

# SMC Maids Brave Anything To Keep Us Clean

by Lynn Jones

There is a very special unsung group of people at St. Mary's who are an indispensable part of our community. Often they are hidden behind bathroom doors or busy cleaning the halls and don't receive the recognition they deserve. They are the 12 hardworking ladies that take such good care of us — the maids.

Every morning they arrive with a smile and are ready to tackle any job. It's not always a pleasant one either, especially if pools of water are still standing from last night's water fight or someone's wet mattress is crammed in the shower. And even though they often get stuck with the dirty and tedious job of cleaning up after us, there is never a word of complaint.

Each lady has certain halls to take care of and she becomes really special to the girls there. To them, she is someone to talk to and to listen to problems. In fact, the maids do much more than just keep the dorms clean—they go out of their way to help in any way possible.

Equilla Weaver, Maimie B. Myers, Mabel Evans, and Beatrice Strickland take care of all on Smedes and West Rock. Min-

nie Carter and Christine Hill look after Cruik while Maidie Little cleans up in Holt. Bernette Moore keeps Penick clean as Pearl Jones straightens the library and 1903 building. Stella Darden is in charge of the Student Union and Thelma McClain cleans Ragland. Josephine Williams helps in all dorms and really keeps the gym spotless. Equilla also keeps the Day Student House running smoothly. Most of their hard work is taken for granted and they really deserve more credit. After all, cleaning up after more than 500 girls is no easy task.

We can create quite a mess between hall parties and junking up people's rooms, but the maids are good sports about the whole thing. Most of them agree in that they disapprove of the tradition of tearing up rooms. This isn't because of the mess it makes, they say, but because many girls lose clothes and other belongings that have been scattered everywhere. Nevertheless, they are always ready to help retrieve mattresses and clean walls and mirrors.

Most of the maids get along really well with their girls and enjoy working with them. They

feel that the girls are friendly and sincere and in Maidie's words, "would speak to me if they saw me downtown or at Crabtree." To most, their girls are very special. In East Smedes, Maimie's "Hi, how ya doin'?" is a familiar greeting and she says, "I just love my girls!" Equilla and Bea enjoy coming to work every day. Equilla says that everyone is so friendly that she forgets whatever troubles are on her mind. They agree that St. Mary's is a nice place to work. Equilla said it best: "You have to have love for St. Mary's to work here, because you sure don't get paid enough."

From the time, effort, and love that each of these ladies gives to St. Mary's, it is evident that they are special people. They are always cheerful and their concern for the girls is shown in their warm smiles and good humor. They are indeed an indispensable part of the spirit of St. Mary's and are loved and appreciated by everyone.



SCRUB A DUB DUB . . . Equilla Weaver and Beatrice Strickland tackle a difficult job in Smedes.

## N C State Offers Lectures

by Becky Davis

This semester, many history and government students at St. Mary's have had the great opportunity of attending various lectures concerning the topic of "The President and Congress in the 70's" at N. C. State University. The symposium sponsored by the Dept. of Politics, School of Liberal Arts at State, has featured four lectures since January including such speakers as, Eric T. Goldman of Princeton Univ., Nelson W. Polsby of the Univ. of California at Berkeley, Raoul Berger of Harvard Univ. and Roger Cramton, Dean of Cornell Univ. Law School. The topics discussed at the symposium have included: "Presidential accountability" with respect to Watergate, an historical perspective of the "President and Congress," and discussions, concerning "Executive Privilege."

Most St. Mary's students attending the lectures have found them quite interesting and helpful in their social science courses. Although some teachers are requiring attendance, many girls go because of interest. All of the lectures are held in the

ballroom of the Student Union at State and begin at 8:00. The remaining lectures are:

Feb. 25—Impoundment: A Legislative Point of View by Sam J. Ervin, Jr., U. S. Senate, Dem.-N.C.  
 March 13—Impoundment: The Executive Point of View by Stanley Ebner, General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, The Executive Office of the President.  
 March 18—The War Powers Act: A Critical Analysis by Bob Eckhardt, U. S. House of Representatives, Dem.-Texas.  
 March 25—The War Powers Act: A Favorable Analysis by Donald M. Fraser, U. S. House of Representatives, Dem.-Minnesota.  
 April 8 — Reforming Congress to Restore Congressional Authority by Richard Bolling, U. S. House of Representatives, Dem.-Missouri.  
 April 25 (?)—President and Congress: Cooperation As Well as Conflict by Bryce Harlow, Counselor to the President, The White House.

## Police Encourage Bicyclers' Safety

The Raleigh Police Department reminds all bicycle riders and their parents that lights and reflectors are required for riding in darkness. With Daylight Saving Time, many people are now bicycling before sunrise. The use of lights and reflectors and the wearing of light-colored clothing will help guarantee that all bicycle riders can be seen.

