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Indecision Kicks the School Year Off to a Lively Start —more festive openings in the future

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Saturday, August 25, marks the beginning of a new tradition at Saint Mary's College. Indecision, a well-known band from Charlottesville, Virginia, entertained Saint Mary's students as well as other members of the Raleigh community. The band played from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., with an encore. Until this year, Saint Mary's had never featured a band while opening its doors to the public. The event proceeded with no serious problems involving alcohol or people attempting to sneak onto the campus. Domino's provided pizza while ARA food services provided drinks. Saint Mary's College received profit from both the selling of pizza and the selling of drinks. Jade Brannock commented, "I had a good time. I think it was a great way to start

off the year." Indecision is a Grateful Dead cover band that also play their own originals. Alison Nanninga commented, "I liked them, but I'm not a big Dead fan. They were good as far as Dead bands go." Although Indecision is from Virginia, they play in such places as Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina. Louise Harris concluded by saying how "cool" the band was. She said, "I loved it! I had so much fun!" These are just a few responses from the girls at Saint Mary's. The crowd cheered on the band as a successful closing to the event.

Events such as this will definitely be part of the future of Saint Mary's College. For more information about when Indecision is playing write: Indecision Booking and Information, PO Box 5046, Charlottesville, VA 22905, (804) 296-0974.



Faces in the crowd at the Indecision concert

Campus Undergoes Needed Renovation

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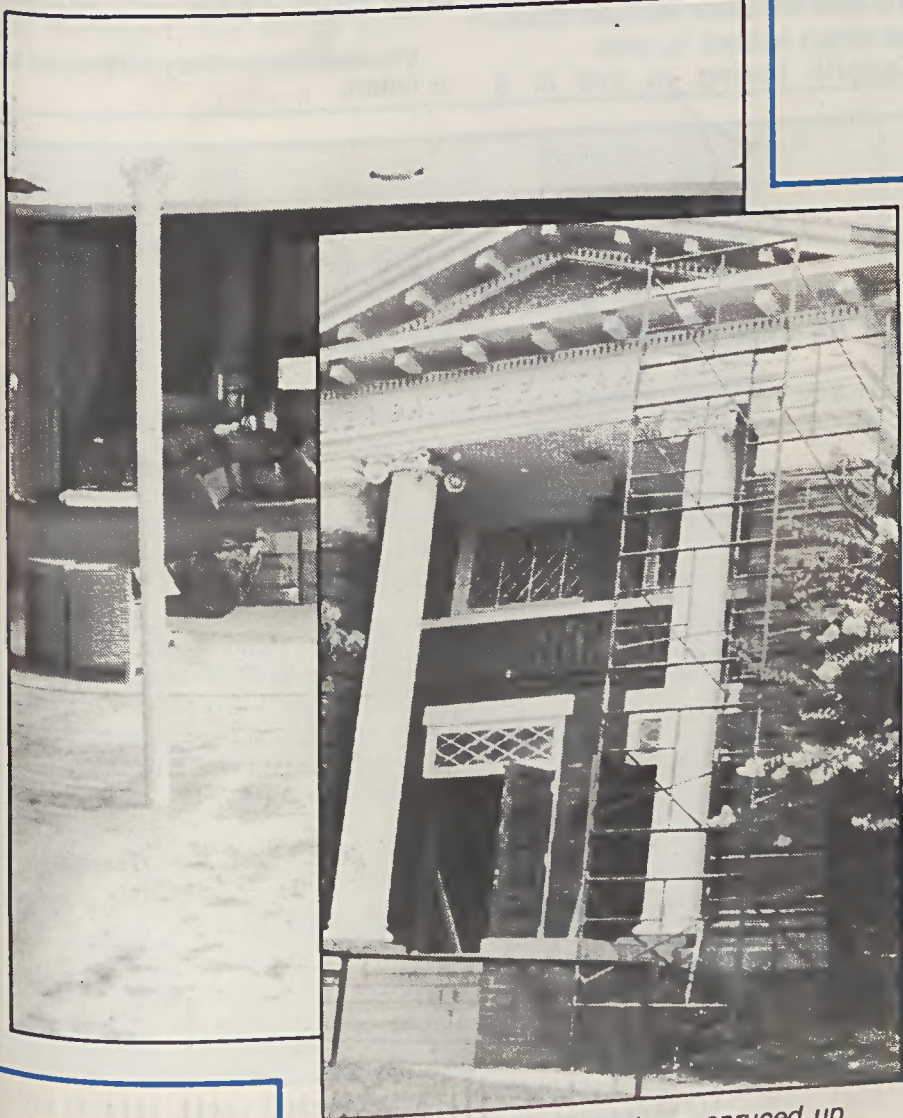
Renovating the Saint Mary's campus has been a focus of attention over the past year. The new brick wall surrounding the front campus sparked the subsequent projects that have affected nine different buildings and the grounds.

A new tractor and various other updated pieces of equipment have made the extensive landscaping work that has been done a lot easier for the maintenance crew. New flower beds have been planted randomly around the campus. A variety of azaleas liven up the overall appearance as well as the recently trimmed trees and shrubs. In another effort to beautify the campus and protect the environment, a new trash compactor is being installed in the dining hall. As a result, the four dumpsters behind the Ravenscroft House will no longer be needed.

Despite the large amount of landscaping that has been accomplished, the buildings around Saint Mary's were not ignored. Most of the dorm rooms were repainted. Ragland, the Language Arts building, and the Day Student House were cleaned

thoroughly and repainted as well. New independent heating and cooling systems were partially installed in Pittman, Cheshire Hall and the Language Arts building. These independent systems should cut down on the school's energy costs. Win Crawley, the buildings and grounds crew director, said, "Our old mainstream boilers were installed in 1945 and considered obsolete after 1970. It is less expensive to install individual heating and air conditioning systems than to maintain the main boiler system we have now."

The most significant renovation on campus is undoubtedly Pittman Auditorium. One of the oldest buildings on campus now has new carpeting, a newly painted interior and exterior, a repaired roof, a completely updated electrical system, plus the new independent air conditioning and heating systems. Thanks to the hard work of the building and grounds crew, SMC students will be able to enjoy assemblies in the new and improved auditorium as well as the other updated areas that make up Saint Mary's new look.



Pittman Auditorium has been spruced up
inside and out