

The Belles

OF SAINT MARY'S

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She's Dressed Up But Nowhere To Go

Comes Saturday night, we find our heroine standing in front of her mirror, carefully putting on her face. She is wearing what can only be described as a creation, and she looks like a million dollars. She blots her lipstick, straightens her seams, and gaily tells her roommate to "take it easy." Then she floats gracefully down the stairs and into the parlor.

She is the subject of dazzled glances from the waiting boys and envious ones from the girls. Where is she going? She must be waiting for some lucky (and handsome) boy to take her to a marvelous party. But alas, no. Our unhappy heroine is serving on what many people regard as the next thing to a chain gang. This horror of horrors is known as Saturday night page duty.

Page duty consists of smiling at other people's dates and calling the girls down to the parlor. After about three hours this becomes tiresome. No, Saturday night page duty is not an exciting job.

But buck up, girls! Some enchanted evening a tall, handsome, dateless stranger may walk into the parlor and then . . . You take it from there.

Belles of Saint Mary's

EDITH ROGERS

Town: Wilmington, North Carolina.
 Hair: Brown.
 Age: Twenty.
 Eyes: Green.
 Pet peeve: People who don't like animals.
 Always heard: "Night, y'all!" (to her young'uns).
 Always seen: Busy.
 Hobby: Sketching, fishing, and sewing everything.
 Favorite food: Seafood.
 Favorite song: *You'll Never Walk Alone*.
 Favorite perfume: Woodhue.
 Looking forward to: Every other weekend.
 Ambition: Nurse and Church work.
 Wild about: *Sigma Chi*, Wrightsville Beach, and Kanuga.
 Offices: President of the Canterbury Club, treasurer of the Circle, Altar Guild, president of the choir, Hall Council, crucifer, *Mu*, Granddaughters' Club.
 Remarks: Petite, diligent, lovable.

AL WHITE

Town: Chester, South Carolina.
 Hair: Brownish, I guess.
 Age: Twenty.
 Eyes: Brown.
 Pet peeve: Pimples.
 Always heard: "I hate to do this, but I have to campus you."
 Always seen: With Grace.
 Hobby: Sleeping.
 Favorite food: Lettuce, tomato, and onion sandwiches.
 Favorite song: *Be Mine*.
 Favorite perfume: Chanel No. 5.
 Looking forward to: Graduation and afterwards.
 Ambition: To own a hot house (for plants).
 Wild about: South Carolinians.
 Offices: President of the senior class, vice-president of the *Mu's*, Hall Council, Glee Club, Canterbury Club, BELLES, the Circle, *Sigma Pi Alpha*, *Bulletin*.
 Remarks: Versatile, sweet, dependable.

REMEMBER THE HONOR CODE DURING EXAMS

Having the Honor Council at Saint Mary's should be considered a great privilege by all girls. The purpose of the council is not to punish girls when they are wrong, but to train them to do right now so that they may be better citizens in the future.

Now with examinations beginning there is a big temptation to forget or to overlook the honor system. Some girls think that their grades mean so much that it won't hurt just to glance at another person's paper. Just glancing is the same principal as copying the entire examination. There are perhaps a few girls who want a high grade badly enough to think that they can cheat the teacher by copying. In doing this they will only be cheating themselves. The idea of going to school is not just to make high grades but to increase in knowledge. After all, a high grade will not be as great an asset to a girl in the years to come as honesty will.

Since the girls are put on their honor when taking an exam, they should take advantage of the opportunity which is afforded them and realize that it is entirely wrong to cheat. Therefore, this duty of honor is an important factor of life at Saint Mary's.

Certainly College Life Is Wonderful! At Least It Is To Those Who Dream

On a beautiful Monday morning in the merry, merry month of May, Gorgeous Georgia, a typical Saint Mary's girl, sat on the sun deck thinking of her activities for that day.

Since Monday was a day when all the students were exhausted from the week end, Miss Jones insisted that every girl should remain in bed until eleven o'clock, but Gorgeous Georgia awoke bright and early at ten-thirty and had the maid bring her breakfast.

After breakfast Gorgeous went to "Clothes," one of her hardest classes. In this class she had an exceptionally hard test on earrings.

As the maid brought Gorgeous Georgia's lunch to her out on the sun deck, Gorgeous began to worry about her school work. Monday was definitely her hardest day; she had three classes on Monday. Besides "Clothes," she had "Shagging" and "Movies." Gorgeous was thoroughly disgusted with "Shagging," because the football player who taught her was blond, and she had so much rather be taught by a brunette with big brown eyes. She didn't mind "Movies" so much, because her class

had just taken up the study of Stewart Granger and all his pictures. Stewart Granger was one of her favorite studies.

Gorgeous just couldn't wait until Monday classes were over so she could take a dip in the beautiful swimming pool which was located on the back campus. The back campus was right across the street from the small Marine base, Camp La July.

Since girls at Saint Mary's date every night, there wasn't much doubt as to how Gorgeous Georgia would spend her evening. There was a school rule which clearly stated that all students must attend a formal dance every Monday, since Monday was the hardest day of the week. Gorgeous hadn't gotten around to the task of deciding which of her many invitations to accept.

While Gorgeous Georgia was trying to solve her many problems, a bell sounded, a chemistry book crashed to the floor, and this very typical Saint Mary's girl was rudely awakened from her beautiful dreams. She slowly strolled through the hall to senior English, sighing, "Ain't life wonderful?"

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR CALLS

A few years ago Saint Mary's girls had access to a phone in East Rock for two hours on weekdays to receive incoming calls and could call out only on the pay phones. Now there is a switchboard in East Rock and there are phones in every building.

These phones are for the use of all, but each must serve at least twenty people. There are five outside lines, but each of these must serve an average of over sixty people. Because of this load on each line, there is a rule in the handbook requesting that each girl limit her call to three minutes. Most girls abide by this rule, but some are not this considerate. The latter linger on the phone. Sometimes the operator has to ask a girl to limit her call two or three times before she finally hangs up.

Immediately before dinner, between dinner and study hall and from after study hall until 10:10 o'clock are the rush periods. The calls come in so fast that it is often hard for the operator to give a girl an outside line when she asks for one. Graciously accepting this fact and waiting patiently show consideration to the operator, who is trying her best to obtain an outside line.

Teachers and seniors, who have the liberty to use the phone during study hours, have shown consideration by making their calls at these times. This, coupled with each girl's limiting her calls and showing courtesy to the operators, adds to the spirit of cooperation that is an essential part of life at Saint Mary's.

THINK FIRST! THEN PETITION

Each year the students at Saint Mary's are given the opportunity to petition for new privileges. This opportunity means a great deal to each student and should not be abused. Also, rules resulting from former petitions are sometimes abused. This is a threat to the privilege of petitioning, because if the rules are not obeyed they can easily be changed. For instance, many students have been skipping meals when they have not signed for meal cuts. Everyone should try to stop this and the misuse of any other rules.

When drawing up a petition, each person should consider what she really thinks will help the entire student body. There is no point in asking for silly privileges that will not be granted. Dr. Stone has the final decision as to whether a petition will be granted or rejected. If he rejects one it is because he feels that it is best for the school, and the students should accept his decision. This does not mean that because one petition is refused the student body should quit petitioning for privileges. On the contrary, in order to keep the rules of the school up to date the students must continue to petition for those privileges which they want and need. They must keep alive the spirit of the students with the attitude that "although our petition wasn't granted this year, maybe it will be granted next year."