## Day Students Work, Improve Home

by Verna Gates

For the last few years the Day Students have wanted to renovate the second floor of their house. This year is different because they are finally taking action and doing something about it. Many of the Day Students are giving up free time to work on Friday afternoons, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Four rooms in the attic need painting and furnishing. So far only two of the four rooms are near completion. One of these has been painted a soft baby (or Carolina) blue with a white

trim around the door, floorboards, and windows. A book shelf for the room has been painted blue and white, also. The room which faces the library is now bright sunny yellow. The Day Students intend to panel the third room. Barbara Flemming has volunteered her father to do the panelling job for the Day Students. The sitting room at the top of the attic staircase has been painted white with a bright green trim. Cathy Brann, Pam Hudspeth, and Paige Anderson are planning to paint caricatures of students on

the sitting room ceiling and walls.

The attic will be carpeted with odd squares of carpet. These should make for a colorful and interesting floor pattern.

Future plans include furnishing the upstairs. The furniture will be either donated by students, bought, or both.

The Day Students need these additional rooms for people who wish to study or who just want to escape the noise. Hopefully the extra space will give the Day Students more room, more quiet, and better grades.

by Elizabeth Ann Dixon

When the name of Miss R. is mentioned anywhere on the St. Mary's Campus, most girls react in a way that only fond memories can bring. Without a doubt, each girl acquainted with Dean Edith Richardson, or Miss R. as she is widely known, must hold a place in her heart for this woman who faithfully and dutifully served St. Mary's College as the Dean of Students from 1955 up until she was forced to retire last year.

The great fondness and love for Miss R. have recently been shown in the form of a candlestick to be used in chapel services in honor of her. The idea for the candlestick originated just before Father-Daughter Day with the suggestion of honoring Miss R. in some form by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witten who have recently left us, and by Mrs. Jane Rabon who is the St. Mary's Alumnae Secretary. Therefore, many fathers contributed money totaling \$205.00 for the candlestick project in a chapel service on Father-Daughter Day. Recently, \$115.00 were collected from the girls in another Wednesday night chapel

service. In addition, a few anonymous gifts were given.

The goal for the candlestick costing just under \$400.00 was recently reached and the candlestick has now been ordered with hopes for arrival soon. Made of brass, the candlestick will come in two pieces. During advent, a brass advent wreath will deck the pascal candlestick. At other times a single candle will

be used. Upon the base of the candlestick in block lettering will appear: "Given in love and honor of Edith A. Richardson, Dean of Students from 1955 until 1973, by her girls and their parents and her friends. 1974." A special ceremony upon the arrival of the candlestick is also most probable although definite plans have not yet been made.

## Five New Boarders Arrive; Girls Brighten Dorm Life

by Sally Little

Over the Christmas holidays, St. Mary's acquired a new addition more precious than any new gym or classroom building—five new boarders. All five girls come from eastern N. C., but there the similarities end, and the portraits of five girls unique in their interests and goals emerge.

From Ridge Croft High School in Ahoskie, comes Becky Lee, a freshman on 2nd East Smedes. Becky's family is no stranger to Triangle education—her mother attended St. Mary's and UNC, her father, NCSU, and she presently has a brother at NCSU and one at UNC. Becky's main interests are snow-skiing, basketball, and tennis. Her future plans include a possible major in Child Psychology. In comparing St. Mary's to her former alma mater, Becky noted the favorable change in instructors.

Pam Parker, a freshman on 3rd East Smedes, is from Rocky Mount. Pam enjoys reading and piano. She is a poetess in her own right, with poetry published in both *Ingenua* and *Seventeen*. Pam has already entered the life at SMC and the outside community; she participated in the slave sale and is a volunteer at GMS. Pam plans to major in either English or History.

Also new to the SMC community is Betty B. Trueblood, a junior on 1st East Smedes. Betty is from Rocky Mount and has attended ECU and Sullivan College in Bristol, Va. Betty's main interests are horseback riding, music, and Nags Head in the summer. Besides being a member of the Granddaughters Club, Betty has another tie at St. Mary's—she attends the Episcopal church in Rocky Mount which is presided over by the Rev. John McKenzie, the father of Gary McKenzie, a senior here at St. Mary's. Betty intends to major in English.

Junior Jan Turner, formerly a day student here has moved from Cary to 3rd East Cruik. Her main interests are tennis, swimming, and bike riding. When asked what impressed her about St. Mary's, Jan responded with high praise for the Big Sister program. In the future, Jan hopes to major in elementary education.

Margaret Williams is now sharing her room on 2nd Holt with another former day student, Senior Paige Anderson from Raleigh. An interest in art and a job at Soloman Grundy's are responsible for Paige's major in fashion design, preferably at VCU. Paige also enjoys bike riding, bowling and tennis.