

## DEMOCRACY IS OUR HERITAGE

We Americans have a wonderful heritage. "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation . . ." Part of "this continent" is half of our heritage. Our forefathers came to virgin soil from lands whose natural resources had been exploited and exhausted. The bountiful resources of America have generally provided us with the necessities, food, clothing, and shelter. We do not have to worry about these necessities; we take them for granted. We should be free to devote our energies and efforts to the other half of our heritage, our "new nation." What makes this "new nation" is the Democratic type of government that it represents. But do we devote our energies and efforts to this last half of our heritage? Or do we take it, too, for granted? These are questions that every American, and particularly every young American, should ask himself.

Why is it more important that the American youth should question himself than that his parents should? It is more important because youth is faced with a very real threat to government that their parents did not have to face. That threat is communism, an idea of government that is so opposed to Democracy that it may be compelled into a kill or be killed battle. And Communism's greatest hope in America lies in us, the youth, for we, being romantic youth, are very susceptible to its allure and charm.

But we are not susceptible, you say. Nobody "likes" communism. You are wrong. Many intelligent American youths have proven very susceptible to communism's allure. Is Democracy so weak that its own children will not defend it? Are you sure you will prove less susceptible than other American youths when exposed? To be sure you must know what you are fighting for, Democracy, and what you are fighting against, Communism. You must have at your disposal all the knowledge you can gather on these two aspects of government. Knowledge, not guns and bombs, is your most important weapon, for you are confronted with not only a battle of arms, but also a battle of ideas.

## EDUCATION, OUR HOPE

Few women today realize their obligations. With woman suffrage, finally granted in 1920 after a seventy years struggle, women rose to a position of prominence. We can no longer be contented with an idealistic dream of married bliss, but must also recognize our importance as citizens and must prepare ourselves to participate efficiently in state and world matters.

Without thorough education we cannot hope to be of vital assistance either in our homes or in our world. Yet while all of us know these things, we are reluctant to face the fact that here and now we have opportunity to gain what we need and what we want. There can be no half-way preparation for the future. Tomorrow will be too full to pick up what we allow ourselves to lose today in school. Every minute of our school life must be used advantageously, for everything we do today is an essential part of what we will be able to do tomorrow.

## What Would You Do With a Farthingale?

Several of the Saint Mary's students were stopped in the halls one day and were asked, "What would you do if someone sent you a farthingale?" A few of the answers were as follows:

1. Betsy Webb: "I'd give it to Bill."
2. Kay Boatwright: "I'd take it uptown to the movies with me."
3. Nancy Bowles: "I'd send it right back!"
4. Sally McMullan: "I'd stamp it and try to kill it."
5. Mary Wright Parker: "I'd hide it in my closet."
6. Beth Kemper: "Pick up my knitting and run."
7. Eve Hargrave: "I'd give it to Dr. Browne for his modern art contraption."
8. Doris Ann Lineberger: "I'd sit and look at it."
9. Jeanette Uzzle: "See if it could give me some hints on how to pass junior English."
10. Harriet Conger: "Teach it to stick out its tongue and when it did, I'd bury it up to its neck and run a lawnmower over it."
11. Sally Patterson: "I'd eat it, of course."
12. Donna Bull: "Maybe if I knew what it was I could tell you."
13. Dewey Owens: "I'd ask if it

## Neatness Headlines New Beach Fashions

The beach news in fashions is neatness. In step with this news is the bathing dress. It swims just as well as it looks, and it makes you look turned out, put-together, and neat as a new clothespin. A proved figure-neater is elastic. Two new fashions to mark are the return of the wool suit in wonderful constructions and the welcome appearance of red—right against sea, sun, and sand. A favorite is the tartan plaid, and it is made into the new modified bloomer that hits just below any possible bulge.

Khaki is the newest shade of tan under the sun, and it's smartest in tough materials, worn with mouth melting pastels. Prepare to meet these often; tapered slacks. Wear them with a pretty flowered smock belted with a cotton cord.

The beach will be covered with prints this summer. The new beach print is small, delicate, flowery, in mouth-watering colors and is cut to cover more of you than it did last year.

it wanted to get married."

14. Blanny Robertson: "I'd sic it on Miss Hoy."

In case any of you are interested, a farthingale is a kind of hoop skirt or framework for expanding a woman's dress, worn in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

## Student Gives Secret Of "Sure Ways" To Pass All Classes At Saint Mary's

This, friends, is the easiest possible topic I could choose for my subject today. Yes, sir, this is right down my alley. Before I begin, there are a few minor details I'd like to remind you of: first, take these suggestions I tell you about to heart and use them, for I am sure they will come in handy for future use at Saint Mary's or any other school.

Now you're probably thinking, "Heck, there isn't but one way to pass a course, and that's to study." Well, right there is where you're all wrong. Studying is just a waste of time and a waste of energy. Think of all the educational or economical things you could be doing in that time you are studying. Why, you could be at the movies seeing the latest Tex Ritter movie or you could be down town picking out another dress or that swim suit you've been dying to have put on the "lay-away." You know, if you're wasting your time studying, someone may beat you to it or the movie may not be playing the next time you go. You've just got to be practical about this whole mess. I say "mess," but, friends, I don't really mean mess and you won't be calling it mess after I give you these six simple ways of passing a course.

And here they are. (Please note carefully.)

(1) Appear to be stupid! When the teacher asks you a question you don't know, don't attempt to answer it. Instead, give her your sweet lil' smile, (letting all the back teeth show, of course,) and then cross your eyes naturally. Her (meaning the teacher) normal and immediate reaction will be, "Tut, tut, poor child." And then she will give you possibly an "A" and certainly, no less than a "B."

(2) Be friends with your teachers! Don't let the hard-boiled expressions of teachers fool you; they too can be human. Ask frequently about their love-life; show them you are interested. Find their weaknesses; for some teachers, it may be their children; for some, it may be drinking; others bridge; still others may have an enormous appetite. Show human interest and you will probably get an "A" or certainly no less than a "B."

(3) Don't ever prepare your work. This is one of the best ways to pass a course because if the teacher finds out you prepared your work for even one lesson, she will "hawk" you the rest of the year. If you never do your work, she will never question you; you'll probably end up with an "A" or at least a "B."

(4) Don't go to classes! The surest way of flunking a course is by attending all the classes. You have to be practical about this deal. Once the teacher sees you in class, she'll remember your face and will continually call on you. If you refrain from going to classes, you're bound to get an "A," to say nothing of a "B."

(5) Play it "cool!" Don't ever let the teacher know you're inter-

ested in what he or she is about to say. (If you ever give them the slightest inkling of interest, you're a "real gone cat.") By playing it cool, one is bound to get a "B," if not an "A" in that course.

(6) And the last way to pass a course is this:

*Go to another school!* The surest way of passing a course can never really be found here at Saint Mary's. I've tried all the methods listed above, and I've come to the conclusion that Saint Mary's is different from any other institution I've ever been in before. Take it from me, friends, it's right hard passing a course here. But you keep trying and maybe you'll have better luck than I.

T. B., huh? (Too Bad.)

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Charlotte Lilly	May 11
Nancy Pass	May 13
Martha Ann Gee	May 15
Cathryn Cheek	May 16
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Sally McMullan	May 18
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