

## FOCUS

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"Anybody going to the village? If it wouldn't be too much out of your way, we'd like a ride. By the way, what's your name?"

"Guess what girls? We're all on a committee! It's the transportation committee to the Angus Barn, and if we really pack 'em in it might take one trip, but no more than two, and we'll only have to use a tank of gas!"

"Seniors! We get to wave flashlights at the Halloween Party!"

"Juniors! Maybe they don't know your name, but we bet they know the kind of car you drive!"

"Seniors, at the Banquet we weren't even given an award for 'The Most Able To Drive!'"

"Gee, Madam President, I'm sorry I didn't get to help with decorations for the White Elephant Sale, but I was at home baking cakes all afternoon!"

"Since you have a class, how about letting me use your car?"

"Golly that girl with the long blonde hair in the Glamour Contest sure was pretty—too bad she's a Day Student."

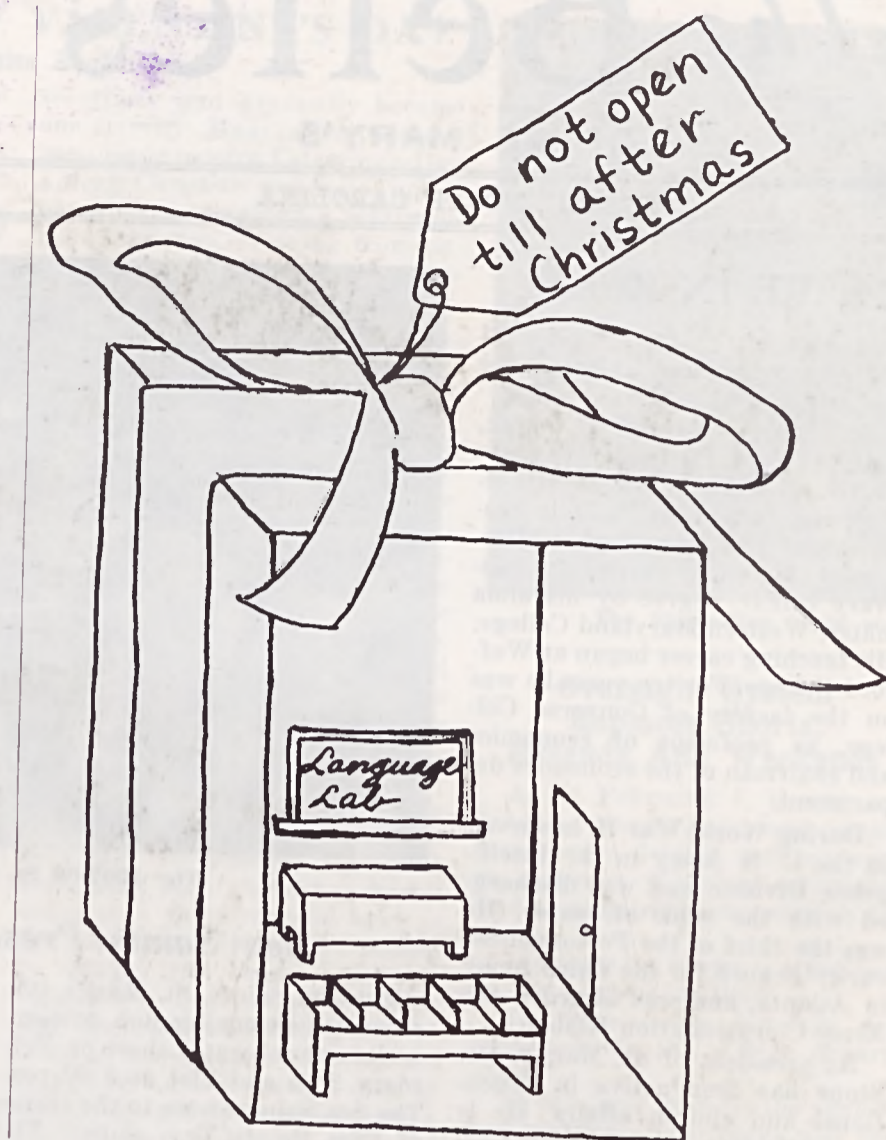
"What we have here is a failure to communicate."

If you have been offended by the above remarks, then maybe you are one of the guilty people. We are not directing our remarks to those who have made an effort to know the Day students, but only to those who do not realize that we too are a part of St. Mary's.

