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## The Beauty of St. Mary's

by Elizabeth Williams,  
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I love to show off St. Mary's and I don't have any pretensions of modesty. I feel comfortable bragging about her beautiful oak trees, precious chapel, and her never ending spirit which is present in all aspects of the SMC life.

I will take visitors through the historic campus watching them absorb the beauty amongst them. I suppose my pleasure in showing off St. Mary's is the kind of chauvinism so many of us feel for the places we live. The pride of North Carolinians for their pine trees, beautiful cities, to the quietest Outer Banks. It is the sense of worth we feel we deserve for being so clever for choosing such a special place to live.

One can feel less of a braggart showing off the beauty of St. Mary's campus than showing off one's wardrobe. So I have my special places on the campus where I take people. Zealously I sing the praises of the stately oak trees and retell the stories of the Union troops camping out in St. Mary's grove during the Civil War, more than a 100 years ago.

If they have time I take them into the chapel, which I particularly love. Or I will take my visitors up into the dorms of Smedes — an experience all should have. Then we go a bit further and I take them into town where they can compare the hustle and bustle of the Yuppies in the city to the hushed silences of acorns and pecans dropping from the trees of the SMC campus.

My visitors often tell me that they

don't want to take up too much of my time, they know that I've seen it all. They don't seem to understand that they are just an excuse for me to see it again! So I go along narrating as if I were a professional guide. When we return they understand why I never pass up a chance to go along.

I met a girl from Williamsburg, who after hearing me praise St. Mary's, rudely interrupted saying that, "St. Mary's is just another college, so what?" "Where do you go?", I asked with a note of surprise in my voice. "Ohio State," she replied.

Well, there's nothing wrong with Ohio State, but it in no way measures up to the extravagant language I use to describe St. Mary's. So I told her you couldn't just go to St. Mary's and plop yourself down and expect the college to reveal herself to you. I suggested the next time she was here to go a bit further and investigate all that SMC has to offer. Somehow, I don't think she believed me. But, that's her loss.

St. Mary's doesn't reveal herself easily. One can be fooled and misdirected by her blatant charms or lulled by her comfortable surroundings, and think this place is just another college campus.

Indeed, the visitor may never discover the grandeur of SMC. And many, like the girl from Ohio State, will not give SMC a chance. There must be some effort on your part to search for the warmth and spirit, to explore the subtleties that provide St. Mary's with the qualities that give its students a reason to call St. Mary's home.



St. Mary's Chapel

## The Circle

by Elizabeth Williams  
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On Wednesday night, September 18, at midnight a hush fell over the St. Mary's campus. One by one the students left their dorm rooms to gather on the back lawn. Quietly they watched as the girls in the light blue robes ascended into a circular group to induct the new members of the 1985-86 Circle.

Those who were new to St. Mary's probably watched these draped girls in amazement, possibly even skepticism. It is not every night at twelve a.m. that one sees seventeen girls in light blue robes carrying candles around. Yet, to those girls who are familiar with the Circle, the walk was a welcoming sight.

In 1943, the Circle was formed with the intentions of promoting good faculty-student relationships and spirit throughout the school. The tradition still carries on today.

The Circle inducted three new members at the walk: Marinda Sapp, Rebecca Wilson, and Ashley Williamson. Julie Brady, last year's President, led the ceremony. Also attending were eight old members from the graduating class of 1985. Needless to say the walk was a successful one.

1985-86 Circle members:

Grace Fulton — President  
Mary Ecclescheatman — Vice President  
Robin Ballard — Treasurer  
Franyne Fowle  
Elenor Field  
Marinda Sapp  
Rebecca Wilson  
Ashley Williamson

## Self Defense

by Charlotte Moffat  
Staff writer

Are you physically capable to fight off an attacker? Could you handle a potentially dangerous situation with control? Sergeant D.B. Henton of the Raleigh Police Station is going to hold a self defense class this year for the students of St. Mary's. The course is for those who are interested in learning how to defend themselves and talk their way out of attempted rape.

