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RING OUT, OLD BELLES

Greetings to our new sisters. Make yourselves at home, girls. We're glad you are here. Glad to see your bright new faces among those of old friends we learned to love last term. Glad to find among you acquaintances we have not seen for years and years, and find out what Susie and Bill who were at camp or at the beach with us, are doing now. We hope you are ready to study. We are not so anxious to settle down ourselves, but "We Know Now," as the song says, that if we have to study we had rather do it at St. Mary's than anywhere else. You probably will not think so for a few days as your damp pillow slips and sniffs at Sunday vespers will testify, but that will not last long.

There is something about this place that ties your heart in knots and wrings tears into your eyes when you have to leave. You should have seen last year's commencement!

This year we have a greater opportunity than ever before to work and play together harmoniously. For the first time St. Mary's, through the honor system, is beginning a school year with the students governing themselves absolutely. More than ever before the happiness of the entire school depends on the cooperation of every student. It is the privilege of each of us, as the basis on which her government is founded to see that she obeys regulations and that all around her obey them too. Her personality should radiate good will and co-operation that will meet similar beams from her fellow students so that like the tiny wheels of a watch, the personalities of St. Mary's will keep the school running smoothly.

You will find no harsh, uncalled for regulations here. Just behave like the lady that you are. Be courteous, considerate, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

There is no honor or glory in getting by with breaking rules. It is not "cute," as some may try to persuade you to believe. It is far more glorious to see something beautiful develop because you have helped to make it grow, and St. Mary's Honor System is an experiment in which you play the most important part in developing something that will be a beautiful example for years to come.

CHIPS

In St. Mary's recently established honor system, the student body should be the legislative force. Is it not

appropriate then, that in the college newspaper there should be a column in which the students can express their pet peeves, their desires, and their interests?

The purpose of the student council is to sit in judgment on the vital issues of the school and to execute laws. If it should act as a law-making body, it should have the advantage of knowing the students' opinion. St. Mary's girls are capable of shouldering responsibility, and they are being given an opportunity to voice their opinions in forming the laws which are governing them.

Complaining to our next door neighbors, however, is not the means to improve conditions. Suggestions must be carried to the proper authorities. Our faculty is liberal minded, willing to hear our suggestions, and if possible put them into effect.

If you wish things done, discuss them among your fellow students, calmly, rationally, considerately, and if a majority decide that your ideas are an improvement, present your suggestions to your class representatives on the council, and knock the chips off your shoulders into the "Belles."

OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIGNITY

Everyone has been assigned a permanent chapel seat, and the chapel line has been formed. In accordance with this there are a few things that must be said. Try to be quiet in assembly; announcements are made which are important to somebody even if they are not important to you. After you have left Smedes, you may talk until you reach the West Rock Covered Way, but then please stop. Keep in a straight line; and while you are in line, why not practice that posture walk? It really will do you lots of good. If you see your best friend five rows ahead of you, do not make a wild dash so that you can sit by her in chapel. Try to wait just a little while to tell her that important news. Try to remember everything and lets make this year's chapel line orderly and good.

Once, coming back to school by bus, we heard a lady remark: "I can always single out St. Mary's girls. They are so refined and well behaved that it's really a joy to ride with them." There, girls, you've a reputation that must be upheld!

EXIT GRAPEVINE; ENTER BELLES

THE GRAPEVINE has been retired in favor of *THE BELLES*, as far as name and form is concerned. Last year the student body's first attempts at a newspaper took the form of a mimeographed "gossip" sheet that was intended mainly for school consumption. This year, however, a more ambitious editor and staff are getting out a regular printed edition of the school paper. In keeping with its more dignified form the paper has been renamed *THE BELLES*. Its purpose is still to carry tid-bits about the school, but this year it is designed to be of interest not only to the student body but to the last two graduating classes, at least. It plans to parallel, not overlap or trespass on, the *Bulletin*.

If our fervor proves greater than our ability at first, the staff pleads for the readers' charity in the hope that enthusiasm and experience will enable us to make each edition better than the previous one. We hope you like it!