

On Man!

"Dear Father: After having read today's Bulletin we are of the opinion that you have evaded the issue. Instead of answering the question you went off on a tangent regarding the Palais Royale and Sophomores. We wish, Father, that instead of sarcasm and ridicule, you would answer us with logical replies.

"Having been to the Palais Royale but once in our school career, yes, we are Sophomores, we believe that we can advance our side with that subject omitted. Why is it that fellows of the type that you praise so often are not allowed to meet girls of the same type? Remember, if the majority of N.D. fellows are not of a good Christian character then your praises are but mockery and Notre Dame herself has failed somewhere. We all know that Notre Dame has not failed.

"We often hear sermons against mixed marriages and rightly so, but is it consistent with this to bar out chances of meeting a good Catholic girl? Consider the many fellows here at school who come from strong Protestant towns where there is no Catholic school and few chances to meet girls of the Faith. Have they no right for a chance? Yet that chance is being denied them even here at N.D. How about the parents who are praying that their son at N.D. will meet someone who will cause him to forget that girl at home who is endangering his Faith? We can see no reason why the officials of the two schools bar the progress of a remedy for a state which they admit is a great evil and danger.

"Why not have Receptions or Dances UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SCHOOL OFFICIALS? Such activities would provide unquestionable recreation and might save more than one fellow or girl the pains of a mixed marriage. So far the Bulletin has failed to advance one alternative diversion for those it has condemned.

"Hoping that you will, accept this in the manner it is intended; we remain,

"Respectfully Yours,

"SOME OF THE MANY WHO HOPE FOR CLOSER AND INCIDENTALLY? NORMAL RELATIONS WITH SAINT MARYS."

Dear some of the many: Polyandrous relations are not normal. If you expect every boy at Notre Dame to marry a girl from St. Mary's, you expect every girl at St. Mary's to have at least five husbands; and there's nothing very normal about that in Catholic marriages; and the proportion of five to one includes the academy as well as the college in the institution across the way.

Why yelp at the Prefect of Religion if some one else has cut you out? A survey made at St. Mary's shows that every girl there knows at least one fellow at Notre Dame. If you can't meet a St. Mary's girl -- at one of the dozen or so social functions of the year where they meet -- it's because her sweetie over here is taking very good care in the choice of her acquaintanceship here. There are two reasons for that: 1) the fellows are taking no chances on losing their sweethearts to any of the supershicks who infect the campus here; 2) they want to protect the girls from some of the hounds who have subjected St. Mary's girls to worse than embarrassment at some of the social functions of the past.

A very prominent junior of a few years back set up an awful howl because the St. Mary's girl who had accepted (through a blind date) his chivalrous invitation to the Junior Prom, walked off and left him when he got drunk. -- And the St. Mary's girls who attended the Glee Club dance during Commendement week last June are making very sure of the character of their escorts for this year's social events.