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Witten Leaves After Three Years of Service

by Beth DeLapp

After spending three years here at St. Mary's as the Director of College Relations and Development, Mr. Henry Witten

left us on October 31. He is going to Holy Innocence Episcopal Church in Moss Hill, where he will have his own church.

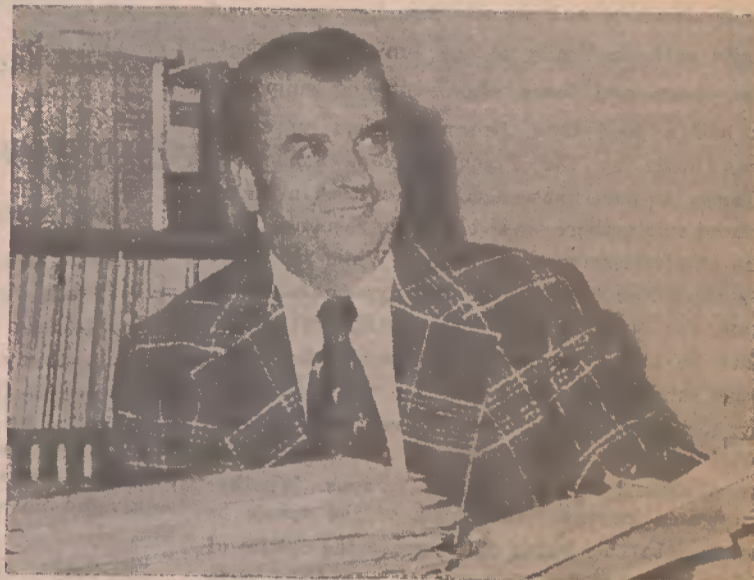
At St. Mary's, Mr. Witten has had to concern himself with raising money for the school; as minister of his own church, he anticipates a greater pastoral role, more involvement with Sunday services, and working with individual organizations within the church.

Of course, everyone knows of the great St. Mary's love story concerning Mr. Witten and his wife and former advisee, Alice. Other than this, Mr. Witten's most rewarding experience at St. Mary's has been his association with the girls. On leaving St. Mary's, Mr. Witten will miss more than anything else the school community and all the activities that go on here.

St. Mary's Chapel will always hold fond memories for Mr. Witten. He was ordained

in the chapel, married in the chapel, and his son was baptized in the chapel. So, St. Mary's has been an integral

part of Mr. Witten's life. As he fondly remembers St. Mary's, so, too, will we remember him.



BIDDING FAREWELL . . . to SMC, Mr. Witten prepares to accept his new calling.

Legislative Body Convenes, Decides To Shorten Campus

by Mini Railey

At the meeting of the Legislative Body on Wednesday, Oct. 10, petitions were discussed and evaluated.

The request to decrease the punishment for skipping chapel was approved. The penalty for missing Sunday chapel is now

a campus for one week and one weekend, and for missing Wednesday chapel the penalty is a three-day campus, beginning the Monday after a student receives the punishment slip.

It was also decided to allow boys on back campus to pick up dates after twelve noon on Fridays and all day Saturday and Sunday.

The petition requesting that it be unnecessary for Juniors to have hostess permission after the first quarter was approved, providing the student has blanket permission.

Class elections are now to be conducted in the same manner as SGA elections, with each office being elected separately. This is so that competent people will have more than one chance to seek office.

Juniors in Cruikshank may sign out in the dorm on weekends and weekdays with the understanding that they must still meet their dates in Smedes.

The request that dates may be allowed in the gym at any time during the weekends was not approved due to insurance purposes regarding liability and the feeling that the gym should be mainly for the use of St. Mary's students.

The request that Juniors have two more weekends this semester was rejected because any more weekends would harm the adjustments that must be made during the first year at college.

The petition asking that male visitors be allowed to pick up and return dates at their dormitories was not approved due to the lack of privacy it would create on back campus.

The request that Juniors may stay out until 1:30 a.m., and that Seniors may stay out until 2:00 a.m. was rejected by the Petitions Committee, and thus not even considered by the Legislative Body.

Halloween Party Brings Fun to All

by Pam Stroupe

Vampires, witches, lamps, toothpaste, pumpkins — these were only a few of the extraordinary guests at Bud Watkins' Halloween Party on Oct. 31. The dining room was filled with such sights as Jack O'Lanterns and a vampire rising from an authentic coffin. The guests could bob for apples and sing along with a variety of Halloween carols.

Bud also outdid himself with a delicious dinner consisting of fried chicken, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes, ice cream, snow cones, and candied apples. Thank you, Bud, for a Happy Halloween!

The prize for best costume was awarded to Mebane Ham for her outstanding performance in the coffin. Judged by Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, Mebane will receive a steak dinner for two.

