

# The Belles

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## Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving, November 27, 1947, and Saint Mary's girls, after marking off the days on home-made notebook paper calendars, leave for home. But, in the last excitement of going, will we consider how exceptionally fortunate we are to be able to go home? Home—our houses, brimming with family and Thanksgiving love and food. Our friends, and, if we stop long enough to wonder, the mere existence of the towns in which we live, in spite of war. Thankfulness for peace and for home. Will we remember these in our Thanksgiving prayers?

And what more will November 27 mean to us? Perhaps, first, thankfulness for being—for the fact that we are here; thankfulness for love, friendship, honor, truth, and prayer; and lastly, the indefinable feeling of gratefulness to God for all our possessions, material and otherwise, as we find what this day actually means.

Thanksgiving, however, not only grants us the opportunity to give our own thanks to God, but also to give of ourselves to others . . . charity, kindness, love—personified in bright baskets and in freely and meaningfully given offerings. For in the simple act of giving to others, we become more aware and grateful for what we ourselves have.

During this Thanksgiving, will we have an individual, reverent sense of thankfulness for all that we have and can give to others, and, finally, in returning, experience a quiet, joyful thankfulness for our school?

## Unity

Unity—to which men constantly refer as an answer to their problems. In the world today men strive for unity as a means to peace. In the U. N. Council

great diplomats plead for unity among nations in European countries; leaders promote unity among their people; in large industrial conflicts, all is useless without unity; in states, in cities, in small towns, the symbol of progress is always **Unity**.

**Schools are no exception. They too must be closely knit to gain what they desire; they must learn to think and act as one to progress; they must have solidarity in order to better their status.**

Some people fail to see the necessity of sticking together, and these thoughtless individuals weaken the solidarity of any student body. They do not stop to consider what the question is at hand and decide accordingly what to do; but, on the other hand, they disagree immediately or just drift along on the general trend of thought. They are being extremely inconsiderate to the other students of the school by not taking seriously matters which are important to everyone else.

Let us all strive for a unified student government, for when we achieve this, we will prove to ourselves and others that we are mature in our actions, that we intend to progress, and that we are seeking a **strong student government** and an **invincible honor system**.

## Dear Editor:

At a recent meeting of the freshman class the question of whether to petition to double-date without an upperclassman arose. We, the underclassmen of Saint Mary's petition this, not with a selfish attitude, but with consideration of the whole student body in mind. It is not that we do not want to date with upperclassmen but that it is such an inconvenience for both.

In the first place, what upperclassman wants to be responsible for an underclassman? Second, there is so little age difference that we feel that we are quite capable of taking care of ourselves. Third, after promising to date with an underclassman, sometimes seniors and juniors leave her in the lurch. They do not realize the embarrassing position in which that places the underclassman when she must explain to her date and the "blind date."

There are other reasons, but most of the underclassmen place these first.

We, above all, want Saint Mary's to trust us and we promise to act according to the standards set by the girls of Saint Mary's.

Yours truly,  
 Susannah Dell.

## Birthdays

Joanne Howell.....	November 22
Christine Price.....	November 27
Barbara Buck.....	November 29
Ruth Saunders.....	November 29

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BETTY LOKEY

- Home—Raleigh.
- Age—19.
- Hair 'n' eyes—brown 'n' blue.
- Ambition—to keep day students' room clean.
- Pet hate—homework.
- Spends spare time—keeping up with soap operas.
- Always heard—"What did you get out of the English assignment?"
- Always seen—wasting time in Adelaide's room.
- Hobby—sleeping.
- Favorite food—steak!
- Favorite song—"Among My Souvenirs!"
- Favorite perfume—Bond Street.
- Looking forward to—end of my five-year visit at Saint Mary's.
- Odd likes—unattainable men.
- Pet passion—long, lanky Texans.
- Worst fault—always late.
- Wild about—you don't know—do ya'?
- Offices—President of day students, BELLES staff, Sigma.

*Remarks*—In her pleasing manner this "home town gal" has shown in many ways her leadership ability, conscientiousness, and scholarship. Although Betty may not agree with those of us who have read her original writings, she is destined to be an author. Attractive Betty is always striving for the best for Saint Mary's.

ANN AMONETTE

- Home—Lynchburg, Va.
- Hair 'n' eyes—brown.
- Ambition—to finish Saint Mary's.
- Pet hate—a dirty room.
- Spends spare time—looking.
- Always heard—"Good gobbies."
- Hobby—collecting lipsticks.
- Favorite article of clothing—Cashmere sweaters.
- Favorite perfume—"Woodhue."
- Favorite song—"You Do."
- Always seen—chasing Mary Ann and Ann with a campus slip.
- Looking forward to—Christmas and the "burg."
- Favorite food—T-bone steak.
- Odd likes—Lib.
- Pet passion—boys with red hair.
- Worst fault—worrying.
- Wild about—Chapel Hill.

*Offices, clubs, etc.:* Marshal, Hall Council, Woman's Auxiliary, Altar Guild, Legislative Body.

*Remarks:* Her charming and friendly manner captivates all her associates. Typical of all cute Lynchburg gals, she's a pleasing sight to behold, "Peaches 'n' cream suit her to a 'T.'"

Second period on Monday came and Mary Jo Whisenant hadn't studied her Latin! She had come in so late from her week-end that she had been unable to do it.

When the time came for everyone to go to the board to write her lesson, Mrs. Partrick assigned Mary Jo the deponent verb LOQUOR, and told her to write the participles and infinitives.

Poor Mary Jo! She wrote down l-i-q-u-o-r! The rest of the class burst out laughing, and Mary Jo was bewildered.

# Campus Notes

Miss Anna Graham is stage rector of the Raleigh Little Theatre production of Ruth Gordon's **Years Ago**.

The BELLES staff will sell hot burgers on the halls this Sunday night.

Betsy Dempsey, '47, Mary Ann Dunbar, '47, and Beau Welsh pledged Alpha Delta Pi at Carolina.

Carol Mahon visited Ann Bennett in Mount Olive last week-end.

Joan Hassler, '47, visited school last week-end. Joan is now attending Salem College. She was recently publicized because she "answered the 64-dollar question" on a Salem quiz program.

Last year's graduates pledged Chi Omega at Carolina. They are Betty Ann Cooper, Ida Costabile, Willie Marjorie Riddick, Martha Best Yorke, Nancy Pendleton, and Mary Thorne.

In a letter from Miss Mullin, Registrar of Hollins College, she made the following statement about Frances Collett, H.S. "Last Saturday night we had Freshmen Plays. . . Frances Collett won the admiration of the entire campus. She took the part "Ma" in Thornton Wilder's "Happy Journey" and did it very well indeed."

Frances Bickett, '47, Emory, ex '47, and Barbara '47, pledged Delta Delta and Violet LaRue, '47, Gamma Delta at Carolina.

A group of Y Teen delegates attended the statewide convention on Friday and Saturday nights at Saint Mary's.

Mary Graham, Miss Anna Graham's sister, visited the campus last week-end. This week-end she is heading for Princeton!

Hans Rothe, distinguished Shakespearean scholar, gave a lecture to the Saint Mary's student body on "Shakespeare on European Stage," Dr. Stone announced. Also Alice Madsen, famed tennis star, will visit school.

Donald Peery and R. E. Osthoff will present recitals to the students sometime after Christmas. Mr. Peery received his Master's at Columbia last year, and Osthoff is receiving his at Furber College.

Routing about for news, BELLES was surprised to find a philosopher in the midst of Saint Mary's students. Faced with the question why the notorious philosopher of Bath—Chaucer, that is, married so many times, Swinson wisely announced "preservation!"