



Social Affairs

I. FRESHMEN RECEPTION

On the evening of September 11, forty-nine weary Freshmen wended their way homeward, devoutly thankful that their day of fiery ordeal was over. On the same night, a class of hilarious Sophs were congratulated for having managed the affair so successfully. Throughout the day their fertile brains had been busied with endless pranks and persecutions in which the poor Freshies were the helpless victims. The crowning event of the day had been a feast to which the entire Student Body was invited, and at which the baby Freshmen were solicitously "mothered" by their erstwhile tormentors.

II. BOARDERS' DANCE (NUMBER ONE)

The boarders' unwritten slogan is: "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing well." They seem to be gifted with the ability to "run" things. One night last October, Elks' Hall was the setting for an informal dance given by their V. V. V. Club. It was, without the shadow of a doubt, a splendid success, so said everybody—and what everybody says must be true.

III. HALLOWE'EN

Besides various other merry-makings given by the Boarding Students of the Academy, on Hallowe'en they had a wonderful frolic. All the customary accessories were in evidence, and, after a great deal of fun and a most tempting goblins' feast, everyone was willing to "turn in."

IV. THANKSGIVING VACATION

Even to the most school-loving student, a holiday is never amiss, and, although we S. J. A.'s enjoy our studies, our kind Sisters know well that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy", and so, for four delightful days in Thanksgiving season, we enjoyed ourselves just "foolin' around." During this time the Convent was a quiet spot, for even the resident students were spending their holiday at home.

V. CHRISTMAS VACATION

The students were given two wonderful weeks in which both to prepare themselves for, and to endure the after effects of their turkey dinners, and to be ready, on the coming of the New Year, to resume their studies with even more enthusiasm than that which had carried them through the initial quarter and Quarterly Exams plus the stress of the closing weeks of the old year.

VI. BOARDERS' DANCE (NUMBER TWO)

A second dance, given by the V. V. V.'s at the Tuesday Club House on January 6, added to the Boarders' laurels as successful entertainers. On this occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Arata, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Morebeck, and Mrs. Skedd added the grace of their chaperonage of their youthful friends, thus securing the altogether delightful evening that ensued.

VII. SENIOR CARD PARTY

If the proceeds decide the success of an undertaking, the Seniors' card party on January 22 was a most decided success. The hall at the Travelers' Hotel was well filled, and a Junior "Home Made Candy Sale" swelled our funds. Many attractive prizes were given, and both the conductors of the enterprise and their guests pronounced the affair delightfully successful.

VIII. VALENTINE'S DAY

On Valentine's day the Boarders gave a party which was surpassed by no other entertainment of the year. All had a glorious time. The chief refreshments were tamales, and they required no side dishes to provide a satisfying confection.

IX. ST. PATRICK'S DAY

It is the custom at St. Joseph's that the students attend Holy Mass in a body on the morning of St. Patrick's Day, after which the entire school has a holiday. The fact that our Right Reverend Bishop's patron saint is Saint Patrick is an added motive for both the early-morning religious celebration of the day and the afternoon Holiday. This year the High School Choral Class was given the honor of singing the Missa de Angelis at the nine o'clock Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. They also enjoyed the able sermon on the life of St. Patrick, delivered by our Right Reverend Bishop. In the afternoon the boarders gave their annual St. Patrick's Day party. Many are their resources in entertaining and they made use of a goodly number to pass the afternoon and early evening of a very pleasant day.

X. EASTER VACATION

Our Easter Vacation was somewhat shortened this year,—just four whole days for ourselves, (Thursday and Friday being given over chiefly to attendance at the Solemn Services of the Church). However, we perhaps enjoyed the vacation the more, because of its brevity.

XI. THE SODALITY ENTERTAINS

Among the post-Lenten gayeties enjoyed by the younger set was a dance given at the Senator Hotel by the Cathedral Parish Children of Mary. The Seniors of the Sodality were the gracious chaperons of the affair. Members of the Knights of Columbus acted as floor managers. Music was furnished by Anson Weeks' Orchestra, and the menu by the chef of the Hotel Senator. What more need be said?

XII. THE BOARDERS' PICNIC

On the first Saturday in May of each year, the Boarding Students have a picnic. This Spring Del Paso Park was the spot chosen for the outing and everyone had a jolly time.

