

Belles Asks Students To Realize Damage of Rumor

Rumor in many ways is like a disease. It has the qualifications to be as damaging, frustrating, or communicable as the most deadly disease. The worst part of a rumor is the after-effect as in the case of a disease.

Rumor begins from some unknown source in some unknown person. No one ever knows exactly where it begins. It always starts slowly and quietly with the stealth of a cat and yet the innocence of a kitten. Sometimes rumor will flounder around for a time and will finally die out, but more often it forms the proverbial snowball and like a disease will spread until stopped.

Because rumor is somewhat like an illness, it must be treated as such in order to be stopped. First there must be research to attempt to locate the source of its origin. This, however, is often quite difficult and usually unsuccessful. The next thing to do would be to repair that damage which has already been done and to stop any further growth. This is not an easy job, but what might be considered even more difficult would be the repairing of the after-effects. The after-effects of a rumor can be more disastrous, and often only time can cure them.

Suppose we do a little research on the matter ourselves. Rumor may start in any number of ways, but it mainly stems from gossip. Gossip may be considered a synonym of rumor to many people, but it is more tangible than rumor and can be divided into two main groups.

Intentional gossip is the most unpleasant, naturally, but it does not necessarily cause any more harm than unintentional gossip. The malice behind a rumor does not seem to affect the extent of the damage. However, there is a moral difference between the two. Unintentional gossip is commonly caused by curiosity or ignorance. Neither of these two characteristics are particularly flattering, and they are certainly inexcusable.

We at St. Mary's are as guilty of spreading rumors as any other group of people anywhere. If we only realized the consequences of such indiscretion, we could make an honest effort to remedy such a situation. If we can check ourselves now while we're young of discussing subjects which do not concern us, we would all acquire a quality that would benefit us not only now, but also all through life.

Editing a Newspaper is Not Easy

From *The Technician*, State College

Some appear to think that running a newspaper is easy, but from experience we can say that it is no picnic, because readers are hard to please.

- If we print jokes, people say we are silly.
- If we don't they say we are too serious.
- If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.
- If we don't we are stuck on our own stuff.
- If we stick to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news.
- If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.
- If we don't print contributions, we do not appreciate true genius; and if we print them, the paper is filled with junk.
- If we make a change in the other fellow's copy, we are too critical.
- If we don't we are asleep.
- Now, like as not, some guys will say we swiped this from some other paper. And we did.

—Sampson Independent.

Blossoms' Babble

Your little blossom friend has really got the blues cause those mean ole nasty exams are right around the corner and im so scared i can hardly write and everything but i guess all of you are pretty upset too since none of us can get out of it unless we just up and quit which certainly wouldnt be fair after weve worked this hard and all but still oh well i just dont know what to think about it so i wont if you wont and ill try to cheer you up if i can possibly now let me see if i can think of anything exciting thats happened around here oh i know something although it really doesnt pertain to everyone at st

marys but ill tell you cause well you see im a day student and you know the other night when it snowed well i think it was last monday night but im not sure cause you never can tell but anyway one night not too long ago i overheard my little sister talking on the telephone she does that all the time you know cause shes about fourteen years old well anyway she was talking to one of her friends and telling her that she heard it was going to snow tonight what i mean to say is that she said that that night when it did but anyway she told her friend she hoped it would snow so deep that they wouldnt have to go to school all week long but she still wanted the

Beckoning Belles

Why all the worn out expressions on the Belles' faces? 598 baggy eyes are trying valiantly to study. Mott Butler got her sleep—her eyes would have made the 600.

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Our deepest thanks go to Catherine Brown and Carolyn Foy who played the organ so beautifully the other night. We should have more of this?

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We were rather "teed off" the other morning when the mail did not arrive on schedule. Then we stopped to remember the other 114 mornings that it has been on time, and our anger went away. Thanks anyway, Miss Brown.

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Who has been feeding that cat? Kindness is great, but someone is going to wake up one morning with a roomful of kittens!

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A poem you might like:
In the squalor and the heat,
In the filth, the dampth and reek,
In this place so heaven forgot
Can true love live—or will it not
Like mortals—age and die?

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We hear from some lucky Belle that she has received(?) \$.95 from the Coke machine. How about cluing us in on the secret.

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Congrats to: Mary Louise Bizzell on being elected May Queen, Dr. Browne and his new suit, Bunny Gee for calling Alaska (collect), second Smedes for averting an almost flood Saturday night—and you for putting up with this mess.

Happy Birthday

- Jan. 31 Sharon Ridgeway
- Feb. 2 Dorothy Harley
- 2 Sylvia Olson
- 3 Mamie Ruth Parks
- 3 Anna Thompson
- 5 Debbie Wall
- 6 Elise Bond
- 9 Marilyn Zschau

snow to melt all away before friday which is today so that she could go to the rip roaring junior high basketball game and i thought can you imagine that cause i knew that since i went to st marys that id have to go anyway cause i mean id have to go to school anyway since most nearly everybody is already there except us day students and so id have to plow through the snow if i could so that i could make every class and all and not even be able to play and make snowmen but i guess thats when you are in college and all just like we have to go through with those nasty unmentionable things that happen next week but i guess thats the way it goes and i guess i had better stop babbling so i can start studying cause you see i have english on monday and im a senior so goodbye

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Blue Belle Bemoans Failure

by Kathleen Hartsock

Oh yes, I'm the great pretender. My grades all show that I am. But Mother dear, just wait 'til I hear. The result of my midterm exam. Oh yes, I'll set a new record. For flunking those exams so low. But don't despair; I'll get somewhere. Before they ask me to go! Oh yes, I'm full of ambition. But I cannot decide what to do. Shall I go on and fail or finish my tale? I'm feeling so lonesome and blue. Oh yes, I'm the great pretender. And now I think I'll be blunt. So what if I fail—that means a new tale. To tell you about next month!