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What Will 1991 Bring? Less and More Than We Hoped

The Belles

By Alison Nanninga 1991 will be the year we stop smoking. It will be the year we listen to advice. It will be the year we fix what we break. 1991 will be the year of war. It will be the year of peace. It will be the year we consider the consequences. It will be the year we write letters. It will be very busy. It will be the

Priorities Questioned

By Alison Nanninga

Boys, guys, men. We think about them at least 75% of the time, and we complain about them at least 100% of the time. Valentine's Day was a curse for the single St. Mary's girl, or any year that we agree that less is better. It will be as long as 1990. It will be the year of the goat. It will be the year we fall in love. It will be fun. It will be safe. It will be worth it. It will be the year we read small print. It will be the year we finish what we start. It will be the year we understand others. We will try not to make a face. It

single girl for that matter. Girls stand transfixed when the florist's van comes rolling to a halt, hoping that those dozen red roses will be theirs to claim. We go on searching for guys at fraternity parties, question mutual friends who might know "somebody," and beg God. We tend to go to the same places over and over again, but cannot make any success out of it. For some strange reason we tend to think that these guys that we see on a weekend basis will suddenly be the person we've been searching for. No luck. He is the same oaf that we knew in the beginning. A few key names pop into my head, but I will not name names; you know who they are. I remember an alum telling me that some local girls hated us because local college guys would only date St. Mary's girls. They still hate us, except now they have other reasons. This alum went on to tell me that girls used to have

will be the year we laugh more. It will be very funny. It will be the year that we are generous. It will be the year we are happy standing still. It will be the year we stop to smell the flowers. It will be 365 days long. 1991 will be unlike any other year.

S.E.T.A. Events Planned

By Jenny Schmidt

During the week of March 11, Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals will be sponsoring a week dedicated to animal welfare. We are planning to have a speaker, a vegetarian meal (thanks to the help of the dining hall staff), a display of cruelty-free products and more. By having this week, S.E.T.A. hopes to inform everyone on campus of animal rights and get everyone interested in what our organization is really about. Our meetings are announced, and hopefully we will see you at the next one! For more information contact Jenny Schmidt at 782-2428.

dates with men from Chapel Hill, Duke, and Wake Forest all of the time, every weekend. What happened? Where did they go? They're probably reclining in the La-z-Boy at the ol' fraternity, remembering the last weekend and walting for the next one.

SMC Students Ponder War, Peace and the Future

By Cary Hodges

The war crisis in the Gulf triggered feelings of anger, uncertainty, sympathy, and even disbelief. The general consensus among Saint Mary's students is one of economic, social, and personal concern for the future of our country, but also, the realization that nothing else 'could be done. Groups of students organized peace rallies for the Raleigh community that were quite wellattended and successful. Furthermore, many rallies took place in other Triangle areasincluding the streets of downtown Durham. Some SMC students, such as Ashley Griffin, attended because, as she says, "I think we all want to strive for peace and despite my own personal protest, I realize that sometimes we may have to fight for peace." It is believed that the number of absolute protesters dropped considerably since the decision on January 15th but would have risen again if a draft had taken place. Overall, the students at Saint Mary's just wanted the war to be over in a short time with as few as possible hurt or killed. It looks as if our prayers have been ansered. But we will never again be complacent about the possibility of a U.S. involvement in a war.

By Ellie Jarman

Peace! What do you think about when you hear this word? Many people think about the '70s during the Vietnam war when the teenagers would hold peace rallies and guys would burn their draft cards and girls burned their bras.

Times have changed, and we do a lot of things differently now. One of the ways we have changed is the calmer way we hold peace rallies. Nina Cavallaro, a day student, went to Washington, D.C., and experienced some of the emotions of the crowd while there. She said, "The issue everyone was debating is that there are wars here in the United States that needed to be fought before we go to another country to fight a war." A rally in downtown Raleigh cited Martin Luther King, Jr. as an example of a peacemaker, and a gathering in Durham let the government know that we mean business about not having a war; if there is a different way to settle the situation, please let's consider it. Hopefully, a reasonable dia logue will be established which will be more effective than the '60s attempts to destroy society, we want to build on what we have and make it better. We may not have supported the war, but we supported and prayed for the troops!



Signs of the times...concerned citizens seek peace.