

Student-Faculty Relationship at St. Mary's

One of the largest complaints against St. Mary's is the relationship between the students and the faculty. In such a small school one would expect a close and compatible relationship between the members of the St. Mary's "family," but the cleavage between the two groups is as great as one in a university. The faculty themselves are split, forming their own individual cliques.

Who is to blame? The blame can be placed on both the faculty and the students; for as much as the faculty distrusts the students, the students distrust the faculty.

What can we do about the situation? The faculty has worked to form a closer union between the students and faculty by creating student advisors, but how enthusiastically this program has been carried out is another question. The students do not place confidence in their advisors. They go to their advisors with an understanding that the purpose of the conferences will be to discuss the student's work and the students' other problems are not brought out in the conference. Students are suspicious, and they do not realize that their advisors want to help their advisees in any way they can. But the advisors do not give the students the impression of confidence, interest, and intimacy.

Some teachers and students have achieved a close relationship, but the majority of the members of the "family" have not achieved such a relationship. It is up to everyone to do their share in order that the St. Mary's "family" can truly be considered a family.

The purpose of this editorial is to reveal the fact that a close relationship does not exist between the students and the faculty, a problem that could easily be solved with a sincere effort from the students and the faculty.



FRUIT BOWL

An onion to the teachers who gave huge tests the week before vacation.

An artichoke to praise Muff for the wonderful Senior Banquet.

Spinach to the girls who were so sharp about skipping assembly.

Squash to those who check during assembly.

Tomatoes to Patsy Frank who's been almost on time lately.

A vegetable diet for the girls who are overweight.

A steak to Santa Claus.

Tangerines to December 17th.

Cabbage to all the Third Holters who made such a wonderful appearance at breakfast last week.

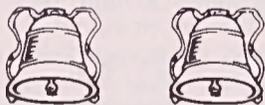
Fruiteake, turkey and trimmings to everyone to have a very Merry Christmas!!

Collard greens to Spenser and rutabaga to all of his works.

Hominy for Brandy's religious prejudices.

Beaux-Art Calendar

- Feb. 1 Jorge Bolet, pianist (Community Concerts)
- Feb. 6 Myers Lecture "Magic of Words" (St. Mary's)
- Feb. 16 Detroit Symphony Orchestra (Friends of the College)
- Feb. 17 **Quartetto Italiano** (Chamber Music Guild)
- Feb. 23 Jorgen Bishch and film "Mongolia and Borneo"
- Feb. 24 Robert Joffery Ballet (Community Concerts)
- Feb. 27 John Ciardi, poet, critic, essayist (State College)
- March 16-17 Knox lecture on Robert Burns (St. Mary's)
- March 23 Cleveland Symphony Orchestra (Community Concerts)
- April 10 **J. B.** (Friends of the College)
- April 18 Malcolm Cowley, novelist, critic essayist (State College)
- April 19 New York Philharmonic (Friends of the College)



Should We Abolish Christmas?

"Is Christmas economically unsound? Should the U. S. abolish the Yule-tide season in order to stay ahead of Russia?"

The resolution for the abolition of Christmas reads as follows:

Whereas: The United States must exert all of its economic muscle in order to continue to out-perform the Russian economy in the race for world supremacy, and

Whereas: The waste and excess capacity inherent in our way of celebrating Christmas, i.e., cards, trees, decorations, and presents, cannot be tolerated if we are to survive, and

Whereas: Abolition of Christmas, by allowing us to increase other forms of more desirable consumption, will enable the United States to enjoy a higher standard of living, and

Whereas: By eliminating frivolous vacations, abolition of Christmas will enable students to spend more time studying, and

Whereas: What was once a Christmas holiday has now become so paganzed and commercialized as to be unrecognizable. Now therefore be it resolved by the Dialectic and Philanthropic Society that:

Article I: Christmas should be abolished.

Article II: A copy of this shall be sent to Santa Claus. A few die-hard sentimentalists are expected to put up quite a struggle for the preservation of Christmas."

This article came from *The Daily Tarheel*.

Daffynishions

- 1) Raisin: A worried grape
- 2) Engagement: Legal monopoly.
- 3) Homework: A new do-it-yourself idea.
- 4) Ice Cubes: A real cool square.
- 5) Steam: Water gone crazy with the heat.
- 6) Synonym: A word you use when you cannot spell the other one.
- 7) Etc.: A sign used to make others believe you know more than you do.
- 8) Love: The only game which is never called off because of darkness.
- 9) Flirt: A woman who believes it's every man for herself.

Cold Front Hits

Has anyone noticed changes in the students' behaviors lately? Between classes there appears to be a mad rush through the back campus. It seems as if everyone has taken a new interest in her classes because everyone is running to class. This stark-raving madness has hit the entire student body. One reason is that the artie weather that has blown in from the west has created a burning chill upon each and every one of the "lily-whites" at St. Mary's. Also it could be that the tests everyone has had every class this past week have caused the sudden dash for class. At any rate, it is always pleasant to see such vivid enthusiasm among the students at St. Mary's.

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Stomachs Hurt?

Looking at one critical list at St. Mary's, we find two nervous, ill-treated stomachs accompanied by equally nervous ulcers belonging, of course, to two overwrought Seniors, Betty Lou Williams and Trudy Johnson.

Their "daily bread" consists of baby foods (strained), milk, potatoes (mashed), and ground beef (broiled). These poor girls never get any good food. They live on this semi-liquid diet, but they seem to be doing very well!

The meals at St. Mary's surely ought to look good to us after a glimpse at the menu of these two lost souls.

