

Second Semester Scenes

Second semester of the academic year of 1960-61 contains a variety of activities which differ greatly from those of the first semester. The two outstanding activities of this semester are the May Day program and the election of student body, class, and club officers. The whole student body participates in both of these events.

May Day is an annual event sponsored by the whole student body the first week-end in May. This program gives the parents and friends of the students a chance to visit the school, faculty, and students and to watch a talented performance. A variety of dances are performed in honor of the May Court. Every member of the student body works in the production of this event, either by directly participating in the May Court or the dances or by indirectly participating in the technical aspects of painting scenery or the recording of the musical scores.

The elections are of primary concern to the student body; these are especially important to the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes. The outcome of these elections determines the leadership of the next academic year. Each student's careful consideration of each nominee and every vote cast is imperative. This careful thought will aid in a more effective organization of school leadership.

Besides May Day and student elections, another major concern of the entire student body is the selection of new courses taken up in the beginning of the semester. Often students go blindly into courses at the beginning of each semester with little idea of the real course material and only the title of the course as a guide. The *Belles* staff wishes to help the student body in any way it can with this difficult problem. To aid the students, each issue of the *Belles* this semester will contain an article featuring one of the elective courses offered at St. Mary's. This issue contains an article on the Art Department.

Another feature of the *Belles* this semester will be the "Letters To The Editor". These will provide a column of interest to all. The *Belles* staff hopes that students will express themselves on any phase of St. Mary's life. These letters are hoped to better portray the interest of both the students and the faculty.

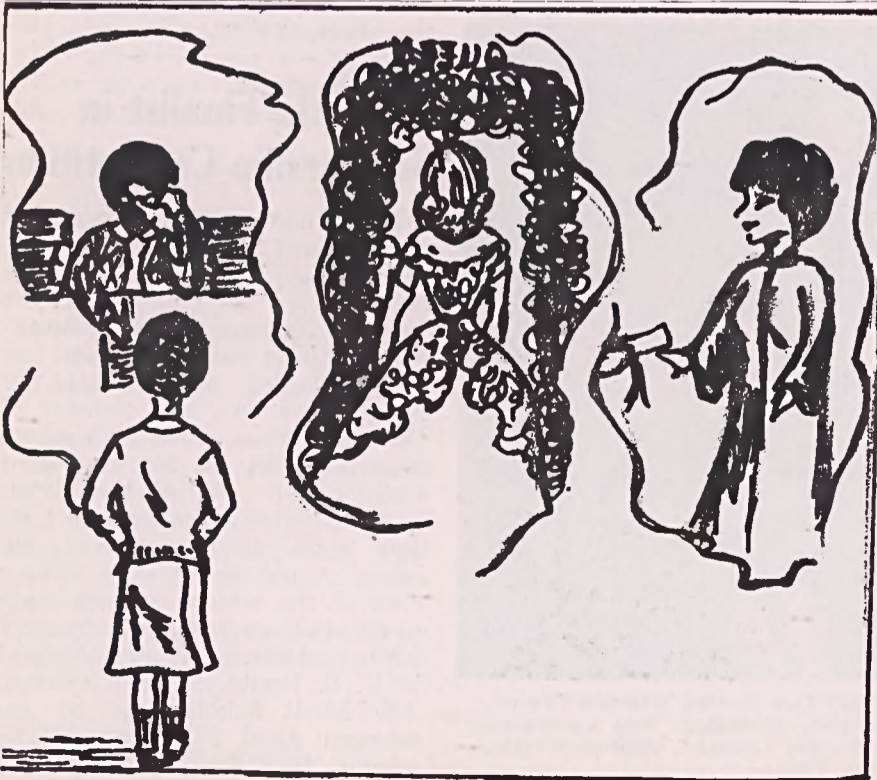
Paper Drive is Great Success for Holt

This is an urgent plea! Barbara Brittain and Anna Cay Henry are in dire need of any old newspapers, magazines, or any kind of paper which you, the students can contribute to them. You see, recently they have both developed a great desire to have lots of reading materials (newspapers, etc.) all over their room.

In fact, the Juniors in Holt became so interested in trying to make these two girls happy in this respect that for a month they, out of the kindness of their hearts, collected old newspapers and magazines for them. Finally on the night of February 1, while the two were visiting in Penick, the Holt-

ers led by charitable Mary Larsen and Robin Pleasants filled 201 Holt (the two girls' room) with the collected reading materials.

Upon returning to Holt, Brittain and Anna Cay opened the door to their room, switched on the light, and much to their surprise, their room was filled to the brim with the collected papers they so loved. The expressions on the two girls faces were joyous and jubilant ones. To phrase their delight in the words of a Holter: "It was well worth our effort and sacrifice just to see the grateful and appreciative expressions of Brittain and Anna Cay!"



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Each year the subject of sponsoring another soft drink vending machine is brought up by one group or another. The chief hindrances to this plan are either the apparent lack of space, or a rumor that I have heard, that the Coca Cola Company has an exclusive franchise here. However, Mrs. Calahan has assured me that Coke does not have this franchise.

The reasons that another type of machine is needed are numerous. If Coca Cola were in competition with other drink firms here, they would be forced to put in King size bottles to meet the competition which a monopoly does not afford. This would offer the student more for her money and perhaps ultimately lower the cost per drink.

"Variety is the spice of Life." Why should we settle for one machine that offers only one type of drink, when other companies have machines that dispense three or four types of drinks, in bottles larger than the present dispenser. Such a company is Royal Crown Cola, having Orange, Royal Crown and Upper Ten. The Pepsi Cola Company has another popular drink and Tropicanna Orange Juice is the favorite drink of many students.

As anyone can see, the possibilities are endless and could get out of hand. Perhaps, if an interested party could find out the majority preference of the students and faculty, a limited number of additional machines could be installed.

There are a number of possible locations for the new machine. Certainly neither Holt or Penick basements are over crowded. Perhaps a machine could be installed in the gym. Another convenient place in Smedes would be in the day students parlor.

I think action should be taken immediately to secure another drink machine for St. Mary's.

Dear Writer,

The letter concerning a variety of concession machines has come to the attention of the classes when deciding upon money making projects. The Coca-Cola Company does not have "exclusive franchise" at St. Mary's and a change to a different beverage company is possible. A number of machines would be impossible to install because of a limited number of electrical outlets which can only support a limited number of appliances. But, a machine containing a variety of beverages from different companies is possible. For more information see Miss Jordan. Such a machine can be obtained through the Student Government, if not through popular vote of the different classes.

Sincerely,

Carter McAlister

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Orchids to Germans, Mid-winters, Fancy Dress, etc.
Lilies of the Valley to Jodie Jones.
Sweet peas to the new Juniors.
American beauties to Arden and the May Court.
Snap dragons to snow that snows us in and not out of school.
A gardenia to Gay Davis and her staff.
A venus fly trap for the onion-burgers.
A Jack-in-the-pulpit for Anna Cay.
Daisies and buttercups to poor old Trudes in 211 Roper.
Sour grass to Anne Turner and her A in Psychology.