XIII. "KID" DAY

The "Kid" day spent by the Senior Class recently suggested the "Backward, turn backward, O Time in Thy Flight" poem of their early childhood. This May day they donned short dresses, half-socks, and perky hair bows, and various juvenile games emphasized the youthful spirit of the day.

XIV. HIGH SCHOOL PICNIC

The annual High School picnic was given this year on May 27, at Olympia Park. This park is an ideal spot for picnicking. Facilities for bathing, swimming, hiking, lunching in comfort, ball playing, etc., leave nothing to be desired on the grounds, and the wonderful auto-bus drives, going and returning, prelude and finish an ideal day. Our picnic is always doubly enjoyed because of the presence of our Sisters; and the fact that our Priests, too, like to add the pleasure afforded us by their gracious presence, makes us quite proud.

XV. JUNIOR FAREWELL DANCE

A merry throng was entertained at the Tuesday Club House, the last Friday evening in May, when the Juniors gave their farewell dance to the Class of '26. The class colors were carried out in the attractive decorations, and the dance programs further emphasized this color scheme.

XVI. ALUMNAE FESTIVAL

The Alumnae Association now has the established custom of holding, each year, a May Festival in the Convent garden. Attractive booths are set up and presided over by ladies of various Catholic organizations in the city, who cordially unite with the Alumnae and the Senior Class of the year in making the festival a success, and incidentally, as the result of their endeavors, providing a modest sum to present to the good Sisters as a contribution toward their vacation expenses. The entire Student Body patronize the booths. Friends of all interested in the undertaking, as well as a goodly number of the friends of the Academy, in and out of town, come to contribute their mite, and so the May Festival is a fore-ordained success. This year's event will, if we see our hopes fulfilled, surpass those of previous years.

XVII. JUNIOR FAREWELL PARTY TO THE SENIORS

The garden at S. J. A. is a pleasant spot for the lawn party, given each year by the Juniors, in honor of their Senior Sisters. A delicious feast **was spread** under the trees, while favors suggestive of Class prophecies afforded a great deal of amusement. Everyone **had a delightful** time. We know naught yet as to the fulfillment of what the Seers **tell** us of our future; **one thing we are assured** of, the cordial, loving God-speed given us by those **loyal** friends of our school life.

XVIII. ALUMNAE RECEPTION

On June 16, the **Class** of '26 will be received into the Alumnae Association. It is **quite a** milestone in a **student's** life, marking, **as it does**, her first formal **recognition** as a grown-up. As our Junior Sisters bid us God-speed, these, our elder Sisters **hold out** welcoming hands to clasp ours in **heartly assurance of cordial fellowship** in our new **phase** of life.

Tenderly **the dear Sisters**, having provided **our last** little feast on graduation night, now invite us to a dainty little repast as **full-fledged members** of their Alumnae, whom it is their pleasure to **entertain on this occasion**—the end of the old, the beginning of the new School of Life.

Marion Van Velzer, '26.



Sophomore Athletic Club

"Athletics"

Every girl should take up some form of athletics in her high school days, just for the sake of diversion, if for nothing else, for as the saying goes, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

But it must be remembered that when we train for athletics, we are working for a sound mind in a sound body. Athletic exercises, systematically followed, will lay a foundation for physical strength beyond what would be looked for in many a boy or girl of slight physique. Moreover, the absolute control of muscles such as one derives from such exercises becomes a potent factor in the development of skill in musical work, for instance, in piano playing.

Many athletes in High Schools work harder at athletics than at their studies. That surely is a mistake; but the total neglect of athletics may prove scarcely less harmful. Athletic work trains us to work united, and unselfishly, for the interests of our school in other ways, too.

It trains us in self-control. While we record with pride a victory, it trains us to befitting modesty in our pride; when we meet with defeat, to acknowledge it gracefully and to cordially congratulate our opponents on their success. These are two fundamental principles of good sportsmanship.

Then it is recreation, and a change from our set duties. In learning "to play" we form, too, a valuable habit that will accompany us through

our entire life. The man or woman who has never learned the value of play is always old, and has a sad time in life.

Baseball, "America's National Game," holds a prominent place in athletics at S. J. A. Basketball, tennis, and other minor sports rank accordingly. A great deal of credit is due to boarders of S. J. A. for their perseverance in sports. A great many competing games are played each year by their rival teams, and there is a permanent challenge to the day-scholars' teams for a try-out game.

