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How to Study for Exams

All around the St. Mary's campus the first small tensions about the fast approaching exams are beginning to be felt. These tensions will continue to snowball until, on the 23rd of January, they have reached the point of mass hysteria. Many of us would like some 'time-ly' tips on how to study at this crucial time. Miss Ellington, Mr. Tate, and Mr. Shellans have been kind enough to give us some rules of study at exam time. They are as follows:

Mr. Shellans—

HOW TO STUDY FOR EXAMS (or Happy Amnesia!!)

Since this perhaps somewhat naive instructor is operating on the basic premise that students have, in a sense, been preparing for exams all semester simply by fulfilling their daily study obligations, he can turn his attention immediately to special approaches or techniques which may give quick and direct assistance in preparing for exams.

First of all, a word should be said about one's attitude toward and understanding of the purpose of examinations. Some of you novices may consider exams to be torturous instruments by means of which sadistic teachers take delight in finding out all of the many little things you don't know. Actually (and here I go again on the naive kick) the instructor's primary purpose is to sample the student's knowledge of the most significant subject matter of the course. Therefore, he draws upon the major principles and important details set forth in his lectures, in the textbook, and in the outside readings. The student who understands the nature and purpose of exams will make a systematic, analytical, and comprehensive review of the course materials, and will enter the examination room with just normal concern rather than severe anxiety.

The type of review I have suggested necessitates the student having access to a full set of lecture notes and a well organized and comprehensive outline of the test and all supplementary readings. To these materials I would also add earlier tests returned to the student, for teachers frequently duplicate (with perhaps some change in phraseology) those questions most often flubbed on regular course quizzes.

When studying for examinations I have found it of great advantage (with regard to eventual test achievement) to play the role of

OUR CHOICE!



May Day Nominating Committee Announces Candidates

The May Day Nominating Committee was announced in assembly on January 5. This year Betsy Dunn from Winston-Salem is serving as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Other members of the committee are Rosemary Adair, Mary Richard Chambers, Sharon Finch, Lujane Gray, Martha Rose Lambeth, Mary Bryan Pitt, Mary Lynn Pond, Carlton Savage, Missy Williamson, and Pam Wright.

The committee met on Monday night to nominate the candidates for May Queen. The candidates were Molly Cooper and Jean Lippels. In Assembly on Tuesday nominees from the floor were Arden Fobes, Ann Osterman, and Sophia Pike. At supper on Wednesday, Betsy proudly announced that Arden Fobes was St. Mary's choice for May Queen.

Wednesday night the nominating committee chose thirteen girls

for the May Court; Diane Blanton, Winston Conner, Molly Cooper, Mary Lou Dorris, Ginny Heron, Mary Brodie Jones, Frances Leonard, Jean Lippels, Carlisle Northington, Ann Osterman, Hannah Wright, Haynes Walker, and Cydne Wright. In Thursday's assembly nominations were open to the floor for the election of the May Court. The twenty-six girls that were nominated were Martha Pat Bell, Lynn Boyee, Jane Brooks, Carolyn Brown, Nanne Chalgren, Mary Richard Chambers, Vicky Coxe, Mary Daniell, Betsy Eagles, Sharon Finch, Margaret Glenn, Archer Lee Hannah, Val Hodgson, Ann Hundley, Edith Kellerman, Sarah Levine, Frances McLanahan, Hadley Morgan, Sophia Pike, Lane Norman, Susan Poe, Linda Ramsey, Joanne Ruchow, Carleton Savage, and Nona Walker.

Circle Activities

On the Wednesday before Christmas vacation the Circle members gave a Christmas party in the gym for the faculty and the Student body. Taking the traditional role of Santa Claus was Frances Douglas, who passed out candy canes to everyone. At one point during the program Miss Bason sat in Santa's lap to tell her Christmas List.

The Cold-Cuts furnished the evenings entertainment. The refreshments were hot chocolate and doughnuts.

New members, tapped by the Circle on January 4, are Hannah Wright, Linda Ramsey, and Sally Upton. These three seniors have proved outstanding in their activities at St. Mary's during the past. Hannah is Chairman of Hall Council, a Hall Counselor, past Junior class officer and a member of the Granddaughter's Club. Linda is Secretary of Hall Council, a Hall Counselor, and a past member of the Glee Club and Ensemble. Sally is President of the Day Student Class and a member of the Business Staff of the *Stagecoach*.

Sophomores Plan for College

With the coming new year we find the sophomores making plans for college. Some of the girls will return to St. Mary's. Those returning are: Carolyn Miller, Lucie Rouse, Haynes Walker, Cydne Wright, Susan Goode, Gee Canada, Ann Farmer, Mary Myrers, Tim Sirmonkol, Susan Hathaway, Nancy Baum, and Marianne Eubank. Others remaining in North Carolina are Robin Causey, Salem; Barbara Craig and Kay Vale, Duke; and Val Hodgson, Carolina. However, there are several girls leaving North Carolina for Virginia and South Carolina. Jane Moore will attend Sweet Briar, Jane McGown and Elaine Graybill will be at Hollins while Jean Stromanis at Converse. There are still other girls who are going nearer home to school or who have a spirit of adventure. Sally Quillian is going to Auburn University in Alabama, Jane Wands, University of Kentucky, and Emma Lou Bullard and Cynthia Nixon, University of Tennessee. We can see that a number of Sophomores still don't seem to know where they are going. However, their ideas seem to run parallel to those presented above.

