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THE GEORGIA STATE WOMANS COLLEGE AT VALDOSTA

The Georgia State Womans College opened in September, 1945, with a capacity enrollment.

This post-war year has been a difficult one everywhere, and particularly at the various units of the University System of Georgia, as the late Chancellor S. V. Sanford died just at the beginning of the academic year.

In general, I feel that our college has maintained its high academic standing, and that the institution is well thought of throughout the state.

Our many friends have continued to be good to us, and both the city of Valdosta and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead have carried on beautification projects on our campus. Mr. Drexel, City Landscape Architect, has supervised the planting of azaleas and other flowering plants and shrubs in our South Woods, and Mrs. Whitehead has continued the unique Camellia Trail on our north-west campus. The Trail that winds through our north woods now boasts of not less than four hundred plants.

The annual Spring Festival was held in our outdoor amphitheatre in late March, when azaleas, dogwood, and other flowering plants and shrubs were in full bloom. This festival has replaced the old May Day celebration and comes at a much lovelier time of the year.

In late April, our Serenaders, a group of young women chosen from our Glee Club of some sixty voices, were invited to sing in Atlantic City before representatives of Chambers of Commerce throughout the country who were meeting there in convention. The Serenaders also sang in a number of other places including an appearance at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, and at the Walter Reed Hospital. In May, they sang before the Georgia Bar Association at its meeting in Savannah.

At Commencement, we were fortunate in having two very able speakers, Reverend F. Bland Tucker, of Christ Church, Savannah, who preached our Baccalaureate Sermon, and Dr. Avery Craven, of the University of Chicago, who delivered our Commencement Address.

By late spring, the college was filled to capacity for 1946-47, and, as so many able students were applying for admission, the Board of Regents approved a request that we be permitted to convert the recreational room in Senior Hall into student bedrooms, and appropriated the necessary funds. The Board also appropriated funds to enable us to repair the tile roof on the Administration Building, and this work will be completed during the summer months.

All faculty replacements for next year have been made, and we are particularly happy to know that Dr. Earl W. Phelan will be back with us in September, as head of the Chemistry Department. During the war, Dr. Phelan has been on loan to the United States Government, and has done some excellent work in the field of Flying Projectiles.

For 1946-47, we are anticipating the largest enrollment in the history of the institution, with a much larger percentage of upperclassmen than usual. It should be a good year.

Respectfully submitted,

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