Our Sophomores have adopted the game "Keep Away," and are showing an ever-increasing interest in the game. The Seniors have taken to tennis, thinking it perhaps, a more fitting game for **Dignified Seniors**. The Juniors, soon to receive our mantle of rank, have taken up the same game. We must admit that we Seniors have fallen somewhat behind in practice, owing in part, at least, to the time and consideration we have had to give to the publication of our Year Book.

The Freshmen will, of course, show their ability in the field when we are "gone and forgotten." They are scarcely over their babyish ways yet. Next year they will, doubtless, leave their dollies long enough to enter into sports with proper spirit. It will pay them.

Take advice from a grave Senior, girls; cultivate a love of play; then you will grow old more gracefully. When you shall have to count yourself old in years, in spirit you will always remain young and happy.

Margaret Phillips, '26.



Boarders' Athletic Club

Boarding School

Every small girl has her dream of high school. When I was a small girl, dreaming about my high school days, I pictured myself at St. Joseph's, for I had heard many things about the Convent School in Sacramento, where you go to high school in the day, but where you stay all night, too. That kind of place would be all right, I thought, because by the time I was grown up enough to be in High School, I surely would be too big to be homesick.

Well, the time came when I graduated from grammar school, and my mother began to talk of high school,—of St. Joseph Academy High School. Some of my school-chums hearing talk of my going to boarding school began to prophesy homesickness—"worse than sea-sickness," they said. Then the day before leaving home came, and I began to say farewell to intimate friends, and feelings of a kind never experienced before took possession of me. I didn't sleep much that night, and the disturbing elements were quite unlike those preceding a picnic or trip. Next day when the time for leaving home came, and I knew that I would not be back until Thanksgiving, a numb feeling of unreality came over me. But if that was bad, it could not compare with my feelings when my mother bade me good-bye in the little parlor at Saint Joseph's, and Sister took me up to the dormitory and showed me my compartment, and told me I might begin to unpack my things and arrange them in the drawers in my little bureau; then to prepare for dinner. By the time I was ready for dinner, I had made up my mind to make the best of things. I knew that in a few moments I should meet my future companions, and it would not do to show a sad face. I decided that since I was here, there was no use in beginning by pining for home,—there was no way of getting there until mother should send for me.

The girls, when I met them at dinner, appeared friendly. Many of those at my table had the air of feeling at home, which suggested that they were "old boarders." The atmosphere was "homey"; they might have been a number of well-bred girls met at a party in the home of a companion, and bent on having a pleasant time. It was a comfortable feeling. Later, when we passed out to the playgrounds, the girls at my table, to whom Sister had introduced me, introduced me to some Seniors who approached our group. I regarded them with some awe. They seemed quite dignified, compared to the younger group, who were a merry set, all about my own age.

After a few days my bump of location had begun to function. It had registered for a certainty that the dining room was not on the third floor and that we did not sleep on the first. I found out that while the hallways seemed very numerous, and lead to many "wheres," one could really avoid getting lost more than half-a-dozen times a day by observing certain landmarks. Things weren't so bad. Soon I was making my way about the big rambling quarters without difficulty.

Experiences in the Freshmen class were doubtless similar to those of the majority of girls. Study and play alternated quite regularly. Walks

and outings, social activities, picnics, dramatics, etc., etc., as chronicled elsewhere in "Echoes," by some other members of our Class of '26, are now delightful memories.

The first year really went rather quickly, and after the first vacation I found that I was not so unwilling to come back. Yet there is always something unique about that first day on returning to school—no matter how often it is repeated. It is a strange day in one's school life. The transition from the home-life of the family circle to the discipline of boarding school is abrupt, and consequently unpleasant.

I now found myself one of the "old boarders" with a feeling of sympathy for the new comers that made me quite willing to play hostess to such as had just entered.

Now the social activities among the boarders loomed quite important on my horizon. I took part, as a matter of course, in all sorts of affairs, quite as anxious that all should pass off well as if they were affairs in my own home. I'm thinking that this may be a peculiar trait among Convent boarders. I believe it will be a very useful one to take home.

