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IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE

By Mindy Bell

How many times lately have you walked down the halls of school and heard passing people say, "It's hard to believe. . . ." Then, when you think about what's been said, it IS hard to believe that this year at St. Mary's is drawing to a close and that new people and ideas are coming out of winter hibernation.

The month of March is here at last bringing with it Spring and the end of the third quarter. And Easter is only a month away bringing term papers and plans for Easter trips. After Easter, it's only a short jump to May Day and Graduation—the reward of two years of hard work and of fun. Then everyone will be off to the beach to show off new bathing suits that are already in shop windows and figures that are the results of hours of hard exercise. Thinking of all these things and more, you want to join in and say, "It's hard to believe!"

CIRCLE WALKS AND TAKES IN FOUR

On February 26, the Circle walked for four seniors. Newly inducted members are Nancy Matthews, Jessica Gillespie, Becky Robinson, and Suzanne Crockett.

The Circle, an honorary society for college students, recognizes outstanding students on campus.



UGLY IS GETTING DRESSED FOR
A CONCERT WHEN YOU HAVE
TWO TESTS THE NEXT DAY.

EDITORIAL

IT'S UP TO YOU!

This year is election year not only at the state and national levels, but also here at St. Mary's. When voting for a President or Governor, people think twice and weigh all the facts before they make a final decision and cast their votes. They want a leader who is capable and qualified to represent them. This too is how it should be at St. Mary's.

The most significant elections—those to choose the leaders of the student body for the 1968-1969 year—will be held in the next two weeks. These elections are of vital importance, for in them the leaders are selected. These leaders will shape the future of St. Mary's as they guide the students and mold school policy. Thus it is imperative that each student votes for a candidate not because of friendship but because of her qualifications. Being qualified is much more than just grades. A Student Government Officer must be a dedicated person, who is a willing leader who shows a genuine love for and interest in the school and its improvements.

A Student Government Officer must be willing to put the welfare of the school and its students before herself. To be effective, she must not only have power but also know how to exert it: she cannot "let it go to her head and be power crazy." She must be a liaison between the students and the administration. In order to do this, she must be able to get along well and feel at ease with both groups. A quite important quality is that she must uphold the highest personal standards because she sets the example that the entire student body will pattern its behavior from.

These are the most important elections to be held during the St. Mary's year. Therefore, the student body should approach this coming event with seriousness of intent. Popularity should not take precedence over qualification. Only under good leadership can a school grow and flourish. This leadership results from the election of the best candidate and the election of the best candidate is the responsibility of the entire student body. Thus, the students have an important job too.

Since the responsibility for choosing St. Mary's leaders rests squarely on their shoulders, it is their duty to acquaint themselves with the candidates and their qualifications.

Votes should be used wisely: they should represent rational decisions rather than emotional prejudices. Remember: the future of St. Mary's rests in your hands.

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SPANISH PLAY

On March 6, the Spanish play, *El Almacén de Novias* by Ramón de la Cruz was presented in the auditorium. The play, directed by Miss Marion Anderson, Spanish professor at St. Mary's, concerned a young man and his visit to a "sweetheart shop" in hopes of finding a bride.

The cast, both St. Mary's and

NCSU students, was as follows:

El Administrador—Francisco Bulnaee, Un Pretendiente a Boda—Moises Urman, Su Diado—Leiva Urman, La Viuda—Bennett Blackley, Colasa—Christy Willis, La Beata—Carmen Elliott, La Simple—Barbara May, La Muda—Mary Burhoe, La Cocinera—Kathy Mullins, El Portero—Roberto Mutis.

MOVIE REVIEW:

THE WAR GAME

By Jessica Gillespie

How many times have we been ed up our noses at those who demonstrate on behalf of "ban the bomb"? Probably most Americans are disgusted by demonstrators. The demonstrators are called radicals or rebels or lunatics. Many seem to feel that these people demonstrate just to be testing against something. How valid is protest against protestors?

The War Game is a movie which could change these stereotypical opinions about demonstrators. It begins to respect them in that for at least they have been concerned enough to probe the effects of nuclear weapons and see the prospect of annihilation which the world exists today. It is not a pleasant movie in any respect—it is so realistic, in fact that it was banned in Britain, a country in which it is set.

A country under nuclear attack is not a pretty sight. It's people have nowhere to turn and realize that the protective measures which they thought would save them are useless. The movie shows an unprepared Britain which cannot protect itself. It shows parents who watch their children die, and doctors who do not have the medicines to cure what is on their face.

The futility of the people is reflected on their faces. They are desperate for food, shelter, and guidance. They steal, they lie. Yet the initial impact does not bring all the devastation which the people will face. Ironically, it is the physical, emotional, and spiritual devastation which ultimately wipe out the civilization. And it is terribly frightening to realize that the world will never be able to recover from the effects of a nuclear war.

Perhaps the most frightening fact that *The War Game* exposes is the stupidity of the people. They realize neither the consequences of nuclear war nor the closeness of it. They represent only the people of Britain, not those of the United States, Russia, France, and every other country in the world.

The viewer of *The War Game* is himself left with a futile feeling. What can be done to make the world realize a growing danger? Take! Signs, anyone? Think about it.

BEACON WALKS FOR THREE

Last night the Beacon walked for three sophomores. The members are Misses Cathy Clark, Beth Denning, and Dru Haley.

Miss Susan Byars is president of the Beacon, an honorary society that recognizes outstanding high school students.