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DEAR EDITOR,

What has happened to the spirit of the St. Mary's girls? This question came to mind one day in chapel as I watched two rows of girls sitting down during the entire church service.

I realize that all of us may not believe in the doctrines of the Episcopal church, but this group's behavior was disrespectful and completely disgusting. I agree that we should not be required to recite the responsive readings, the chants, or sing the songs if we don't want to, but we can certainly have the decency to keep quiet and not talk from pew to pew during the service.

We all knew before we came to St. Mary's that this was an Episcopal school, and if one opposes its beliefs as much as her actions designate, she could have selected another school to attend. St. Mary's is a Christian family, and the least we can do is pay a few hours of respect each week to our Father. Thank you —

On Friendship

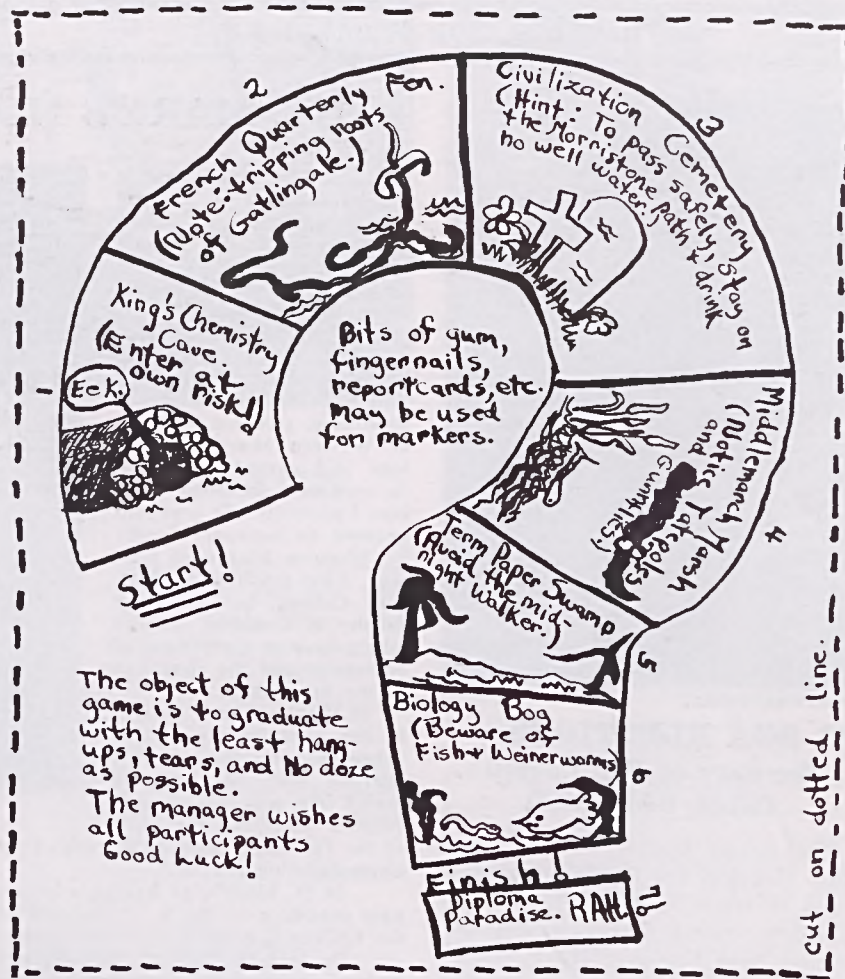
By Washington Irving

There is after all something in those trifles that friends bestow upon each other which is an un-failing indication of the place the giver holds in the affections. I would believe that one who preserved a lock of hair, a simple flower, or any trifle of my bestowing, loved me, though no show was made of it; while all the protestations in the world would not win my confidence in one who set no value on such little things.

Trifles they may be; but it is by such that character and disposition are oftenest revealed.

THE GRADUATION GAME

(A test of wits + courage)
Spinners may be made with a pin and an empty ink cartridge.



