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Davis Undertakes New Chaplain Duties at SMC

by Gaye Isenhour

Joining our campus family this year is our new chaplain, Mr. Johnny Davis, his wife, Sarah, and his son, John. Mr. Davis came to St. Mary's from Durham where he had served as a chaplain for St. Steven's Church.

Though St. Mary's is new to Mr. Davis, he does have some relative background here — his mother and his wife were both students of St. Mary's at one time.

When asked what he liked

about St. Mary's, Mr. Davis talked on and on, eagerly expressing his joy for his new job. He first noted that the school atmosphere is very pleasant — the girls show a good spirit and a sense of sharing. He also commented on the good participation and singing at the chapel services. It reminded him of his days at the Virginia Theological Seminary where attendance at chapel was also required. The boys complained about having to go, but once they came they realized how

important it was to have everyone together. There was a certain warm feeling in the air. And Mr. Davis feels that warmth at the chapel services here.

Our chaplain is also a religion teacher at the college. He enjoys this part of his job immensely. Teaching has always been a pleasure for him and he feels that he is learning along with his students.

Mr. Davis was very excited on Advisor-Advisee Picnic night when he found out that there

were going to be sports afterwards. He played softball, volleyball, and basketball with the girls and some other advisors. From the smile on his face and the eagerness of his movements, it was easy to see that he thoroughly enjoyed himself. He had always participated in high school sports.

Another thing that Mr. Davis is delighted about is our "state-ly oak trees!" They remind him of his home in Henderson, North Carolina. He even spoke of his wish for having more oak trees planted on the campus.



Mr. Davis

Johnny Davis looks with anticipation toward his years at St. Mary's. He made this statement: "St. Mary's is a tremendously important school because

the girls who leave here will become leaders in their communities."

Mrs. Little Named Assistant Dean

by Beth DeLapp

With the retirement of Miss R. and the promotion of Mrs. Jones to Dean of Students, it was necessary to find a new Assistant Dean of Students. Mrs. Mason Little seems just the person to fill this position. She is responsible for helping Mrs. Jones and "holding down the fort" as housemother in Smedes.

Mrs. Little comes to St. Mary's very well qualified. Before beginning her duties here, she was employed as a housemother at Queen's College, King's College, and Wingate. Queen's was a familiar sight to her for she attended school there and majored in Music. Mrs. Little's other interests range from all kinds of sports (tennis, swimming) to reading and playing bridge.

Several things influenced Mrs. Little's coming to St. Mary's. Since her grandmother attended school here, she has always heard about St. Mary's and

the "young ladies" that attend it. Also, her youngest daughter and son-in-law have recently moved to Raleigh, so being near them had something to do with her coming to Raleigh.

Thus far, Mrs. Little is very impressed and pleased with the school. She has nothing but good things to say about the girls and the staff. The hospitable, friendly atmosphere coupled

with the co-operative, polite girls have made her feel right at home. She senses the enthusiasm and school spirit prevalent here and feels it is good, for as she sees it, "the student body makes the school." No matter how many students pass through the doors of St. Mary's, Mrs. Little thinks that the cultural atmosphere that is here will remain.

13 Sophs Gain Recognition

by Mary Minor Clifton

Taking the new inductees completely by surprise, the SMC High School Honor Society induction was held on Aug. 29.

All possessing a 3.5 QPR for two consecutive semesters and being in good standing at SMC, 13 girls had faculty members escort them from the balcony down to the first floor of the auditorium. Susanne Owens and Beverly Wheeler, two juniors who were members of the society last year, served as advisors to the high school stu-

dents, and assisted in the induction ceremony.

New members of the honor society are Gail Austin, Ann Berry, Lisa Christoph, Janet Davis, Laura Fanjoy, Carey Hendrix, Mary McGranahan, Sally McMaster, Laurene Meir, Margaret Rogers, Leigh Spearman, Patricia Anne Speth, and Bennett Wellons.

Sponsors of the honor society are Mrs. Olivann Hobbie, Miss Judy Oslack, Mrs. Alice Greiner, Dr. Robert Miller and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.

SMC Gains Academic Dean

by Athalia Cooper

Dr. Robert J. Miller, though officially here as the new dean of academic affairs, also acts as biology teacher, advisor, and an "aid in communications" for the students of St. Mary's.

Dr. Miller was born in Dunn, North Carolina; however, he spent most of his life in Whiteville, N. C. He then attended North Carolina State University, where he graduated with a B.S. degree. From there he went to Yale, earning his Master of Science, Master of Forestry, and Doctor of Philosophy.

He then went to Radford College in Virginia. There, Dr. Miller taught biology for eight years and also acted as Vice

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 music supervised by Michael Bulley.

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

14 Girls Chosen For Dance Groups

To perform everything from the old soft shoe to the Highland Fling, new members were recently chosen by each of the advanced dance groups at St. Mary's.

One of these is Caperettes, the tap dance group. Beverly Wheeler is serving as president this year. New additions include freshman Sandra Holt and juniors Francis Creel and Susan Doby.

Orchesis, the ballet and modern dance club, has four new members. Sandra Holt, Cathy Chamblee, and Dana Promin are freshmen, while Terry Messner is a junior. President of Orchesis is Buffy Hazelhurst.

Another clan, the Gilli Calum Dancers, also chose members. Sophomores Karen Hearne and Catherine Blankenship, as well as juniors Tina Blackley and Chris Herring and seniors Lynn Jones, Lee Macatee and Sue Summerhayes joined the Highland dancers. Sukoshi Williamson is president of this newest dance club at St. Mary's. All three groups plan to perform in assembly and May Day festivities as well as at a recital this year.



SEVEN STRONG . . . The original Coldcuts prepare to give their rendition of "Little Darling."

1973 Coldcuts Take First Bows

by Velda Carter

The jingles and jangles that were heard coming from Pittman auditorium the evening of Aug. 28 were the 1973-74 Coldcuts. The Coldcuts' initial performance proved to be the main attraction of the talent show. The audience was quite excited about seeing the new girls in action.

Each year seven lucky girls are chosen to be the original Coldcuts. Two additional tryouts are held to induct more

girls. This year's president is Julie Parker. Julie knocks the sticks and performs a solo in "Little Darling." Tish Detgen, secretary, gets it on with the moroccos while Libba Barbour glides up and down the hot dog. Karen Strange pats the tub and Mary Louise Pope taps the crazy stick. Louise Wortham flies down the piano keys and Anna Dubose beats the bongos.

The Coldcuts wore the traditional clod-hopper jeans but this year they adopted green shirts.

They performed some fancy foot work that really amused the audience. The show concluded with a standing ovation.

The Coldcuts play throughout the year at schools, fraternities, and civic organizations. St. Mary's is very proud of the Coldcuts and this year's girls are better than ever.

The practice days for the induction of the new girls are September 11, 13, 18, 20. The try-out day will be September 25.