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MR. ROBERTS LEAVES AFTER 14 YEARS

by Margaret Norris



Mr. Roberts advises student. (Photo by Margaret Norris)

Enthusiastic, energetic, fun-loving -- these are the words that friends have used to describe Mr. Don Roberts. Of course being a white liberal from Mississippi is unique in itself, but this is not the only unique quality that Mr. Roberts possesses which will be greatly missed when he leaves St. Mary's after 14½ years of dedicated service.

Mr. Roberts is leaving St. Mary's to work as the International Student Advisor at N.C.S.U. At the end of this semester, he will be drawing to a close his 14½ year term here. For someone who has been an integral part of this school for so long, leaving will constitute a big change for him as well as for St. Mary's. By talking with people who have worked closely with Mr. Roberts, it is easy to get a better perspective of his personality and various accomplishments. The faculty members in the Social Studies department were more than willing to discuss their colleague.

"It will be awfully quiet around here," Dr. Watson said with a laugh. "He's very dedicated, and I know he hates to leave the classroom. Hopefully he will come back and play the 'villain' for us again."

"He's high-spirited and always excited with teaching," Mrs. Stoops mused. "His political con-

ventions have been incredibly accurate and have taken a lot of time to organize. He has added zest--we'll miss him!"

Dr. Hume looks upon his colleague as being "a very able" person. "I know of no one here who is more dedicated to the mission of the school. He makes a special effort to pull students out of their protective shells and make them realize the opportunities and alternatives for women."

Mr. Roberts has played the role of an activist during his years at St. Mary's. For example, he originated the SMC Mock Political Conventions and has put in many hours towards their ultimate success. Also, he has taken on the responsibility of the St. Mary's ambassadorship program, and he has enchanted audiences with his performances in many of St. Mary's drama productions. In addition to all this, Mr. Roberts has served on several committees on campus including being chairman of academic council.

It is hard for St. Mary's to say good-bye to such a fine and dedicated teacher. It is obvious how much Mr. Roberts has done for this school. His smile and laugh will definitely be missed, not to mention how his wonderful Goldie Locks and the Three Bears story has delighted students for over a decade.

NETTERS WIN STATE TITLE

by Charlotte Hill

The St. Mary's tennis team arrived in Charlotte on October 31 in the misty cold. The rain poured all afternoon. They had come to play the State Championship Tennis Tournament.

The grim weather matched the outlook on a victory. Charlotte Latin had the lead the first day, 14-11. However, Saturday started out well. The team got to sleep due to the poor weather, which cleared up in the afternoon. By one o'clock the sun was shining and it seemed to have generated an electricity through the team.

The finals were played at Charlotte Latin on Saturday. St. Mary's number one, two,

three, and six girls were in them. Ellen Rogers, who was seeded number one, played against Laura Ballentine of Charlotte Latin and won 6-4, 6-3. Millice Rogers also breezed through her match to another victory, 6-3, 7-5. Margaret Jones played well, winning over Margaret Glover 6-1, 6-0. Isabel Santo Thomas, Jenny Holden, and Laura Grey also contributed matches to the victory.

The doubles "whipped up" on two victories that decided the match. Millice and Margaret easily beat their contenders. Ellen Rogers and Jenny Holden won in a "heartstopper". Their match decided the title. They

won the first set 7-6 but had to move inside due to the fast coming darkness. Jenny fired a well placed lob over their opponents head for the winning point at the end of another long set that claimed the title... St. Mary's, Independent High Schol State Champs.

Regardless of who made it to the finals and who didn't, the victory was a team effort. It was a result of Miss Jones' great coaching ability and the

determination of a group of hardworking girls... from Jenny's lob to Val Scott's inspirational cheers on the sidelines.

TSS: WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

by Valerie Purdie

Warnings on the television, warnings interrupting radio broadcast, warnings posted in all the drug stores, newspapers, and magazines. The warnings all concern a rare disease termed Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS).

Why all the sudden attention to TSS if it is an uncommon disease? The introduction of Rely tampons created the fervor. Although all tampons are suspected in contributing to the risk of contracting the disease, Rely tampons are thought to be responsible for seventy percent of all recent cases. Not only the Rely tampons, which have all been recalled, but all super plus tampons are believed to increase a

woman's chances of getting TSS.

A sudden fever of generally over 101 degrees, vomiting or diarrhea, and other symptoms such as a sudden drop of blood pressure, dizziness, and a rash similar to sunburn could signify Toxic Shock Syndrome. According to the FDA, emergency medical attention might be needed should any of these symptoms occur, since the disease can be fatal. Advice offered by the FDA concerning prevention of the disease is as follows:

1. You can almost entirely avoid the low risk of getting TSS by not using tampons.
2. If you choose to use tampons, you can reduce your

risk by using them on and off during your period.

3. If a doctor has told you that you have had Toxic Shock Syndrome, or, if you believe you have had the disease, do not use tampons until you check with your doctor.

Research is being done at present to find out more about the disease and its connection with tampons.

When asked if they were taking measures in order to decrease the risk of TSS, several St. Mary's students replied that they were alternating tampons and napkins during menstruation while many others continue to appreciate the convenience of only tampon use.

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Test Prayer

by Sufferin' Student

Now I lay me down to study

I pray the Lord I won't go nutty

If I should fail to learn this junk

I pray the Lord I will not flunk.

But if I do, don't pity me at all,

Just lay my bones in study hall

Tell my teacher I did my best

Then pile my books upon my chest.

Now I lay me down to rest

And pray I'll pass tomorrow's test

If I should die before I wake

That's one less test I'll have to take.

Holiday



Greetings

Our warmest of wishes are extended to you and your entire family for a Merry Christmas! May the feelings of brotherhood, love, peace and tranquility last throughout the year! Thanks for your help!