



Kathy Blades, Belle of the Month.

The Belle of the Month

by Maru Amburn

Drama at St. Mary's and the name Kathy Blades are almost synonymous terms this year. Kathy is the president of the newly named Applause Incorporated—formerly The Drama Club. She is Vice President and an original founder of the Masquers Mime Company, and she is a member of St. Genesis.

As president of Applause Inc., Kathy has helped to oversee two productions, and for both she served as stage manager. As Vice President of the mime troupe, Kathy helped found the club and is a lighting technician for the mime performances. Because of her outstanding contribution in both the technical and acting phases of theatre life at St. Mary's, Kathy was

chosen to be in the Order of St. Genesis.

Kathy's activities are not limited to Drama. She is a scoop group member, and she serves on the committee of Southern Association Standards I and II for St. Mary's Self-Study.

In addition to being known for her work in school sponsored activities, Kathy is often sought as "boyfriend counselor" for St. Mary's students. Many girls have been grateful for Kathy's "un-huh's" as they poured their hearts out to her notorious listening ear.

For her interest, leadership and many hours of hard work in the theatre department, and for her involvement in other St. Mary's activities, Kathy Blades has been selected as February's Belle of the Month.

Wildlife Club Formed

by Wimb Burton

Have you ever imagined how hungry you would be if you were a squirrel or a bird in the winter?? What if you were the kind of animal who was too lazy to gather enough nuts to last the winter?? You would really be "up a tree." That is why a new kind of club has formed on the St. Mary's campus—The Wildlife Club. No, this is not another drinking club. But rather, a club concerned with keeping as many animals and varieties of animals around the campus. In order to keep many animals, they must be fed during the winter! This is

the Wildlife Club's purpose. This club's first meeting was held on February 7. Several bird and peanut-butter feeders have been placed around the campus and more feeders are being constructed. Anyone who can bring birds food (seeds, fruit), squirrel food (nuts, peanut-butter), and/or feeders from home are encouraged to do so. All those who are interested in participating please contact Nancy Penick in 1903, Sally Nowell in West Rock, or Wimberley Burton in Holt. Mrs. Catherine Barnhart is the club's advisor.

Year Round Student Faculty Discount Available At Participating Sheraton's

Boston — Economy-minded college students and faculty members, departing for summer vacations, are eligible for 25 percent discount on room rates except minimum category at participating Sheraton hotels and inns around the world.

Offering an especially timely bargain for the summer season ahead, reservations may be made by: using the toll-free reservation line (800-325-3535) in the continental United States, the two toll-free reservation lines for Canada — 800-261-9393 for the Eastern portion and 800-261-9330 for the Western — or through any Sheraton reservation office overseas, or by calling the hotel-inn

directly. Students and faculty members should identify their school affiliation when making reservations or when checking in, and request the discount.

"It's a very simple and convenient system," explains Larry K. Walker, director of rooms operations for Sheraton. "Depending upon the availability of rooms for discount sale, students or faculty members may have the discount at participating Sheraton hotels-inns merely by requesting it when making their reservations in advance."

Walker stated that the discount pertains to the regular rate for the room which is occupied — not just a

25 percent reduction on the highest priced room. "For example," he said, "if a room for discount sale is available at the Sheraton-Park in Washington, D.C., and the normal price is \$33, students and faculty members may make reservations for only \$24.75 plus taxes."

For students and faculty members planning overseas trips, free Sheraton directories are available at every Sheraton hotel-inn, or by writing to Directory, The Sheraton Corporation, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210. The directory includes every Sheraton throughout the globe, and those planned for the near future, plus a complete list of overseas reservations offices.

COLLEGE DRINKING STUDIED

Reprint from The News and Observer

College students are not drinking any more these days and are not getting into any more trouble than they were five or 25 years ago, according to a report published by the Rutgers Center of Alcohol Studies and reported by the New York Times service. The conclusions are based on a nationwide survey of 13 colleges and universities by Dr. Ruth C. Engs, of Indiana University.

Dr. Engs's report, in the center's Journal of Studies on Alcohol, was based on a canvass at 13 colleges and universities of 1,128 students across the country. Of them, 48.1 percent were men, and 51.9 percent women, with 79.3 percent whites and 17.2 percent black.

