

ST. MARY'S STUDENTS FROM FARAWAY PLACES

This year at St. Mary's we are fortunate to have four foreign students among us. These girls are Sandra Keesee, Sohelia Nemat-baboh, Muriel Panayotti and Azita Katoozian. We interviewed these four girls to let the students of St. Mary's know what it is like to be a foreign student and attend St. Mary's.

Sohelia is a special student at St. Mary's because she only attends classes for half a day. She is from Iran and came to the United States two and a half years ago. She chose to come to St. Mary's because her husband is a student at State and Sohelia, liking small places, wanted to attend a small college. Though she says that everyone is good to her there were some adjustments that she had to make. Sohelia had lived in Iowa for a while before coming to St. Mary's and having become used to the Iowa accent she found it difficult to understand the southern accent. She says that it has become easier for her but sometimes she still has trouble understanding her teachers. After finishing at St. Mary's Sohelia wants to go to a university, but she is not quite sure where.

Muriel, a senior here at St. Mary's, is from La Cieba, Honduras. When she lived in La Ceiba, Muriel attended an American school sponsored by Dole Bananas. When she came to America she attended

a school in Rhode Island but did not want to return there. Muriel received a catalogue of St. Mary's and decided that St. Mary's was where she wanted to be. She came by plane to St. Mary's and says that she really did not know what it was like in North Carolina. As she flew over Raleigh she saw all our trees and said "Oh my god where am I going?" When Muriel first came to St. Mary's, she found that the teachers expected more of her here, than at her other school. She also found it difficult to become acquainted with the Southern accent after becoming use to the Northern accent. Even though she found the accent difficult she says that everyone was really nice and made her feel at home. Muriel considered going to Florida after finishing at St. Mary's but she thinks that she will stay in Raleigh and go to State.

Azita, who is also from Iran, is a senior at St. Mary's. She attended high school here and is finishing her last year of college. She heard about St. Mary's through her sister, who lives in Raleigh. When she first came here, she felt like a stranger, because she did not know any English. After awhile, she says that she met people and her English improved. Azita feels like she really had to make a lot of adjustments. She says that she could not get used to how fast people talked over here

and she also found that the customs were completely different than those of her native country. One of the hardest things for Azita was attending the St. Mary's chapel services. Azita had always attended a Moslem service and found it hard to become acquainted with our services. The dating here is also different than in Iran. Azita says, "Here you have to invite your date in after he takes you out and if he doesn't kiss you, the girl thinks that he had a bad time. It is not like this in Iran." Because Azita is close to her family, she found it lonesome over here for awhile, because she missed home and felt that people over here just weren't interested in foreign students. However, she soon felt at home here at St. Mary's. Azita plans to go to State next year and thinks that she wants to major in science. She says that she will return to Iran eventually because "there's no place like home."

Sandra Keesee is a junior at St. Mary's. She is originally from Puerto Rico, but now she lives in the Bahamas. Sandra chose to come to St. Mary's, because she wanted to go to a small college and felt that St. Mary's was best suited for her. The biggest adjustment that Sandra had to make was getting use to being away from home, but she said that it was made easy for her because everyone was good to her and made her feel at home at St. Mary's. Sandra wants to major in dance and is presently a member of Orchesis.

We are fortunate to have each of these special girls at



Sohelia, Sandra, Azita, and Muriel enjoy the snow at St. Mary's.

St. Mary's. They are friendly, interesting to talk to, and always willing to discuss their

home lands and their impressions of America, North Carolina, and St. Mary's.

Students Pay Phone Bills

MUNCIE, Ind. (CH) - A survey at Ball State U. here has concluded that most students pay their own bills when they call long distance, dispelling the stereotype of the student calling home collect.

have bills averaging over \$75 a month.

New Dancers Chosen

The Caperettes, Orchesis and Gille Callum Dancers have all held workshops and tryouts and new members have been added to each of the groups.

New Caperettes are Duvall Schultz and Pat Lawrence; Orchesis has added Rachel Woodruff; and Gillie Callum's new member is Julie Parson.

These new dancers performed for their first time at the February 1 Stewart Theatre engagement.

The survey, conducted by the Office of Student Affairs, discovered that 71 percent of the students pay their own bills for long distance calls.

