

ELECT YOUR OFFICERS

Inasmuch as we the students of St. Mary's Junior College wish to assume the responsibilities of honor and self-reliance and wish to promote successful group living, we hereby organize ourselves, with the co-operation of the faculty, into an association.

This association is the Student Government Association, of which every St. Mary's student is a vital part. She fulfills an important part of her membership through student government elections.

Elections for next year's offices have already begun and every student has both a privilege and a responsibility. It is her privilege by voting to express her opinion as to who next year's officers will be. It is her responsibility to see that she votes for someone capable and willing to do the job.

The experience is invaluable. Every opportunity is offered for a student to practice her voting judgment, to profit by her mistakes, and to seek improvement. Later, when she votes for her country's leaders, she will have a background of valuable experience to help in her decisions.

Members of the nominating committee select carefully each student they nominate for office. If a student feels, however, that someone else is more capable of fulfilling the job, then it is her duty to say so by nominating from the floor that student for the office.

The important thing to emphasize, however, is that everyone vote. BELLES editors urge every student to fulfill her part in this vital function of St. Mary's Student Government.

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WOULD CLASS CUTS BE THE ANSWER?

A new and strange situation has arisen at St. Mary's. Students are actually heard to complain that they do not have enough time to take their weekends. They do not mean that they are too busy to take them, but that there are not enough weekends open for them to take them. The logical thing to do, of course, would be to open more weekends. The tendency seems to be to close rather than open more weekends every year, however; so it would be better, perhaps, to approach the situation from another side.

A very simple and sensible solution is class cuts and church cuts. If every student had a certain amount of class and church cuts a semester, it would be fairer to everyone. Girls who take their allowed weekends would use up their cuts in doing so. Girls who did not want to go away for weekends could more or less take a weekend here at school by not attending classes and by attending the churches of their choice in Raleigh. A cut system such as this would not only help the weekend situation; but it would also give the students freedom which they need in order to learn how to become responsible citizens.

Mary Observes Lent; Gives Up Pleasures

Mary is keenly perceiving the St. Mary's Lenten attitude, for she is observing Lent for the first time. Although long aware of the Lenten celebration, Mary, by participating in its observance here, is becoming familiar with the profound value of Lent. The alterations in the girls' daily patterns are leaving clear impressions on Mary's mind.

Deserted, empty ash trays and idle decks of cards lie ignored on the halls. Mary and over two hundred of her schoolmates are giving up for nearly seven weeks something they really miss. Many of the girls pondered what to give up long before Lent arrived. Some laugh and say that they even endured "seven-day trials" to test their will power. The girls are trying to do without all types of entertainment and sources of pleasure—movies, bridge-playing, cokes, sweets, and even smoking. Others are attempting to kill two birds with one stone by dieting. Cheerfulness and co-operation mark the whole observance. Many a girl's second will power is her roommate or the girls at her table. Though externally the celebration sometimes appears to be proceeding lightly, Mary is discovering her own and her friends' earnestness beneath these minor sacrifices.

Mary is also developing firm convictions concerning the special chapel services. When the Lenten series of services opened, Mary and all the others marched into chapel

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to reassure the student body that the problem of walking with arms folded is not limited to St. Mary's alone. When I first came to Queens, I thought that I walked that way from a habit left over from my two years at St. Mary's but before too long realized that everyone else does it also. It seems to be a malady of boarding schools.

I have found myself in an English course equally as hard as Mr. Moore's, though not as "informative." For that I refer anyone to Chemistry 101-102 here at Queens.

Best wishes to all,

HANNAH B. WEAVER,
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A virtue, to be serviceable, must, like gold, be alloyed with some commoner but more durable metal.

—Samuel Butler.

half-resigned to the extra demand on their time and only half expectant of enrichment. Now, however, Mary finds herself slipping into her pew gratefully. She and her schoolmates are absorbing the contagious, thoughtful attitude that the Lenten season encourages. Through the help of these Lenten services, Mary and her friends are feeling the incentive to explore their own minds and hearts. From this exploration they are learning the profound value of Lent.

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Sincerely,
I. M. ANIDIOT
President, Knifoon Incorporated

Signs of Spring

It's time for spring to be sprung—almost;

It's time for the grass to be riz—just about,

At least around the SMS campus 'cause most

Of the signs of spring have popped out!

For instance, spring has brought forth:

21 blossoms on the tulip trees.
Argyle knitting—everywhere!

Tired feet for some poor soul who walked to the library and back 5 times to figure out how many steps that would be—2,020!

Short socks again—except for 12 cold-natured people who appeared in knee socks at breakfast, probably 'cause their laundry wasn't back!

30 new school rings on Freshmen. About 300 cases of spring fever—varying with the temperature of the day, the number of tests, and the amounts of assigned homework!

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MEMBER OF N. C. C. P. A.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There are a few students here who are interested in world affairs, philosophy, and other topics generally unknown at St. Mary's. Some of these students have already gotten together and organized a discussion group. This group meets once a month on Friday afternoons with an expert in the particular field which the group happens to be discussing. At the past meeting the group discussed world affairs with Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat as its guest. This discussion was tremendously inspiring.

The group's advisor and loyal servant, without whose help it could never have survived, is Miss Mabel Morrison. Only because of her untiring efforts has the group been made possible. We of the group are immensely indebted to her.

Membership in this group is open to anyone who is interested and is willing to participate in the discussion. If anyone is interested and wishes to join, will she please speak to me about it.

Sincerely,

NANCY JONES.

Editor's Note: BELLES is extremely glad to hear that this group is open to anyone who wishes to join. It is our sincere hope that more members of the student body will become interested in and attend these informative discussions.