Questioning the widely

New Cuts Chosen

The Cold Cuts have been very busy since the beginning of 2nd semester. On Jan. 16, they sang at the Lamda Chi fraternity house for a mixer with St. Mary's girls. Thursday night of that week they were invited to the KA house to eat a "cold cuts" supper and then sing later that night.

Sunday night, January 22, tryouts for the last group of senior Cold Cuts were held in Ragland Auditorium. After a long night, six new girls were decided upon. However, no one knew who the new Cold Cuts were until 5:30 Monday night, the 23rd. To build the suspense, the 14 old Cold Cuts sang songs and acted out skits. The new six Cold Cuts announced were Peggy Aiken on the cheesegrater, Susan Langley on the finger cymbals, Elizabeth Stewart on the watering can, Cissy Davis on the sand blocks, Maru Amburn on the Cabasa, and Jane Bratton on the triangle. Afterwards, everyone went to Edward's Grocery for a night of partying and free beer.

So far the Cold Cuts have two engagements for February. One is a cocktail party for St. Mary's alumni on the 16th and the other is at Greenfield School in Wilson on the 23rd. The rest of February will be spent practicing for the album which will be cut on the 28th.

held view that there had been a "dramatic increase" in student drinking and related problems, Dr. Engs said, "The proportions of students who are heavy drinkers or abstainers appear to be about the same as the proportions in samples studied in the past."

What did become apparent, was that women, both black and white, were drinking more now than in the past, and that fewer black men were heavy drinkers now than had been indicated by previous studies, according to Dr. Engs. She said that "beer still appears to be the most popular beverage, and the one most consumed by the heavy drinkers." Women were found to prefer spir-

its, while men chose beer.

Dr. Engs concluded that the common view of heavier student drinking and wild undergraduate escapades was because:

■ Students might be drinking "more openly" now than in the past because the legal drinking ages had been lowered in many areas over the last 15 years.

■ Students might be discussing their "drinking escapades" more openly with college and university officials.

■ Those officials might become more aware of "drinking related problems" on campuses as a result of studies made during the early 1970s that showed alcohol to be the "drug of choice."

SMC Movie Favorites This Month

Saturday Night Fever by Etta Ryan

John Travolta of "Welcome Back Kotter" electrifies the scene in his newest movie "Saturday Night Fever." Travolta plays the part of a tough, working-class kid from Brooklyn who gains self-respect and girls by dancing the night away at the local disco. By day, Travolta works in a paint store as a clerk, but at night, he escapes to the 9 to 5 routine, his parents' hassle and his future by spending all night at the disco.

Travolta, who plays Tony, enters a dance contest and falls in love with his dance partner, played by Karen Gorney. Gorney, who once was from the same side of Brooklyn as Travolta, plays hard to get, and spends for "better values" that she has found since moving up in the world by living in Manhattan. In Tony, she sees someone that looks up to her and admires her. Their relationship is never quite understood, and the movie leaves you hanging as to how things will work out.

Ultimately, the hit of the movie is Travolta's dancing

and the musical score arranged by the Bee Gees. Their sounds and his dance steps make "Saturday Night Fever" worth watching and listening to.

The Great "Goodbye Girl" by Elizabeth Vann

"The Good-Bye Girl" by Neil Simon is one of the best movies of this year. It is a love story, but it is not sentimental. The story is full of light-hearted comedy, and the plot is such that you walk out of the theatre with a great feeling inside.

The story involves a woman with a ten year old daughter. The woman has just been left by her lover, and she is picking up the pieces of her life. She is an actress and is trying to find a job. She lives with her daughter in an apartment that is rented in the name of her ex-lover. Her ex, however, has sub-letted the apartment to a friend of his and the story revolves around the conflicts between these two people.

I highly recommend this movie to anyone who enjoys situation comedies. It is also a good date movie - no embarrassing parts!

Winter Uniform—At St. Mary's

Most St. Mary's girls tend to dress in particular "uniforms" according to the season of the year. The picture at the right could be any one of many students this winter.

Variations of this outfit include: sweatpants, barretts or combs, the layered look—turtleneck, oxford cloth shirt, sweater, and jacket, tennis shoes and jean skirts by Kimber or Mrs. Johnson.

Accessories include: ribbon watch bands, add-a-beads, pearls, or whatever, love knot earrings, ribbon belts, stick pins, serpentine chains, lockets, and last, but not least, onyx rings with the dear ole SMC seal.

Well, so much for winter, now we can start thinking about spring — and Lily's.

