

Sound Off Letter



Dear Editor,

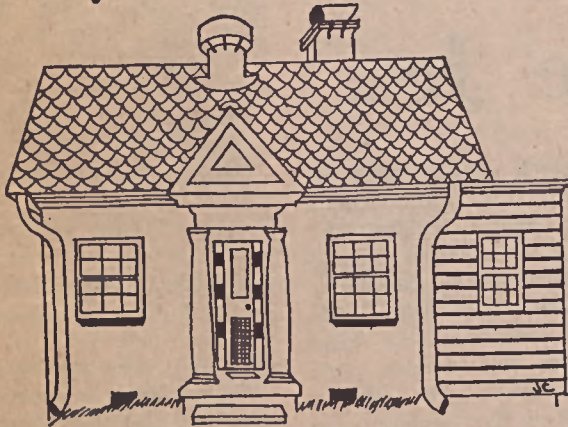
Honor Week's purpose was to emphasize the honor on which St. Mary's is based. However, it seems to me that there was too much emphasis on honor with continuous meetings, lectures, and chapel services. If the meaning of honor was condensed into two days with a lecture, a meeting that was better organized, and a short, more effective chapel service, it may have been more influential. Honor is a way of life for the St. Mary's family now, as it will be when its members go into society where honor is desperately needed. If Honor Week is supposed to insist the need for Honor and stress the need for thought on the subject, then why take so much time elaborating on meetings and lectures? Why not set aside time for two meetings, a chapel service, and time to think about this necessary way of life?

The experience of signing the honor pledge was exhilarating. However, having to wait for 400 more girls to do the same, not having time to think by your-

self of the "great event" you have just partaken in, the effect wore off while waiting. Of course, each member should be a witness to her "sister's" pledging, but not to the point where she is carried away with thoughts of what someone has on or who is doing what. A solution may be having four lines continually waiting to sign the pledge. This would take less time in chapel and give each girl a chance to contemplate what she has just done. Also, every girl given the same card is the same as being handed a number for your honor. Should not it be a personalized honor card, one that is signed at the altar, and be a certificate of St. Mary's unique honor system? It would be a constant reminder of those few "Honor Days" climaxed into a short, beautiful, and meaningful chapel service. If the "Honor Days" were condensed with better organized conferences interpreting honor as a way of life at St. Mary's, maybe our honor system would be more effective.

Sincerely, Caroline M. Long

Day Student Scoop



by Verna Gates

This year's Day Student-Boarder Picnic will take place at 4:30, Thursday, October 24. It will take the place of dinner in the Dining Hall. So come between the Day Student House and the library for a picnic! The Day Students are looking forward to seeing everybody there!

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That's Entertainment?

by Margaret Smith

Complaints are often heard of the many planned activities at St. Mary's, but there are those unexpected activities which everyone seems to take an interest in. These are the activities such as the last fire drill. As the girls, unknowing of what was to follow, filed out the doors for the drill, water drenched the bodies of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen by those "sly seniors"! Of course, they were not to get away with

this as the underclassmen ran back inside for trash cans of water. It soon became a matter of each girl for herself. The night resulted in each girl being clean and the grass being well-watered!

Not to mention the time when Second Cruik grew tired of a group of boys who kept driving through the driveway—a total of six times—and decided to do something about it. The next time they came around, buckets of water awaited them. To the

advantage of the girls, the boys got out of the car to make conversation only to be answered by cold water on the head. (Water seems to be a very useful weapon at St. Mary's!) The boys, however, did get the last word by throwing beer on several lucky girls.

The same night brought more excitement when a car, chased by upset Pinkertons, drove through the fire lane onto campus and stopped in front of Penick. One could see girls running from the car and others hanging out of windows and off balconies, all screaming and cheering. Dr. Pisani quickly settled the situation (without the help of the policemen), but there is still nothing like front door service!

It is also remembered when our campused SGA president walked the campus in striped pajamas telling about her prison-like situation at St. Mary's.

Next, some girls are blest with fun-loving roommates who wake them up in the middle of the night to tell them that she has slept halfway through a class and that there was such a bad storm that St. Mary's had a blackout. Ask Kim Faison. She handled the situation by jumping off the top bunk, throwing one arm in a shirt, one leg in a pair of jeans, running out the dorm, over to Ragland, and banging on the door for someone to let her in so she could get to class. When Kim finally awoke and went back to Cruik, she was met by Mrs. Duke who told her that she was late and was to be campused! For some reason, Kim failed to see the humor that the rest did!

And again, there are those Monday morning assemblies that keep the audience in suspense as to what will take place this time. For example, Martha Kelly got water poured down her pants by her good friend, Sally Lewis, and Katie Cole had a pie thrown in her hair by fun-loving Cathy Martin for winning a newspaper contest.

