



Straight way throughout the Libyan cities flies rumor;—the report of evil things than which nothing is swifter; it flourishes by its very activity and gains new strength by its movements; small at first through fear, it soon raises itself aloft and sweeps onward along the earth. Yet its head reaches the clouds.

A huge and horrid monster covered with many feathers; and for every plume a sharp eye, for every pinion a biting tongue. Everywhere its voices sound, to everything its ears are open. — Vergil's Aeneid

RUMOR—THE UGLY MONSTER

Have you ever been a victim of rumor? If you have, then you know the harm that it can cause.

Right now passing around our school are rumors that have no true basis at all. For instance, many times the whole student body criticizes a student government officer because someone said she heard—. We elected these officers; therefore, we are belittling our own judgement when we allow them to be items of gossip.

Where do rumors begin? The answer is that someone jumps to false and hasty conclusions from something she sees or overhears. She does not stop to think what she is saying, but rather runs immediately to tell all of her friends. They in turn tell others and the rumor spreads. While it is spreading, it changes and more lies add to it until it becomes, as Vergil's Aeneid describes so well, "A huge and horrible monster". This monster tears its victim apart piece by piece until she can no longer look her friends in the eye. It is too late for the rumor to be recalled.

Saint Mary's is a fairly compact school with compact living quarters which give us all an opportunity to become well-acquainted with one another. But these acquaintances cannot grow into friendships as long as a student willingly smears the name of another girl. Also we all know how rumors darken the atmosphere at St. Mary's.

What can you do to stop these rumors? Stop and think of the harm you are causing before you lean over to tell a juicy piece of gossip you have just picked up. Ask yourself this question: Do I know this rumor to be true? Then think: Isn't her private life her own business? What right do I have to spread these ugly words—true or untrue?

At The Flicks

VARSITY

April
24-28 All At Sea
29-30 This Is Russia

May

1-3 Song of Bernadet
4-9 Peyton Place

AMBASSADOR

April
25-26 Marjorie Morningstar
27-28 The Young Lions

VILLAGE

April
25—May 3 The Long Hot Summer
May
4-13 Teacher's Pet

STATE

April
20-26 Paris Holiday
27-30 Touch of Evil
May

1-3 Country Music Holiday

COLONY

April
25-28 The Brothers Karamazov

Happy Birthday

May

10—Martha Pat Bell
11—Sarah Joan Jordan
12—Dot Overbeck
Carol Crumpler
13—Memrie Mosier
Anne Edens
15—Edith Alston
Julia Ann Hunt
16—Ruth Whitley
22—Virginia Tyson
23—Sally Upton
Elizabeth Lowell
24—Dotty Yeamans
26—Ada Ellen Hoell
27—Peggy Pegues
28—Helen London
29—Sally Lewis
Joyce Batchelor
Betsy Dent
30—Linda Kay Faroon

A test is a thing made up by devils,
Corrected by morons,
To test the intelligence of an idiot.

Beckoning Belles

Many Belles have left for the beach to enjoy the sun and surf for the weekend. Among those leaving are Emeline Elmore, Ann Sheperd, Martha Custis, Becky Walters, Kit Tiedeman, and Judy Scott.

The Helen Bell Jones—Brooks Newton concert was lovely, but a few people arrived a little late!

Summer is most here as evidenced by the steady stream of sun-worshippers (clad in blue costumes) trotting up to third Smedes.

Betty Bundy and Sally Royle are leaving for Greenwich, Connecticut, and Philadelphia. Sally is attending Skimmer Day at Penn. State.

PITTER PLATTER

For their summer vacation, the Four Freshmen from State College decided to go to Santa Catalina. One "College Man" remarked as they boarded the ship, "Sure hope this will be 'An Affair to Remember'."

"Don't You Just Know It Will!" one of his comrades exclaimed. About that time the ship's loud-speaker boomed out, "All Aboard!"

"I wonder how far we have to go?" remarked "Billy", one of the boys. After a little "Searching" he found the captain who informed him that it is "Twenty-six Miles to Santa Catalina."

Although the sea was "Wild As the Wind", the Four Freshmen finally made it "All the Way" over. They were bitterly disappointed that no native girls came to throw wreaths around them. "Oh Lonesome me", wailed one "College Man". However, "In the Middle of the Island", "The Hop" was taking place. The Four Freshmen rushed eagerly toward it hoping to find romance.

Now, "The Hop" was a "Raunchy" native dance. The men wore "Short Shorts". By the time the dance came to an end, even the spectators were "Breath . . . less", Ah. The star dancer was "Tequila". As one of the Four Freshmen gazed upon her, he said, "Uh - Oh! I'm Falling in Love Again." The other Freshmen met other natives, including "Tammy", "Diana", and "Mary Lou", who had "Kisses Sweeter than Wine".

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end. Sadly the Four Freshmen boarded the ship. As they looked back on Santa Catalina, they saw "Tequila" standing alone on the shore calling softly, "Return to Me".

A new record album out is "Yankee in Europe". It is a series of selections about various places in Europe. The places are orchestral tone pictures in a modern jazz style.

A new record that is a predicted hit is "Are You Sincere?" Listen for it.

Rover brings the paper in,
Isn't Rover bright??
Rover brings the paper in,
Bite by bite by bite.

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Buster Brown—What is the title
of that book you have?

Sarah MacMillan—The title is
"What Ten Million Women Want".

Buster—Let me see if they spelled
my name right.

Tom—You look like Helen Brown.
Cobbie—Thanks, but I look even
worse in white.

Ode to a Sun Bather . . .

Bather, bather, burning bright,
Seeking for new sides to fry on,
How you're gonna wish tonight
You had saved a side to lie on!!!