



Generation Gap? Not when food's involved.

Parents' Weekend Enjoyed by All

by Susan Ross

Bar-B-Que, cotton candy, and dancers all played a part. So did teachers, singers, and tennis players.

The result was Parents Oktoberfest Weekend, St. Mary's first weekend-long extravaganza for the whole family. Nearly a thousand people, including parents, brothers and sisters, faculty and staff, and students, took part in the weekend's activities this fall.

"We wanted to make this a family-oriented event," Director of Development Henry M. Read said, "rather than strictly a mother-daughter or father-daughter event as in the past." Mr. Read was chairman of a student-faculty-staff committee that put in hundreds of hours to make the weekend a success.

The Oktoberfest began

with class visitation Friday morning and ended with chapel services Sunday. Dozens of other activities were packed in between the two.

More than 100 parent-faculty appointments were scheduled on Friday afternoon. "This provided a chance for both parents to sit down with their daughter's teachers and discuss her progress early in the year," Read said. "We felt that this was one of the most valuable aspects of the weekend."

Parents Weekend events included performances by the Sea Saints, Cold Cuts, Chorale dance groups, and a newly-formed mime troupe. The Drama Club presented its fall production, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Friday and Saturday nights.

Other activities ranged from an organizational meeting of the St. Mary's College Parents Association to a picnic-style "Bar-B-Que and Bluegrass" lunch. A highlight of the weekend was the Oktoberfest Dance Saturday night, which followed a parents reception hosted by President and Mrs. Rice.

Overall reaction to the weekend has been favorable, according to Mr. Read. "The whole purpose of the weekend was to give parents a chance to be with their daughters and see what life at St. Mary's is all about," he said. "From the response we've been getting, I think we accomplished this."

A & G

Outlet Opened

A & G Factory Outlet has recently opened on Hillsborough Street and has already become quite popular with St. Mary's students. A & G Outlet carries such famous name brand clothes as Lacoste, Haymaker, Ralph Lauren and Christian Dior, all at reduced prices.

These clothes have minor flaws, some barely visible and therefore they cannot be sold as "top of the line" merchandise so A & G gets these items directly from the factory and makes them available at a great savings.

Also available at A & G Outlet are button-down shirts, painter pants, jeans and LL

where two children mysteriously exchanged places with two mechanical toys. Claudia Werman portrayed an ice fisherman who was pulled into his ice hole by a fish. The company also made imaginary objects out of an imaginary medium called Magic Putty. The show was the Masquer's Mime Company's debut as a true performing group, and it turned out to be quite successful.

In the future, the Company plans to put on a Christmas show. The dates for this are December 7 and 8. The show will last an hour and have an intermission. It is entitled "The Masquer's Mime Company presents a Silent Night." This semester the Company will be performing at several schools in the Raleigh area, and they plan to continue to do so second semester, along with some other area performance.

Auditions will begin second semester and there will be workshops for those who are interested. Anyone can try out, so come and see what the club is all about and discover the art of pantomime.

What is Mime?

by Hillary Thompson

The Masquer's Mime Company has become an active group on the St. Mary's campus. The seven members are Hillary Thompson, Kathy Blades, Renee Rodrigue, Beth Neuffer, Joy Knox, Kat Parmly, Claudia Werman, and the advisor Miss Karen Rose. For those of you who have been wondering what they do, it's called pantomime. Pantomime is acting without words or props. It involves body movement and facial expressions. The players wear a black leotard, white painter's pants, and red suspenders. The makeup is a white base coat on the face, but any other makeup is up to the individual.

The company rehearses four times a week for about two hours. They begin rehearsals by doing warmups and stretching exercises. They then work on scenes that are planned for their next show. During Oktoberfest the company performed on the back lawn. They put on a twenty minute show which consisted of several scenes. These scenes included Halloween night in a toy shop,

Self Study Questions SMC Goals and Attitudes

by Lisa Tate

"I was tremendously pleased with the cooperative response shown by the students and staff in answering the questionnaire. I was also pleasantly surprised with the majority of them who really showed their interest by taking their time and thoughtfully answering the questions." This was Dr. Werman's enthusiastic response when she was asked about her feelings on the success of the Self-Study Committee's questionnaire which was administered to the students, faculty, administration, and staff during the week of Nov. 4.

The questionnaire, which was administered in two forms (one for faculty and one for students), presented an opportunity for evaluation of all aspects of SMC life. Statements concerning every facet of campus life, from academic excellence to physical plant, were rated on a scale of degree. Participants were asked to strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each of

the statements or check not applicable.

Over the four day testing period questionnaires were answered by over 480 students and 70 members of the campus staff. Members of the Self-Study Steering Committee and other faculty and staff members have devoted over 270 hours to tabulate the results.

The immediate use for the tabulated results will be to provide information for the various Self-Study sub-committees. Each of these sub-committees will use its own research information in addition to the input from the questionnaire to write its report.

The Steering Committee will then revise and combine these various reports to eventually form SMC's Self-Study Report for 1979. This is the final report that will be submitted to use by the visiting committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to help them in their process of reaccreditation.

Activities Committee Meets

The Student Activities Committee met Tuesday, Nov. 15th to discuss future plans for student entertainment to be financed by the Activities Fund. The money in this fund is supplied by each student in their tuition and is designated for publications and activities. The Committee members

were elected by their respective classes. They are Susan Branscome (Sr.), Terri Patrick (Jr.), Susan Biggerstaff (Soph.), Duvall Schultz (Fresh.), Ann McSpadden, and Miss Jones. If any student has any idea for something they would like to happen around SMC, contact one of these girls.

Music Programs Presented

The St. Mary's Ensemble will present its special program of Advent music in Tuesday evening chapel services November 29. The Ensemble will be singing the Vaughn-Williams "Magnificent" with Libby Holding, soloist, and Nancy

Penick, flutist.

Amy Worthington was presented in recital Thursday evening, November 17, at 8 p.m. in the Student Union. She played the guitar and singing her own compositions. The public is invited.

Bean shoes.

The Stores' owners, Nick Garrett and Steve Anderson are from Wilmington, N.C.

where they opened the first A & G store. They now have stores in Wilmington, Chapel Hill and Raleigh.



Mime troupe performs during Parents' Weekend.