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Belles of Saint Mary's

VIRGINIA HALL

Town: Elizabeth City.
Hair: Blonde.
Age: Twenty.
Eyes: Blue.
Pet peeve: "Is the mail up yet?"
Always seen: Happy and gay.
Always heard: "My little duck."
Hobby: Going on diets.
Favorite food: Salads.
Favorite song: *So Long, It's Been Nice To Know You*.
Favorite perfume: *Woodhue*.
Looking forward to: Living on a farm.
Ambition: To marry a farmer.
Wild about: Most everything and everybody.
Offices and clubs: Hall Council, treasurer of senior class, treasurer of Canterbury Club, vice-president of Altar Guild, vice-president of Granddaughters' Club, Senior Warden of Student Vestry, Circle, *Mu*.
Remarks: This "baby duck" is always smiling and spreads sunshine and joy wherever she goes. Her dependability and friendliness will take this little lady a long way. Always think of a treat instead of a treatment when Virginia's around.

NANCY WOODRUFF

Town: Red Oak.
Hair: Brown.
Age: Eighteen.
Eyes: Brown.
Pet peeve: Short boys.
Always heard: "Let's go to the movies."
Always seen: Smiling.
Hobby: Doing nothin'.
Favorite food: Chocolate ice cream.
Favorite song: *The Man I Love*.
Favorite perfume: *Woodhue*.
Looking forward to: Carolina.
Ambition: To graduate.
Wild about: The country.
Offices and clubs: President of the YWCA, Circle, Glee Club, vice-counselor, Letter Club, *Sigma*.
Remarks: This gal is one who is at the top of everyone's list. Nancy is tall, sweet, and a wonderful athlete. Her personality and sincerity go hand in hand to make her one of SMS's most outstanding girls.

Rabbits' Habits Mean More Rabbits

The following appeared in the January 1st issue of *The Pleasures of Publishing* which is published semi-monthly by Columbia University Press.

"There has been quite a bit of doing lately here at Columbia in the field of zoology. It all began when the Department of Zoology asked the Purchasing Office to buy it a rabbit. About the same time, and unknown to the gentlemen involved, the ladies at Barnard College decided they also needed a rabbit for their zoology department. By no great coincidence, the two orders were placed with the same company.

"Although they may not understand the exact relationship between Barnard College and Columbia University, the rabbit dealers had the right general idea that it was all one great institution. So they proceeded to ship the two rabbits in the same crate. Now there is a great confusion of red tape at Columbia and Barnard because the shipping charges rendered by the express company were considerably higher than expected. The shipping people feel that Columbia and/or Barnard should pay for the litter of little bunnies born en route, as well as for the parents.

"Meanwhile, the people on Morningside Heights have to find a Solomon who will decide how many of the litter should go to Barnard and how many to Columbia. No one knows (or at least no one will admit) whether the mama rabbit was intended for Barnard and the papa for Columbia, or vice versa. Regardless of the final outcome, the affair is already being hailed as the greatest example of cooperation between Barnard and Columbia since the founding of the former institution."

AT THE STADIUM STATE

Feb. 17—Carolina at State.
Feb. 20—Wake Forest at Wake Forest.
Feb. 24—Georgetown at Georgetown.
Mar. 1-2-3—Southern Conference Tournament at State.

Everything has been thought of before, but the difficulty is to think of it again.—GOETHE.

CHEATING! THERE'S NOTHING WORSE

There is nothing more undesirable, more despicable, or more to be looked down upon than cheating. Cheating can profit no one; however, this seems to be a hard lesson for many people to learn. Even here at Saint Mary's, where the student body is supposed to consist of high school and college girls of the highest caliber and integrity, there are evidences of this offense.

Much criticism was expressed among the students concerning the severity of this last Honor Council case of cheating. The BELLES believes that if stiff penalties will discourage further cheating they are worth their while. Every girl at Saint Mary's has been taught that cheating is one of the four worst violations of the Honor Code. True, it is not placed first in the order of these offenses; lying leads the list. But when a girl has cheated on a pledged test or examination she has violated both of these rules, for she has pledged on her honor that she has not cheated.

Every individual has to live her own life, and she will reap just what she sows. If a girl begins by being dependent on other people she will some day be confronted with a situation where she is unable to find anyone to depend on. At school, away from nurturing parents and protective homes, girls should learn that independence which is essential to this life. Cheating is certainly not a step in that direction.

The Honor Council at Saint Mary's should be a cherished institution because of its corrective possibilities. It seeks to deal punishment only where it is necessary. It is a reflection on the students rather than on the Council when it is forced to administer a severe punishment or a punishment of any sort. Indignant criticism does not serve to relieve this reflection, nor does it further discourage cheating. Cheating remains a contemptuous offense and should be punished severely. The student's part in cases such as this should not deal with offensive criticism but with adopting an attitude which will eliminate any further cheating.

DON'T GET THAT AFTER-EXAM SLUMP

Watch out for that after-exams slump! It's easy for a girl to neglect her work after a strenuous exam week. It's such a relief to have exams over with that she wants to relax for a while. This quarter contains some of the most important work of the entire year. Getting a little behind can cause a student to be hopelessly pressed for time when the quarterly tests come up.

Beginning this third quarter is not like beginning a new school year. It is not a period of introduction. It is building new things on old; it is putting into practice the things learned last semester while adding to them new things. Therefore, a student cannot afford to let her lessons slip by undone. She cannot sit by and hope the work is unimportant because it begins a new semester. She cannot ignore the new things and depend on what she has already learned to pull her through the new semester.

Furthermore, this time of the school year is not a "let-up" on work. As much, if not more, is required of the students now than was in the first part of school. If a day's work is left undone, it may take several days' work to repair the damage which resulted from the neglect of lessons. This puts a student behind time, and consequently her grades may drop for that week or month. Several days' neglect can bring down her quarter's grade.

The work done now can save needless work later on. The study done now can improve a girl's grade.

LENT MEANS SELF-DENIAL

Now that the season of Lent is here, Saint Mary's girls have once more begun their practices of self-denial. Since this practice lasts for a number of weeks, it is important to realize the significance of self-denial.

The significance of this form of abstinence is not found in giving up something that one knows is not good for her in an excess anyway. For example, how does it make a person a better Christian to give up chocolate, which in excess is not good for a pretty complexion? Yet if this same person honestly wishes to deny herself the chocolate in order to give more money to the church in her mite box, then the true significance of self-denial is apparent. A great satisfaction may come from this abstinence, the satisfaction that in denying herself she may in turn give to others.

Also, by denying oneself a person may give more to God. This is the purpose of the two words "Prayer and Study" which may be seen in poster form around the school. By spending more time in prayer with God and study of His will, a person is enabled to see where she has fallen short of the goal that God has set for her, and as a result so molds and reshapes her life into the life of a better Christian.

Mite boxes have been given to each student. Books for prayer and study may be found in the chapel. The chapel doors are always open to welcome any student who wishes to visit for awhile. By these means each Saint Mary's girl can make this Lenten season a profitable one for God, for others, and for herself.