

CHRISTMAS

Christmas should have a deep meaning this year because of the strife and turmoil in the world. The uncertainty of our lives today, anxiety over loved ones in danger, and many other problems lead us to seek something in which we can find hope and strength.

The Saviour who came to the world the first Christmas night holds the answer to the problems that press so heavily upon us. The celebration of His birth gives us comfort, strength, and courage to work harder for true peace on earth.

“... With the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the heavenly strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong,
And man, at war with man, hears not
The tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!”

HONOR

This summer the public and the press have had much to say about college honor systems. The scandal involving the cadets at West Point and their violation of the honor code set off this talk. West Point had an honor system which, according to authorities, worked well. But this year it broke down. Why? Because the students themselves failed to uphold the standards of their institution.

We at Saint Mary's have our honor system too, but each student must do her part if it is to work. Since its formation in 1931, student government and its honor system have grown stronger and more active year by year on our campus. If each student takes her responsibility seriously, she will strengthen not only herself but also her school. The Saint Mary's girl is known for her honor and integrity. Self-rule through the ages has proved itself a privilege sacred to the hearts of people. Our own self-rule in student government is no less sacred. A girl's honor is no private thing. It extends to her fellow students as well.

At the beginning of a new school year, the decision of each girl as to what use she will make of her opportunities will determine the success or failure of the Student Government Association.

When we repeat the cherished Honor Code, let us do so with sincerity, pride, and conviction—with a full realization of its meaning.

With a clear understanding of all that the Honor Code implies, I pledge that I will uphold the highest standard of personal integrity in every phase of life at Saint Mary's, and I recognize and accept my responsibility for helping others to live up to that standard.

As a member of the Student Government Association, I pledge my loyal cooperation in fulfilling the responsibilities of student government at Saint Mary's.

First East Wing Boasts Happy Faces; Of Blues And Sadness Are No Traces

Come along with me and let me introduce you to the sixteen happiest girls at Saint Mary's. You're right, it's First East Wing. This is Ann Robinson, the president of our class. Her afternoons from five to six are spent entertaining her visitors from Carolina and State. Ann Bynum is our friend who says, "Goodnight" and "Turn out your lights." Next we see Sydna Rustin engrossed in a copy of "Mysterious Horrors"—and Lucy Heilig pleading "Oh, let's just put it off, and put it off, and put it off," (her geometry that is). Jeanne Patterson and Peggy Costner are next on our list. Better hall counselors are not to be found. Peggy plays "Jack Rock's" while Jeanne receives her "Bills." Welcome to Betty Dry and Eve Hargrave, our peppy *Sigma* cheerleaders. Betty has been in a daze for days ever since she met a certain *Phi Gam* from UNC. Eve is busy planning her Christmas dance. From all we've heard, it ought to be grand. Ah, peace in this room! All three must be dead. No, they all live. Dotty Ervin is trying the Camay soap test and Margaret Mansfield-Jones and Jo Clair Edwards are scheming again. Across the hall are two fine girls and Blanny Robertson. Hannah Weaver is knitting more argyles. Hurry, Hannah. Christmas is nearly here. Oh Bill, Bill, Bill—will

Edith Gregorie ever be quiet? Blanny keeps the hall in hysterics. One door down, we find Frances Dawson and Glenda Mortensen, a happier pair can never be found. Last but by no means least we find Miss Bason, our dearest friend. She is thoughtful and loved by all.

Fashion Column

Knit suits have stolen most of the Saint Mary's hearts this year. They are seen everywhere, in almost every known shade and style. Libby Huffman has a white one; Libby Cart has a purple one with a huge embroidered medalion on the top; Sara Cobb has a dark forest green one with a matching hat; Nancy Boston has a coral one. Must be nice to have the figure to wear a knit suit, and what a figure it does take!

Now for the fashion news on those all important evening dresses for those special Christmas occasions. Short evening dresses are very much in vogue this year. They come in varied styles from the permanently nylon pleated tiered ones to the very straight ones with a full over-skirt of net. One of the newest ideas is the beaded top evening dress (also beaded tops on afternoon and cocktail dresses)

Belles of Saint Mary's

GILLIE MARTIN

Town: Richmond, Virginia
Age: 19
Hair: dark brown
Eyes: green
Pet peeve: the 7 a.m. bell
Always seen: in the library
Always heard: telling about Richmond
Hobby: sleeping
Favorite food: angel food cake and ice cream
Favorite Song: *Shrimp Boat*
Looking forward to: Christmas vacation
Wild about: Second West Wing
Ambition: to get all my homework done (just once!)
Offices and clubs: Canterbury Club, Hall Council, Honor Council, secretary of Student Government, Dance Marshal, *Sigma*.

ANN FITZGERALD

Town: Princeton
Age: 19
Hair: blond
Eyes: green
Pet peeve: "messy" room
Always seen: going to Toddle House
Always heard: "Sh-hhhhh yawl!"
Hobby: eating
Favorite food: Toddle House chocolate pie
Favorite song: *Sentimental Journey*
Looking forward to: Christmas vacation
Ambition: to live in a large city
Wild about: Third Holt
Offices and clubs: Altar Guild president, Senior Class secretary, Honor Council, Hall Council, Glee Club, YWCA, BELLES Circulation, *Stage Coach, Mu*.

Students Dream About Gay Holidays; Many Plan Trips, Parties, Dances

With Christmas just around the corner, holly and bright lights will soon be on our doors instead of "Do Not" signs. Meanwhile, everyone is making plans for this glorious holiday. If the dreams of a white Christmas come true, Diane Dashielle, Elizabeth Jones, Cecilia Albury, Paula Smith and many others will miss their first chance to see snow because they are spending their vacations at home in the far, far south. There seem to be big plans for affairs in Lexington and Lenoir for some of the freshmen. Just get Eve Hargrave and Lillian Triplett to tell you about them. Anne Bransford's stocking will probably be filled with sugarcane and pineapples instead of oranges and peppermint sticks, because she is going to Puerto Rico when school is out. Ann Scott Anderson and Sue Trinkle are planning to exchange visits. Lane Harvey is excited about going to Richmond. There must be a special reason. What about it, Lane? There seems to be a lot going on up in the hills of ole' North Carolina. The Asheville girls are all talking about the dances during the holidays. Cathy Whitfield will be skiing on

the water instead of snow. She is going to Florida to visit Hazel Gray. There is no doubt that Sue Trant will have a wonderful vacation. She is making her debut in Portsmouth. Blanche Robertson is going to Hartsville, South Carolina, and Dewey Owens will visit in Charlotte. But no matter what the plans are, Christmas vacations are wonderful anywhere.

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