EDITORIAL

It's been a valuable and enjoyable experience working on the newspaper. Valuable in that it has been an opportunity to learn the basics of journalism and of a newspaper — layouts, news and feature stories, interviews. . . . It has most of all given me the chance to meet and work with many people on the campus — both students and faculty. Being editor also has presented many opportunities of being in contact with many off-campus people. This year has been a fun year too. There's nothing better than getting the inside poop and being in the "know" or getting a chance to meet with an important person or being passed an important bit of news.

Part of enjoying the job so much is due to such an outstanding staff. It's probably possible for one person to run a paper, but she certainly would not enjoy her job. There's nothing better than the feeling of assurance of knowing I have had a responsible staff to depend on. This year's staff has given me this feeling by their being hard-working, responsible and enthusiastic the whole year. To the editors, typists, writer, cartoonists, photographers, proofreaders, and circulation people — a sincere thanks.

In Dru Haley you have certainly picked a capable and responsible editor for next year. Please give her the support that you have given me. Even though this is my last issue, Dru will continue with my staff until she picks her own next year. Changing editors doesn't mean that your job is finished; so please continue your enthusiasm. Nothing can be more pathetic than last year's situation of Dru, Cynthy McAlister, and myself ending up writing most of the articles because the staff fell through at the end of the year.

There's only one disappointment this year and that's in the manner of the students' support of and participation in the newspaper. The paper belongs to the students and it is there for them to have the opportunity to express their opinions. There have been few letters to the editor this year, but hopefully next year the students will better use the newspaper as a vehicle for having their opinions and ideas heard.

J. B. A.

GLAMOUR Announces Winner

Glamour Magazine proudly announces the winners of the 1969 thirteenth annual Top Ten College Girls competition: Janice Bohlin, Seattle University, Washington; Jennifer Butler, Wilson College, Pennsylvania; Libby Fraim, University of California at

Santa Barbara; Sue Paskoski, Marymount College, Florida; Pamela Powers, Hollins, Virginia; Claudia Sampson, Marymount College, New York; Barbara Slafkosky, Trinity College, Washington, D. C.; Catherine Stickney, Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania; Susan Taylor, Colby Junior College, New Hampshire; Jobeth Williams, Pembroke College, Rhode Island.

LETTER TO EDITOR IN YEAR 2000

By Tibba Edgerton

We have seen complaints about St. Mary's in the past. We've constantly hearing of the need for reform in the present. It is doubtful that we will ever be completely satisfied in the future. Here is a prospective letter which may be written to the editor of the Belle in the year 2000:

Dear Editor,

St. Mary's is really behind times and needs to bring its rules and regulations up to date. It is ridiculous that we have classes three days a week. Most schools today only hold classes for a maximum of fifteen minutes for a day every week. St. Mary's sits in class for a half an hour which is a waste of time when we have better things to do. Our brain ray guns are so old fashioned that they take twice as long as most to shoot the information through our heads.

It also seems unfair that we are required to wear pants on campus. Skirts and dresses are the latest style and are the accepted wear now on the streets for shopping or even for dress wear. Though we have no curfew on weekends, we feel that 6:00 A.M. on weekday nights is much too strict. It is embarrassing to ask our dates to bring us in that early. We also don't understand having to have the keys out of the dorms in time for class the next morning. The students strongly want to do away with the moon rule. Why do we need a twenty-five year old chap to go to the moon for the night? A lot of times there's nothing else to do, and this rule keeps us from making the most of every trip.

St. Mary's facilities for enjoyment are not sufficient for today's needs. The space mobile parking lot will hardly hold all the space ships. Also the twelve-story student union needs enlarging because of the popularity of the girls. One color T.V. set per room is not enough since often different mates want to watch different channels. The dorm rooms seem too small to hold all the necessities, with the living room of each room only holding a few sofas and chairs, and hardly elbow space in the kitchen and dining room. Yet we realize that these changes will come in time and patiently await them.

Signed,
No. 152638-D

Tennis Team Continues To Win

Last week the UNC-G tennis club squeaked by the invincible SMJC team 5-4. This upset represents the first defeat for St. Mary's team. St. Mary's has so far soundly overcome Carolina 6-3 and Duke 6-1. One defeat will not dampen the team's potential against return matches with UNC-G and Duke, and matches against Atlantic Christian, Meredith, and Peace.

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