Sergeant Henton has practiced martial arts for nineteen years. He holds a 4th degree black belt and a 2nd degree belt in Jiu Ji Su. He has taught students of many colleges: among them are St. Mary's, Peace, Meredith, and Wake Technical Institute. He has also taught self defense classes to officers in basic training, community centers, civic organizations, and women employees of large companies.

A number of years ago Henton became interested in teaching women how to defend themselves. Being on the police force, he saw how women were being raped at places and times that were clearly dangerous.

Even women on the police force were being attack while working undercover. Henton decided to educate women by teaching them how to get out of these dangerous situations. He started by interviewing women who got themselves out of the rape situation, both physically and verbally. He then took apart the rape situation, piece by piece, to invent techniques that would enable a woman of any size to escape the situation. Henton stated that most of the time murder is not associated with rape. The victim usually knows when she is going to be murdered.

The sergeant gave a striking example of a girl in one of the three surrounding colleges. He demonstrated how she used her wits to get herself out of being raped. The girl was met in her dorm room by a man who was naked. The girl persuaded the attacker to let her use the bathroom. Thus, the girl escaped and ran for help. This incident is one of many in which a young woman with the proper training and knowledge knew how to defend herself. A student's well being may depend on taking this class.

## The St. Mary—OTT

by Charlotte Moffat  
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There is something new around campus this year other than new students. It is a building that has been completely redecorated. The "new" Holt, also known as the "St. Mary-ott," is the talk of the college. It has been fifteen to twenty years since Holt last had badly needed redecoration.

In the past few years Holt was badly needing new paint, wall paper, and floor covering. This past summer St. Mary's decided not only to slap paint on the walls, but to spend approximately

\$80,000 on the renovation.

The college hired a professional interior decorator to put a feminine touch to the building, instead of painting the walls classic white. Mr. Conrad, business director, commented that Holt has always been a favorite dorm among the students. Thus, the administration wanted this particular project to be an outstanding one.

The decorator matched rose and blue wallpaper to tie in with and complement the carpeting. St. Mary's is hoping that the students in Holt dorm will care for their new home and also be happy in their comfortable new "hotel."

## Interview with Mr. Solari

by Alystyre Julian  
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Mr. Anthony Solari (he likes his students to call him Tony) is one of St. Mary's new faculty members. He teaches An Introduction to Business class which, he explained, was more "of a political economy class." He also teaches an American government class. At N. C. State Solari teaches an international relations class which he would like to see taught in the future at St. Mary's.

Originally from New Jersey, Solari

was an undergraduate at Rutgers, where he said he had a very influential professor that opened up his mind and explored ideas that he had never heard before. Being a bouncer in bars, painting houses, and working in New York as a sales analyst helped put Solari through school. Solari still had a need to find something meaningful to him. Six years ago he came to Duke University on a scholarship. Along with teaching, he is currently working on his dissertation for his PhD. He says he would like to finish with his research by this spring. Because of this work, Solari has little spare time. He often finds

his research lasting into late night, but he is studying the martial arts as a hobby.

When asked what made him choose St. Mary's he explained that there are two ways to a career. "A big name university," he said, "stresses scholarship at the expense of teaching." St. Mary's is an ideal place for him because it stresses the scholarship, but has a commitment to teaching and getting to know his students. In fact, he feels this is so important that he would like more students to talk with him about any problems they may have academically or about life in general.

Most of all, Solari wants his students to be "challenged in their beliefs." He wants to make his class politically meaningful by presenting both sides of issues and demanding a lot from students in terms of wanting to learn. By "shaking students up and making things a concern," Solari wants them to make their own minds up about what they hear. Thus, they can argue their position more intelligently. Solari is overall very happy here at St. Mary's.

He said it is nice to see "bright women and helpful faculty."

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