

LET'S GIVE UP BAD BEHAVIOR IN CHAPEL FOR LENT

Forty days out of each three hundred and sixty-five days are spent in preparation for the ascension of Christ — Lent. What a short time, approximately one-ninth of each year, we have in actual preparation. Each year many of us give up certain pleasures in memory of the suffering of the Lord. Each time we refuse our given up pleasure, we are reminded of the many pleasures Christ gave up for us.

Abstinence from certain pleasures is only part of Lent. Part comes from acquiring qualities which will make us more like Christ. For instance, we might give up unflattering gossip and criticism and take on a kinder attitude toward the one to whom the criticism is directed.

Many treat Lent as they treat the rest of the year. Such a stand is good only when the individual spends the entire year in careful preparation for the ascension of

Christ. Most of us, however, feel we need the special discipline of Lent.

Yet how can we take on a more prayerful attitude in church when many around us treat church almost as a social hour. This complaint is directed to only a few, but a few are enough to attract the attention of many. Therefore, for Lent, let us consider not only ourselves, but also the many who are around us. Is twenty minutes every other day too long to spend in prayer? Many will answer no, but the certain few will answer yes. If these who are too self-centered to give up this short time for Christ would give it up for the many St. Mary's girls who would like to keep a prayerful Lent, we would begin the formation of a good habit which would last. Therefore, as a challenge for Lent, let us sit to listen, stand to praise, and kneel to pray. When the three rules are followed in a respectful manner, we have begun to keep Lent.

QUIET!

Well, here we are at the three-fourths mark of our school year. It's hard to believe that there is only one more quarter ahead of us. We must face facts: This is the quarter when all term papers are due, and when we are flooded with assignments so that we can cover all the material necessary for our courses. With spring in the air and beach parties on the week-ends, these assignments are going to be awfully difficult to complete. However, they must be done and done well. This is the last chance for many seniors and sophomores to graduate, and for many others to keep from spending the whole summer in summer school.

Let me make two requests to the whole student body. Please keep the noise down in the library and on the sun porch. When most people go to the library they go to study seriously; however, lately the library has turned into a social club house. In all consideration for our fellow students may it be impressed upon us to keep quiet in the library and in its general vicinity.

The sun porch is the other noisy spot on campus. Although the sun porch is provided for our pleasurer, it is not necessary to make it into a second Coney Island by all the noise we make. Let's be considerate of those girls who live in the rooms near the sun porch and try to keep the noise down to a low roar.

Let's make this last quarter count. . .



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

There has never been such a thing as an ideal college or an ideal student body, and, keeping this in mind, I am as proud of St. Mary's as I could be of any school. But never has one of her faults made me so totally ANGRY as the one which has been growing worse and worse over the last month.

About two weeks ago, during the last hymn of a daily chapel service, there were five people near me who never bothered to stand up. This was not the first time this had happened. In fact, I believe there has not been one service without at least one person remaining seated through an entire hymn. In my opinion, there is absolutely NO excuse for this behavior. If a girl is too sick to stand, she should be in the infirmary.

I have never taken a poll of the degree of spiritualness of the St. Mary's girls, but I could probably make a fairly accurate estimate of how we stand. Naturally, the members of any large group will range from the most deeply religious to the most militant atheists. I can see why the latter group might resent required attendance, but, if this behavior is a sign of their rebellion, I have no sympathy for their convictions. Even if these girls find it impossible to respect the worship of the others, they should participate in our service if for no other reason than self-discipline. To be quite frank, the appearance of seated girls is not only disrespectful, but slovenly and lazy!! These are harsh accusations, I realize but I am thoroughly disgusted and disappointed with this behavior. Must I beg the students for an immediate reform, or may I hope that the general thoughtfulness of our student body will correct this situation?

Thank you

Dear Editor,

As an upperclassman, I am expressing a very objective opinion by thinking that sophomores at St. Mary's should be allowed to stay out until eleven-thirty on Saturday nights. These girls are seventeen years old, and still have only one night per week on which they can date. As it is, the sophomores have almost the same dating privileges as the freshmen, and it seems that to give the older girls one half hour more per week would not be unfair.

Also, it seems that girls seventeen years old are old enough to single-date. If freshmen are allowed to double-date the second semester, then sophomores should be allowed to single-date then.

Sophomores at St. Mary's are seniors in high school, and should be recognized as such, outside the classroom as well as in it.

Yours truly,
An Interested Junior

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Dear Interested,

These requests have been considered before, and it was decided that these rules should exist to make more definite distinctions between the high school and college departments. If the sophomores were allowed to single date until 11:30, there would be little difference between their privileges and those of the college students.

Yours truly
Ann Niemeyer
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