

# Phone Bill Soars At St. Mary's

By Anne Heart Gregory

In the past several years the St. Mary's campus has undergone quite a facelift. In order to meet the physical needs of the school, a four million dollar building program was undertaken which added the student union, the library, Ragland, Cruikshank, and the gym. Prior to construction two million dol-

lars was raised and an additional two million was borrowed on a short term loan that is due this April. St. Mary's is now faced not only with paying the two million dollars that was borrowed but with paying the interest that has doubled since the loan was made.

In hopes of lightening some of St. Mary's financial load the

alumnae office, headed by Mrs. Jane Rabon, sponsored the biggest and most ambitious fund raising drive ever at St. Mary's. Instead of the annual letter campaign, this year alumnae were contacted by phone. Some 150 members of the faculty, administration, alumnae, and student body worked on a volunteer basis calling 7,000 alumnae throughout the nation. Twenty-five phones were set up in the parlor of Smedes for the three-week telethon and were manned by volunteers from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. four nights a week.

The response to the telethon proved to be very positive. Many people made commitments with donations ranging from 10 to 1,000 dollars. However, due to the downward trend of the economy the contributions have not been as substantially large as in the past. The final analysis of the telethon's effectiveness will be forthcoming, when all of the contributions are signed, sealed, and delivered.



Beverly Wheeler helps out at the SMC telethon. Maybe she'll hit the jackpot with this call!

## The Review Zoo

By Frances Schultz

Well, as you might have noticed, this is a new one. We're most interested in your opinions and suggestions pertaining to this article. I'm always glad to hear of a book, movie, record, or any sort of entertainment you think is worth checking out. So please help! Some of this material may seem a little old, but it has been compiled over a long period of time. The next "Review Zoo" should prove to be more up to date.

In the movie department, there are quite a few good prospects. Although the sequence of events is rather predictable, **THE LONGEST YARD**, starring Burt Reynolds, plays on the moral ethics involved in a penal football game. In this game, the prisoners stand the prison guards, and Reynolds, the star prison quarterback, must fight a battle within himself. Who should he disappoint — himself and the prisoners, or the men at the top (who could easily lengthen

the quarterback's sentence).

With two great stars, Ernest Borgnine and Carroll O'Connor, **LAW AND DISORDER** makes for very good viewing. The hairdresser and cabdriver team up to compose an auxiliary police force. From this they attempt to gain the strength it takes to survive the big city jungle. This movie is quite good and provides excellent insight to city hassles and horrors.

**CABERET** seems to be making the rounds again, and personally, I wouldn't make the big effort to see it. Of course, the music is excellent, and if you like the songs, see it. As

for the plot, it is set in the pre-World War II period, and much is left to one's own imagination. Other good suggestions are **THE FRONT PAGE**, **THE ODESSA FILE**, with Jon Voight, and **ZANDY'S BRIDE**, with Gene Hackman.

On the record scene, there is a variety of good sounds from which to choose. For Elton John freaks, there was an album cut in England in 1968, "Empty Sky," which was just recently released in the U. S. It is very good, and has the tone of his older, still popular

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## Attention Dr. Kildaire and Nurse Nancy

As I sat among the mass of ailing people in the hallway and heard the nurse address us with "You girls will have to wait ten minutes or so, ok? . . . while I take temperatures inside," it occurred to me, especially in the present situation of a school epidemic, that this solitary

woman might need help. How about some already-had-it pre-meds (or some healthy body with a free hour) putting in a little time here and there assisting ie. — take temperatures, make beds, talk to our bed-bound dying — assorted un-



## St. Mary's Sport Report

By Katie Cole

After getting off to a slow start this season, the St. Mary's basketball team is getting it together. The Sprites dropped their first three games to Peace, Duke, and N. C. State, but picked up a victory in a recent game against St. Andrew's.

This year's team originally included Bonnie Bell, Margaret Jones, Lindsay Reynolds, Laura McSpadden, Beth Green, Becky Lea, Ellyn Faircloth, Katie Cole, Hunter Dortch, Lisa Field, and Charlotte Trent; but it has undergone a few changes since the first of the season. Ellyn Faircloth is out for the season with a hand injury, and Martha Kelly and Pam Peebles have since joined the team.

