

## BELLES Welcomes Girls, Challenges Students to Make Year Successful

Screams of delight over seeing old friends, chatter over summer's activities, and *oh's* and *ah's* over gossip bits have died down by today, for as the first week of classes nears its close, evidence of more academic pastimes take their places.

Perhaps it's a little late for welcomes, but the *Belles* wouldn't miss this opportunity of extending a fond "Hi y'all." It's so good to have the old girls back and to have so many fine new girls who seem to be having no trouble making St. Mary's their home.

We'll all agree that it takes a lot of courage to come away to school for the first time or to return after you know what it's like. But we'll soon find that the real test of courage comes not from taking the *first* step but the *last*—the courage to see this year through. How much "staying power" do St. Mary's girls have this year?

This term has no limits as to all we can accomplish. The *Belles* is the students' paper. It welcomes your opinions and ideas. Through the *Belles* numerous solutions to problems and answers to questions can be reached. Let *Belles* be your outlet for student views. From all indications this year can be a banner one.—M. G.

## I Wanna Go Home, Says Homesick Miss

Dear Maw,

This here school is really for the birds. Now, I've writ you privious letters about all the strange goings-on at this place, but I'll be a monkey's aunt if this don't take the cake—and the icing.

Today I had to take what is knowed as "the swimming test." But I'll be hanged if this here were a swimming test. I mean—now, Maw, YOU know what swimming is; and I know what swimming is. At least, I thought I knowed what it was. But down here it's different—NOBODY knows what swimming is. (My personal opinion is that they take on a few more girls than they can handle and they're trying to get rid of a few by drowning them.) Anyways, they take and throw you in this here tank (I reckon it's a tank—ain't like the ole swimming hole they got in Hicksville, noways) with all your clothes on (I say clothes, but really it's them lil' "blue suits" I writ you about) and make you take them off (yes ma'm, that's what I said—TAKE THEM OFF) while you're in the freezing dad-blamed water. Maw, that ain't human, is it?

But now that ain't all! They makes you hold one finger—that's all, one finger—out of the water and try to stay up for about thirty dog-gone minutes. (I had the advantage there, tho'—cuz of my extremed height, I could touch bottom while the others was struggling to keep up.) You done told me there'd be times like these, but I never could quite take it all in. Oh, Maw, how I wish you could of been thar.

Then we had to swim up and down that thar long tank for about—oh lands,—I don't know just how long—but *too* long, anyhow. And I'll be dad-gummed if I won't some kind of tired when I reached shore.

Maw, your lil' lamb has had it! This here what I am about to tell you *really* is the crowning blow. After going through all this agony and suffering and almost dying, I is in what is knowed as the Friday afternoon swimming class. Don't that beat all?

Maw—come get your baby.

Gertie.

## Belles Discloses Personal Tidbits

Harriett Mardre—Everybody's friend, lady athlete, Miss Dependability, President of Student Government.

Anne Wallace—Charmin' chick, born leader, Miss Dramatics, Vice-President of Student Government.

Margot Hammond—Southern belle, sweetest one, Miss Coöperation, Secretary of Student Government.

Jane Best—Easygoing kid, pleasant personality, Miss Efficiency, Chairman of Hall Council.

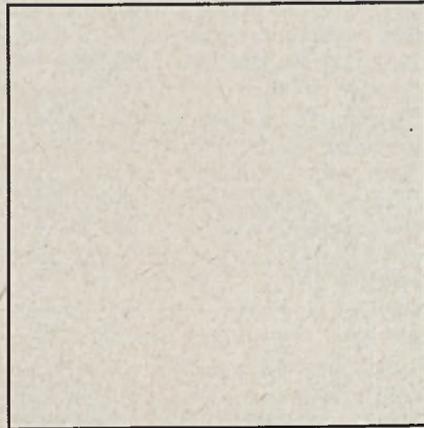
Virginia Lilly—Laughing lady, Nimocks' nursemaid, Miss Conscientiousness, Secretary of Hall Council.

Sara Walters—Red on the head, good-natured gal, Miss Reliability, President of Senior Class.

