

Belle of the Month

by Maru Amburn

From the moment you enter the Rice household you are surrounded by a warm and inviting spirit. The personality behind this spirit is Mrs. Rice. This feeling is not confined to the household. Her presence is felt throughout the St. Mary's campus. For her energy, her concern, her time and her devotion to St. Mary's we choose Mrs. Grace Rice as our Belle of the Month.

Mrs. Rice attended Madison College where she was active in her sorority as Pledge Chairman, as well as in the Student Government by being Vice-President of the Honor Council. There she majored in History and Social Sciences and received her teaching degree.

While Mr. Rice was at

Sweetbriar College, she taught Language Arts, History of Virginia and U.S. History. She has always been active with the advisors that have been welcomed into their home by Mr. Rice.

Not only has Mrs. Rice been active in the schools at which she and Mr. Rice have been involved, but she has also been interested in the communities. Already, she attends Sunday School at the Church of the Good Shepherd and she is a Junior High School youth league (EYC) leader. She is also a member of the Mordecai Square Historical Park Association, a new group in Raleigh.

Mrs. Rice's involvement at St. Mary's is extensive. She is the Marshal sponsor and is initiating many new ideas such as new gowns and a job

description book for the Chief Marshal. As ex-official member of the Board of Trustees Building and Grounds Committee, she is interested in making "the grass greener" around the St. Mary's campus. Within the year, Mrs. Rice is having the entire school to dinner at her home. Although it takes a great deal of time to plan and prepare, she is anticipating getting acquainted with all the girls!

"The community atmosphere is spearheaded by the chapel," said Mrs. Rice, "the genuine friendliness and happiness of the atmosphere at St. Mary's means smiles...no frowns." Mrs. Rice means it when she tells people to drop by any afternoon! Thanks Mrs. Rice and Congratulations!!



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Students-Faculty Evaluate SMC

This year there is a committee on campus that has undertaken the enormous task of studying and evaluating every aspect in St. Mary's life. This committee which is under the direction of Dr. Werman is the Self-Study Committee.

Every ten years a school must be reaccredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In order to reaccredit the SCAS must judge that a school "represents current good practices of an educational institution and is in full good standing with the public, community, alumnae,

students, and future students." St. Mary's is due for accreditation in 1979.

The Self-Study Committee's purpose is to compile an evaluation report which will then be presented to SACS officials. Then using the self-study report for background information, the SACS officials will make their own evaluation of St. Mary's.

Subcommittees under the Self-Study steering committee are composed of faculty, staff, and students. These committees are trying to make an objective analysis of St. Mary's purpose and organization, educational

program, financial resources, faculty, library, student services, physical plant, and special activities.

In order to compile an objective report that will cite both strengths and weaknesses, students are going to be asked to answer a questionnaire that will seek their opinions of services offered at St. Mary's. The committee feels that in addition to helping them write their report, this questionnaire will provide students with an opportunity to comment on any areas of St. Mary's life that they feel needs improvement.

EDITORIAL

For The Love Of Quiet

Quiet: free of noise, hushed--according to the dictionary. How many halls are free of noise and hushed for even part of the designated time for quiet hour? The answer is none of them, and that is to be expected. No normal group of girls between ages 16 and 20 can contain themselves for 12 straight hours. However, there is no excuse for the continually boisterous behavior which has disturbed some students to such an extent that they either are considering or have transferred to other schools. The noise factor is getting out of hand--it must be and will be restricted in the future by means of severe warning and camping. These measures may seem to be going overboard on the issue, but if each student would think back upon one instance in which she really needed to study and

was distracted by the noise she would realize **WHAT SOME GIRLS ARE GOING THROUGH SEVERAL NIGHTS A WEEK**. Everyone has different study habits and for those students who wish to be able to study every night there should be a quiet place available. The library is an obvious alternative, but the nightly disturbances of a few students have kept many others from even attempting to study there.