In the season opener, St. Mary's lost to Peace College at home, 63-31. Bonnie Bell was high scorer for the Sprites with 10 points. Ellyn Faircloth shone

in what turned out to be her only game for the season, playing an excellent defensive game and hitting for six points. Becky Lea also had six points, and Katie Cole added eight.

St. Mary's Sprites went on the road for their next game, playing at Duke. The Lady Blue Devils won what was an excellently played game, 69-45. The Sprites had three players in double figures: Beth Green, Katie Cole, and Hunter Dortch hit for 12 points each.

The team played N. C. State next at home, and lost to the Wolfpack 76-46. Katie Cole was high scorer with 20 points. Bonnie Bell added 15 points, and Hunter Dortch, 12.

Two nights later the Sprites played at St. Andrew's, and were victorious by a score of 48-36. The team played as they are capable of playing, which is great! Beth Green played an outstanding game, connecting for 22 points. And Bonnie Bell added 15 points.

The game against St. Andrew's is evidence of what our team is capable of doing. With hard practice and continuing improvements, the team plans to keep on winning. And the season is still young — so support your team!

# You Asked Me What College Life Was Like . . .

By Margaret Smith

Dear Alice,

Thanks for your letter and all the news. Sorry that I have not written in so long but a question you asked really stumped me and since you really sounded interested, I thought that I would take the time to answer it the best way that I know how — my own viewpoint. You asked me what college life was really like and why everyone always says that it is a unique experience never to be forgotten. Of course because I have only been through a semester and a half, I may not be as informative as perhaps a senior or even a graduate but, on the other hand, my knowledge is fresh on my mind and I can elaborate on the details.

College, as defined in a dictionary, is a place of higher learning for a society of students. No one can tell you how hard it can be at times. There will be no more studying the night before or the same day as for a test; no more merely reviewing it for it. You must completely know the material

and be able to mix your understanding with it in addition to simply being able to feed it back. There will be many long hours of reading, writing, and studying. Sometimes you may ask yourself: "Why is all this necessary?" It is necessary because the world is a place of competition; every man sometimes on his own, fighting for a better life. To obtain this, you must be one step ahead of your fellow man. Therefore, you learn and become familiar with many aspects of life from plumbers to lawyers. Yet college life is not entirely academic.

Next, the dorm life plays an important part in college. You are thrown together to live with many people coming from many different backgrounds. In this, you are deprived of a lot of the privacy to which you were used to. You must learn their ways and they learn yours. If either persons refuse, it does not work. For some, it may come easy; for others, it is not. You must know what to expect of them

and what is expected of you. Many will not agree with your ways, but if you feel you are right, then who is to say you are wrong? Some of these people who come to know and accept you will perhaps become life-long friends, and those that do not take the time to try and understand your actions are maybe not worth your friendship anyway. There will be many times when you are homesick and lonely and do not have your family and old friends to love and comfort you. This is the time when you realize the true value of what they have meant to you and find yourself no longer taking them for granted. You also feel as if you cannot possibly stand this new life anymore but do not give up, for this is the true secret of life. Be strong and continue.

Finally, the social life that comes with college is again unique. There are thousands of opportunities to get out and meet even more kinds of people. There are fraternities, blind dates, mixers, and bars.

Some are great but some are down right lousy. You will have to decide for yourself what your style and what your limits are. Here you become aware of your own set of morals from all that our parents have taught us and if they apply to the way we now wish to live. You are no longer able to have someone else rule your life and make all the decisions. Yet there are those times when you are tempted to stray from these morals and go out on a limb. You will do many things without thinking twice about them and come to regret them. So what is done is done and being an intelligent person you will, if nothing else, benefit from the experience of it. Those that put you down are either close-minded, jealous, or know it could so easily have been them in your position. You also know who your true friends are, for they are the ones who overlook your bad points and see your good ones, which for them will outshine the other.

I will end this by saying that you may think that this does

not apply to you but the years begin to fly by and you will be faced with college before you know it. What I have said is something that you will have to experience for yourself (and you will) in order to understand all of this. I hope this can prepare you in that you will have some idea of what is to come and what to expect because college is the final step and the last chance to grasp the ways of the world before having to live a life of your own. What I have said does not only include our generation but the ones previous and the ones to follow. In believing this, you realize that you are not the only one with problems because everyone will at one time or another go through this, thus feeling what you will. Remember, though, that you will never be totally alone, for there is God and no one can give you any more support or strength.

Give my love to everyone and take care.

Your loving sister,  
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