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"RIP 'EM UP, TEAR 'EM UP" . . . SMC cheerleaders prepare to support their teams this year.

Cheerleaders To Boost Spirit

by Velda Carter

Instead of "Rah-rah Carolina" this year there is going to be a lot of "Rah-rah St. Mary's!" The 1973-74 induction for new cheerleaders was held Sept. 12.

The girls from last year are Becky Clark, captain; Belle Nichols, Gail Shackelford, Pegg Corbitt, Nanci Kerr, Lynn Snider, Valarie Tullai, and Ann Berry.

The original cheerleaders chose seven new Sigmas and five new Mus. The Sigmas are Mary Ann Schwind, Kim Shavit, Celeste Neaves, Sandra Holt, Lindy Edwards, Leigh Gaither, and Cammie Cramer. The Mus are Carson Joyner, Kathy Menendez, Lisa Norwood, Bailey McLean, and Vicky Turner.

These girls have always supported the SMC teams with their yells and chants.

Circle Takes Initial Walk

by Lynn Jones

Taking in three new members, the Circle made its first walk of the year Thursday night, Sept. 20.

This walk had long been anticipated and the great spirit surrounding it seemed to bring the school together for the first time.

As traditional, many Circle members from the preceding year returned to join the current members in their initial walk. The excitement really began as the torch and white robed figures came into view. With President Susan Byers holding the torch in the center, a circle was formed around the special Circle Stone in front of Holt. The quadrangle ceremony began as each old member lighted her candle from the torch. Then the three new seniors, Susan Robinson, Melrose Whitfield, and Bolling Quicke, were led forward to join the circle and all it symbolizes. The ceremony concluded with students singing the school hymn and cheering the new members.

The circle has been a special part of St. Mary's for 35 years. Its purposes are timeless in that they stand to encourage scholastic improvement, co-operation between students and faculty, to instill in students the responsibility of the welfare of the school, to promote school spirit in service and leadership, to consider and discuss problems of the school, and to help new girls find their place.

Several times during the year the Circle members ask girls to join them in these aims and to strive for certain qualities in their own lives. In the Circle, there is a unity and harmony which is best expressed by Susan Byers in saying, "Our

ideal is to be sincere friends with and to show a genuine interest and concern for other individuals and St. Mary's."

Eight New Cold Cuts Join Group

by Pam Stroupe

For two weeks 45 girls practiced "Cold Cuts." All that could be heard from these senior rooms was "Little Darlin'" and other Cold Cut music.

Tryouts were Sept. 25 and seven girls were up until the wee hours of the morning doing what seemed to be an impossible task. Finally the

original Cold Cuts choose eight new girls, and with a little "siss-boom-ba" the following girls were announced in assembly as the new Cold Cuts: Susan Lawrence, Washboard; Sue Summerhays, Bongos; Pam Stroupe, Castinettes; Lisa Fellers, Scoopers; Kirt Rendlemen, Irons; Belle Nichols, Bell; Becky Clarke, Morroccos, and Josie Rawl, Tamborine. The Original Seven are President

Trustees Attend Chapel, Hear Students Speak

by Beth DeLapp

The Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday night is something in which St. Mary's students should take a serious interest. Contrary to popular belief, it is the Board of Trustees, not the Episcopal Church, that "owns" SMC, and the decisions they make determine how we live while we are here.

The Board is a corporate group that makes all policy decisions and is responsible for operating the school. It is the job of the Board to decide what curriculum is taught and who teaches it. In short, the basic philosophy of SMC is vested in the Board of Trustees.

The sixteen member Board meets four times a year (October, January, April, July). There are two alumni on the Board, five members that represent each of the Episcopal Dioceses in North and South Carolina, and nine members that the Board itself elects. Also, there is a student representative (Lane Turner) and a faculty member on the Board, but they are non-voting members.

On Oct. 3, the most important of the quarterly meetings was held. It was a two-day affair with a dinner on Wednesday night and the formal meeting on Thursday. At dinner on

Wednesday the Board met with the officers of all the student organizations and talked with them. The main concern on Thursday was the election of new officers for the Board. Other items of business included reports from administration department heads, the faculty representative, and the student representative. Another point up for discussion was the food service at SMC.

It should be noted that we do have a student voice on the Board, SGA President Lane Turner, and it is her responsibility to reflect the students' feelings. So, if a student has a gripe or an idea about something, she should let Lane know, and then maybe something can be done about the problem.

MacKenzie Speaks, Teaches New Song

by Susan J. Gotherman

Rev. Davis entered St. Mary's with a lot of enthusiasm and new ideas. One of his inspirations has come in the form of Rev. Josh T. MacKenzie.

As our guest speaker on Sept. 19, Rev. MacKenzie gave a very refreshing program for Wednesday night chapel. He encouraged student participation through the singing of a round entitled "Love, Love, Love, Love," an old Camp Leach favorite.

Rev. MacKenzie is from Rocky Mount and has attended many St. Mary's services — but not as a chaplain! A few years ago, he was escorting his future wife to chapel while she was attending St. Mary's. The MacKenzies have another tie to our school — their daughter, Gary, is one of St. Mary's outstanding seniors.

Henson Heads Senior Class, States Plans

by Pam Stroupe

This year's Senior class is really on the move, and any talk of a lack of unity surely seems to have disappeared. The senior officers are Ellen Henson, President; Gail Goforth, Vice President and Legislative Body Representative; Velda Carter, Secretary; Lynn Jones, Treasurer; Becky Clark, Project Chairman; Rachael Holmes, Honor Board Representative, and Margaret Stevens, Social Board Representative.

The senior class is working on several projects. They hope to bring back old traditions such as a "Day Students Slumber Party" as well as to start new ones such as the Junior-Senior Powder Puff Football game. Soon the senior class will be putting out a "school telephone book." Also in the making is a "Blue Grass Band Concert" to be held soon after quarter break. This will involve the whole school and also promote the already aroused "St. Mary's Spirit!"



THE THINKERS . . . Senior class officers reflect on the projects they have planned for this year.