

Editorials

Belles Recants Stand on Library, Urges Students To Comply With Rules

The library rules presented by the librarians through Hall Council and published in the latest issue of the *Belles* (Nov. 12) were attacked as it now appears somewhat unfairly due to an oversight and lack of investigation on the part of the *Belles*. Therefore, as an apologetic measure and as an explanatory measure, *Belles* staff advances the following explanation of the demerit system the library now exercises.

A few years ago, the librarians, when faced with the trying problem of too many overdue books, appealed to Hall Council and to Miss M. D. Jones for a remedy. It seems that students were ignoring overdue books in spite of all the librarians' efforts to remind them. In view of the fact that students showed no regard for the money fine attached to overdue books, the council saw fit to impose a penalty of one demerit for each day a book was not returned after the day it was due. The librarians then volunteered that they would not enforce the council's ruling when students returned to the correct procedure of returning books on their dates due. The situation improved considerably thereafter, and the librarians acted accordingly.

However, this term students have begun again to overlook their responsibility of returning books on time, and the librarians again have exhausted every effort to get girls back on the right track, but all in vain. Therefore, they have resorted to issuing demerits as they did before for overdue books. But the fact that it is the Hall Council who gives the demerits and *not* the librarians is brought to particular attention here insofar as the *Belles* was inaccurate on the subject in the latest issue.

Of course, the whole problem is traced back to and blamed solely on the students who necessitate the revival of the demerit system because of their recurring overdue books. *Belles* still contends that it is as much of an insult as it is a shame to have such a penalty imposed. But we now place the blame where it rightfully belongs—on the students.

M.G.

Letter Club Picks Athletes Best, De Vere

Two new members, Jane Best and DeeDee De Vere, were initiated into the Letter Club last week. Both are excellent athletes, and both have participated in several different sports. Jane, a member of the volleyball, softball, and hockey teams, won an all-star on last year's basketball team. DeeDee has played basketball and has received all-stars in hockey and lifesaving. Both are *Sigma's*.

Peace is such a precious jewel that I would give anything for it but truth.—Matthew Henry.

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Diplomat: A man who can hold his tongue in several languages.—Cholly Knickerbocker.

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Like a beautiful flower, full of color, but without scent, are the fine but fruitless words of him who does not act accordingly.—Buddist Aphorism.

Letter Clarifies Library Demerits

Dear *Belles*,

I would like to clarify the positions of both the library and the Hall Council in connection with the regulation concerning overdue books. Contrary to the statement made in the last issue of the *Belles*, the librarians *do not* have the privilege of issuing demerits. The Hall Council, not a member of the faculty, gives demerits.

The statements issued by the librarians on November 10 were not five new rules. Most of them were just reminders of things of which we were already aware. Certainly it was not harsh to ask us to be more careful about replacing books and using ink in the library. Neither were the requests unreasonable which asked us not to move the chairs and to be more considerate in using books which are assigned to an entire class.

The Hall Council itself established the penalty of one demerit for each day that an overdue book was not returned. The librarians turn in the names to the secretary of the Hall Council, and she issues the demerits. Thus, students are subject to a Hall Council penalty just as the Handbook states; they need not worry about faculty members issuing demerits.

—Jane Cutlar Best.

SMC Belles Issue Famous Battle Cry

A reporter was seen roving around the campus of S.M.C. getting facts on what belles dislike about boys—boys? According to some girls it seems that those in Chapel Hill have too much tar on their heels 'cause they're sticking too close to U.N.C. and not striking out for Raleigh.

Moving on to certain other groups, the general cry (or should we say battle cry?) is that there are not enough men to go around. It is feared that males are seeking better acorns among larger oak trees.

Our reporter suddenly stops; why are the girls' mailboxes dust-catchers? There could be only one reason; and that reason, so the reporter finds, is another black mark for the male race.

"Why won't that cadet from V.M.I. write?" exclaims a certain day student.

"I know Tom's not studying that hard," adds another belle.

One girl who evidently takes up for her man said, "Maybe Bill has run out of stamps."

Ah, at last Mr. Reporter finds a few girls who protect the poor, innocent animal called man. This little group is called HAPS. They tell Mr. Reporter that they have found that "although you can't live with them, you certainly can't live without them!"

The water can do without the fish; the fish cannot do without the water.—Chinese Proverb.

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