



History of *The Bullet*, UMW's Student Newspaper

The first *Bullet* was issued in 1921, eight years after the first campus yearbook, and continued publication through the 1923-1924 school year. It ceased publication at the end of that year and was not published again until 1927. Unfortunately, none of the 1921, 1924, or 1927 issues have surfaced over the years.

Today, with the exception of only a few missing issues, the complete files of *The Bullet* from 1935 on are available in the Library's archives. *The Bullet* was even published during hard times on campus. In 1942 a flood halted the presses of the *Free Lance-Star*. *The Bullet* staff still managed to print an emergency mimeographed issue. It contained news of the flood, the community volunteer work being done by the students, as well as the fact that breakfast was prepared by candlelight in the dining hall!

Over the next forty years, *The Bullet* faithfully chronicled the events at the University of Mary Washington. There were the usual news stories, special features, letters to the editor, columnists, and other articles that mirrored life at the college. About 1968 *The Bullet* ceased to be primarily a news medium and became concerned with issues regarding student rights and privileges, college policies, and involvement in the Vietnam war. The students wrote strong editorials, and its news columns tackled controversial issues of the period.

Today *The Bullet* continues this tradition championing national and campus causes in its 83rd year of publication.

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