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Sophomores Are Off To College

Graduation is in the air, and many of the sophomores are living their last days at St. Mary's! High school will soon be behind them and their destination is college. Of the forty-four girls in the sophomore class twenty-four are returning to St. Mary's and twenty are journeying to various colleges throughout the country.

Returning to St. Mary's will be Lucy Brown, Margaret Anderson, Jody Burton, Marian Alice Overby, Roslyn Bowers, Ann Reitzel, Amey Parsons, Elsie Barnes, Bryan Parker, Julia Meyer Hansen, Betsy Johnson, Debbie Ellis, Franey Lewis, Emily Pemberton, Alice Purdie, Alice Tripp, Mary Block, Susan Kipp, Betty Wilbourne, Hetti Johnson, Mary Melcher, and Pam Burke.

Ann Pond and Suzi Nagel will journey to Randolph-Macon, while Betsey Smith and Susan Lawford will attend William and Mary. Woman's College will be the home of Dianne Harrelson and Judy Morton. Candy Carr and Lela Cowardin will be at Mary Baldwin College, and Florence Hamrick and Mary Ann King will be at Duke. The rest of the class is scattered at various schools: Kay Van Doren at Garner Jr. College, Kathie Childers at Vassar, Charlsie Dearing at Mt. Vernon, Frances Hayward at Stratford, Jane Roughton at Salem, Ann Dorsey Day at Hollins, Sara Houser at Agnes Scott, Tricia Remm

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AT LAST

Letters To The Editor:

Dear Editor:

In response to the letter published in the last issue of the *Belles* concerning needed improvement in the Saga Food Service, we would like to say that those complaints were unnecessary and over-critical. In our opinion, the food served here is **not** merely acceptable, but enjoyable and far superior to food served at other boarding-schools. Not many food services offer such well-planned meals, and meals which usually please everyone. Of course there are times when certain meals are not appealing to everyone, for at no time can the entire student body be satisfied with every dish.

As for the remark concerning no system for complaints and suggestions, we would mention the fact that Mr. Rowe is available at every meal, and that earlier in the year, the student body was given a list in which they were to select their favorite foods. Not only does Mr. Rowe aim for satisfaction, but also goes out of his way to arrange special meals and decorations for holidays. He also has been thoughtful enough to provide refreshments during exam week.

In spite of the single instances which may possibly occur during the year concerning the food, we do not think it fair to condemn the entire food service, and we would like to thank Saga Food Service for the delicious meals served us this year, and say that we hope the excellent choice of foods will continue.

Virginia Burrows
Sue White
Daisy Hall
Sallie Scarborough
Clara Leder Ladd
Amy Hardy
Sandra Grizzard
Mary Olive Lyle
Anne Straight
Eva Lister
Kathy Hall
Elizabeth Clare
Tully Crockett
Rosa Bridges

June Week Invitations

Several St. Mary's girls have been honored by being invited to June Week festivities at different military academies. Charlotte Blackwell and Martha Hardee will be headed for West Point as soon as their exams are concluded. Kay Hill has plans to be with a special beau at the Naval Academy while Carolyn Price and Kay Symons are traveling to New London, Conn. to the Coast Guard Academy.

New Column Next Year

The Editors of the *BELLES* will sponsor a new column on the editorial page entitled EDITORIAL-**LY** SPEAKING. This column will attempt to present editorials concerning events pertinent to the lives of St. Mary's girls both on and off campus. The **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** column will always be open for any student or faculty member to express opinions in favor of or in opposition to the views presented in this column.

The *BELLES* staff will also accept any original writings or drawings that interested students would like to contribute. The sole aim of the *BELLES* editors is to please the students and faculty and to improve the student-faculty relations.

Sincerely,

Carol Wilson, Editor
Willa McKimmon,
Assistant Editor

A Tribute To The Seniors

The Seniors—our friends, counselors, and ideals.

They came in every size, shape, and form. There were the short, the tall, the sophisticated, the fun loving, the model-type, the not so thin.

And each had their own distinction—

a shy smile, a friendly hello, an energetic personality, a helping hand.

They emerged from Penick day after day, retracing steps to Smedes and Cheshire.

We gazed on them—sometimes with envy, and other times...

They entertained us with their Cold Cuts and Senior Day, Tried to sell us ashtrays and night shirts,

And even told us tales of long week ends.

They gave their class unity, and added depth to our school life; they made us feel a part of St. Mary's.

We grew close to some, admired others from afar. Yet for each we held respect.

Next year they will be scattered and

gone. But they will always hold a special place in our hearts,

For they left us ideals to work for, goals to reach, and memories to hold.

Audrey Wall

Girls Gather for Step-Singing

The Step-Singing Service, one of the many traditions of graduation at St. Mary's, will be held Sunday, May 31, at 6:00 p.m. on the steps in front of Smedes. Parents and guests are invited to attend the service and to hear the songs composed by the various classes to the school and each other.

The Freshman Class will take its place on the right of the steps toward East Rock. The Sophomore Class will be on the left. The Junior Class will stand in the middle of the steps toward the top with the Senior Class below and in front of them. The formation is particularly significant for at the close of the service, as the seniors leave, each class will move to take the place of the class ahead of it.

The Freshman Class will sing a song first to the sophomores and then to St. Mary's. The Sophomore Class, in turn, will sing to the freshmen and then to St. Mary's. Next, the Junior Class will sing to the seniors and to St. Mary's. The senior Class will sing to the juniors and to St. Mary's and then will close with the Belles of St. Mary's. Still humming the Belles of St. Mary's, the Senior Class will move slowly down the steps to the front of the school. The other classes will then change places. As the seniors face St. Mary's, Cindy Schwartz, President of the graduating Senior Class, will come forward to meet Dixie Thomas, President of the rising Senior Class and turn over to her the Senior Class notebook.