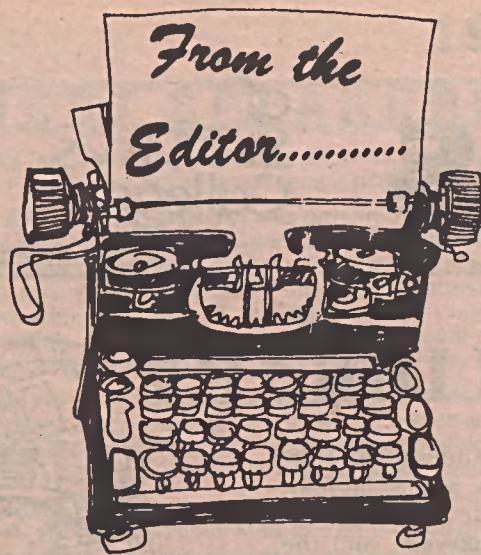


Letter



What do you think about our newspaper? Do you look forward to it? Do you read it page by page when it is published? Do you just glance at it and throw it away?

Newspapers can be exciting. A college newspaper should inform, and entertain student. Do you feel that **The Belles** achieves this goal? Producing a perfect newspaper is the dream and goal of all ambitions new editors. I, like the previous Belle editors, see my reign as a year in which the student newspaper will reach an excellence never quite achieved in the past years. However, one must keep an eye on reality even while yearning for perfection.

Even the wildest dreams of a new editor cannot make **The Belles** equal the newspapers of major universities. We are a small newspaper operating with a limited staff on a limited budget. Only one issue of **The Belles** runs up a tab of approximately \$250. Last semester, only three newspapers were published, costing about \$750.

According to Marjorie Maddrey, an accountant in the St. Mary's Business Office, **The Belles** is allotted \$2,550 a year. This money allows us nine issues a year. So far, we have not even come close to that number.

Our small, but extremely hardworking staff, trying to reach perfection even while keeping an eye on reality, has planned to publish six issues this semester, doubling the number of issues printed last

semester. It is also our pleasure to introduce a new column entitled "Behind The Desk."

This column will appear in every issue, and it will be written by faculty and staff members, giving them an opportunity to speak out on a number of issues. Also in this issue: The Career Corner. This corner will inform students about several different careers. Foo's column, "In a Grove of Stately Oak Trees" which we all enjoy, will continue to delight readers. These new ideas are just the beginning of a better newspaper.

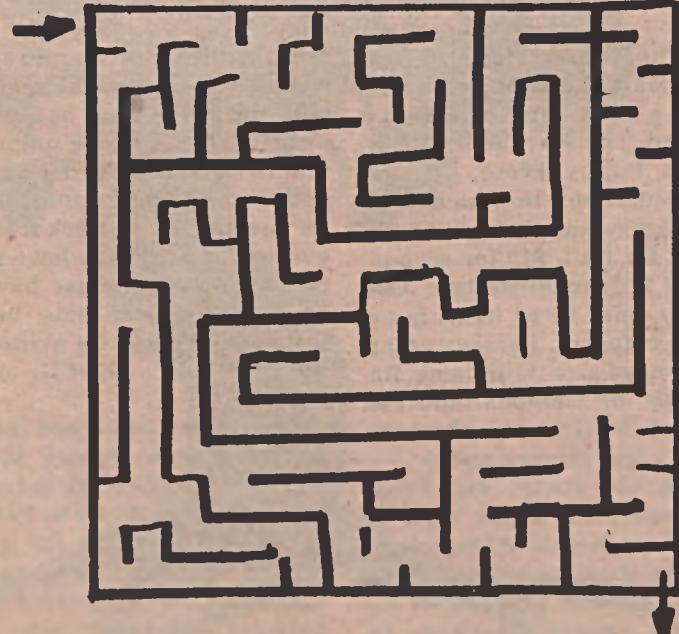
In my opinion, the highest standard of achievement **The Belles** can possibly reach is its ability to fully serve the St. Mary's community. Through increased student and faculty contribution and response, **The Belles** can and will increase in quality.

Perhaps the first editorial of all editors is essentially the same: an evaluation of their newspaper and subsequent plans for improvement. The dream of excellence is not an impossible dream; it can become possible with active student and faculty involvement. Do you have any ideas for new articles, columns, or poems, pictures that you would like to submit to **The Belles**? Just drop them in the campus mail box addressed to Box 17. **The Belles** is yours, and like many have said, it can be only as good as you want it to be!

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Here's another maze for those dedicated St. Mary's path followers: Solutions on page four.

By Lynn Jones



SOLUTION FOR FACULTY MATCHUP

Dr. William Burns Jones (1)
and Dr. Marcia Bell Jones
Mr. Robert Hillman (2) and
Mrs. Karen Hillman
Mr. Hamilton Fish and Mrs.
Mildred Fish (3)

to the Editor

Dear Editor

In a previous letter to the editor someone asked why new Sophomores who had a 3.0 at their former high school are not allowed to have two late curfews at St. Mary's. I discussed this issue with the administration at the beginning of the year and will gladly relate the reasoning behind this policy. Old Sophomores who have maintained a 3.0 their Freshman year have proven themselves academically at St. Mary's. St. Mary's first priority is for the

academic and personal welfare of its students. New Sophomores need time to become adjusted to their new surroundings and prove themselves academically here. The rule was not made to distinguish old students from new students, but rather to stress the importance of academics at first to the new Sophomores who might find their grades slip under a heavy academic load far different from that of their previous high school.

If QPR's could be calculated by Fall Break, we would be more than happy to give new girls their two late curfews, but since they cannot be, new girls must wait until after their semester grades have been obtained. Again, this is not a policy directed at rewarding old students because they have earned their privilege by achieving "B" or better average at St. Mary's.

Jocelyn Davis

BEST SELLERS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY

Bestsellers, general interest books and light reading are often requested by the students, faculty, and staff at St. Mary's, since the library is not able to buy many of these books out of the regular book budget. Arrangements have been made to lease them through the McNaughton Plan of Bro-Dart, Inc. for a yearly fee.

The McNaughton books are displayed on a book truck in front of the circulation desk, where chairs have been

placed to make for easy comfortable browsing. All regular library policies on circulation period, fines, etc. apply to these books.

One of the continuing goals of the library staff is to encourage reading and to help library users locate what they want to read. The staff hopes the McNaughton Plan books will accomplish this.

Types of books included in this collection are historical fiction, romances, mysteries, health and popular psychol-

ogy, biographies of movie stars and money management books.

Some of the titles available are *Shelly*, by Shelly Winters; *My Life and Game*, by Bjorn Borg; *Firestarter*, by Stephen King; *The Heart of the Lion*, by Jean Plaidy; *Getting by on 100,000 a year (and other sad tales)* by Andrew Tobias.

The library staff wants suggestions for books to order and needs your comments about the service.

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