Cate and Mr. Bulley.

The first three presentations were directed by Miss Cate and consisted of "What Strangers Are These", "Carol of The Bells" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?". Traditionally referred to as the "sacred" part of the program, the Chorale were on risers for the presentation.

Mr. Bulley directed the second half of the concert, as the girls sang to the accompaniment of the piano and Christmas bells. The songs were "It's A Holly, Jolly Christmas," "Christmas Is," "It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year," "Winter Wonderland" and "The Christmas Song."

groups, and innumerable unorganized groupings of people — mostly young.

The faculty advisors form an advisory committee whose function is to provide a contact between the students and the needs of the community. It also helps Virginia Cox, the student coordinator, recruit competent and willing individuals for particular activities.



New Circle members Anne Blackwell, Virginia Gayle, and Nancy Gregory as drawn by Betsy Haywood.

ACTION COMMITTEE

One hundred seventy two SMC students currently are part of the National Student Volunteer Program (ACTION). The student coordinator for this program is Virginia Cox. Mrs. Ricks, Mrs. Hancock, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. King are the faculty advisors. This program is designed to give St. Mary's students an "education in reality" and to give competent assistance to those in the community who want and need it.

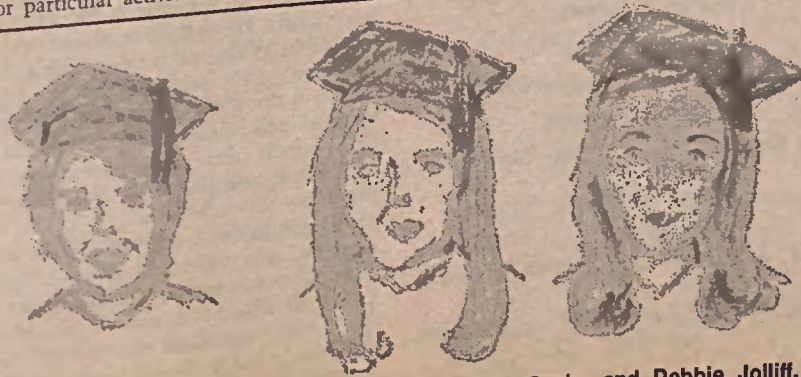
Three types of activity are involved in the volunteer work. One is a therapeutic assistance such as when the students help with swimming at the Governor Morehead School of the Blind and have picnics with local church groups. Another type is educational. Many of the St. Mary's volunteers are tutoring math, reading, and other subjects to public school children at elementary and sixth grade levels. Counseling has also been done at Polk Youth Center, The House, and "charm school" formed by the St. Mary's volunteers. The current activities include assistance to four public schools, three institutions, two church

Vestry Drive Continues

By AMI O'NEILL

In an effort to help share the joys of Christmas with others in the Raleigh community, the Vestry is again this year participating in the annual food drive sponsored by the Interfraternity Council of N. C. State University. The drive in which many other Raleigh colleges, including Peace and Meredith Colleges, participate, was responsible for distributing canned goods to over 600 needy people in the Raleigh area last year.

Participation in this year's drive has not been very responsive at St. Mary's so far. Those who would like to participate are reminded to please place food in boxes which will be left in the chapel through December 10th.



Phi Theta Kappa inductees Susan Dill, Virginia Gayle, and Debbie Jolliff.

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 Bitt, Don Key (a noted Raleigh talent) and members of the chorus.

The production is directed by Harry Callahan, with music supervised by Michael Bulle.

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