

Vacation Is Over And Now, January, Worry Month, Is Here

Unfortunately Christmas vacation has long since passed and too soon we have to think of the more serious business of getting an education. January is often called many names, but probably the most common is "Worry Month." No one wants to forget those delicious memories of vacation and home, and the books are opened less and less to make way for a continuation of the fun and relaxation on the St. Mary's halls. There is an ominous shadow on the horizon in the form of dreaded exams. I imagine most of us have realized that they start January 28, but precious few of us are doing anything about it. The usual procedure is to do a "half-way" job of studying during the semester, and then the night before the exam, to attempt to cram a semester's work into our heads.

January is a very difficult month, but it is also a very important one. If you haven't paid much attention to a course up to now, you have a chance to catch up. If you have been a good student, it is your time for review. This article is not intended to say that since exams are on the way, we should put on our shrouds and dedicate all of our waking hours to studies. It is a reminder that we are in school, and that even a tiny bit of study a day will be more beneficial than a complete disregard or "half-way" attitude toward our studies. The day of reckoning is close at hand!

Congratulation To Miss Richardson's Assistants

Another group of girls who do extra work around school are those who help in Miss Richardson's office. These girls are Catherine Dent, Mary Ann Keith, and Sue Stanford. Catherine records all absences and tardies. This recording must be kept up to date in order to provide an accurate account of all absences or tardies which each girl has against her. Mary Ann's duty is to check and record all overnight or weekend permission slips. By doing this she is able to stop all errors on the slips and to note how many of the allotted weekends a girl has taken. Mary Ann also checks the names of various hostesses on the slips against those on the approved list. Sue is in charge of the extra typing. This typing includes such things as the dining room seating chart.

These girls do a wonderful job and by undertaking these tasks take a great deal of their time and effort to do necessary but unappreciated work; therefore, *The Belles* takes this opportunity to salute them for a job well done.

'57 March Of Dimes Campaign Will Give Courage To Victims

The 1957 March of Dimes campaign began on Tuesday, January 1. *The Belles* does not solicit funds for this or any other drive but takes this opportunity to point out a few well-known facts. Polio can and has struck people of all walks of life. Of course, the discovery of the Salk vaccine prevented many new cases, but we must continue to provide assistance to victims of polio for whom this vaccine came too late. Obligations incurred during 1956 and continued care and rehabilitation for those seriously affected patients must be financed by prompt March of Dimes aid. The 1957 March of Dimes must be successful in order to give courage to victims and future victims of this harmful disease.

Who Wants A Blind Date?

When the week end rolls around, no sweat!
She's got a date! He's blind, and yet
Who cares? She's going out.
Her roomie's been helpful in every way,
Like breaking mirrors, etc., all day.
No need to be down at the mouth!
But wait a minute, who got her this date?
Her pal, of course, no matter how late.
And think of the fun!
He's a member of that well-known frat;
Just because he's mama's brat
Is no need to carry a gun.
So down to the parlor she gaily troops,
Dressed to the hilt, including "fruit boots."
What a sight for all!
Which of all these charming men
Is the one for our little hen?
Can't help it she's so tall!

Maybe he's that one, the one like "the Rock,"
Gosh but he's handsome! Bet she could knock
Him flat on his face.
But no such luck. He's already taken.
She's shook . . . in fact, she's shaken,
But she shows no trace.
What if he's that one, the one with the eyeballs?
What if he likes her? What if he falls?
Gosh what a dreamer.
Then suddenly appears from the dark TV room,
Her friend and her date. Oh no!!!
—a baboon!!!!
What hit him, a steamer?
He's tall and he's lanky and the skin on his frame
Is as white as snow, What's his name?
Who cares, anyhow?
His freckles are cute, if they weren't so pink.
As she draws closer, she suddenly thinks,
"What have you done, Polly Pal?"
She smiles sweetly at him, red hair and all.

Beckoning Belles

Happy welcome to Mary's Place . . . 300 smiling faces have returned and are eager for work and exams. Ain't this the life?
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On Sunday the parlor fairly bristled with new furs. Pity the poor weenie animals that are running around naked and cold.
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Gosh!!! I saw a Belle get in a police car after Church! Sterling!?!
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We're glad to say that Coleman got rid of her three Christmas presents. Poor Jane didn't get a single one of them.
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Pat Coulter fell down during the holidays and hurt herself. Hurry back, Pat.
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Rings . . . Rings . . . Rings! This place out glitters Jolly's. Congrats to those lucky Belles who have suddenly developed "left handitis."
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Have you all seen "the Rock?" If not, you sure have missed a real charger!

Be good Belles. Exams are just around the corner and this time the teachers fill the stockings!

Pitter Platter

By Jennie Proctor

After an inventory was taken of all the gifts Santa brought the Belles, it was discovered that high fidelity record players were at the top of the list. Not too long ago we were often astonished at the magnificent lifelike sounds produced at the movies by this new invention.

Now with high quality amplifiers and speakers we can have a concert hall performance from recorded music. The richness and solidity of the orchestra can be produced in our own living room. One company has even produced a high fidelity television which they say "looks alive and sounds alive." These TV sets are priced as low as \$139.90. A phonograph can be purchased for as little as \$39.50. If any Belle is ambitious, she can buy a Hi-Fi kit in order to build her own Hi-Fi record player.

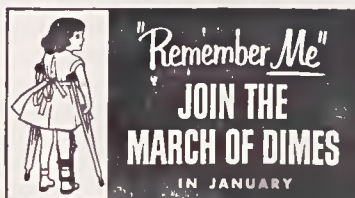
Naturally, since so many Belles received record players for Christmas, there were also quite a few new records. The top four favorites this week are:

One: "Singing the Blues" by Guy Mitchell.

Two: "Green Door."

Three: "Young Love" by Sonny James.

Four: Frankie Lane's "Walking in the Rain."



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'Round The Campus

Congratulations to Elizabeth Blake. Her new job is to keep a file on the activities of each junior.

Ann Morton visited St. Mary's Saturday night in order to see Holt's new parlor. There's no doubt that this is the prettiest spot on campus.

Jenny Dawson, Ina Gee Ridley, Pearl Ann Revelle, and Susie Donald were a few of the guests at the Feast of Lights service Sunday night.

Welcome back, Mr. Guess. East Rock hopes that Archibald will come out of hiding soon.

3rd Smedes has a two-way telephone. What will these girls think of next? ???

The Belles takes this opportunity to tell its "old boss" congratulations! She was among other former Belles who became engaged or married during the Christmas holidays.