Finally, the cold weather is felt by all but has not affected the mysterious streaker (L.F.) on Middle Smedes who honored onlooking spectators with the real her, a true believer in "bare" necessities!

What could be more typical at St. Mary's?

Improvements In Cafe

by Sally McAlister

A desire for more chocolate chip cookies was but one of many desires made known to the cafeteria head, Mr. Grogan, by the St. Mary's Food Committee during their first meeting last month. This committee, whose chairman is Nancy Kerr, is composed of approximately 17 volunteer students, and these members, working together, represent the desires of the student body in regard to the cafeteria and its functions.

Thanks to Mr. Grogan and the Food Committee, we now have several nice improvements in our meals: crispier bacon and toast, whole wheat bread, some very tasty additions to the salad table (O.K., dieters?), vegetables served (more quickly) in little dishes, jello on ice (so that it stays congealed longer), better desserts, and a new, improved brand of peanut butter.

However, due to the lack of an electrical outlet, the promised soft ice cream machine can not be hooked up; but the kitchen plans to have ice cream whenever possible and as often as possible soon. (We ate 40 gallons per week for the first two weeks of school, and ice cream is just too expensive to keep when it is consumed that fast Mr. Grogan said). Soaring prices have also unfortunately kept blue cheese dressing off the salad table and, as to the final request of the Food Committee, we are asked to restrain our "soaring appetites" when it comes to grabbing ten or twelve chocolate chip cookies at once. These cookies will be served whenever possible and even though we would love to devour

them dozen by dozen, we are asked to take only two at a time.

Because of these improvements, the efforts of Mr. Grogan, and the work of the Food Committee, our meals have been made more enjoyable and we appreciate all that has been done.

Thank you, Food Committee and Mr. Grogan!!

SMC Swimmers Making Big Waves

by Debbie Gupton

St. Mary's swim team competed against Meredith Thursday, September 26, 1974. St. Mary's won by two points. The score was 55 to 53.

The final race was the most decisive. After St. Mary's won the 100 Freestyle relay, we were two points ahead of Meredith. Katie Cole won the 50 Breast, and Susie Smith won the 100 Breast. Also, Beth Davis came in first for the 100 Freestyle. St. Mary's had the only entries in the Land 3 Meter Diving competition—Sallie Shuping, Tori Bradsher, and Laura McSpaden, who all helped to add to our score.

At this first meet, the support of the fans was great. The swim team really appreciated it. However, at Duke on Friday, October 4, the swim team was practically unsupported against 7 other competing colleges in North Carolina; We managed to place sixth against all those senior colleges, though. So please come and support the swim team, even if they're not swimming in our own pool.

Are Jones and Alexander Betting Again?

Dear Editor,

The other day I met my friend, Mary Lou Jones, and she was talking endlessly about how well women were playing tennis now. Naturally, she cited the match in which Billie Jean King lucked out on Bobby Riggs when he wasn't feeling well. She went on to say that she and the St. Mary's other coach, Mary Lyda Alexander, could easily beat any men and would like to prove it.

Therefore, I would like to issue a challenge to these two young ladies to play an old friend of mine and me on Father-Daughter Day. Certainly, they should accept this from two old men nearing fifty?

Further, I will back up this challenge by agreeing to give \$50.00 to the St. Mary's tennis fund if they win. Naturally, since our opponents are women, we do not ask that they put up any money. But, if they lose, their wager will be a kiss

at mid-court as soon the match is concluded.

Awaiting a reply from Miss Jones, I am

Yours very truly,
A Chauvinistic Father

P. S. I missed Father-Daughter day last year due to a slight heart attack. However, my doctor (male) has agreed that a match against women should not be much of a strain.

Dear Editor,

I have just received from you a copy of the letter from a "Chauvinistic Father." Needless to say, we know the writer and we understand his frustration. First, the challenge is accepted and the bet is confirmed. Secondly, allow me to mention a few errors. Billy Jean, as millions who watched the Riggs match realized, did not "luck out." Also, I did not say that Mary Lyda and I could beat

any men, but I will say that beating these two will be a breeze. Thirdly, he mentions two old men reaching 50, one having had a slight heart attack. I might remind him that Mary Lyda hasn't been feeling well and that I underwent surgery a few months ago (my doctor, however, has agreed to the match as long as it is against two "old men"). Of course, I do hope (assuming they show up) that the humiliation of defeat will not cause another attack.

In closing, let me say that we will be waiting on Nov. 1 at center court at 2:15 (and at the same place at the end of the match to receive the check for St. Mary's tennis).

Sincerely yours,
Lou Jones

P. S. To any other fathers (chauvinistic or not) who are foolish enough to bet on these two "old men," Mary Lyda and I will cover all wagers.