Other survey results concluded that 62 percent of the students make between three and 10 long distance calls per month, while 13 percent make more than 11. The average monthly telephone bill was estimated at less than \$20, while 21 percent of the students reported monthly bills averaging between \$31 and \$50. Five percent said they

College Tuition Relief Act Proposed

(CH) - The proposed College Tuition Tax Relief Act, which would allow a taxpayer to take a \$250 credit for college tuition paid, has met mixed reactions from the higher education community.

A survey by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges showed that roughly one-third of its members favored the tuition tax credit, one third opposed it, and one-third wanted to explore other ways of reducing the burden of college expenses.

Why should anyone in higher education be opposed to a measure that would make it financially easier to attend college? Because, say opponents, it would cost the government over \$1 billion

and take away from funds that might be spent even more beneficially for higher education. "There are traditional ways of spending that much money in the form of loans or grants that would be more effective," says Larry Horton, an official of Stanford University, an institution that is on record as opposing the proposal.

But Sen. William Roth (R-Del.), who introduced the bill, says it would give a break to middle-income taxpayers who face a tuition expense and would not be a replacement for other forms of aid to higher education.

The proposal has Senate and House support but is opposed by the Carter administration.

THE WILD AND THE WOOLY

by Denise Landi

A lot has been going on here at St. Elizabeth's School for Girls. In our last episode, Holly was unjustly accused of cheating due to the snooping of Doreen Dale. Doreen, taking the case of Honor Board, found her, herself thrown out of court and Holly's case dismissed. Since that time, Doreen has locked herself in the bathroom refusing visitors and only coming out long enough to attend classes. Holly and Leslie are not unhappy with the situation. They do not even care that they are forced to wash their faces in the public bathroom in the Student Union. The absence of the odious Doreen from their presence has lifted their spirits almost to the degree of elation.

At present, the two friends are discussing the upcoming class dance. Leslie has been going through her address book trying to decide which one of her many men she will ask.

"I've narrowed it down to 211," says Leslie. She doesn't realize how this statement grates on Holly's nerves.

"Oh really, what happened to the last 73?" Holly answers, not really caring but feeling obligated to ask.

"They're either too fat, too skinny, not cute enough, bad dancers, or queer!"

Holly laughs in spite of herself. She, at present, has no one to ask. "I've got a good idea. let's go down to

Billsborough Street and check out Macks, Larry's, and Edward's Market. Maybe there will be someone down there we can talk into going with us."

"Good idea!" said Leslie. "I bet some of the Nigma Snus, AK's or ESA's will be hanging around trying to look cool and we'll catch them by surprise."

"They won't have an excuse," laughs Holly. "The dance is a month away, they can't have plans. This is the best idea we've had all year!"

"You mean besides locking Doreen in the bathroom," laughs Leslie.

At Macks there is the usual delirium and Leslie and Holly push through the crowd.

"What about those guys over in the corner?" asks Leslie.

"Those two lovers!" Holly is wide-eyed. "We'd be fighting them off all night!"

"It's too late," whispers Leslie, "Here they come."

"Hi girls, wanna shake a leg?" (The two boys seem to know all the college lingo!)

"What for?" asks Holly incredulously. She has no idea what they mean. She is very frightened and suddenly develops a burning desire to run all the way back down Billsborough Street and straight to St. Elizabeth's.

The two boys are laughing at Holly but persist, "Don't you girls know how to dance?"

Holly."

Leslie turns to go but realizes one of the boys has grabbed Holly and is wildly throwing her around the dance floor. Suddenly, she finds herself dancing with the second boy, and there is no way to stop. She looks at Holly and laughs. Holly looks at her and laughs. Twenty minutes later they find themselves walking out to the car with the two young men.

"Leslie," (Holly is getting a little drunk) "Let's take an illegal, so we can really have some fun."

"Alright!" shout the boys.

"Alright," shouts Leslie. (As usual, she is ready for any type of escapade.) "Let's go to the beach!"

In a minute they are in the car and heading for the beach. The two girls look at each other.

"Remember what we went out for," whispers Leslie.

"Okay, you ask first," answers Holly.

"Later," Leslie answers from the back seat. She begins to say something else but all at once she finds herself in a passionate embrace. Holly turns around and giggles, watching Leslie struggle.

"Don't laugh," says the boy behind the wheel, "wait until it's his turn to drive."

In spite of the seven beers and everything else. Holly suddenly becomes very scared.

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