## DEBUTANTE BALL

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Toni Briggs, Mary Burgwyn, Anne Bynum, Kitty Campen, Barbara Dearing, Mary Ruth Divine, Ann Fulton, Ann Gillett, Megan Goodwin, Margot Hammond, Betty Huffines, Virginia Lilly, Bobbie Love, Libby Love, Harriett Madre, Mena Way Marsh, Jane Matthis, Pat McQueen, Ann Nimocks, Mary Wright Parker, Claudia Peeler, Libby Reese, Peggy Smithdeal, Mary Rhea Spivey, Carolyn Thompson, Marie Tyler, Ann Wallace, Sara Walters, Lane Welsh, and Ann Winslow.



The above is a prize-winning masterpiece in art, entitled, *A Pale Ghost Flying Through A Cloud in a Snowstorm.*

## Saint Sallies

Now that school doors have opened wide again, everybody is busy catching up on what everybody else did during those lovely vacation months. And there is a lot to catch up on, too!

Several girls did a bit of globe-trotting. Sally Wood McMullan and Lane Welsh traveled through Europe. They took in all the sights plus the night life. Did you enjoy the "gay continental tour," girls?

Foreign parts also beckoned to Peggy Smithdeal, who sailed to sunny Hawaii. Peggy also stopped in California for a visit, we hear.

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Anne Marie Molloy headed up north to Boston and New York where she saw Sally Wood off on the boat to Europe. Northern climes also beckoned to Ann Gillett and Lee Kohlsaat. Ann spent two months in cool New England as a counselor at a camp near Naples, Maine, while Lee relaxed at Stone Harbor.

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Jeanne Ogburn took in the western mode of life out in Billings, Montana. Have you noticed her drawl?

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In addition to traveling, many girls announced their marriages and engagements this summer. Anne Bunn was married in June and is now living in Greensboro. Betty Shannon will be married in Greensboro on the 25th of September. Margaret Rose was married last week in Dillon, S. C. Among the engaged are Betty Ebener and Lael McMullan. Congratulations!

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The members of the faculty also did much traveling during their vacation. Miss Elizabeth Tucker spent some time in California, and Miss Mabel Morrison journeyed to her home in Canada. Mrs. Watson K. Partrick visited her minister son in Haiti, where she spent six fascinating weeks.

## Reporter Praises Fashionable Rooms

By Carolyn Seyffert

When next you see it, the room will be lit brightly, not so much to prevent eye strain as to show off its interior decoration, for the occupants of room 208 in Holt will undoubtedly conduct guided tours through their spacious one-room mansion when they read this article lauding the decoration of their room.

As I entered the room a chlorophyll display on the right arrested my attention. But Hark! On closer inspection I discovered the chlorophyll to be a mass of ivy in a gold mug. Then why is the bookcase turning green?—Gold, eh?

## Curtains Dress Windows

Moving at least one step forward past a well-made-but-seldom-slept-in bed, I noticed homey little curtains fashioned of white cotton with green

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trim. They are different!

Stepping past the window now, across the other side of the room, I... Wait! What manner of body bender is this? Why, it's a darling little rocking chair with green cushions to soften the effects of a hard night's study. And as the sun set in the West, I left 208 to Shelley Smith and Anne Harmon Jones.

### Pennants Cover Walls

Meanwhile, I wandered in another room abounding with collegiate-looking decorations. Pennants are all over the walls; a huge Carolina blanket on one side of the window complements a Phi Gam blanket on the other side. And girls, these are easy to obtain. All you have to do is date a Phi Gam from Carolina who has a couple of extras.

### "Tweety" Lives Here

Two feminine-looking pictures sag from the north wall. Two very red curtains droop majestically from the curtain rod. These curtains are the only protective measures the room affords against the little you-know-who. "Tweety pie" sits on the shelf waiting for Sylvester to pounce on him. He's a real gone bird whose keepers are Anne Winslow and Kitty Campen in 212 Holt.

Seriously, *Belles* is praising these two rooms for their attractiveness. To verify, please go and see them any time but Sunday morning before the occupants have cleaned up. *Belles* is not responsible for the condition in which you may find the rooms at that time.