So passed my Sophomore and Junior years. I presume all girls experience the sense of feeling very grown up, very mature, in the Senior year. Over and over comes the thought that each season's occurrence will be "the last"—"next year I shall not be here." Now after four **short** years,—as they seem in looking back, I hate to think that in a few more weeks I shall have to say good-bye, never to return as a "Boarder of S. J. A." Here's to the good old times! and may the boarding-school days of all girls of the future years be as pleasant and profitable as were mine.

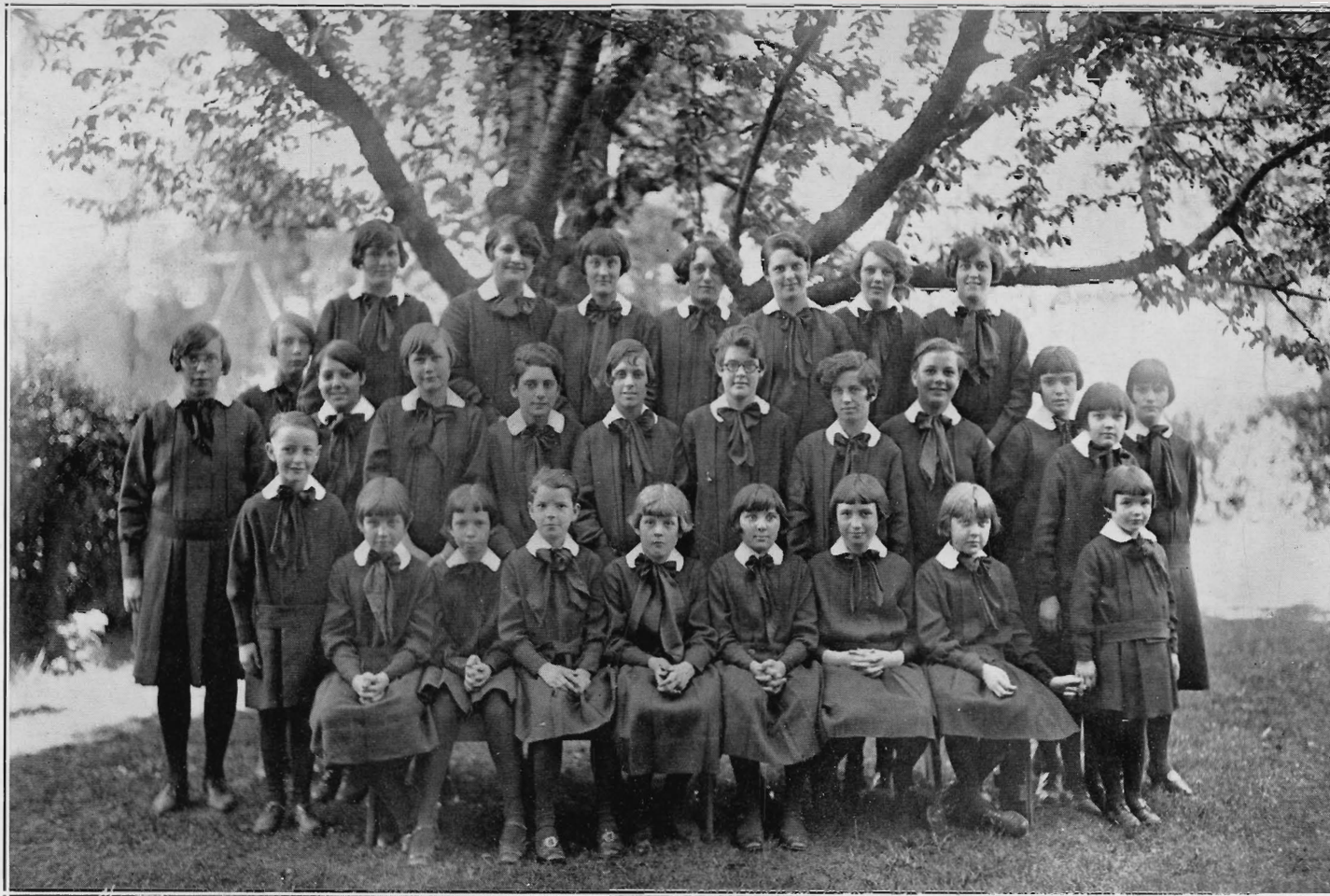
—Alice Gallagher, '26.



