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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY IS SUCCESS

By SUZY MAYNARD

After the huge success with the Vestry's Thanksgiving party for the children of the Governor Morehead School, plans for a Valentine Party were made. Monday at 4:00, 40 children arrived for three hours of play, singing and supper.

Nancy Gregory, who was in charge of the party had hopes that it would be as much fun as the last one. She had asked that at least one girl from each hall to be in front of Smedes to meet the school bus—and many more appeared. A scavenger hunt, which included the search for bandaids, empty bottles, acorns and other "easy to find" items followed. Prizes of

bags of candy were given to each child.

Dinner began at 5:00, and Mr. Bud Watkins prepared a feast! While the SMC students take eating in the dining hall for granted, the pleasure and excitement of being in a "college!" was enough to keep a smile on each child's face.

A "Sing" followed dinner. Similar to the Thanksgiving sing, St. Mary's students learned a few new songs! The children also entertained with their dancing abilities.

At 7:00, Mr. Auten, the activities coordinator for the four cottages of children which visited, returned them to the school. It is hoped that this day will be remembered by both the 7 and 18 year olds.

OUTING CLUB PLANS TRIP

Contributed by MR. J. KING

A BACKPACK TRIP

A backpack trip is being planned for the weekend March 3-4-5!! This is the weekend which begins Spring Break. We plan to leave St. Mary's at about 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 3rd, and return to the school at about 6:00 P.M. on Monday, March 5th. There's some five hours of driving each way, and maybe three hours of "packing in" on foot (the same coming out), to a place called Cantrell's Creek Lodge in the Pisgah National Forest just North of the town of Brevard. We'll be there all day Sunday, so bring a camera, some fishing gear, or whatever you like to do in the woods. The trip is limited to ten club members, so sign up early! (if more cars become available later, it can be expanded).

Each individual will be responsible for clothing, sleeping gear, and personal items. The club will assess members going to pay for food, and the food load will be distributed among all packs. There will be a supper/meeting on Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00 P.M. to plan details of equipment and determine who's going. BE THERE! You'll need the attached forms, completed, to go, so start on them as quickly as possible.

Equipment check-off lists will be distributed later. In general, you'll need boots, a pack, sleeping bag, cooking gear, eating gear, proper clothing (it's cold in the mountains in early Spring), and whatever miscellaneous items you feel are worth carrying for three hours.

Happy Valentine's Day!

FRESHMAN SLAVE SALE

By MARGARET STEVENS

Auctioning everything from a dinner for twelve with the Pisani's to a Bikini Brunch with Mrs. Hobbie, the Freshman class conducted a slave sale and carnival January 15. The sale is traditionally the biggest money-maker for the Freshman-Sophomore dance scheduled this year for February 17.

Featuring Auctioneer Gus Lawrence and his costumed "slaves," Corey Hendrix and Geannie Cottingham, the sale took place in Pittman Auditorium from 9:30 until 11:15. It was concluded in assembly January 17.

Netting \$159, the steak dinner with the Pisani's was the evening's biggest sale. Last year the dinner went for \$120. The Wittens' dinner, sold for \$75, was the second highest sale.

Jamie King sold a day's outing for four on his houseboat, which is the largest of its kind on Kerr Lake. The cruise sold for \$52.

Barbie Jordan and Melba Hefelfinger sold themselves to dress up like boys and give a workout designed to "teach girls how to handle a State date." They promised to include all the pros and cons in one evening.

In addition to the slave sale, a carnival and bake sale were conducted the same night. The carnival included a sponge-throw at SGA members and Mr. King, a Cake Walk, White Elephant Sale, and fortune telling.

On stage during the auction were various Freshmen dressed according to what they sold. Dressed as a "tacky" curler-adorned beauty parlor operator, Lindy Edwards sold herself to sell hair and to perform a makeup job.

Another girl sold a "fun-filled weekend of boating, skiing and horseback riding" for three. Other Freshmen sold themselves to clean rooms, teach tennis lessons, and do laundry. Several day students will act as chauffeurs and serve dinners, while some teacher will give hall parties. All freshmen were asked to sell themselves or pay a \$5.00 fine.

"All in all, the slave sale was a very successful venture on the part of the Freshman Class," states class president Melinda Byrd. "It looks as if we easily cleared \$800 in profits," she adds. Melinda explains that the flu epidemic reduced the turnout and thus cut down on the money earned. However, she feels that the profits will be ample to cover expenses for the Freshman-Sophomore dance.



"New Cold Cuts (l. to r.) Betsy Haywood, Anne Miller, Kelly Gravely and Shug Dawson perform"