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"Patch Of Blue" Is Reviewed

By Jane Snider

One of the most interesting movies to appear lately, *A Patch of Blue*, arouses curiosity at first. Its striking quality is the relationship between a blind white girl and a Negro man.

The girl is Selina (Elizabeth Hartman). Uneducated and mistreated, she is the victim of her prostitute mother's cruelty. Selina's mother (Shelley Winters), who caused her blindness, and her drunkard old grandfather live with her in a squalid little apartment pervaded by an atmosphere of disharmony and hatred. Selina meets Gordon (Sidney Poitier) in the park where she has been taken by a friend, and he is appalled by her pitiful condition. The two meet every day, and their relationship grows as the Negro attempts to help Selina.

With a somewhat sceptical attitude, but compelled by curiosity, one goes to see *A Patch of Blue*. An inevitable sense of uneasiness prevails until the captivating power of the story takes over.

This uneasiness is not without reason, for a movie of this type could easily have been overdone, maudlin, and unrealistic.

However, superb acting and di-

recting keep *A Patch of Blue* out of this realm and make it a touching story which is realistic and therefore extremely thought-provoking. The problem is unresolved, and the result is a movie that is beautiful and heart-breaking.



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Seniors Win Belles Song Contest For Two Years

The annual Song Contest sponsored by the *Belles* was held Thursday, May 19. In this contest, each class must make up an original song and present it before assembly. The judges for the contest this year were Mr. Tate, Miss Sara E. Jones, and Miss Ellington.

The seniors took the honors by winning the coveted first place. Their song was to the tune of "Get Me to the Church on Time" from *My Fair Lady*. The writers were Meg Christian, Rae Herrin, and Amey Parsons. "We're graduating on the thirtieth," they sang, "Get us to the Chapel on time."

The freshmen took second place. Their song was a combination of narration, recently popular songs, and spirituals.

The juniors' song was to the tune of "Honey Bun" from *South Pacific*, and the sophomores' song was to the tune of "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain."

NEWS IN BRIEF

St. Genesius Taps

The Order of St. Genesius tapped three new members on Thursday, May 19, 1966. The new members are Debbie Ellis, Ruth Little, and Jean Muchmore.

New Junior Electees

Recently the juniors elected Nancy Smith as their senior Leg. Body representative. Susan Marshall was also elected Chief Fire Marshal.

Pendulum Of St. Mary's Will Never Cease

By Susan Carrison

I, the pendulum of St. Mary's, saw you first. Before me has lain all the action. When you approached me in September you were excited, young girls anxious for the school year to begin. Then I saw old girls running to see their friends and new girls quickly becoming acquainted.

I saw your tears that meant happiness and loneliness and the looks that came with hello and goodbye. I did not miss a thing.

For nine months I have passed your time at St. Mary's. In my march I have seen you change. No longer do I find looks of uncertainty or fear. No more do I see the hesitant steps or the bewildered eyes.

For in these months in your every coming and going I have seen an added reassurance and a new sense of belonging. Every time you have approached me I have noticed the increasing steadiness in your walk and the sureness of your smile.

I have seen you in all your going: leaving on a date, departing for a vacation at home, or just running down to the little store.

I have also met you on your returns accompanied by blind dates, bundles and packages from home, or the things you simply had to buy. I have counted your hours, days, and months and have brought you through the winter and spring.

Now before me lies a new season—one that will take you away again. As on your arrival, I find an assortment of emotions now stemming from the thought of leaving.

I find faces filled with anticipation, faces masked with depression and anxiety, and faces covered with the carefree look of summer.

And yet, in all these faces I find the traces of sadness, eyes filled with unshed tears, and the unspoken words of goodbye. Many of you I shall never see again, but I cannot stop my swing. Time goes by.

TRIBUTE TO THE SENIORS

By Margaret Isley

Spring is a time of rebirth; a time when new growth replaces old. It is a time when the young leave their established lives and move onward while those left behind try with a mixture of confidence and uncertainty to fill their places. We are in the very near future the symbol of a white handkerchief is dropped, and another spring will reach its climatic peak at St. Mary's.

Already we see evidence of the change as the seniors give up their offices in various school organizations, their juniors or underclassmen. The student government officers have been installed and are taking the reins of government from the hands of the officers.

The Hall Council has been elected and soon the new counselors will know which halls are theirs. Mary's claim to musical fame, the Cold Cuts, has held tryouts and new members have been taken in.

The seniors are now faced with the realization that soon they will be gone, and their years at St. Mary's will be mere memories to look upon and treasure. Certain experiences will cling with each of them, alumna all her life.

How could she ever forget the sounds—the repeated bursts of laughter and shouting after dinner and at 9:30 with the constant dull roar between?

Each senior can search her memory and recall herself the first day at school. The small student body looked like a cast of thousands, equally nervous and unfamiliar. She confronted her at every step. She carefully she followed each rule.

Then as she seriously began her life at St. Mary's, unfamiliar faces began sorting themselves into friends and many deep and lasting friendships were born. Many will treasure over memories of the day they put their rings and how proud they were of them.

Hearing the Cold Cuts play and greatly to the spirit of togetherness and fellowship also.

Then, with excited apprehension each girl became a senior—after the summer reading tests, the de- All these experiences plus many more united the senior class and created many nostalgic thoughts.

It is the understood duty of the highest class in any school to give the classes beneath it and give them a set of goals to strive for in future years. The class of 1966 has certainly fulfilled this expectation, and many

The seniors of St. Mary's are held up to and respected and will be missed in many ways, both large and small. Although the seniors will be gone next year, memories of them will linger and be passed on to new girls.

So, senior, take these last hours before the white handkerchief is dropped and treasure them, for they will be the closing of some of the best years of your lives.