Boarders' Dorm Rules

1. If there is no bell to wake the girls up in the morning, ring the towel.
2. Girls will please refrain from kicking the ceiling when doing the Charleston.
3. If you want light, lift your pillows; they are light enough.
4. If you are troubled with a nightmare, tie her with a halter.
5. If the Dorm gets too warm, open the window and see the fire-escape.
6. Ball players desiring a little practice will find a pitcher on the stand.
7. No girls received after 7:00 P. M. as it might disturb the night-watcher's slumber.
8. Small children will be welcomed with delight, and are requested to (a) bring plenty of sticks to bang the furniture expressly provided for that purpose; (b) to improve the opportunity to make themselves as disagreeable as the fondest mother could desire.
9. When there is no water in the room, turn up the mattress and find the spring.
10. Girls wishing to rise early will be provided with self-rising powder.
11. Girls will please scratch their names on the wall so we will all know they have been here.

Frances Cleary, '26.



Boarders 1926

Social News—Boarders' Department

Many social events marked the calendar of the Boarding Department during the past year. We led the way by giving a dansant in the Elk's Hall on October 17. It was chaperoned by the Messrs. and Mesdames Ed. Ryan, T. Miller, J. McEnerney, J. Coyle, and Mesdames Borebeck and Skedd. It was a great success.

The Tuesday Club House was the setting for our second dansant on January 8th. Special music and distinctive entertaining was provided during the evening.

On February 14, we were entertained at home by the Junior Boarders. At the conclusion of the entertainment we enjoyed a tamale party. The color scheme of the Dining Room was in keeping with Valentine Day.

We couldn't possibly let St. Patrick's Day go by without a celebration, so in the evening we entertained the Sisters with a short program. The Dining Room was decorated in green, white, and gold for the dainty luncheon that followed; even the ice-cream carried out the color scheme of the day.

Early in May we enjoyed a delightful outing at Del Paso. Some of us had a few exciting adventures; many of us enjoyed the opportunity offered to hike, stroll, dance, or play ball. We all returned home tired, but happy.

Helen Culbertson, '26.



Imagine

Bessie Pitts not playing the "uke."

Mary Dunn without her "sax."

Rose Benettini not wishing she had the evening "wasp."

Helen Miller in the right place at the right time.

Alice Gallagher arriving late for Spanish first period.

Marie Gallagher not doing her home work.

May Shubert without her "school-girl complexion."

Catherine Martin not playing "Come Back to Erin" on the Victrola.

Maxine Collins not wanting to play tennis.

Adele Snyder not looking sweet, smiling, and sunny.

Florence Cleary not patronizing the "Lodge."

Francis Cleary not combing her hair at frequent intervals.

Helen Culbertson a perfect observer of Dorm rules.

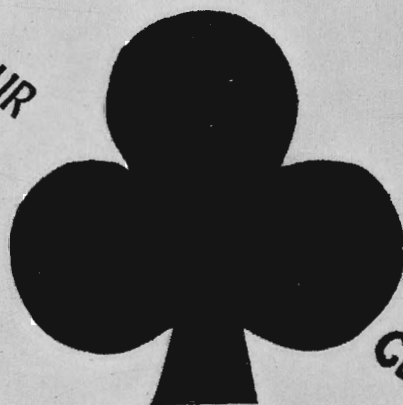
The "Boarders" not winning all the Basket ball games of the season.

—Helen Culbertson, '26.

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**A UNIFORM'S A UNIFORM FOR A' THAT**

(With apologies to Robert Burns)

Is there for a uniform
 With tie, an' collar, an' a' that?
 A gown we'd prize so dearly,
 With a nobby little hat?
 For a' that, and a' that;
 Our dress demure, an' a' that;
 The style is but the outward show,
 A uniform's a uniform, for a' that.

What tho' our ties have "fringy" grown,
 Our collars worn an' rough;
 Let others wear their chic new suits,
 A uniform's enough,
 For a' that, an' a' that,
 Their tinsel show, an' a' that—
 The S. J. A. girl, tho' she's so staid,
 Is queen o' girls for a' that.

A fair-sized check can make a silken lass,
 A velvet gown, an' a' that;
 But a Convent girl's above its pow'r,
 Good faith, we all know that.
 In our somber black, and a' that,
 Our collars white, an' a' that
 A sight 't may be—but a uniform
 We love it still for a' that.

—A. L. J., '26.