

FROM THE DEAN

Summer School

Through the services of Tricky Dickie Recording Studios, the following conversation was recently taped between the Dean of the College and three students: Pinky Green, a Junior from Sticks, N.C.; Belle Ringer, a Freshman from East Bypass, Ga.; and Ima Payne, a sophomore from Bigtown, N.J. Pinkie, who had made the appointment speaks first:

Miss Green: After receiving my mid-semester progress report, my parents want me to think about summer school. My friends, here, wanted to come to this meeting with me.

Dr. Miller: Good. Two questions: where would you like to attend summer school and what would you like to take?

Miss Green: I don't know.

Miss Ringer: I'm having trouble in French but my next door neighbor back home is Professor of French at Weybeloe Normal Teachers' College. She has offered to tutor me. Can I get approved for this?

Miss Payne: I want to take "Travel by Smoke" a course offered by the Summa Cum Matra Institute of Pharmacology. Will it meet the social studies requirement if I come back to St. Mary's next year?

Dr. Miller: Miss Green, you really need to talk to your advisor. Who is your advisor?

Miss Green: Dr. Drydust. He's never in. You know, I went by his office three times last night.



Dean Miller [Dean of College]

Dr. Miller: Try normal business hours or leaving a note asking him to call you at a time you will be in your room. Or you could check his teaching schedule and see him after one of his classes.

Miss Green: He's no help, really. You know, he doesn't know what I want to do.

Dr. Miller: Well, he can't make that decision for you, but there is information in the Guidance Office that can help you to decide what you would like to do. Dr. Drydust can then help you plan how to reach that goal.

Miss Payne: Why do I need your permission to take a course anyway? Are you some kind of god?

Dr. Miller: No, not at all. You don't need my permission to take a course. However, you do need my permission to include work taken at other institutions toward the fulfillment of requirements for a St. Mary's degree - in other words - for the credit to be accepted by St. Mary's.

Miss Payne: What about my course?

Dr. Miller: It would fail on two points: First, because all required courses must be attempted at St. Mary's, it could not be used to fulfill the social studies requirement. Second, I can't find the Summa Cum Matra Institute in my list of accredited schools and we only accept credit from colleges that have been accredited by their regional accrediting association.

Miss Payne: Your list of accredited schools must be out of date. If I bring you the catalog which shows that the college is accredited, could I at least count the course as an elective?

Dr. Miller: If the college is, in fact, a legitimate institution, accredited by the proper authority, work is normally accepted if such work may be applied toward a degree at the college in question.

Miss Payne: What does that mean?

Dr. Miller: Many colleges offer courses, seminars, etc. which are for remedial purposes or for enrichment, but they do not apply credit for such work toward their own degree. In such a case, St. Mary's does not either.

Miss Payne: Then I'm going to Harvard and take freshman English. Would that be good enough for you?

Dr. Miller: Yes, indeed. Harvard has an excellent English department, but, as I said, all required courses must be attempted at St. Mary's; therefore, the course could not be counted toward the fulfillment of the required nine hours of English at St. Mary's. I would suggest, that because Harvard has a very wide variety of offerings during the summer, that you take some course that interests you which is not taught at St. Mary's. You would receive elective credit which would count toward the fulfillment of St. Mary's sixty-hour graduation requirement.

Miss Green: May I take two physical education courses at U.N.C. so I won't have to take P.E. at St. Mary's next year?

Miss Ringer: The only reason you want to go to U.N.C. is so you can snake on my boyfriend.

Miss Green: I wouldn't have that wimp if he were the last man on earth.

Dr. Miller: St. Mary's would record credit for the P.E. courses, but the requirement is that you take a physical education class each semester. Therefore, the work at U.N.C. would not lighten your load.

Miss Ringer: Can I make up my French this summer?

Dr. Miller: Not by being tutored as you suggested. Credit is only accepted from accredited institutions and your neighbor, no matter how well qualified, is not an accredited institution. If you can arrange for Weybeloe Normal to offer a course in high school French, St. Mary's will accept the credit.

Miss Ringer: If I can't get the college to do that, what can I do?

Dr. Miller: Your best bet would be to take Latin at St. Mary's.

Miss Ringer: Why doesn't St. Mary's offer the courses the students need?

Dr. Miller: What you probably mean is, "the courses students want", but in any case the answer is the same. The Summer School Committee decides which courses will be most helpful to the largest number of students. This is necessary in order to keep the cost of the summer school tuition within reasonable limits. Generally, very basic courses are offered. Latin has proved to be very helpful to students having difficulty with English as well as with other foreign languages.

Miss Green: Really! My roommate told me all summer school work transfers back with the grade of "C". You know, if I earn an "A" why can't I get the grade I earn?

Dr. Miller: Your roommate was wrong. Your record does, indeed, show the grade you earned. No work transfers back as "C". In fact, grades are not transferred at all; only credit is transferred. Therefore, work done at other institutions has no effect on your quality point average at St. Mary's.

Miss Green: Really. But I need quality points so I can get off Academic Probation. You know.

Dr. Miller: Then you should plan to attend summer school at St. Mary's where quality points may be earned. St. Mary's summer school sessions usually permit you to attend another college also. This does require careful planning.

Miss Green: Isn't this really just a gimmick to force students to attend summer school at St. Mary's and make work for the faculty?

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DO ANIMALS HAVE RIGHTS?

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The list goes on and on."

Many animals are sacrificed for our own vanity. Many major cosmetic companies conduct cruel tests on animals. In the Draize Test, scientists drop chemicals into the eyes of conscious rabbits. The chemicals remain in the eye for up to three days so that scientists can assess the damage. No pain relief is given.

Some monkeys were injected with a bacteria. After a few days, large amounts of mucous fluid poured from the monkeys' eyes and noses. They had high fevers, lost their appetites, and had difficulty breathing. They were left in this state until death occurred on the fifth and sixth day.

Many laboratory mice are exposed to radiation, have their limbs amputated, scaled, bones shattered, burned, and many other things done to them that the public does not know. The

LD50 Test, long condoned by many scientists, is still widely conducted. Animals are injected with herbicide, and as a result their lungs collapsed as well as other organs, vomiting, fever and stomach ulceration. Many scientists are against this test because it is outdated and scientifically outdated, yet its use is still widespread.

While animal experimentation offers many advantages to technology, it is still unjust. True, people eat meat and wear animal products (leather, furs, etc.), yet it serves a purpose. Many animal experiments are pointless. While some feel that eating meat is also cruel, it is usually agreed upon that vivisection is even more inhumane.

If you are against vivisection, write your congressman and voice your opinion. Join an organization like Greenpeace. Besides, Fido could be next.