

DR. MILLER. . SUMMER SCHOOL

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Dr. Miller: Yes, it is true that credit will not be accepted for work on which the grade was less than "C". Each college has its own standards of quality and St. Mary's has standards which are higher than those of many schools. Our students and alumnae are very proud of St. Mary's tradition of academic excellence. It means a great

deal when applying to other colleges for further study or for a job.

Miss Payne: What do I have to do to get your almighty permission to take some dippy course somewhere?

Dr. Miller: First, you should consult with your advisor. You should be able to come to some conclusion about what courses

would be helpful to you in attaining your academic goals: This might be courses in a subject which you are considering as a major; for instance, education, business, oceanography, law, etc. It might be to see if you like the environment at a particular college. It might be appropriate to repeat a course which you have failed or made a very low grade. Your advisor can be very helpful in discus-

sing your goals and options with you. Second, after talking to your advisor, make an appointment to talk to me. Bring the catalog from the college with you, if possible. If not, get the specific course number and catalog description of the courses you want to take. If the courses fall within the guidelines of college policy, I will write a letter to the college, which will give you Visiting

Student status and the permission to take the specific courses. This letter is necessary in most cases before you can enroll, so it is important that it be sent early. The letter will not only specify the courses, but other conditions such as the minimum grade acceptable and the amount of credit which will be accepted. You and the Registrar will receive a copy of this letter. It is, in effect, your guarantee from St. Mary's that such work will be accepted.

Miss Green: Really. Suppose I take the course without your permission, you know. What happens then?

Dr. Miller: We will review the work, but there is no guarantee that the credit will be accepted.

Miss Ringer: Why? What could go wrong?

Dr. Miller: Well, we have discussed several possibilities: that the course may be one that is required at St. Mary's, that the college may not be accredited, that the course may not be of proper quality, that the grade earned may not be high enough; additionally, the course may be a duplicate of one already taken at St. Mary's. There are many pitfalls as several unhappy students can attest. Play it safe and get prior approval.

Miss Payne: This school's bureaucracy and red tape is a drag!

Miss Green: Really.

Miss Ringer: Yes, but better to be safe than sorry. This advising is what we pay for.

Miss Green: Really.

Because of an alleged malevolent force, there was a break in the tape so that no further conversation was recorded.

WRITING CENTER

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with your writing, contact Dr. Jones at 828-2521 (ext. 103). It is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9-11 and Tuesday and Thursday from 2-3. Times can be arranged to suit your schedule also. Each semester, the center also sponsors an Essay Exam Workshop (to show you how to answer typical essay questions and write thoughtfully on tests), a Vocabulary Clinic (to increase your language awareness and expand your vocabulary), and a Bibliographic Information Clinic (to give you inside tips on gathering material, taking notes, organizing and documenting your papers.) So if you find you are going under or cannot seem to get your thoughts together, you may wish to give the Writing Center a try. It can not hurt and you might surprise yourself (and your professor).



St. Mary's students, as well as the Raleigh community enjoy the annual "Lighting O' the Green."