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STUDENT BODY ELECTS NEW SGA OFFICERS

By Sara Dowling

With the 1984-85 academic year coming to a close, it is time to start looking forward to next year. The student body has elected a fine new student government for next year, and the school will be in good hands. 1985-1986 promises to start off with a boom with the new SGA.

The new SGA president for next year is De Thomas who comes from Charlotte. This is De's first year at St. Mary's, yet she is involved with the Scoop, Ensemble, and the Granddaughters' Club. Next year she will be a hall counselor on second Middle Smedes.

The Vice-president for next year is Anna Redding. Anna is from Asheboro, and she is on the Projects Committee, in

the Granddaughters' Club, and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She will be a hall counselor on second Penick.

The new secretary-treasurer for next year is Margaret is from New Bern. This is her first year at St. Mary's, and she plays on the basketball team. Margaret will live on the first floor of East Cruik next year.

Mary Barnett from Henderson is the new chairman of Dorm Council. She came to St. Mary's last year as a sophomore. At St. Mary's, Mary has been involved with Undadettes, Scoop, Dorm Council, and the Projects Committee. Mary will be a counselors on the second floor of East Cruik next year.

Vaiden Kramer of Raleigh will be the chairman of Judicial Board next year.

Vaiden has been at St. Mary's for three years. In high school she was a day student, but she boards this year. She has been involved with the *Belles*, Undadettes, and Gillie Callum. Vaiden is also treasurer of the Granddaughters' Club. Next year she will be a counselor on third Middle Smedes.

Gigi Evins, from Oxford, NC, is the new vice-chairman of Judicial Board. She is a member of the soccer team, tennis team, and the Granddaughters' Club.

Elizabeth Sloan will be the underclassman vice-president. She came to St. Mary's this year as a freshman from Wilmington. Elizabeth is in the Granddaughters' Club and will live on second Middle Smedes next year.

Gwen Dyxon will be the president of Day Students. She is from Raleigh and is excited about being the leader of Day Students. Gwen is also on the high school tennis team.

Betsy Diedrick, from Rocky Mount, is the new social chairman. Betsy has been at St. Mary's two years now. She was an acolyte last year and presently serves as vice-president of the junior class. She is also a Caperette and a member of the Granddaughters' Club. Next year Betsy will be on the second floor of Holt.

These people are very special people and show amazing potential. The student body has made good choices, and next year promises to be spectacular.

GOLDEN GIRLS

by Shannon Taylor

At one point in everyone's life one becomes familiar with the saying "Make new friends and keep the old. One is silver and the other gold." The friends that one makes at St. Mary's are gold. They are special relationships that will last forever, relationships that are worth more than the purest gold. We all have had many different memories during our short span of time here whether they may be of the famous Smedes Christmas Party, those endless assemblies, the dances, frat row, or just plain going out and causing a public disturbance (but all with good intentions!) The time we all have spent with each other has flown by. Another year is over; it seems as if yesterday we were arriving. We've been through it all: We have had the St. Mary's Experience.

Hopefully the times we have had have been successful, good not bad, and that we don't regret the time we have traded for it. Perhaps one of the annual act-

ivities that will help memories always survive is the cherished Balloon Chapel. During this very special service we all are brought close together in one family. The St. Mary's family is like the brilliantly colored balloons upon which we write precious blessings. When everything has been said and done the balloons are let go; they rise together and disperse in various directions, spreading all over the heavens. Yet they are one for they all hold blessings and memories of St. Mary's forever. Even though they separate for a time some will rise to new heights where they will meet again.

We are like these balloons. Even upon parting we remain together in our memories as precious gems on our golden hearts, and we will meet again because as everyone's favorite James Taylor sang, "You've got a friend." So "when you're down and troubled and you need a helping hand, and nothing, no nothing, is going right. Close your eyes and think

of me and soon I will be there, to brighten up even your darkest night. You just call out my name and you know where ever I am; I'll come running to see you again. Winter, Spring, Summer, or Fall all you have to do is call and I'll be there. You've got a friend." Our memories are our own, and no one could sum up this time we have spent here except us.

I wish you good luck on pursuing your hopes, dreams, and ambitions. You will always have your friends here behind you all the way. As one of my friends once said "I will leave you now in hope's that you, like me, will cherish and hold these memories with you until the end of time." I hope your experience has been filled with joy for that is the most important thing. As C. S. Lewis said

"...all
loneliness
angers,
hatreds,
envies
and itchings...
if rolled
into one
single
experience
and put
into the scale
against the
least moment
of the
joy that is
felt by
the least in
Heaven
would have
no weight
that
could be
registered
at all."

"Thanks for the times you've given me. The memories are all in my mind. And now as we have come to the end of our rainbow, there is something I must say out loud..." "YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND!!"

"GOOSM"-- Changing things for the better

By Meg Sullivan

One evening last month while we were all eating and socializing in the cafe, a strange event took place. Dean Jones announced to the student body that a new club was being formed right before our very eyes. The GOOSM (Gripes Order Of St. Mary's) was born.

The club arose out of the need for an organized discussion group that would give all students the chance to be heard. This year both students and faculty have sensed that there is a general feeling of dissatisfaction with the school and how it is run. New ideas are necessary for the preservation of school unity and the best place to start is with students and faculty talking together in small groups.

The next step is to draw up a list of suggestions and submit them to Dean Jones for approval. This is the purpose of GOOSM.

The first members of the group were chosen by Dean Jones because of their ability to take initiative before a group and voice their opinions. These people were interested in making changes on the campus so that it would be more enjoyable for the students and faculty. The first four students include Dabney Mann, Barbara Hansen, Eve Heslin, and Havalan Sealy. Rev. Davis and Dr. Woerner are the faculty representatives.

Eve Heslin is very excited about the club because it allows people to "get

things done systematically." Indeed some things *are* being done. Recently, a survey was circulated among the students to see how effective and helpful their hall counselors are. Also the suggestions that were made during the first GOOSM meeting are currently being evaluated for possible use.

The meetings and discussions will continue on a monthly basis, and during each gathering the club will chose new members to keep new ideas flowing. This group is just what the school needs to keep unity and spirit among the St. Mary's community. With everyone's suggestions we *can* make changes for the better.