This party had a two-fold purpose. One was to celebrate Halloween and the other was to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witten and their son Hank. Mr. Davis and Dr. Pisani spoke for all of St. Mary's when they expressed how much this family means to all of us. Mr. Witten added that St. Mary's will always be in their hearts. The Wittens were presented with a silver basket. Good luck Wittens!

Honor Week Ends With Candlelight

by Dot Fitchett

"Honor Week, what is that?" was the frequently asked question preceding Honor Week, Oct. 29-Nov. 2. With the help of different honor oriented activities and posters, Honor Week was a very special week

set aside to remind us of how we live here at SMC.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., were talk nights in which Dr. Pisani, Mr. Davis and SGA officers split up and visited the girls on their halls.

These jam sessions provided an opportunity for students to get to know the officers, Mr. Davis and Dr. Pisani better and also to let each student talk of "anything her heart desired."

Also noticed during the week were many effective soul searching honor posters such as: "Mine honor is my life; both grow in one — take honor from me and my life is done."

Last to top off the week was a special candlelight chapel service Thursday night. At this chapel, given by SGA officers, there was a restating of the honor code pledge and each girl signed her name to the pledge. In the past Honor Weeks, students said the honor pledge individually before an Honor Board member. The change was to emphasize the unity of the student body.

As SGA President Lane Turner so effectively summed it up, "The spirit this year is definitely better than in past years. In order to maintain this spirit we believe we need to first maintain a high standard of living among the students, and this cannot be done unless we firmly believe in and live by the honor system on our campus."

Beacon Claims Five Sophs

by Kitty McKenzie

Those of you who thought you saw a ghost or goblin October 25, around 11:00, really didn't see a ghost or goblin at all. Instead, it was the Beacon! The members could be called spirits, though, because these girls definitely represent the spirit of St. Mary's.

The privileged girls asked to join were Laura Fanjoy, Candy Bunn, Bennett Wellons, Sue McDaniels, and Becky Davis, who was chosen chairman of the food and party committee. The sophomore members Leigh Spearman (president), Vall Tul-lai (secretary-treasurer) and Mary Dombalis were there to welcome the new members into the Beacon. Also, several of the old members from last year re-

turned for this memorable first walk of the year.

The members wore new light blue jackets with the Beacon emblem on them. Leigh Spearman, the president, carried a lantern and the other members carried a candle. A spectator said, "they made an impressive and mysterious sight."

The Beacon is one of the highest honors a high school student can receive. The girls are chosen on the basis of their participation in extracurricular activities, genuine concern for St. Mary's, and their ability to represent the high ideals of their class. These vivacious girls sponsor many projects during the year, two of which are selling decals and sponsoring a tug of war between the halls.

SMC Little Girls Gladly Welcome Big Daddies

by Gaye Isenhour

Father-Daughter Day is tomorrow! It is the day that Mr. Witten and Robin Thorpe and the Father-Daughter Day committee members have been working on for weeks to make an inspiring and fun-filled event. For the past four years, the girls of St. Mary's have looked forward to this day set aside for their fathers.

This year, as in the past, there will be a lot of student involvement. After registration and coffee from 9:00 to 12:00, and taking your fathers to your

classes to meet your teachers from 11:00 to 1:00, some of the girls get a chance to perform for their fathers. From 1:30 to 2:00, in Pittman Auditorium, the Capettes, the Gillie Cal-lum Dancers, and the Orchesis will show-off their talents. Then, at 2:10, the Sea Saints, directed by Miss Margaret Duncan, will present a water ballet at the pool. And, of course, there will be the play, "The Boyfriend" that night at 8:00.

Perhaps the most unique event this year will be the tennis clinic and exhibition by

Mrs. Pauline Betz Addi, and afterwards, the tennis tournament when fathers get a chance to participate in playing doubles with their daughters. Another added treat will be the reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Pisani at the tennis courts!

Other events on the schedule include free time from 5:00 to 6:10, evening prayer in the chapel at 6:15, and finally, a superb Italian-style dinner specially prepared by Bud and the staff, along with entertainment by the Cold Cuts!

School spirit has been boosted

this week by the girls' decorating of their halls for prizes, making name tags for their fathers, and practicing for their performances.

The girls are looking forward to tomorrow for various reasons: their fathers getting to go to classes with them, after which they feel that their fathers will better understand why they are on AP this quarter; their fathers being allowed on the halls and in their rooms; and, their fathers bringing them money and taking them shopping!

Some other things the girls are looking forward to are playing tennis with their fathers, and going to the Angus Barn for some decent food!

Of course, the fathers are anxious, too. They are always in a jovial mood, because they love being on the girls' halls. Also, they love the entertainment that is provided for them.

Father-Daughter Day is a day that St. Mary's girls have set aside to show their fathers how much they appreciate and love them!