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"I Remember Mama": A Well-Done Job

By Debbie Ellis

I Remember Mama was one of the most professionally done plays ever presented on the St. Mary's campus. This amateur group of actors put together a very accomplished play. Through the effectiveness of the characterizations, the staging, and the variety of other necessities of a play, the atmosphere created in *I Remember Mama* reached a high peak.

Linda Stott as Mama carried the whole play with everyone else rotating around her. Mama's optimism, humanity, and humbleness affected each character in the play. If Linda had not been a strong actor, the entire play would have fallen apart.

But Mama was supported by a strong cast. Anyone who saw the play can never forget little Harriet Day and her cat! Or Zan Deas and her dramatic and fantastical short stories! And the thundering voice of Uncle Chris, the timidness of Mr. Thorkelson, and the elaborate words of Mr. Hyde will remain in our hearts. The perfect portrayal of the three old maid aunts and of sister and brother, Christine and Nels, made them unforgettable characters. From the main characters to the nurses, the soda clerk, the bell-boy, the scrubwoman, the friends, and the strangers, the play was complete. Every character played his part that important thing in the making of a "whole" play.



A. LASHLEY

The Mysterious Peanut!

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS?

Editor's Note: While so many things have been written about Christmas, this part of a letter and reply to an eight year old girl express some of the truest sentiments of the season. The letter and answer were printed in the New York Sun, Sept. 21, 1897.

"Dear Editor

I am eight years old.

Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street
New York City

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia,

MAY QUEEN

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marshal and a Caperette, from Wilson, N. C.; and Susanne Deas, a member of the Dramatics Club, from Charleston, S. C. The junior members of the May Court are Laura Whitley, Raleigh, N. C.; Gail Beebe, Sumter, S. C.; Lee Avery, Atlanta, Georgia; and Kate Johnson, Raleigh, N. C. The sophomore attendants are Jackie Walker, Charleston, S. C.; and Martha Vaughan, Edenton, N. C. The freshman attendant is Jane Snider from Greensboro, N. C.

whether they be men's or children's, are little.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love, and generosity, and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in *Santa Claus!* You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Francis P. Church

LETTER

To The Student Body

The newly-formed Committee National Student Citizenship Every National Case of Emergency (CONSCIENCE) was created at Stanford University in response to nationwide student demonstrations against United States policy in Vietnam. CONSCIENCE works on a bipartisan basis through the leadership of Young Democrat and Young Republican organizations on a credited college campuses in the United States.

We believe that mass demonstrations against American foreign policy at a critical juncture such as the present reduce the chances of lasting peace and imperil the national security. Therefore we dissent from these demonstrations, particularly those which include illegal acts such as draft-card burning, even though we do not necessarily agree with all aspects of present American policy. We do not advocate Total Victory; we do not discard the possibility of negotiation; we do not deny the right of the national interest, in that it (1) undermines the authority of the President, (2) demoralizes America's friends, allies, and men at front, and (3) discourages the Congress from seeking a peaceful settlement in Viet Nam.

We, therefore, planned a syndicated "lecture-in" at all accredited colleges and universities throughout the country to follow by two days on November 20 marches on Washington and the Oakland Army Center planned by the Viet Nam Day Committee. The purpose of the march is to discredit and undermine the South Vietnamese-American effort in Viet Nam. In reply, the national lecture-in had as its purpose to inform President Johnson and national leaders all over the world that the great majority of American college students feel it their responsibility to support the national government in times of international crisis.

We feel confident that such a coordinated, nation-wide response offered a striking contrast to the marches on Washington and the land: It was a dramatic but dignified symbol of the moderation, courage and good judgment of the great majority of American university students. For your personal support of CONSCIENCE, we—and your nation—shall be deeply indebted.

Sincerely,

H. S. Scott, M. S. Cummings
Nat'l Chairmen, CONSCIENCE

Y.W.C.A.

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had a Christmas party for the patients. The Cold Cuts played by the Dramatics Club of St. Mary's presented a short play.

The Y.W.C.A. distributed Christmas presents to the patients at the Dix Hospital. For this purpose Carolyn Crowder, president of the Y.W.C.A., asked each girl to buy an unwrapped present to take to the hospital.

After Christmas the Y.W.C.A. plans to distribute clothes at the Blind School. Each girl will be asked to bring what she can from home when she returns.