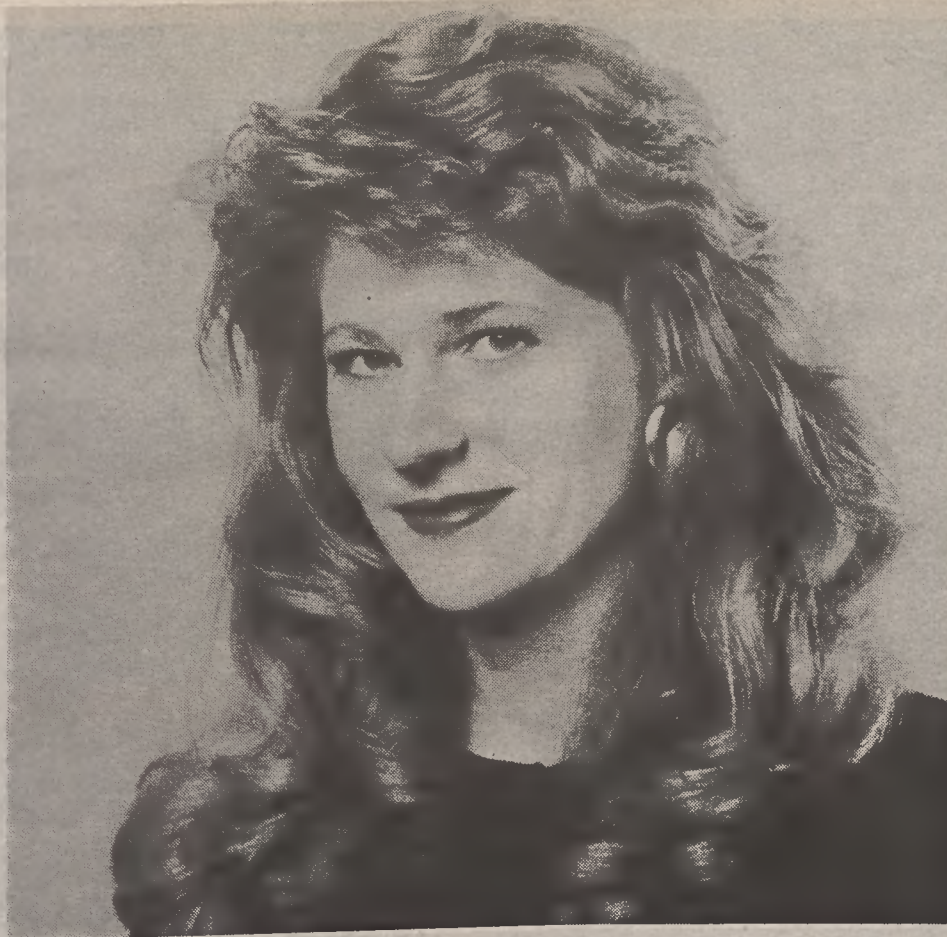


Laura Pederson's secret to success

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Saint Mary's girls expected another long, boring assembly on Sept. 20, in Pittman auditorium, but speaker Laura Pederson proved them wrong.

Laura Pederson, author of "Street-Smart Career Guide," and "Play Money," opened up her speech with jokes of how she hates to fly and continued that humorous tone in telling students a little about her road to success. Ms. Pederson started out her career at age 18 working as a gofer on the floor of the stock exchange. She was a partner in a large Wall Street firm by the age of 21 and retired a millionaire by the age of 23. Soon after retirement she joined "The Joan Rivers Show" as an intern, and within three months of learning how things work, became Joan Rivers's personal assistant. Now Ms. Pederson spends her time giving motivational speeches all around the country on how to choose and pursue a successful career. Her advice to people is use common sense, probability, and have a plan.



Laura Pederson entertained faculty and students with a humorous account of how she became a millionaire. (File Photo)

She believes, "There is no reason to go through life muttering, 'I hate Monday, ' Wednesday is hump day,' and 'Thank god it's Friday.' You don't have to be born with a silver spoon, be an Ivy

League graduate, or have a straight-A transcript to discover how to approach any job through the back door- and maybe even become a millionaire, too."

Through Laura Pederson's

experiences students found out that hard work and dedication is the key to survival in "the real world". Many students enjoyed her speech so much that when Ms. Pederson said that those who had to leave can do so, at least half stayed. Freshman Emmalee Jones said, "I thought she was really inspiring, because she has been in so many places that a lot of women haven't been in the work place, and it gives hope for others being there." Senior, Kristy Rawls said, "She made me feel that through good and bad things in life, I can rise above it all."

Many students appreciated Ms. Pederson's stand on human equality in the work place. Freshman Janet Uy said, "I like the fact that she told us you don't have to follow the stereotypical norms that are portrayed in women's magazines. You can succeed without them."

All in all, Ms. Laura Pederson got rave reviews from the students. Sophomore, Louisa Hickman thought that she gave a very informative speech and was glad that such a prosperous woman came to speak to us.

Have You Heard. .

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There seems to be an outbreak of clumsiness spreading to the St. Mary's girls. A certain girl on 2nd Cruik was visiting friends in Charleston when she was attacked by a broom, and a cooler ran in front of her causing a great fall. Don't worry the twelve guys in the room didn't notice. Better start carrying your mace around, a senior's boyfriend's roommate was seen hiding under a van after he had been mugged and his clothes were removed. If you get any prank phone calls don't worry it's probably just Dean Jones. She was rumored to have been making phone calls to faculty using a foreign accent. A sophomore on 1st Cruik was seen doing a swan dive down the back steps of Sig Ep, those steps can be tricky. Some

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certain juniors might want to read over the rules a couple more times considering someone got 15 points the first week of school. Boo was contacted by the Fire Marshall for trying to set the chapel on fire in Honor Chapel. Everyone give a pat on the back to Elsa who made a rescue attempt and had to give mouth to mouth to a Sigma Nu at a recent party. Please give food donations to 1st East Smedes because there is a famine and they have resorted to stealing fruit plates from Security. For future reference Darien Alger has changed her address and can now be reached at the Sigma Nu house.

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Local Girls Make Good!

Mary Susan Jones has been making speeches and winning national competitions! Since May of last year she has represented Wake County and North Carolina in ten different contests under the auspices of her 4-H club. She has already won the state 4-H contest and will go to the Nationals in Kentucky in November. She recently placed third at the Tennessee where she received scholarships for col

Lyn Cvjetnicinan was second place winner in the "Young Woman of the Year" contest which held in Raleigh in September. This is a nationwide program designed to judge high school seniors on scholarship, current affairs, fitness, presense and composure, creative and performing arts, and how they conduct themselves during an interview with judges.

Congratulations to both!

Best and Worst of 1993- So Far!

Best

Movie: The Fugitive

Book: The Firm

Band: Widespread
Panic

Song: No Rain (Blind
Melon)

Fraternity: Sigma Phi
Epsilon
(NCSU)

Restaurants:

Bruegger's Bagels
Olive Garden

Places to go out:

Spike's
Chapel Hill

Worst

Movie: The Crying
Game

Book:

Democracy: Ancient
and Modern

Bands: Def Leopard
Spin Doctors

Song: The Barney Song

Fraternity: Phi Tau at
(NCSU)

Place to go out:
ACC Tavern

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