The Day Students were hurt in regard to the Valentine's Party for the Junior Class on February 14, 1968. At this party the toast was vaguely to the tune of, "we don't know your names, so stand up so we can see you. You're known for your athletics, wit, pins, lavaliers, bridge, intelligence, and cars."

Perhaps to some of you this doesn't seem too offensive. But to those of us who are Day Students, we feel that we have a legitimate complaint. And the Junior Class Party is not the sole reason for our complaints. It was only the straw that broke the camel's back.

We are required to go to chapel; we are required to attend Student Government meetings; we are required to attend class meetings; we are put on the deficiency list; we are put on the academic probation list—just as you are. But attending meetings and being put on lists do not make one a part of the school. We have Day Students in Sigma-Mu, Orchesis, Dramatics Club, St. Genesius, Granddaughter's Club, Sea Saints, Glee Club, the YDC and YRC, Cold Cuts, Tennis Club, Letter Club, on the May Court, on the Belles, Stagecoach, Muse staffs and in the Beacon. As a matter of fact, it would be hard to think of a club or organization on campus that does not have at least one Day Student member. Yet this does not compensate for the feeling of rejection.



This feeling of rejection is a hard one to accept. We, the Day Students, love St. Mary's just as much as you boarders do. But it is difficult to love a school of which you are not a part. They say that in college you make friends that will last you the rest of your life, but how can you make friends when you are handicapped by the tag, "DAY STUDENT"?

We realize that the boarders are not the only ones to be blamed; the Day Students too must share part of it. The Day Students really would like to work for their classes and the school. We admit that not all the Day Students are willing to work, but neither are all the boarders. Our girls are very qualified to help. We have people who served their high schools well. We have cheerleaders, class officers, presidents of Student Governments, Honor Society members, Service Club members, committee chairmen, and many, many more. It is not the lack of experience that holds us back. It wouldn't hurt a class President to appoint a Day Student committee chairman, or a committee chairman to appoint a Day Student committee member. We are here waiting to be asked. All it would take is a whisper, "Would you help, please?" (We feel used rather than useful when your only requests are for transportation or food.)

To many people, a Day Student is only a means of transportation. We take people to the Village, downtown, and to the airport, but

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Who are the Day Students? Do you know? There seem to be quite a lot of people at St. Mary's that know the Day Students only by the fact that they have taken over the Chaplain's House, or that they sit across from you in some class, or that they have cars. But stop and think, just how many Day Student names do you know?

Day Students are just as much a part of the activities of St. Mary's as anyone else. The only difference is that they live at home instead of on campus. For this reason, however, Day Students should not be outsiders. They shouldn't be isolated and left out of the things that they come to St. Mary's to participate in.

You may think that since the Day Students are not required to come to everything that happens on campus, then you are not "required" to get to know them. You aren't. But you must remember that Day Students are at a disadvantage. They have family responsibilities as well as academic responsibilities to maintain. This is a load for anyone to carry. Also, contrary to popular opinion, not all the Day Students have their own cars.

How many times have you been given a ride by a Day Student and not known her name? Just ask some of the seniors how they got to the Angus Barn. You, of course, realize that you are taking up this person's time and gas to get you where you want to go. Did you remember to thank them?

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The Day Students don't offer a means of transportation to the Boarders, but it is just feeling that they are being that is irritating. How would you feel if you were a Day Student and every time a boarder was in, the first thing they said was "Who's got a car?"

When was the last time you offered a Day Student up to your room? Have you ever been over to the Day Student's House? There is no reason for the line of Demotion that runs along Chesapeake Place. If the leaders of this school would include the Day Students in more projects and activities and if the Boarders would attempt to learn a few names, this typewritten list would be erased. Friendliness is a two way street.

I am a Day Student, and I can say that we have a lot to offer to the school. We have done a lot of work, and I don't know any other Day Student who isn't very anxious to be a little more "in".

We're not asking to get to know you unless you want to make an effort to get to know us in return. So remember, next time you see a Day Student, just stop and ask yourself, "Who are the Day Students?"

A Day Student  
Nancy Higgins

## LIFE'S SCORE BOARD

THE top names on the batting lists aren't known for home run fame. Man's sacrifices and assists count more in life's great game.

—Don Mc