Everyone realizes that students don't intend to disturb others. In most instances, especially in the library, the incidents are isolated. Nevertheless, if the train of thought is broken, it is often hard to get back and after several interruptions, studying can become frustrating.

Fall Break is in one week. At this time mid-term grades

will be sent home. Most students would agree that they need to improve their grades. It may be too late for this grading period for some, but the semester is only halfway completed and there is time for improvement before exams. Each individual needs to think of her own grades and those of others and keep this in mind when she is making unnecessary noise. There is no reason why less noise must mean less fun--only more consideration for others can be the result.

Honor week will be held Monday through Thursday of this week. The purpose is to stress the importance of the honor code at St. Mary's and to present several viewpoints on the subject to the student body.

On Monday, posters will be distributed by honor club members and a speech on the subject will be given by a student during assembly. Honor chapel will be Tuesday night. The SGA officers will conduct this candle light service which will include more thoughts on honor and the signing of the honor book by each student. Dress will be formal. On Thursday there will be a required honor assembly at which there will be a panel discussion. This panel will consist of a student, an alumnus, a faculty member, an administrator, an honor board member, and Mrs. Rice. After the discussion the meeting will be open for questions.

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National Survey

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.--A recent survey of more than 500 U. of Tennessee students found 93 percent drank alcoholic beverages, up 10 percent from 1970 and 4 percent from 1973.

Jack S. Ellison, a professor of health and safety, found in his survey that the average grade point for nondrinkers was 3.4, while drinkers averaged 2.56. Vodka was the most popular distilled beverage for both men and women, with gin and bourbon following closely.

Daily beer drinkers constituted 15.6 percent of the survey. About 2.4 percent of the sample said they drank liquor daily. Nearly 75 percent of the surveyed students said that they have been intoxicated, with 45 percent of the men and 33 percent of the women saying they have passed out because of drinking. 7 percent of the drinkers said they have been arrested for public intoxication and 6 percent had been arrested for drunken driving.

Clothes Make A Difference

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.--"Clothes do make a difference in the classroom, even though most of us would like to believe otherwise," said Dr. Steven A. Roodman, a researcher who recently completed a study on the subject.

One hundred Penn State University students examined pictures of the same teacher dressed formally and informally. In formal clothes, the students perceived the

teacher to be better prepared, more organized and more knowledgeable while the informally attired teacher was perceived to be more fair, sympathetic and enthusiastic.

Roodman said that the informal clothes may suggest a closer age association between the teacher and student which may account for the responses. He said a teacher should dress according to the image he or she wants to project.

First Impressions

LAWRENCE, Kan.--Pre-exam bulletin for students: There's no truth to that old advice about sticking with your first answer on a multiple choice test.

Two researchers recently allowed a sample of students to change multiple choice answers up to four times and found that students changed from the wrong answer to the right answer more often than they made changes from right to wrong. Various studies since 1929 have also disputed

that the first answer is best.

The new advice to follow is this: Be careful in the first place when answering a question. A second test group of students who were not allowed to change their multiple choice answers at all, also did well by thinking carefully in the first place.

Note: CH designates articles taken from "Collegiate Headlines," a syndicated bulletin for student newspapers.

Students Fast - Raise Money

On October 1, Jody Genet and Melicent Jeter attended a C.R.O.P. fasting project to raise money for hungry families throughout the world. The girls raised money by getting St. Mary's students and faculty to sponsor them. The two earned over \$80 dollars of the total group earnings which exceeded \$500.

Jody and Melicent joined a group of 18 others at the Knights of Columbus Club House on the outskirts of Wendell. From 12:00 Saturday afternoon until 12:00 Sunday afternoon the group went without food

and beverage, with the exception of water.

The girls commented that the 24 hours of starvation was an adventure but at times they wished that they were both in S.M.C.'s cafeteria and they can now have better appreciation for the plight of the undernourished and were thankful for having the St. Mary's cafeteria to return to.

The \$30 contributed by St. Mary's students was greatly appreciated by the Christian World Service Fellowship which sponsored the fast.