

## ST. MARY'S

## SPORTS

High School Tennis:  
Winners Again

by Karla Odeen  
Sports Editor

St. Mary's College has always had a tradition of fine tennis teams. For the past nine years the high school team has won the District Championship and ranked high on the state level. This year, MCS ranked well again. They took the second place trophy at the Districts, losing by only two points.

The fall season is basically devoted to the high school team. Coach Jones spends the majority of her time preping and traveling with the team. The season went well with a 7-1 record. For what Coach Jones called a "rebuilding" year, things went really well. The team lost half of its members because of graduation this past year. But this problem was overcome with the addition of five strong freshman players. The team is composed of ten members: Susan McNeil, Margaret Hillman, Carol Laney, Rhett Lea, Meg Arey, Bobbie Britt, Emerson McLean, Lee Lee Kirkland, Trisha White, and Susan Abraham.

The big winners at Districts were Margaret Hillman winning the third seeded slot in the final match 6-1, 6-0; seed number six was won by Rhett Lea with a score of 6-4, 6-0; and we also had a winning second seeded doubles team with Meg Arey and Susan Abraham who had a winning score of 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

The team is now preparing for the State Championship. The matches will be held in Winston-Salem on the weekend of October 25. At States a little school like St. Mary's has to fight hard to be recognized. The team starts off a leg behind most schools, behind, because Coach Jones only has a maximum two years to work with them and the practice season at boarding school is also much shorter than at most day schools. She doesn't have her team but three weeks before the season opens. The team has fought hard against these adversities. The competition will be tough, but the team members are looking to win. Speaking with Carol Laney who plays number 4 singles and number 3 doubles,

she says she's been working hard since "Mom says I better win" and Coach Jones readily agrees. I'm sure everyone here at SMC wishes them the best of luck.

The college team has spent this fall working out. They are playing regularly and getting in shape. Following the high school team's weekend at States, Coach Jones will center her time on the college students. This team also will be rebuilding this season. Coach Jones only has a few veterans returning to play. With lots of practice this fall and winter we should expect to see another winning team here at SMC.

Good Luck Coach Jones and all team members!

Fellowship of  
Christian  
Athletes

by Charlotte Moffat  
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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has a great year ahead for its members. FCA meets every Thursday night at 5:30. Together they participate in fun and fellowship which includes singing and huddle groups where they exchange thoughts on what it means to be a Christian. Some topics focused upon are loneliness and dating in a modern society. FCA is also trying to plan two retreats this year. They are hoping to go to Roanoke, Virginia, as well as skiing in the mountains.

Some of the St. Mary's faculty is actively involved in FCA. Mrs. Bishop is the new advisor, interacting with Mrs. Rice, who is also an advisor. Mr. Roger Lee also attends all of the FCA meetings. FCA is looking forward to a fun-filled and exciting year.

## SKI PREVIEW

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conditions until the second week of January.

Skiing has hit the South like a whirlwind. According to Alpine Ski Center, "close to seven percent of the people in the South are skiers;" Southerners account for one out of every five skiers in the country. This phenomenal growth is due to the great access of slopes in Carolina and Virginia. The facilities have improved and expanded greatly. Lifts have been added and a great emphasis has been put on the snow making machine. Southern skier has benefited from a generally longer season, but mostly improved slope conditions."

The North Carolina Ski Association showed statistics of 160,000 ski days in the 1974-1975 season, where as by the end of last season that number had increased to over 500,000.

Apparently the Southern Skier has become more fashion conscious. In the past Levis and flannel shirts were acceptable attire on the southern slopes. Today southern apparel includes nothing less than the highest quality of skiwear. Last winter over \$35,000,000 worth of CB Sports Inc. merchandise was purchased.

Last November, the South took to the slopes in what is said to be record numbers. By early December the snow melted to mush because of the 86 degree temperatures. However, by January 5 Sugar Mountain re-opened with 90 percent snow availability. By January 21, Grandfather Mountain had -32 degrees at the top of the Mountain.

In spite of the fluctuating temperatures the South will continue to provide good ski conditions and this upcoming season promises to be "the best ever in the South."

## Students Galloping Away

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Besides the team sports here at SMC, the gym classes offer other athletic choices to the students. Riding has become a popular choice for many of the girls to fulfill their required P.E. credit. Classes are offered at every level of riding. The students trek 15 minutes just outside Raleigh to the stables.

The classes cover all the basic principles of riding and good horsemanship. The students learn to saddle the horses, grooming, and the basic riding techniques. Marcy Everett, a student from Baltimore, Md., is taking classes on the intermediate level. "I hope to be cantering and jumping by the end of the semester." For her, these 2 hours of riding offer a

chance to be with animals which she loves, and an escape from SMC's campus.

Some of the other students riding have been riding much longer than Marcy. A student participating in the program in the past shares her experience with us. "The stable offers a good advance level course with advance work including show jumping and cross country." But other students participating in this class feel that "most of the students this semester are more advanced than the level the class is being taught."

In every class taught, there will always be opposing opinions, but the opportunity to ride seems to be a popular choice. Classes will again be offered next year. There is an extra fee of \$150 to enroll in the course.

## The Jogging Club

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Being a member of the jogging club is not a life time commitment that will strike you down if you break it. If anyone even jogs occasionally, she should sign up for the jogging club. This club was set

up so that if anyone wanted to go jogging and needed someone to go with she can get other joggers to accompany her. If your name is on the list and someone calls you to go jogging, you do not have to go then. To sign up or to get additional information, joggers should contact Anna Redding.

## Pittman Auditorium

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— the perfect place for a ghost.

The questions is . . . is Eliza truly rooming in Pittman? Note that this is all speculation. However the historical facts are in print. If one puts two and two together the theory does make a lot of

sense. Just remember the next time you are passing by Pittman at night that there may very well be someone in the balcony in a long white gown, staring out the window looking down at you . . . just wave and tell Eliza, "Hey."

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Basketball season is rolling around again. The SMC team is just getting started. Practices have begun and team members are spending 8 hours a week on the court. This hard work hopefully will

lead to an excellent season. Below is the schedule.

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Nov. 18, Mon. [H]	4:00	Hale High at SMC [scrimmage]
Nov. 20, Wed.	4:30	SMC at Salem Academy
Nov. 25, Mon. [H]	4:00	Bishop McGuinness at SMC
Dec. 4, Wed.	7:00	SMC at Meredith
Jan. 13, Mon. [H]	4:00	Vance Academy at SMC
Jan. 16, Thurs. [H]	7:00	Meredith College at SMC
Jan. 21, Tues. [H]	6:00	Salem Academy at SMC
Jan. 23, Thurs.	4:00	SMC at Wake Christian
Jan. 27, Mon. [H]	4:30	Ravenscroft at SMC
Jan. 29, Wed.	4:00	SMC at Bishop McGuinness
Feb. 3, Mon. [H]	4:00	Wake Christian at SMC
Feb. 6, Thurs.	4:00	SMC at Vance Academy
Feb. 11, Tues. [H]	7:00	Southern Seminary at SMC

[H] denotes Home games