

ANONYMOUS LETTERS CANNOT BE ANSWERED

This editorial will attempt to explain the attitude maintained by the BELLES in regard to two anonymous letters received by the paper during the past two weeks. Of course the BELLES, following long-established newspaper policy, will not print an anonymous communication. An article that appears on a newspaper sheet should derive from some reliable source, and a paper that publishes articles without substantial backing is not a respectable or reliable paper.

If the group of students who wrote the anonymous letters to the BELLES is actually seeking corrections, they are going about it in the wrong manner. By this we do not mean that the BELLES does not desire to sponsor corrective measures. A student newspaper should always reflect the opinions of the students, and we sincerely appreciate students' using the BELLES as a medium through which to express their convictions. But this anonymous correspondence can accomplish nothing further than a communication between the authors of the letters and the BELLES editor.

As was stated in assembly, an unsigned work bears little respect. When someone refuses to associate her name with a cause, she is indicating rather shaky convictions. If one believes in a thing sincerely enough, she will be willing to add the prestige of her name in order to bring about desired corrections. The authors of the anonymous letters no doubt have good intentions, but they have not carried them far enough. If the BELLES prints the letters "exactly as they are handed in," as the communication demands, the paper would become responsible for the opinions stated in the letters. The BELLES must refuse to accept this responsibility for letters which it does not respect because of their anonymity.

One reason for the letters being anonymous could very possibly be that students are afraid of retaliation. If the criticism set forth in the letters is sincere and well-meaning, as it appears to be, there is no reason to fear retaliation. If the authors are willing not to have their articles printed exactly as they were submitted, perhaps a compromise could be reached in the form of an editorial. If they are unwilling to compromise and continue to remain anonymous, there is no possibility of the letters ever appearing in the BELLES.

CONGRATULATIONS "OTT" ON THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS

Being chairman of the assembly programs is indeed a large responsibility, and Evelyn Oettinger, the 1950-1951 chairman of assemblies, has done an excellent job in seeing that the programs are both interesting and orderly.

At the beginning of the school year "Ott," together with Miss Morrison, the faculty adviser, planned a tentative schedule of programs subject to change or alteration. The wide variety of programs which has been presented indicates that these two persons have spent much time in considering and selecting the assembly programs.

The movies this year have been exceptionally good, and each of the speakers has held the students' attention—two factors which in previous years have not been true.

Timing is another factor which is very important in planning the assembly programs, and "Ott" has timed the programs so that the students will be on time to their fourth period classes.

Last but not least, the conduct in assembly this year has improved considerably over the conduct of previous years. Certainly the improved conduct is the result of interesting assembly programs, and the interesting assembly programs are the result of the hard work and interest of the assembly chairman, Evelyn Oettinger.

PLEASE UPHOLD YOUR SCHOOL RULES

Why is the average Saint Mary's girl in school? To work geometry, to read Milton, to write a documented paper? "No, that's not all," she would answer, "to live and learn to live in this world." Does she really mean that?

Saint Mary's student life and self-government can be invaluable training for lives in the future. Most of the students are not officers but are the small, individual working parts of the governmental machinery. Without everyone's support the machinery would fall apart. Each girl should support her officers, follow the rules, and accept her responsibility.

"Oh, that's just high-sounding bosh," she answers again. "I do that." But does she? Down to earth, what does this mean? It means signing up for meal cuts, attending class meetings, accepting committee duties, voting in elections, being quiet in assembly, paying attention in choir practice, paging without griping, attending *Sigma-Mu* games, being quiet in the library—the little things that go to make life run smoothly and to make each student a better person.

Saint Mary's is a little world within itself. If a student can live successfully in this society, she can live in the outside world too. A society doesn't progress without the co-operation of each individual. One needs training in voting intelligently, in learning to study, in developing initiative, in preserving honor.

The BELLES knows that students will accept this reminder and try harder to do these little things that mean so much to their student government, their school, and their own lives. Years at Saint Mary's should be spent in training, not in marking time.

Belles of Saint Mary's

ANN NICOLL

Town: Charlotte.
Hair: Blond.
Age: 19.
Eyes: Blue.
Pet peeve: Dentists.
Always seen: Rushing around.
Always heard: "You all, guess what!"
Hobby: Writing for college catalogues.
Favorite food: Shrimp.
Favorite song: *John and Marsha*.
Favorite perfume: *Fabergé*.
Looking forward to: Sophie Newcomb and Mardi Gras.
Ambition: To say "I DO."
Wild about: Texas Longhorns.
Offices and clubs: Secretary of Student Government, Honor Council, hall counselor, Altar Guild, *Stage Coach*, Circle, *Sigma*.
Remarks: If you're ever looking for someone to help you or someone to depend upon, just run to third Smedes and knock on "Nickie's" door. The busy sign is often up because so much of Nickie's time is absorbed by her many Student Government activities. All through the week she goes about her duties with a cheerful smile for everybody. In classes Nickie is noted for her petite pigtails; on Sundays and dress-up occasions she is noted for her large and good-looking wardrobe.

EVELYN OETTINGER

Town: Kinston.
Hair: Brown.
Age: 19.
Eyes: Blue.
Pet peeve: Waiting.
Always heard: "Assembly, please come to order."
Always seen: Playing bridge.
Hobby: Playing golf.
Favorite food: Good ole southern fried chicken.
Favorite song: *Fishing Song*.
Favorite perfume: *Fabergé IV*.
Looking forward to: Graduation.
Ambition: To get married.
Wild about: *SPE's*.
Offices and clubs: Chairman of assembly, vice counselor, president of *Sigma's*, Dramatics Club, Letter Club, Athletic Council, Canterbury Club, business manager of BELLES.
Remarks: Heading the *Sigma's* and being full of pep, vim, and vigor are Evelyn's main pastimes. She knows the knack of making friends and is always bursting with school spirit. "Ott" is closely associated with three good things, which are assembly programs, athletics, and *SPE's*.

To Be Or Not To Be Is Not The Only Question

Out, out, brief candle, life is but a petty pace that parting with is such sweet sorrow, if one is to be or not to be. Frailty, thy name is woman, for this is a dagger which I see before me to get rid of something rotten in the state of Denmark. Unquote.

Boy, these lines have really had it lately. The seniors aren't murdering them very much! Shakespeare would roll over in his grave (trite, but true) if he could hear this. Each play has about fifty pages. Each week has seven days, most of the days nowadays have twenty-four hours. Therefore the seniors must borrow fifty-six hours and forty seconds from one of next year's months in order to finish.

None of the seniors have been able to go up town during the week or date on Saturday because of this heavy schedule. Have you noticed the new bags (eyes)? Everyone's losing weight, too. Dwindling away to nothing! (Why, Bimbo is joining the circus as a midget.) Poor Carol Sledge gets trampled on everytime she walks out of her room. And Rixey—poor Rixey—no one has seen her since day before yesterday.

Will the seniors survive the Shakespeare epidemic? Will William's other play be read? Will the brief candle be lit again? How will Lady Macbeth get the spots off her hands? (L-A-V-A, L-A-V-A). Tune in next week to the answers to these perplexing questions.

Who is wise? He that learns from everyone.

Who is powerful? He that governs his passions.

Who is rich? He that is content.

Who is that? Nobody.

—BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

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Tell a girl that she is pretty and she will like it, but will not be sure you are in earnest; tell her she is prettier than some girl she knows is pretty and you have got her.—
Anonymous.

The great use of life is to spend it for something which outlasts it.
—WILLIAM JAMES.