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Correction Of Church Policy

Meeting October 7, the vestry heard complaints and suggestions concerning the chapel policy and also received several petitions. The ultimate decision, however, of having one Sunday service was made by the administration. The vestry apologizes to any of the student body who were misled into thinking that the decision would be student vote.

EDITORIAL

About this time each year everyone finds that the shine has worn off of St. Mary's. For the new girls, the novelty has worn off and they have more or less found their place in this educational machine. The old girls have returned to their places in the cog wheel with a good case of the "blahs." St. Mary's has begun to run like an automaton with only an occasional bumping and grinding of the gears.

As we settle into the routine we lose some of our humanity. Gone are the Old Girl-New Girl smiles and a lot of the personal concern between girls. We have just become too involved with out own selves and our own problems. This is very easy to do and is usually unintentional. We also lose our contacts with the outside world. We become so involved with the Middle Ages that we forget about the Middle East. We lack the time and the motivation to understand and become involved in the issues and the problems of today.

This unintentional apathy is one of the worst things that could happen to people of our age in our times. After graduation we won't live in the Middle Ages or in a Chemistry Lab. We will live in the "real" world with people and problems. To become so involved with the academic to the exclusion of the realistic is to forfeit part of your education. However this does not mean to forget all about the facts and figures. It means to include some current events and some personal concern as part of your curriculum. You will find that it takes academic as well as the everyday education to understand sufficiently and to exist efficiently in the "real" world. J. L. D.

PRESIDENT'S OPEN LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY

Dear Girls:

Recently Charles Habib Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, delivered an address on "Education in Upheaval." A kind of subtitle to the address was "The Christian's Responsibility."

Some of Dr. Malik's remarks speak to a situation that exists at St. Mary's. I will quote a few things he said as a point of departure for this very relevant question of compulsory chapel attendance.

Malik cites the belief of many educators that, "an atmosphere of freedom must reign. The search for truth must be unshackled, and adequate means for the articulation and transmission of truth must be furnished."

To this Malik replies: "I search in vain in these statements for any reference to the fact that character, personal integrity, spiritual depth, the highest moral standards, the wonderful living values of the great tradition, have anything to do with the business of the college or university or with the world of learning."

He concludes: "Because of its pluralistic society and the character of its constitution, America as a state cannot remedy this situation. That is why the Christians of America, the custodians of the greatest message of all time, enjoying their fundamental freedoms under a most beneficent constitution, can do much. The task of abolishing the awful divorce between reason and faith; mind and spirit; the order of understanding and knowledge and the order of suffering and love; the wisdom of man and the wisdom of God, falls squarely upon their shoulders. Christ must come back to higher learning if higher learning, and therewith man and culture, is to be saved."

Lastly Malik prophesies that somewhere a great school will arise in which the religious and educational can blend. He prophesies the end of the shameful decay of philosophy. He prophesies the restoration of trust in authority. The classics will come to their own. Theology will have an honorable place. Personal discipline,

sensitivity to issues, social and world responsibility will all be inculcated on the basis of first principles derived from the revelation of God. Also in such a place there will be plenty of fun, fellowship and discussion, all in a spirit of love and respect, all with a view to truth and being and peace.

Does all this sound like a kind of Utopia?

I wonder! In part, of course, it sounds this way. Yet, to a degree such a school as Malik dreams will be, already exists. Of course, this philosopher and statesman envisions a great university not a private junior college for young women. But on our level the ingredients are present at St. Mary's for just such a school.

Therefore as St. Mary's adjusts its social stance, broadens and enriches its curriculum, relaxes excessive restrictions academic, social and spiritual to better prepare its young women for further education and life, it does so in the context of the kind of school Malik describes.

This is a Christian school. Christ was declared at the center of this enterprise by its founders. There has been no change in this! Worship is an integral part of Christian community living. It is as natural an expression of the life of this kind of community as eating and breathing. Our worship life has been reduced to a minimum. This has been done to preserve freshness and not make worship a drab, daily routine.

On this foundation St. Mary's will stand so long as I am its President. If this sounds authoritative — so be it. It is an authority of love. Love for God, and love for all of you.

Faithfully yours,
Frank Pisani

Assembly Schedule

- November 3..... Beginning of series of films on History of Drugs; Medical and Legal Classification of Drugs; Social, Physical, and Emotional Factors of Drug Use — Effects Upon Users; and Treatment for Drug Abuse.
- November 5..... film
- November 10..... film
- November 12..... film
- November 17..... film



"Please, Mr. Pinkerton — I'm just lookin' for the Great Pumpkin . . ."

St. Mary's Campus Gold Helps Girl Scouts

St. Mary's girls are constantly finding new outlets for their energy and creative ideas. The newest group activity is called St. Mary's Campus Gold, and it enables interested students to participate in Girl Scout work within the community. The girls involved in this project are volunteers, and some of them have never been associated with the scouting program before. From the original thirty students, the number of enthusiastic girls has already risen to forty-eight which constitutes ten percent of the student body. The volunteers help out with scouts of all ages from brownies to Senior scouts.

Under Miss Duncan's direction the St. Mary's girls fill out a card listing the skills they are interested in and in which they excel, and their free time. Then when a Senior troop leader requests a student volunteer in a particular area, she contacts Miss Duncan who places an interested student in that specific area or job. All the girls are involved in some facet of scout work. Some girls serve as assistant troop leaders at weekly meetings, while others go on overnight weekend camping trips with the scouts or help them for a few weeks with certain badge requirements. The St. Mary's girls assist in such areas as: lifeguarding, archery, swimming, games, cooking, Scottish dancing and arts and crafts, to name a few. Some of the girls who serve as assistant troop leaders are Barbara Simpson, Jane Darden, and Margaret Willets.

The Raleigh scouts have many camping sites to choose from such as Camp Mary Atkinson, Camp Graham, and Laurel Acres. They have already been on some camping trips this year. Several of the St. Mary's girls who participated in and enjoyed the outdoor activities were Margaret Hyatt, Sophie Foreman, Laura Shelton, and Lee Quinn. Many other volunteers from St. Mary's are helping the scouts now, and others will be called upon when their services are needed.

This Campus Gold program has gotten a fine start at St. Mary's and there is much enthusiasm among the scouts and the volunteer students. The volunteer program gives St. Mary's girls a chance to make a positive contribution to the community. It also provides them with on the scene experience about the behavior of younger children. Girls who plan careers in psychology and sociology can gain valuable experience from participation in this scouting program. So far, the program has proved to be both successful and enriching for both scouts and students. Even now, a student group is organizing to help with the disadvantaged scouts within the city, and many new areas of student participation are opening up. Thus, the student can take an active part in community projects.