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ST. MARY'S COLLEGE GIRLS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

St. Mary's girls have career goals in mind. Some girls mention such careers as nursing, corporate law, auditory pathology, or even commercial airline piloting - careers that seem to be a bit unusual for graduates of a small junior college.

The majority of the students at St. Mary's, of course, still plan to continue in the Liberal Arts or business fields by majoring in advertising, journalism, broadcasting, business, and fashion merchandising. These fields do have good preparation courses here at SMC. In fact, after attending a junior college like St. Mary's, these girls may actually have an advantage over their competition because of the personal attention received in the small college classes.

Some of the girls plan to work with children, either as psychologists or in some field of childhood education. These girls have gained experience

here at St. Mary's by working at local day care centers and/or elementary schools. One girl stated that she realized how much she enjoyed working with children only after being able to do so on a regular basis through her classes.

Oddly enough, although art and theater majors are bound to come out of a Liberal Arts school, very few polled students expressed any desire to make a career in either field. Each art and drama student questioned stated that she had enjoyed her classes tremendously, but only a small number had any plans for transferring to an art or theatrical school for further instruction. Most said they feared the competition. Those few majoring in art were going to major in commercial design. Drama majors were unsure of what they would eventually do, but all hoped that at some time they would work in a well-respected

theatrical company.

Graduating seniors were also asked their ideas on marriage and children. Most still saw marriage in their future, but they wondered if they could raise a family while working. The majority of girls chose to postpone their careers until after raising their children to school age. Only a few who planned to marry expressed a strong aversion to having children. In fact, many wished to have large families.

All of the girls consider the future economy when making plans for their futures. Some girls stated that they had refrained from becoming involved in a field because of the lack of security they saw in that job. Almost all of the girls expected to work while married because of financial necessity. But no matter where St. Mary's girls are going or what they're going to do, all considered college preparation vital.

Laura McConnell



Graduation

Virus Reaches Epidemic Proportions

Within this grove of stately oak trees, a highly contagious virus has once again, as it does every year at this time, taken hold. It is called for all, senioritis, but as usual to the majority the sickness has been even more closely diagnosed as "Carolina Fever."

In the upstairs of the student union above the complaints of "no mail again" an ecstatic cry of "I've been accepted" can often be heard. As to the whereabouts of where these "acceptees" will attend, the distribution is similar to past years. The majority, of course, will attend Chapel Hill, but the senior class of 1980 will also be represented at other institutions including: Appalachian, Davidson, East Carolina, Meredith, N.C.

State, Queens, Salem, and UNCW. Those who have chosen to go somewhere outside of North Carolina will be attending: the College of Charleston, the University of South Carolina, the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Virginia, James Madison, Loyola, Katherine Gibbs and the University of Kentucky. Some have opted to go to work or are still undecided as to what they will do with their future.

Sallie Lynch

Mock Convention At St. Mary's

It is 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 22. As Anna Tate and Edie Lindsey, the Convention Co-Chairmen, call the crowd to order, the general chaos around me in Pittman Auditorium dies down, but not completely.

This is the beginning of Saint Mary's fourth Mock Nominating Convention, which is part of Don Roberts' Political Science 29 Class. There are roughly two hundred delegates here tonight, one tenth of the actual number of delegates who will be at-

tending the 1980 Republican National Convention in Detroit, Michigan, in July.

Each delegation head has been preparing for months for this mock convention. Students have written letters, collected newspaper clippings, and some have been able to record primary results to accurately predict how their states' delegations will vote.

Tonight we will hear the Keynote Address by Dr. Ray Camp, a professor at North Carolina State University, and

speeches for the candidates whose names we place in nomination for President. We will meet again at 6:00 P.M. two nights from now on Thursday, April 24, to have the roll call of states for the Presidential nomination. Ronald Reagan will probably not have much opposition and should win the nomination. But there is expected to be a fight regarding the Vice Presidential nomination, and no one can at this point predict who the winner will be.

Linda Ingram

DR. ESTES TO GO BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN

Dr. David C. Estes, who has been with the St. Mary's English Department for one



Dr. David C. Estes

year, will spend the upcoming year in the People's Republic of China. Dr. Estes will be employed by the government of China with a one-year visiting appointment at the Shanghai Foreign Language Institute. His duties will consist of working with the English professors to improve their skills in teaching English.

The Institute is one of the two largest such schools in China with several thousand students. It offers highly specialized training in languages.

Dr. Estes considers the possibility of overseas teaching interesting. His basic goal for the year he will spend in China is to "find out exactly

what a college degree means in another culture and to find out what a young person in China expects to derive from such a degree." Dr. Estes is also extremely interested in finding out what concept the Red Chinese have of Americans and of life in the United States.

Dr. Estes does not speak Chinese, but he will learn as much as he can about the language this summer. He doesn't expect this to be an easy task. "Chinese is a very difficult language," he says, "because the same word can mean several different things depending on the intonations it is given." Other problems Dr. Estes has anticipated are finding clothes to fit his 6'0"

frame, which is well above the average Chinese height, and deciding exactly what clothes to take to suit the Chinese climate.

Shanghai, where Dr. Estes will be living, is the largest city in Red China, and it is also known as the most vital and exciting city in the country. Because Shanghai was a British base during the war, the Western influence has been great. The climate is said to be comparable to that of the South Eastern coast of the United States. Because it is also known as China's most polluted city, it will probably provide Dr. Estes with memories of New York or Chicago.

MEMORIAL

Things we certainly will miss, but never lose - Mr. Johnson

Clutter and chaos at registration...the calm reassurance...tears over an intolerable class...a comforting smile...oh, those white shoes...a bright "hello"..."Welcome to the 1979 St. Mary's Spring Festival"...what a quiet tone...what a gentle person...always a nice thing to say...a nice thing to do...so much patience...we showed so little appreciation...slow walks around the drive (cane in hand)...all smiles and grease paint in an SMC play...Santa Claus at Christmas...an easy person to talk to...an easy person to admire...years of contributing...a deep love for the school...never too busy to listen...a comforting word when things looked bad...college applications-SEND MY TRANSCRIPTS!...announcing graduation ceremonies...laughing with students...all-giving, all-loving, and all-caring. Things we certainly will miss but never lose.

Kea Capel