

Annual European Trip Again A Success

by Mary Newman

This past July Professor Tate took 6 girls to Europe for 5 weeks. This was the third summer in a row he has done so. The groups spent 3 days in Stratford where they attended 3 Shakespearean plays and 5 other plays in London. The girls were required to write a paper on each of the plays. The girls received three hours of English credit if they had taken English 21-22, if not it was counted as an elective.

They were in London for the Royal Wedding, which both the girls and Professor Tate agreed was the highlight of the trip. They traveled around England, the southern

part of Wales, and spent 6 days in France (Paris).

There are some great advantages in going with a small group like this, for it is easier to do spur of the moment things. That often turns out to be more fun than following a strict schedule. Professor Tate is already making plans for this summer. Even though all the girls that went this past year were in the College portion of St. Mary's, Professor Tate will let high school as well as College girls. If you are interested in the trip for this up coming summer contact Professor Tate.

A St. Mary's Christmas Celebration

By the time December rolls around, a lot of students are just about ready to collapse and hibernate for a few weeks. Well, if you want to escape from that ever present homework, here's a suggestion: come and see the Celebration of the Yule. For the third year in a row, the Department of Performing Arts, assisted by guys from the N.C. State chorus and local high schools will be presenting a program of Christmas music and dance guaranteed to liven up any evening.

The Celebration of the Yule is a festival of the Christmas traditions of 17th and 18th century England, as well as other European countries. The production is divided into three parts, representing the activities of the village people during the Winters Solstice and Christmas. The first part shows the people gathering for the Solstice. They eventually move to the village square, where a second round of celebrations takes place.

In the last section, the villagers enter the house of the royalty to celebrate Christmas with their lords. In some places, the people could even elect a king for a day, who usually spend his time issuing strange proclamations. Last year, Dr. Miller was chosen from the audience to be St. Mary's own "Lord of Misrule."

The Celebration is a wonderful chance to witness Christmas traditions that we're not usually aware of and that are different from our own. For example, in Ireland, children would go from door to door begging for money in what is now called the Wren Dance. They would capture and kill a wren (the actors will use an imitation) and move from house to house singing and dancing. When you gave them money, they would give you in return a feather, which was supposed to bring you good luck for the rest of the year.

Besides the carols, there will also be poetry reading and a short play, "King



Girls on European Trip bid Best Wishes to Charles and Lady Di at The Royal Wedding.

"Say What....?"

by Cree Taylor

Sarah Rice, it was so nice of you to escort your "grandfather" to the U.N.C. football game, and what's this I hear about your dancing with the garbage collector at the Zate House? Gina, why is it that every time you get near the Zate House, you can't stand up? Pride Edmunds, who's the new man in your life? Barret Sloan, I'm glad to see that you finally got another date besides Will.

George and the Dragon". So, with all this action going on, it's not surprising that so many groups are involved. The Chorale and Ensemble will perform, as will Gillie Callum and the Masquers Mime. All in all, this is a show you shouldn't miss. We hope that we'll see you on Wednesday, December 9 in Pittman Auditorium when the fun starts.

Suiter W. good luck getting Horace Beasley. Bettine, I see you're back with Taylor. Janet Gregg, you should have gotten a paper bag for that "jug" you were carrying at the Court Parties. Scotty Grine, what's this I hear about you going home every weekend to watch T.V. with your boyfriend? Laura Edwards, what were you trying to prove with that dancing at the Stranger Mixer? Melanie Hardy, how does it feel to entertain two different male generations? (Lee and Doug.) Neill Stack, tell us about those all nighters at the PHI GAM House in Chapel Hill. Marion Charmichael, welcome to the Hit and Run Club. Francis and Sandra, what did ya'll do in the elevator? (Did ya'll pour "water" in there?) Sandra, where's "George"? Anita S.,

why were you running from Swensons? Holly Davis, what was that you did between two cars at Chapel Hill? Anne Rice, I hear you caught the "M train". Too bad you fell off the caboose. DeAnna, "I'm not going." "I'm taking back that &+?+&?! taffeta skirt." Ann Bailey, what were you doing in the elevator when Amy Woodson found you and what were you and Tom doing to get the entire 3rd floor of Smedes out on the balcony watching? Ruth Findlay, what did you say that bran made you do five times a day? Catherine Norris, who's the younger man you're going to the Broughton homecoming with? Brady W., what condition were you in at the E.H.S. party in Richmond? St. Mary's has been pretty active since the semester started. Let's keep it up girls!

Study Reveals Increased Popularity of Business Courses

A yearly survey conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board shows that the field of business and commerce is attracting the largest group of college-bound students. The survey is administered to students taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and is answered by more than 90 percent of those students. This was the first time that business and commerce was found to be more popular than the medical and health services area.

The six most popular fields of study among college-bound high school seniors were:

- Business and commerce - 18.5 percent
- Health and medical services - 14.4 percent
- Engineering - 11.8 percent
- Social science - 7.4 percent
- Education - 5.7 percent
- Computer sciences - 5.6 percent

The survey questioned the students about the courses they had taken in high school. It found that 91 percent had

taken four years of English and 59 percent had taken four years of math. About 73 percent of the students had completed at least two years of a foreign language.

Asked about their plans for future study, 43 percent of the students said that they planned to pursue graduate study on the master's or doctoral level after graduating from college.

Minority students comprised 18.1 percent of the students taking the SAT's, a small increase over last year.



Karen Lado conducts experiment in Biology Lab.

