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### A SENIOR'S PLEA

Until Friday, the 17th, the Senior Class was ignorant of a "feeling" between the Seniors and the new girls. Assuming that everybody else had accepted the Honor System as an established form of government and, with the exception of a few outlaws found in every society, was abiding by its regulations as public-spirited citizens everywhere recognize the necessity for laws and obey them, the Seniors had gone about their own business and were unprepared for the accusation from the new girls that the Seniors are snobs for whom they had no respect.

This revelation would be startling enough to the Seniors if such an attitude on their part had been intentional. From the moment that they realized last year as the Junior Class that the responsibility of setting a good example would be their lot this year, they have planned in every way possible to eliminate the misunderstandings and unfortunate circumstances that were among their first experiences. There was never a class more thrilled over the new girls, more honestly pleased with them, or more determined to make them happy here than the Seniors were and still are. It is a bitter realization for the Seniors to find that they have failed in their main objective.

They acknowledge that they have let their own business interfere with their social contacts with Juniors and underclassmen. They have enough work to do to keep them busy continually, and quite possibly they have not taken the time to visit and talk with the new girls as they should, but never have they intended to be snobbish.

The Seniors are faced with a problem that they cannot solve alone. "A house divided against itself will not stand"; the present gap between the Seniors and the rest of the school must be closed. Far be it from the Seniors to clan together in Holt Hall and gloat over their few privileges. They do not know what per-

centage of the student body feels that this is their attitude, but they intend to show those students that the Seniors have no such selfish motives. The development and progress of the school is far more important to them than their individual desires.

This determined effort might develop the character of the members of the Senior class, but what good it will do the whole school if their attempts meet with only criticism and antagonism. The Juniors and underclassmen are a majority, and the balance of power rests with them. The success of any venture depends upon their cooperation.

The Seniors are ready to do their part in making Saint Mary's school life agreeable and harmonious. Will the rest of the school meet them halfway?

### REFLECTIONS: IV. THE CHAPEL

The chapel service is the most beautiful and constructive influence at Saint Mary's when each student participates wholeheartedly. Students have always been proud of the chapel, and its services can be a source of great comfort and pleasure.

The service must, however, be carefully followed by each participant, and each member of the student body should feel her responsibility to take an active part.

It is unfair to the minister, to other members of the congregation, as well as to herself, if a girl is inattentive. Whispering to her neighbor keeps all around her from enjoying the service and from deriving most benefit from it. Inconsideration is unforgivable at any time but most of all in chapel when a scant handful of thoughtless girls can distract the attention of the whole school.

Although no girl deliberately slides her prayer book into the rack with a bang or forgets her chapel cap until the last moment when she must cover her head with a handkerchief, these lax observances might be avoided with a little thought.

By her consideration and participation let each student show that she is proud of Saint Mary's Chapel and the beautiful spirit it signifies.

### DEAR CHIPS:

As Saint Mary's has always been considered a progressive school, should it not include a course in marriage in the curriculum? It is an accepted fact that marriage will be the career of most of the girls who leave here.

In answer to those who will bring up the question of age, I say that many of the girls who come here do not intend to continue their studies after graduation. Therefore, it is the proper time to prepare them, in every way possible, for life.

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### DEAR CHIPS:

The Sophomores here lead a dog's life! It reminds me of the canines that stray up here all the time. As the Sophomores are the graduating high school class, think they should have at least one more privilege than the other underclassmen, for instance one afternoon week downtown besides Mondays, for lots of underclassmen have so much work to do that they can't get downtown on Mondays, and then their chance is gone until next week. Although one really does like the school, one does want to have a peek at the outside world once in a while.

HOPEFULLY.