

STUDENT GOVERNMENT FOR ALL

Since elections of class officers have been in progress for the past week and will continue on into the following week, BELLES would like to extend a word-to-the-wise to the student body as a whole and to the incoming officers themselves.

Student government at Saint Mary's is based upon a democratic system by which each individual has a voice in the government under which she lives. Such a system is effective only when each girl accepts and maintains her duties toward the organization. The chief obligations of each student are to vote wisely for the officers who hold the heavy responsibilities of student government and to co-operate with these officers in making the system run smoothly. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the student to choose carefully in class elections girls who they think are able and willing to accept so serious a task. And after elections, it is our duty to help these girls by co-operating with them in every way possible to make this school year successful.

Each girl can take part in student government not only by electing the officers she wishes, but also by speaking up whenever she feels there is something wrong with the way in which the school and its government are run. Quite often a situation arises which we dislike but are too willing to let slide by for fear of contradiction. BELLES would like for every girl to remember that the operation of our school's government belongs to her and that she has the right to voice her opinion at all times.

BELLES would also like to remind the new officers that they were chosen for their jobs not merely as an honor to *them* but as a responsibility which they were thought capable of holding. It is our sincere hope that these girls with the co-operation of the rest of the student body will make an honest effort toward a successful year for all.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN DAY STUDENTS AND BOARDERS

A vital part of the Saint Mary's spirit is the friendliness and co-operation among the students. One of the most frequent comments made by new girls is that the girls are all so very friendly and eager to help one another. Every girl here would find it hard to believe that in one aspect of school life the students are not quite so friendly and helpful as they could be. This aspect is the attitude between day students and boarders.

Getting co-operation between day students and boarders presents, for several reasons, a problem. The chief difficulty lies in the fact that the day students are not so much a part of school life as the boarders. Although this fact has long been refuted, it is, nevertheless, true. The day student's life is divided into two parts—her home life and her school life. For nine months of the year the boarder's life is almost completely centered at Saint Mary's. The day student also misses other parts of school life, such as going to concerts together, studying together, and dating together, that the boarder has. All of these parts, both the pleasant and the unpleasant, build a feeling of belonging. It is easy to understand that the day student might feel slightly detached.

This is an unpleasant situation for which the boarders have been continually wrongly blamed. Indeed, it is wrong to lay the blame entirely on any one group, for, as long as this is done, the situation cannot be bettered. If this situation is to be bettered, the emphasis must be put, not on blaming one group or another, but rather on co-operation between the two groups.

Co-operation calls for a sincere effort from the members of both groups. Both day students and boarders must go to a little extra trouble, go a little out of their way, if they truly want a happier attitude. Boarders should stop sometimes in the day students' room to visit, and the day students should not only be friendly to their visitors, but they should also return the visits to rooms in the dormitories. Boarders should urge day students to attend school functions which occur after class hours, and day students should make a special effort to attend these functions. It is only co-operation that will better this bad situation. Let's all, both day students and boarders, display that wonderful friendliness and co-operation for which Saint Mary's is noted.

While Attempting To Pass Iowa Tests

Gertrude Happily Meets Her Waterloo

What the gymnasium clock sees the day Gertrude takes her Iowa test:

8:30—Gertrude sits down to take her first test at Saint Mary's, her Iowa test.

8:35—Anxiously, she turns to the first test.

8:40—All of the directions whirl through her brain.

8:41—Gertrude bravely takes her pencil in hand.

8:45—She blackens an answer box.

8:50—Her small inner voice says, "This is not as hard as I had expected."

8:55—The same voice answers, "You spoke too soon."

9:00—Gertrude glances at the clock; then she takes another look

to see if only thirty minutes have passed.

9:01—She tackles the next question.

9:05—Her pencil slips to the floor.

9:08—She fills in another box.

9:09—Gertrude scratches her head as if trying to find an answer.

9:11—Carefully she blackens the boxes again to be sure the dots are heavy.

9:15—Wandering thoughts slip into her brain. How does Alvin like Carolina—when will he invite her up?—

10:10—The clock's steady tick sounds as if it were saying tish, tish.

10:15—The bell rings and Gertrude frantically tries to finish her test.

UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

This year Raleigh is introducing the United Fund to its citizens as a way to raise money to sustain its health and welfare organizations. In previous years there were many drives sponsored by various agencies. All of these drives called for your effort and money. In 1953-'54 all of the larger and more important drives have been consolidated into one movement. Only one drive will be permitted by most business firms among employees of those firms.

Saint Mary's has always taken its part in the program that has provided the money to operate the health and welfare agencies. This year we will be approached just once, and the money we give will be apportioned among all of the co-operating groups making up the United Fund. The Fund has a local office and all officers are local citizens. These officers are interested in things which will help people who live in Raleigh and those who go to school here.

In previous years we have had a number of drives at Saint Mary's. The most important were the Community Chest in the fall and the Red Cross in the spring. During 1953-'54 we will have only one, as both of the above are a part of the new United Fund.

It is my hope that every member of the faculty and staff and all students will participate in the program this year. The amount of your gift, of course, will be a matter which each of you must decide for yourself. Remember, however, when you give to the United Fund, the sum must be larger than was given last year to the individual agencies. Let us all help make this single campaign a success.

RICHARD G. STONE.

Fashion News

What will go down in history as "the style" at Saint Mary's for fall 1953? Last year is remembered for its streaks of gold or silver running through everyone's locks. This year will stand out just as vividly as "the autumn of the Italian haircut." One day a few brave souls such as Mary Windley Dunn and Virginia Harriss submitted to the shears, and within a week at least one girl from every hall followed suit. Since then the style or some variation of it has tempted an ever increasing number of girls. Keeping in step was no problem for some of the lucky natural-curl gals who just stopped parting their hair and got amazing results. Just look at Ann Going or Mickie Crumpler. Hand over the scissors; this pony tail has to go!

Something else that is "in" this fall is leather trim and accessories. Sylvia Turner has a darling skirt with a design of leather squares. Martha Ann Horne and Ann Elliot have cute leather collars. It's the time of the year for leather jacket or even leather shorts.

Let's switch from leather to fur. Marie Tyler and Alice Bost have fur collars, and Coleman Jenkins has one with matching cuffs. Jane McIntosh has gloves to go with her white and black fur collar. There is also a lot of angora trim this season. We will be seeing it on sweaters, knit suits, and wool dresses.

With cool weather in store we turn our attention to suits. Nancy Sechrest looked very stylish last Sunday. Her suit is a beautiful example of the slim skirt and lady-like double-breasted jacket. Also good is the subtly tapered box jacket.

Saint Mary's girls looked their very best Monday night when they attended the concert. I hear that Libby Grady was wearing an unusual blue-gray dress with black velvet accessories. Did you see Allan Hardin? She was wearing something she styled herself.

With a big week end coming up there won't be many girls left on campus. Those girls going to Davidson or Chapel Hill are excited about what they are going to wear. But wherever you are going, be sure to wear the most important part of your outfit—a smile.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Your editorial on outlived traditions brought to mind another example—the Halloween party. In my opinion, this party, besides being a lot of work for the juniors, is not particularly enjoyed by anyone.

I suggest that we combine the Halloween party with an informal dance. I am sure that the dance marshals would co-operate with the Junior Class to make the Halloween dance a success.

—Kay Baker.