



King and Queen of Hearts Preside Over Valentine Dinner

The honor of reigning as the King and Queen of Hearts at the formal Valentine Dinner went to Rosemary Meriwether, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Elizabeth Mahoney, Oak Hill, West Virginia, respectively.

Selected also for the annual occasion were Patsy Bryan, Houston, Texas, as princess, and Marilyn Brown, New Orleans, Louisiana, as prince.

Members of the court were selected by the Y.W.C.A. cabinets of the college and preparatory schools on the basis of individual popularity, academic standing, and personal records of citizenship.

Texans Chosen As Martha and George

Each year George Washington's birthday is celebrated at Ward-Belmont with a formal dinner followed by the minuet danced by members of the senior class in elaborate costumes of the period.

Presiding over the celebration are two seniors, as Martha and George, chosen by popular vote of the entire student body. This year Mary Thompson, Corsicana, Texas, was chosen to portray George and Clair Kelton, also of Corsicana, Martha.

A colorful ballet preceded the minuet which was danced by one hundred and twenty-five students.

At the completion of the minuet, Martha and George led the dancers in a waltz.



May Day At Ward-Belmont



On May 13, 1949, the Ward-Belmont campus was the setting of the colorful May Festival which is given annually by the Physical Education Department.

Frances Purvis, of Corinth, Mississippi, was chosen to reign over the May Day festivities in an election of the entire student body. The Maid of Honor was Sue Madison of Bastrop, Louisiana. Other attendants to the queen were: College Maids, Louisa Wilson, Owensboro, Kentucky, and Martha Jane Crouch, Tullahoma, Tennessee; and Preparatory School Maids, Carrie Scales, Livingston, Alabama, and Margaret Hayes, Brentwood, Tennessee. Little Margaret Handly, daughter of

alumna Opie Craig Handly (Mrs. Joseph H.), '39, was the crown bearer. Margaret's grandmother and great-grandmother are alumnae of Ward Seminary.

The processional, which included heralds, standard bearers, May Pole girls, dancers, preparatory seniors in white formal dresses and college seniors in pastel colors, opened the festivities. Arrival of the royal court in carriages was the next event of the afternoon. After the crowning of the queen, students of the Physical Education Department presented various dances and exercises with the traditional May Pole dance as the finale.

Spring Vacation In Cuba

Forty Ward-Belmont students went to Florida and Cuba on a nine-day tour sponsored by the school during spring vacation.

Among the places of interest in Florida visited by the group were St. Augustine, Marineland, Daytona Beach, and Miami.

The steamship *Florida* took the party to Havana. Aside from the usual tourist attractions in the city, the girls took a fifty-two mile drive into the countryside and a trip across the bay by motorboat to the famous Morro Castle.

Early in May fifty girls went on the annual Kentucky Derby trip, also sponsored by the school.

Change In Rules

Dean Martha Ordway announced to the student body in chapel December 15, 1948, that college students receiving permission from their parents could ride in cars.

While the students were home for the Christmas vacation, letters were sent to their parents stating that the college had deemed it wise to let the girls have such methods of transportation since school conditions had changed.

The parents were given the choice of allowing the girls to ride in cars, requesting the school to authorize the people with whom the girl might ride, or refusing the permission.