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Honor Society  
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## NEWLY ORGANIZED HONOR SOCIETY INTRODUCED

Wednesday morning, March 23, in Assembly, Miss Kate Spruill announced the organization of a Saint Mary's Honor Society, the Order of the Circle. Since Christmas several students, with Mrs. Cruikshank and Miss Spruill, have planned this revolutionary step toward the improvement of school spirit and the attainment of high ideals in scholarship and citizenship, and present the organization with this purpose: "As the circle symbolizes unity, so the purpose of this organization shall be to promote a spirit of coöperation among the students and between the faculty and the students by the cultivation of high ideals of fellowship, service, citizenship, and scholarship, and to assist new students in finding their place in school life and activities."

Members for the honorary organization of the Circle shall be chosen from the Senior, Junior, Sophomore, and Business students who average a B— (80) or better, and uphold the high ideals of the society. At no time shall the number of members exceed twenty, one-third of which, mostly Seniors, shall be chosen in the fall, and the remaining two-thirds, mostly Juniors, in the spring.

At the beginning of each school year, as Miss Spruill did last Wednesday, because the order is not completely organized, the president of the Circle shall explain to the student body the purposes and objectives of the organization, the honor of being a member, and the method of tapping new members. Old members shall tap the new members on a specified day by placing a circle of some material in their hands so that only those persons know they have been tapped. The names of new members shall remain a secret until after initiation, which shall be held on a night designated by the Circle. After the private ceremony, the old members shall form a circle on the back campus in front of Holt. One by one the new members shall be brought into the circle and when the service is ended, the members shall walk single file around the campus by Mrs. Cruikshank's house and in front of Smedes until they have made a circle, completing the symbolical meaning of their name.

As the chosen leaders of the Saint Mary's student body, the members of the Circle have planned their organization to use their influence for the best interest of the school; to encourage scholastic excellence among the students; to promote a spirit of coöperation between the faculty and students; to instill in the student body a feeling of responsibility for the welfare of the school and a spirit of service and leadership; to consider and discuss problems of the school and to follow an established plan toward cultivating fellowship among the students.

Membership in this organization is the highest honor that can come to a Saint Mary's student. The charter members have established these high ideals and intend to follow them through. The Circle is not a social order; a girl wins her membership on her own individual merit.

Students are invited to watch this initiation, but are asked not to come out in the yard while it is in progress.

## STUDENT-FACULTY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday morning, March 29, Mary Louise Ridick announced the definite plans for the organization of a legislative assembly, to be called the Student-Faculty Legislative Body. As the name implies, its aim is "to promote understanding and coöperation between teachers and students and to establish for us and our successors the common feeling that the governing of this school is the duty and responsibility of every student." Accordingly, the body shall consist of seven faculty members and fifteen student members. The faculty members shall include the Dean of Students, the Assistant to the Dean, the Honor Council Adviser, and four faculty members appointed by the President of the school. The student members shall include the President of the Student Body, the Vice President of the day students, six class representatives elected by the respective classes, the editor of the handbook, and the class presidents, who are to serve as *ex officio* members.

This is to be a legislative body, a body designed to consider and pass upon proposals tendered by the students to their class representatives. It is not another Honor Council. It is not a Faculty Council. It is the students' voice in the government of the school.

The legislative body is a logical step forward in the perfection of a government "of, by, and for the students." It was not so many years ago that we were governed solely by an executive department, the President and the faculty. A judicial department, the Honor Council, was soon added; but the two departments were still separated by an intangible barrier. They have remained so.

Seeing that the coöperation of the two was needed in order to promote understanding and sympathy, plans for the legislative body were started this fall. Student government now has a legislative body composed of representatives of the faculty and the students whose purpose is to make the laws by which we are governed, as well as executive and judicial bodies.

These three are deeply correlated, balancing and checking each other, and working together toward a common goal—that of making the government of the school an innate and inseparable part in the life of every student.