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GIRLS LEFT EARLY DUE TO STRIKE

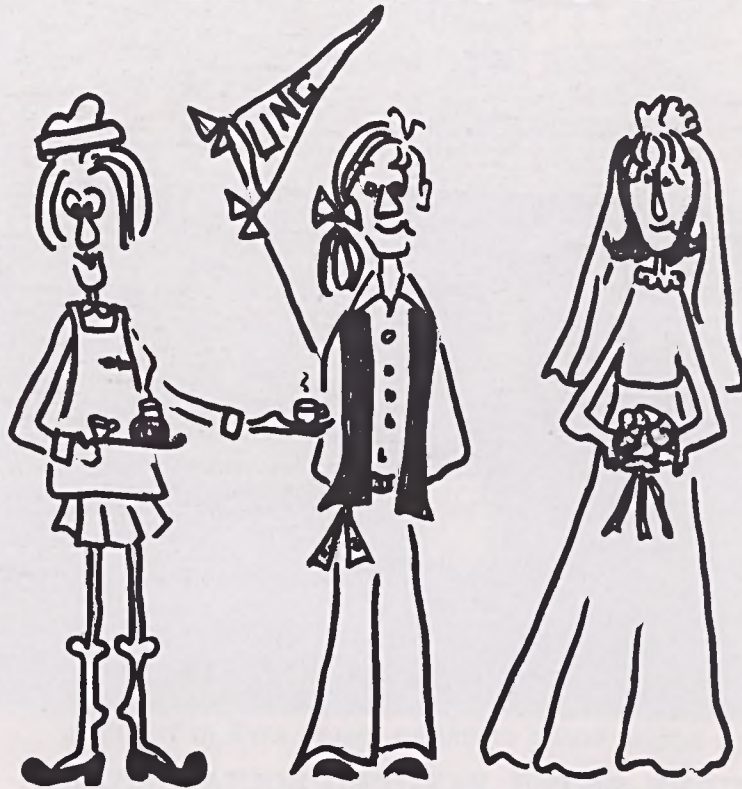
The St. Mary's calendar designated March 26th as the final day of classes before the spring vacation. The 25th and the 26th were to have been calendar days — days when students could not take advantage of the optional absence policy.

But a few students had listened to the national news the night before and soon spread the word of an impending air lines' strike. Panic set in at St. Mary's for the girls who had plane reservations. Planes were their only means of getting home or to their vacation destination.

Students sought help from the faculty and the administration. Soon meetings were held and notices posted giving any student outside the D. C., Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina area permission to catch the earliest flights possible. By Tuesday night, 35 people had already left. Mr. Jamie King was a big help in reserving rooms and arranging transportation.

The strike crippled the country, but it brought out a few things about St. Mary's. First of all the rigid policy concerning calendar days gave way during the extenuating circumstances, and girls were able to leave before the scheduled time. Faculty and the administration once again demonstrated their willingness to help the students with all of their problems, not just academic ones. Also, students have found that the reckoning time does come as all of the cancelled tests are presently being given.

"TO BE OR NOT TO BE"



STACY STEWARDRESS

CAROL CAROLINA CO-ED

Betsy BRIDE-TO-BE

Will the REAL St. Mary's GRAD. Please Step FORWARD!

EDITORIAL

The library at St. Mary's has one purpose — to serve the students. To do this, it gives the students a quiet, pleasant place to study and more than adequate resources for a library of its size. Recently, the library has even tried staying open an hour later to allow students more time to use its facilities.

But how do the students occupy their time in the library? Some can be found studying, some doing research work, some reading magazines, many talking, and a few even defacing the new library furniture and stealing books. At St. Mary's? Yes, even here there are girls who still do not know the difference between right and wrong or do not act as though they do.

Many people ask what difference it makes if they "borrow" a book without signing it out and then conveniently "forget" to return it. They never seem to think about what would happen if every St. Mary's student did this. Maybe these students would realize the inconvenience and seriousness of their act, if they ever found themselves in the same desperate situation of frantically looking for a book that just is not there and having a test on that material the next day. But even if these students were confronted with this situation, there is the sombre possibility that they are too callous and irresponsible for it to make a definite impression on them.

In the practice of defacing property, St. Mary's girls are experts. Just take a look at the desks in any classroom. We can rationalize this situation by saying that these desks are old and were already covered with markings. But we cannot even attempt to account for the indelible markings on the new library furniture. It is a totally destructive act and there is no way that it can be rectified now. Little do the students realize that their immature markings could prevent the library from ever refurbishing the library: indeed the library is reluctant to purchase new furniture to suffer the fate of the old. It is such a shame when a few impulsive people can prevent the majority from enjoying new and better facilities.

The Belles staff feels that this lack of courtesy shown in the library is unwarranted and inexcusable. Let's hope that we can all begin from here on out to take a special pride in our library. D.G.H. V.M.F.

A DAY STUDENTS POINT OF VIEW

There is one major difference — the attitude of day students as that of a boarder at any school. For the boarder, a school is a place to live; for the day student it is a place where one simply goes to school. Consequently, students fail to be accepted in the community of the school. I say that this problem does not exist at St. Mary's is evading the truth, but to say that the situation is crucial is stretching the truth.

As at most colleges, the day students at St. Mary's are a minority group, and as any minority group must, we often feel we are discriminated against. However, in most cases, when we have taken the initiative to suggest improvements, we have found our suggestions have met with approval and co-operation.

It seems, then, that the solution to the problem of isolation of the day students lies in the students themselves and not in any major change in rules and regulations. The day students often seem content to be apart from the rest of the school. This feeling, although it cannot be justified, can be explained. We have not been forced to make new friends as most boarders have. Most of us already knew each other before we came here to school. Perhaps we seem as hard to get to know to the boarders as they often do to us.

Whether or not a person prefers being a day student at St. Mary's rather than being a boarder is a completely personal decision. There are disadvantages and advantages, of course, to both. As far as school itself is concerned, there are really no differences. The differences lie in how and where one lives, and the individual must decide if she will be happier living at home or on campus. But it does seem sad somehow, that some of us never really get to know each other because some are boarders and some are day students. One of the most distinct characteristics of St. Mary's is the closeness of its students, and with a little effort on the part of both boarders and day students, the circle could be drawn even closer.

Engagements, Pins And Lavaliers

Jane Wood — Pinned to Eddie Youngblood, Sigma Nu at State.
Laura Holloway — Lavaliered to Tommy Stroud, Sigma Nu at State.
Boyd Gregory — Lavaliered to Reuben Harris, Kappa Alpha at East Carolina.
Renn Robbins — Lavaliered to John Hester, Tau Kappa Sigma at State.

OUT, ABOUT, AND AROUND

April 10 — Combined Concert: NCSU Fanfare Band and Brass — Choir Band. Union Ballroom, NCSU, 8:00 P.M.
April 15 — New Arts, Inc.: Charlie Byrd. Coliseum NCSU, 8:00 P.M.